



2016-17 OPERATIONAL REVIEW

COMPETITIONS LEADING TO A NATIONAL EVENT

The following report will be the guiding document for competitions leading to a National event in Ontario for the 2016-17 season. All events will be subject to the Rules of Curling for Officiated play and the OCA Special Rules Supplement 2016-17.

All events will be held with the following provisions:

OPEN QUALIFIERS (Exception Club Championships)

Each event will host qualifiers (previously Zones) to advance teams to a Provincial Qualifier (previously Regions), these qualifiers will be open to teams from across Ontario. Teams must follow the registration rules, which include that all teammates must be members in good standing with the OCA -Affiliated Curling club they wish to represent. Once the team is established they may enter any qualifier site and are not restricted by location, zone or region.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE CALCULATIONS

1. For any qualifying event with a weighted average requirement, the following calculation process should be applied:
 1. Determine **Qualifier Entries (QE)** – number of teams entered in a qualifier.
 2. Determine the **Total Entries (TE)** – total number of teams entered in all qualifiers leading to the same next level event.
 3. **Total Qualifying Spots (TQS)** – total number of qualifying position leading to the same next level event.
 4. **Weighted Average Calculation**
 - $(TE) \div (TQS) = \text{Qualifying Spot Average (QSA)}$
 - $(QE) \div (QSA) = \# \text{ spots advancing from qualifier}$
 - Guaranteed spots and Rounding rules in effect with 0.5 being the determining factor
2. For any Qualifying event with a total number of entries less than or equal to the minimum number of teams qualifying from the event, all entered teams will advance directly to the next level event. Any unused qualifying positions will be distributed amongst the other events to the same next level event, using the weighted average calculation.
3. All second round Provincial Qualifiers will be filled to their eligible number of qualified teams. This means that where the qualifiers cannot advance team(s) due to lack of entries to fill the Provincial Qualifier, teams will be advanced from the other Qualifiers using weighted average. The winning teams for these spots need to be willing to advance to that specific Provincial Qualifier site. A team may forfeit their qualifying game if they do not wish to advance to the other site with no penalty under the default clause.

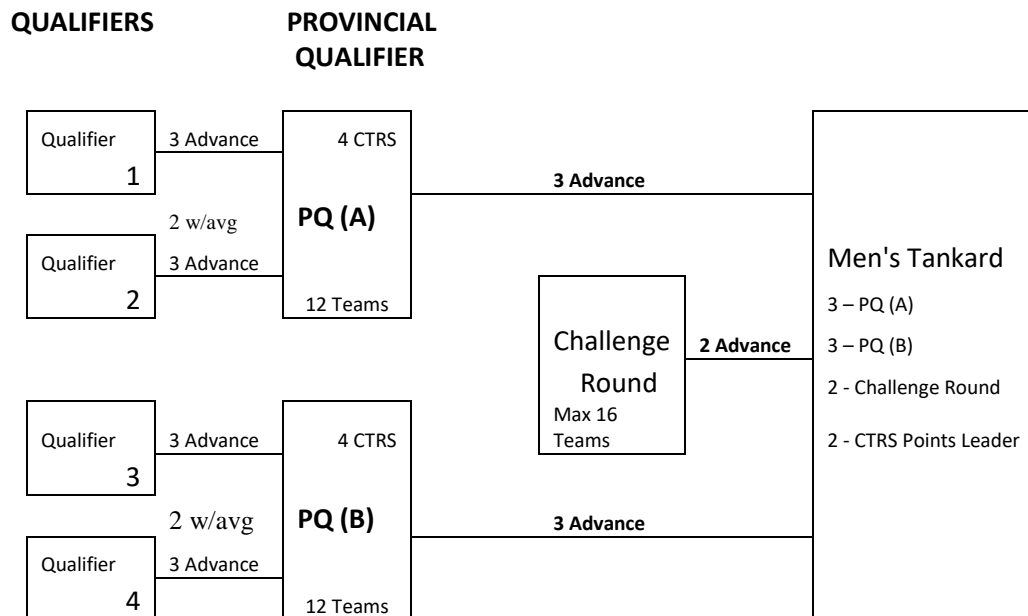
MEN'S TANKARD

This event will be combined with the Women's Scotties for the 2016-17 season with a total of ten (10) teams advancing to Provincials. Four (4) open qualifying competitions will be scheduled with three (3) teams each advancing (if a minimum of 35% of Provincial Qualifier site is attained) plus two (2) weighted average by participation. If 35% is not attained one (1) of the qualifying positions will be moved to the qualifier with the highest participation.

The sixteen (16) winners will be joining eight (8) CTRS pre-qualified teams to two (2) Provincial Qualifiers. The CTRS pre-qualified teams will have a choice of qualifying site based on their CTRS qualifying position. This means that CTRS qualifier # 3 (Qualifier 1 and 2 already advance directly to Provincials) will have first choice followed by # 4 until all four spots in one qualifier are filled. A team in a pre-qualified position may refuse the entry and decide to participate in one of the qualifiers to advance. The next team on the CTRS list will be accorded the qualifying spot.

A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of sixteen (16) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. If more than sixteen (16) teams enter the challenge round, a formula will be used to determine the sixteen (16) entries.

The eight (8) qualified teams will be combined with two (2) CTRS qualifiers and participate in a ten (10) team round robin followed by a page playoff.

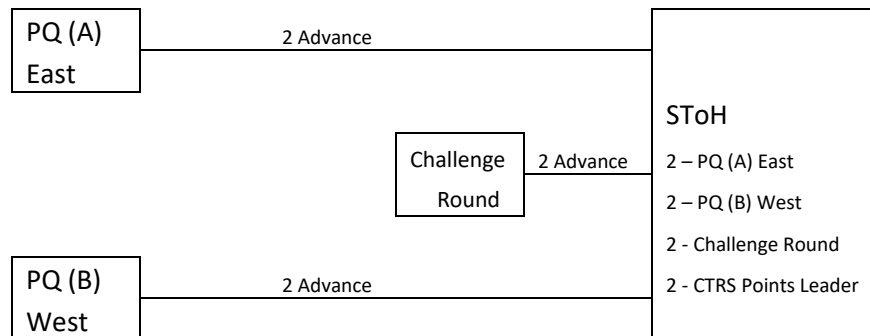


The qualifying host sites will be selected from a rotation basis within the Regions for hosting, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing.

CTRS POINTS QUALIFIERS – Points will be calculated using the current CTRS system from Curling Canada from August 15, 2016 to the conclusion of the Canada Cup. To be eligible for CTRS points, teams must register for the CTRS system and three of the original team must participate in the event to register the points.

SCOTTIES

This event will be combined with the Men's Tankard for the 2016-17 season with a total of eight (8) teams advancing to Provincials. Two (2) open qualifying competitions will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing (minimum of eight teams per qualifier required to maintain the two qualifying spots). A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of sixteen (16) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. These six (6) teams will be combined with two (2) CTRS qualifiers. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.



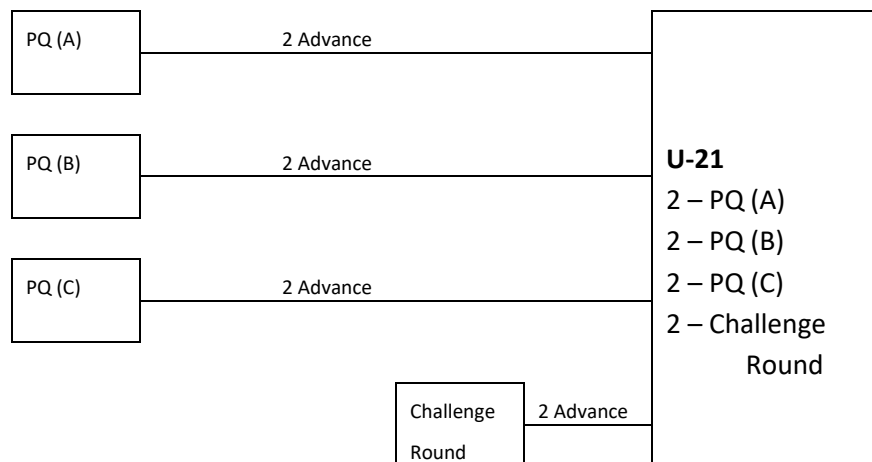
The Qualifiers (East/West) sites will be selected from a bid process and rotated amongst the Regions. Teams may sign up for any of the sites with no zone restrictions as to which curling club the team has registered and all team players are members in good standing of the same OCA – affiliated curling club. To maintain two (2) spots advancing to Provincials the Provincial Qualifier site must have a minimum of eight (8) teams registered. Each draw will be self-seeded for positioning in the draws. The Challenge round will be open to sixteen (16) teams, if more than this number registers teams will be accepted based on a points system.

CTRS POINTS QUALIFIERS – Points will be calculated using the current CTRS system from Curling Canada from August 15, 2016 to the conclusion of the Canada Cup. To be eligible for CTRS points, teams must register for the CTRS system and three of the original team must participate in the event to register the points.

U-21 (was JUNIOR MEN & WOMEN)

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Three (3) open Provincial qualifiers will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing. A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

Competitors must be twenty (20) or under as at June 30, 2016. This means for 2016-17 competitors must be born after June 30, 1995.

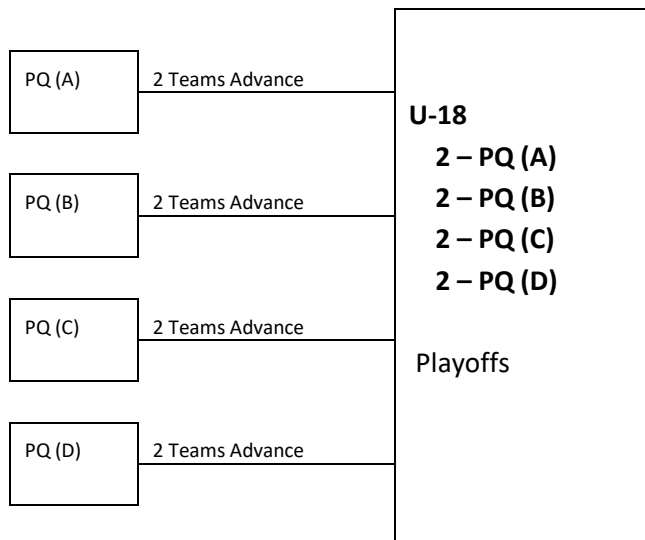


The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing. Each draw will be self-seeded for positioning in the draws. The Challenge Round will be open to twenty-four (24) teams, if more than this number registers teams will be accepted based on a points system. The points system will be calculated based on your teams position in the Provincial Qualifiers. For example a team losing the ‘B’ final in the challenge round would have more points than a team losing their first game in the Qualifier B event.

U-18 (was BANTAM BOYS & GIRLS)

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Four (4) open Provincial qualifiers will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing and NO challenge round. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

Competitors must be seventeen (17) or under as at June 30, 2016. This means for 2016-17 competitors must be born after June 30, 1998.



The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing.

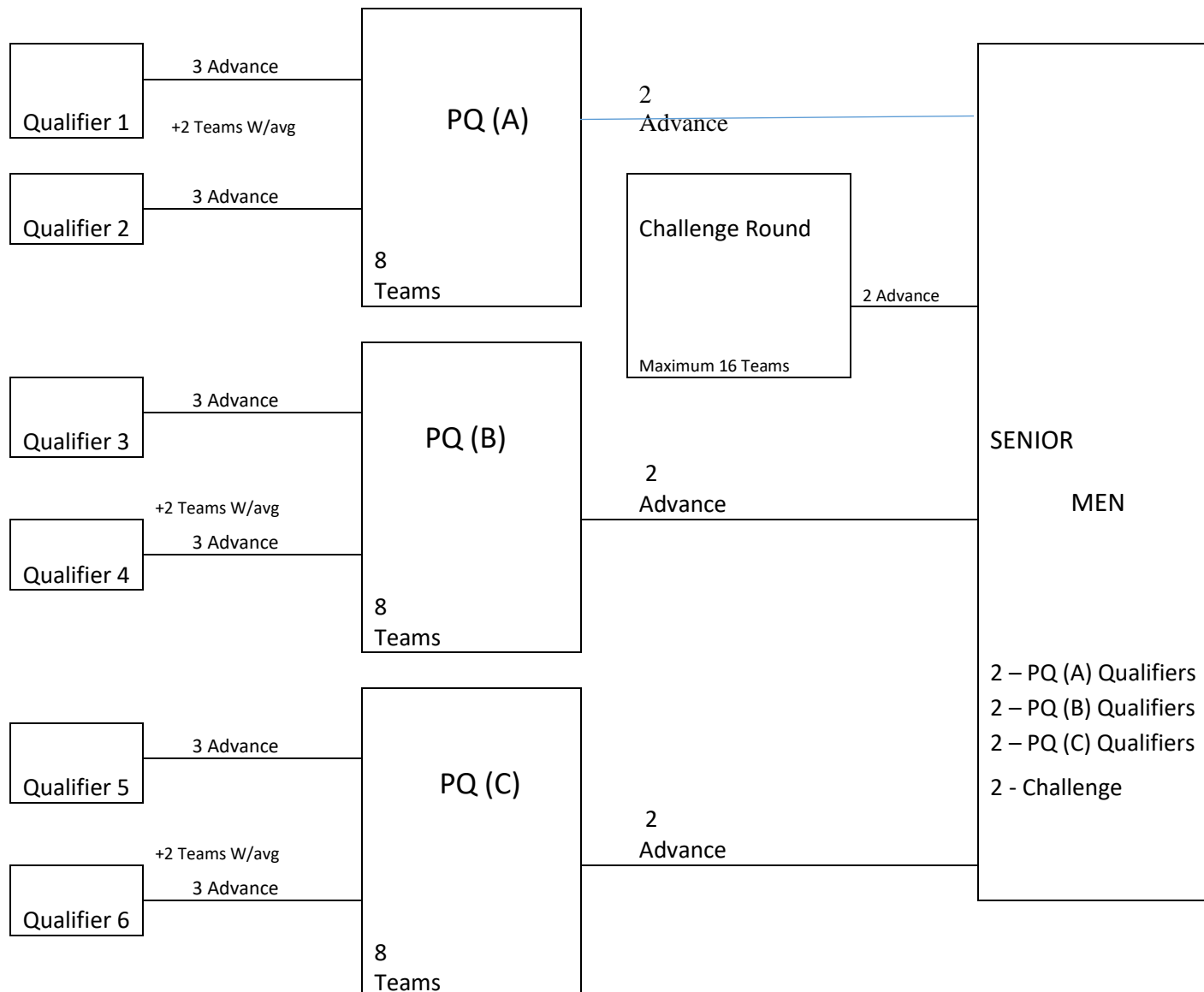
SENIORS

SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Six (6) qualifiers will be held to advance team to the three (3) Provincial qualifiers. A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

Competitors must be fifty (50) or over as at December 31, 2016.

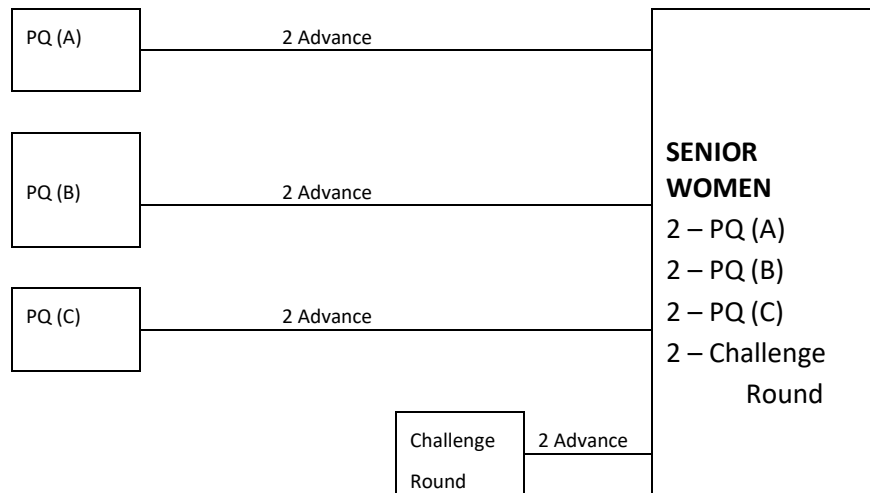
QUALIFIERS



SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Three (3) open Provincial qualifiers will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing. A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

Competitors must be fifty (50) or over as at December 31, 2016.



For both Senior Men & Senior Women,

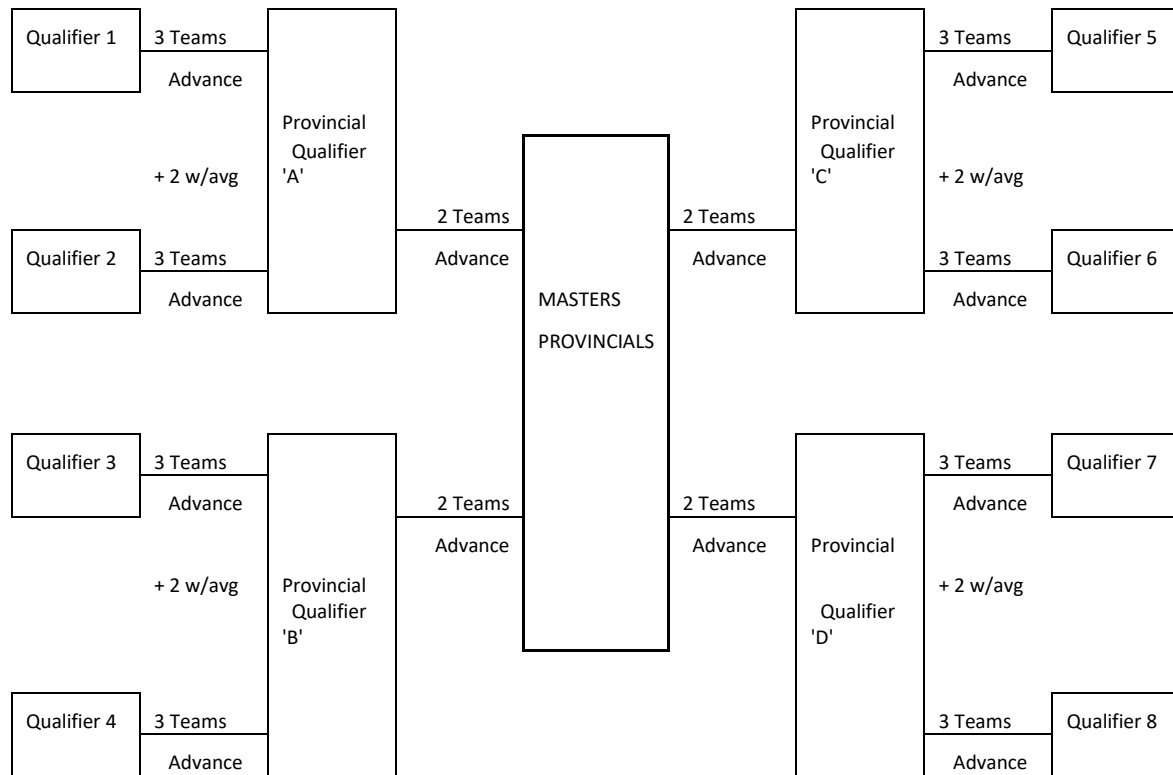
The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Zones & Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing. Each draw will be self-seeded for positioning in the draws. The Challenge Round will be open to twenty-four (24) teams, if more than this number registers teams will be accepted based on a points system. The points system will be calculated based on your teams position in the Provincial Qualifiers. For example a team losing the 'B' final in the challenge round would have more points than a team losing their first game in the Qualifier B event.

MASTER MEN & WOMEN

Master Men

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Eight (8) qualifiers will be held to advance team to the four (4) provincial qualifiers. These eight (8) teams will compete in a round robin at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

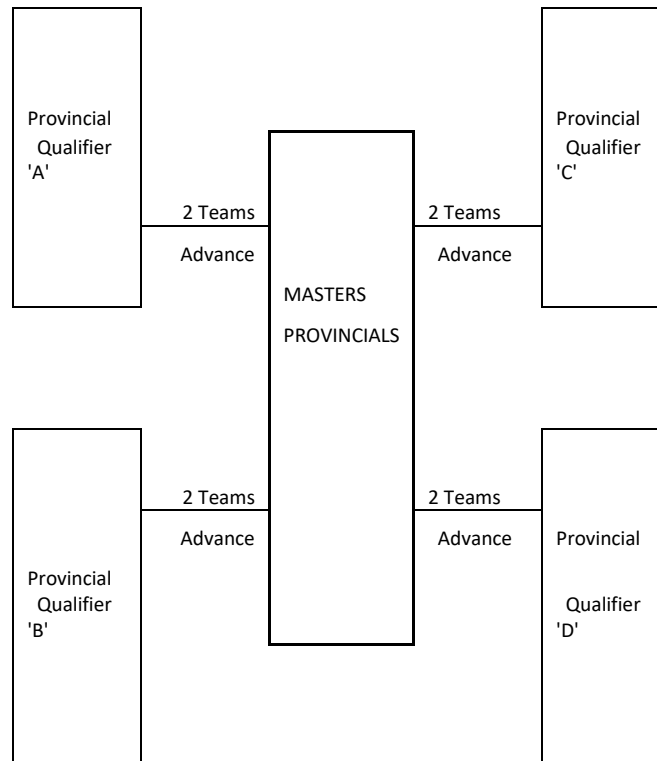
Competitors must be sixty (60) or over as at December 31, 2016.



Master Women

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Four (4) open Provincial qualifiers will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

Competitors must be sixty (60) or over as December 31, 2016.

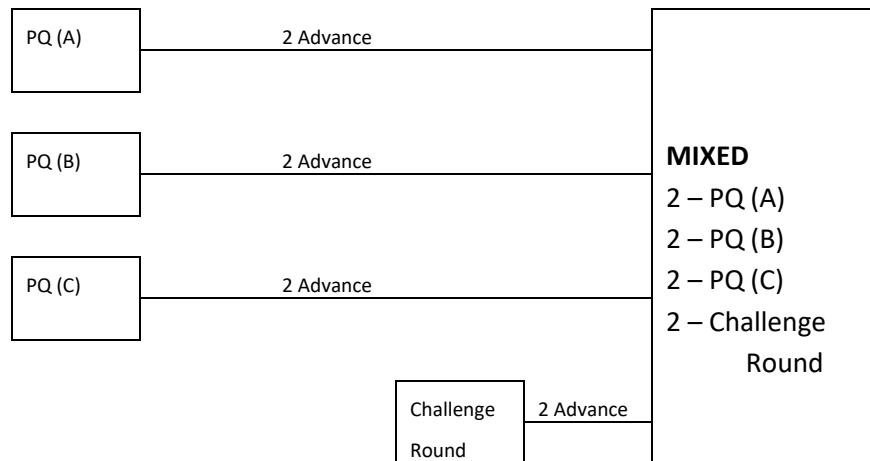


For both Master Men & Master Women,

The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing.

MIXED

This event will advance a total of eight (8) teams to Provincials. Three (3) open Provincial qualifiers will be scheduled with two (2) teams each advancing. A single challenge round will be held with a maximum of twenty-four (24) teams with two (2) advancing to Provincials. These eight (8) teams will compete at Provincials. The playoff system will be a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.

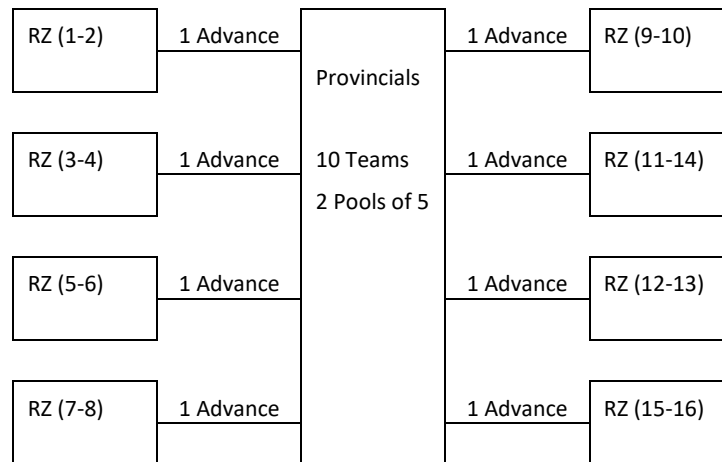


The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing. Each draw will be self-seeded for positioning in the draws. The Challenge Round will be open to twenty-four (24) teams, if more than this number registers teams will be accepted based on a points system. The points system will be calculated based on your teams position in the Provincial Qualifiers. For example a team losing the ‘B’ final in the challenge round would have more points than a team losing their first game in the Qualifier B event.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams will participate in a combined restricted Zone process, with each combined restricted Zone advancing one (1) team directly to Provincials, another two (2) teams will be awarded to the two (2) combined zones with the most entries. In the case of a tied combined Zone for total entries the tie-breaker will be based on percentage of clubs participating over clubs in combined Zone. The provincial will be two (2) pools of five (5) round robin with a four (4) team semi-final (1st Pool A vs 2nd Pool B, 1st Pool B vs 2nd Pool A) and the winners advancing to the final.

Competitors must be nineteen (19) or over as November 30, 2016.

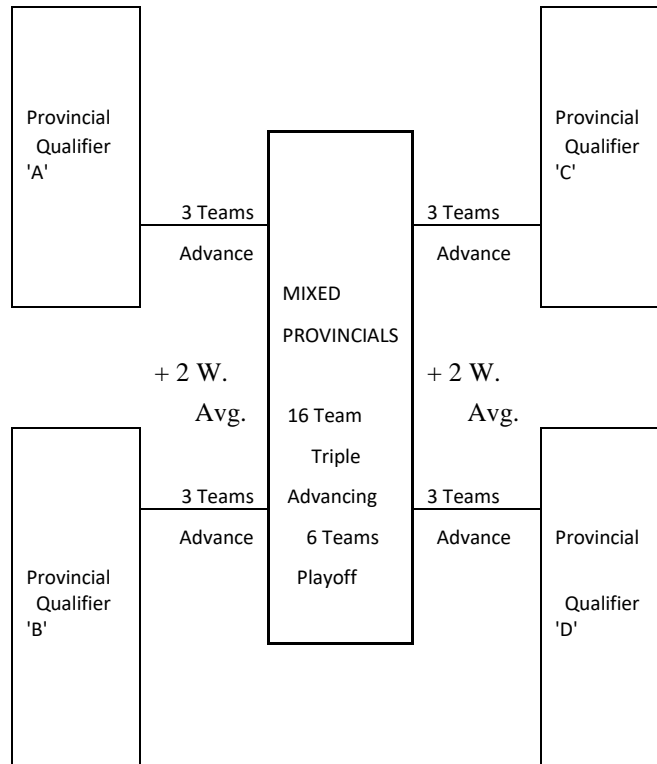


** Extra two (2) spots advance from restricted zones based on # of teams.

The restricted zone host sites will be rotated amongst the Zones, teams are restricted to the combined zone qualifier in which their OCA – affiliated curling club is registered.

MIXED DOUBLES

Four (4) Open qualifiers advancing a total of sixteen (16) – three (3) teams per qualifier plus another four (4) teams distributed by a weighted average calculation to Provincials. The Provincials will be a sixteen (16) team triple with six (6) teams advancing to a single elimination playoff.



The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing.

WHEELCHAIR

Open Provincial with teams competing in a round robin to a semi-final (2 vs 3) advancing to a final game versus the round robin leader.