

# 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles Competition Format and Rules

## General Principles

- Teams are divided into three pools of 8 for preliminary round play
- Preliminary round will be conducted in Schenkel (Swiss knockout) format for efficiency in scheduling
- Head-to-head results and DSC scores will be used as tiebreakers to seed teams into Championship, B-flight, and C-flight playoffs
- Playoffs will be single elimination format
- Championship playoff pool will determine four medalists (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place)
- Consolation playoff pools will determine second and third flight winners and finalists (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>).

## Governing Rules

- US Curling Association rules for mixed doubles play will apply
- All games will be 8 ends
- Positions of stationary stones will be determined by event organizers, and will be used for all games unless notified otherwise
- WCF compliant brush heads are not required for this event
- Games will not be timed, but the organizers reserve the right to caution teams for slow play and shorten games if necessary. Please keep up the pace of play to complete your game in 90 minutes.

## Competition format

### *Preliminary (Schenkel) round*

- Teams will be divided into three pools of 8.
- Teams will be randomly paired in the first round of pool play.
- After the completion of the first game, teams will throw two DSC shots, one clockwise, and one counter-clockwise rotation. Each shot shall be measured for distance from the pin (shots not landing in house will be assigned a value of 73 inches or the equivalent in meters) and recorded for each team. The DSC score shall be the sum of the two measurements.
- After each game, teams in each pool will be ranked by W-L record, then best total DSC score, and (if necessary) by closest DSC shot.
- Teams will be matched for subsequent games according to rankings: 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 5 vs 6, etc. Rematches for the highest ranking teams in each pool will be avoided by matching a team with the next highest-ranked opponent.

- Pools will play 3 games in the preliminary round.
- After the last game of pool play, all teams will throw another set of DSC shots, one clockwise, one counter-clockwise rotation. These DSC shots will be included in the aggregate DSC score for playoff round ranking.

### *Playoff round*

- The playoff round will be single elimination format.
- At the conclusion of the preliminary round, teams will be ranked within each pool using the following criteria:
  - W-L record
  - For teams with identical W-L records, ties will be broken by considering
    - Head-to head results (if conclusive)
    - Total DSC score
    - Closest DSC shot
    - Game of chance (coin flip or drawing of cards)
- 8 teams will be selected to populate the championship playoff round in the following order:
  - Top-ranked teams in each pool
  - Additional wild-card teams from any pool as needed to fill the remaining playoff slots using the following criteria (in the order listed):
    - W-L record
    - Total DSC score
    - Closest DSC shot
    - Game of chance (coin flip or drawing of cards)
- Playoff seeds will be assigned using the following criteria:
  - Top ranked teams from each pool will be seeded first, ranked by W-L record, total DSC score, and closest DSC shot, in that order
  - Wild-card teams will be seeded next, in order of selection as described above
- Playoff bracket seeding will be 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5.
- Semifinal winners will play for gold and silver (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place); semifinal losers will play for bronze and pewter (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place)

### *Consolation playoff brackets*

- An additional 16 teams will be selected to populate the consolation playoff brackets, from teams not qualifying for the championship playoff round, using the following ranking criteria (in the given order):
  - W-L record
  - Total DSC score
  - Closest DSC shot

- Game of chance (coin flip or drawing of cards)
- Playoff bracket seeding will be 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5.
- Semifinal winners will play for second and third flight winners and finalists (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place; 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> place)

### **Prizes**

- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles Champion (gold medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles 2<sup>nd</sup> place (silver medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles 3<sup>rd</sup> place (bronze medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles 4<sup>th</sup> place (bronze medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles B-flight winner (bronze medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles B-flight finalist (bronze medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles C-flight winner (bronze medal)
- 2019 GNCC Mixed Doubles C-flight finalist (bronze medal)
- All other participants receive commemorative bronze medal

## **Draw Schedule**

*24 team event (3 8-team pools—A, B, C; 4-game guarantee)*

### Thursday

4:00 PM Pool A Game 1

6:00 PM Pool B Game 1

### Friday

9:00 AM Pool C Game 1

11:00 AM Pool A Game 2

1:00 PM scrape

3:00 PM Pool B Game 2

5:00 PM Pool C Game 2

7:00 PM Pool A Game 3

Dinner shifts at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

### Saturday

9:00 AM Pool B Game 3

11:00 AM Pool C Game 3

1:00 PM scrape

2:00 PM C flight QF

4:00 PM A flight QF

6:00 PM B flight QF + C flight SF

Dinner served 6:30-9:00 pm

### Sunday

9:00 AM A & B Semifinals

11:00 AM scrape

12:00 PM Finals (A, bronze, B, & C)