

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

- 1.1. The CBF Vice-President Technical is responsible for the preparation of the Championship schedules using the following guidelines:
- a. Draws must be sent to each ASSOCIATION by **February 15** each year.
  - b. Draws are made based on the following:
    - i. Seeding shall be based on the previous year's Championship results.
    - ii. The defending Champs are always seeded number 1.
    - iii. The HOST and the team representing its ASSOCIATION must be in different pools.
    - iv. The pools should also attempt to have the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> seeded teams in the Blue pool and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> seeded teams in the Red pool.
    - v. If an ASSOCIATION withdraws from the Federation, a replacement team from their geographical area would fill that vacancy.
    - vi. If additional teams are required to equal the pools, the Federation shall request ASSOCIATIONS geographically closest to the host region to send an additional team.
    - vii. Each pool should be balanced so as to have an equal number of teams (whenever possible) coming from both the east and the west taking into account the performance of each ASSOCIATION at the preceding championships.

### ***Cross-over Games:***

- 1.2. Cross-over games are added to the schedule in order to balance out the number of games played for each team. Consideration used to determine team selection in cross-over games when multiple teams from Provinces and/or Territories are participating shall be:
- a. Teams from the same Provinces or Territories should not play each other in cross-over games whenever possible.
  - b. **Defending Champions should not face the top team in the Round Robin cross-over games.**
  - c. Provinces or Territories who have attended previous year's Nationals will be given a higher ranking within their pool over Provinces or Territories who have not attended the previous year's Nationals.
  - d. Geography of the teams participating in the event. (East vs West).

### ***Scheduling Principles***

- 1.3 The following principles should be considered:
- a. Two ice rinks will be required;
  - b. Each team will play five games in the preliminary round. If the number of

teams entered will not allow for this format, the CBF VP Technical has the right to modify the draw in the best interest of the teams and the HOST to attempt to achieve this (utilization of cross-over games as necessary);

- c. Some teams may be Home Team three times and Visitors twice;
- d. Each pool should play three times on one rink and twice at the other rink;
- e. The two pools of men and women will play at the same time;
- f. There will **ideally** be a minimum of four hours and a maximum of six hours scheduled between games played by each team;
- g. Spectators should be able to follow all games of their ASSOCIATION;
- h. The Host teams should have the opportunity to play three times on the main rink;
- i. In each of the pools, the two ASSOCIATIONS who ranked the highest in the preceding year will, when possible confront each other in the last game of the preliminaries;
- j. The games played before and after Opening Ceremonies should involve the HOST teams (Men, Women or Mixed);
- k. During round-robin competition, the teams that play:
  - i. The first game of the morning must not play the first game of the following day.
  - ii. The last game at night should not play the first game of the following morning.
- l. Games should be scheduled every **65** minutes.

1.4 Modified Round Robin formats are used whenever there are less than 8 teams in a division.

- a. All teams will play each other during the initial round-robin.
- b. The top 4 teams will advance to the “A” side; teams finishing below 4<sup>th</sup> will be on the “B” side.
- c. The format for the playoffs will consist of the following: 1 vs 4 & 2 vs 3
- d. Teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> after the round-robin will be the home teams for the semifinals in the playoffs.
- e. Home team for final game will be the highest ranking team from the round robin of the two teams in each final (A & B side).
- f. The “B” side round will be determined by the number of teams in the playoffs:
  - i. **4 teams – double round robin (present only Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals)**
  - ii. 5 teams - page playoff\*
  - iii. 6 teams – 5 vs 6 (present Gold medal only)
  - iv. 7 teams – 5 vs Winner of 6 vs 7 (present Gold & Silver medals only)

*NOTE: Last place teams will not receive any medals*

\* Page Playoff:

Quarter final: 1 vs 2; 3 vs 4

Consolation: Loser of 3 vs 4 plays 5<sup>th</sup> place team

Semi-final: Winner of 3 vs 4 plays loser of 1 vs 2

Final: Winner of 1 vs 2 plays winner of semi-final