



## 2016-17 OPERATIONAL REVIEW

### COMPETITIONS LEADING TO A PROVINCIAL EVENT

The following report will be the guiding document for competitions leading to a Provincial 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 Best Western/Fairfield Marriott Challenges)

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 same 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.

## **TIMBITS (OPEN EVENT)**

This event is open to curlers currently in Elementary school to compete in an open event that will see the first sixty-four (64) teams participate in a Bonspiel format. This event is designed for youth to participate in a very relaxed non-ultra competitive event with their schoolmates. The objective of this event is to expose our youth to games and prepare them for advancement to U-15 and after. Participants must be enrolled at the same elementary school or sister school (in the case of a school that does not have grades 1-8).

### Event Operation

Open bonspiel for sixty (64) entries from Elementary Schools across the OCA Member Association jurisdiction. Teams participate in several “events” and champions are declared in each event.

## **U-15 BOYS AND GIRLS (New event)**

The event is a developmental event and will be held at four (4) sites across Ontario. Each site will be open with teams placed in similar level competition pools for a round robin event. This event is designed to expose young curlers from the ages of twelve (12) to fourteen (14) to competition and anticipates that this may be their first exposure to an officiated competition. The competitions will be staged with on-ice coaching and mentor coaches participating. The coaching rules will be relaxed for this event in anticipation that this may be the first exposure to competition for both the athletes and coach. Coaches will be given on-ice training with a mentor coach and opportunities to begin their pathway to become certified as a coach in Ontario. Participants must be members of any OCA – affiliated curling club but not necessarily the same club.

NOTE TO PARENTS and COACHES: This is a developmental event that will have the athletes competing in a format that is based on training and learning. If you are looking for a championship event which will declare a winner, then the first level of Ontario competition is U-18.

### Event Operation

The event will host four (4) events will be staged on the same weekend with teams registering to participate at their location of choice. The event will start on Saturday morning and conclude early Sunday afternoon. Teams will be divided into pools and play a minimum of three (3), six (6) end games. A points system will be implemented to declare the eventual winner of the event with each competitor receiving recognition awards – this is a non Provincial banner event. Coaches will be allowed on the backboard for games in order to develop team dynamics, communications, strategy and other areas of training. A mentor coach will be available and will work with coaches during the event to help guide them in the aspects of coaching a youth team.

Competitors must be fourteen (14) or under as at June 30, 2016. This means for 2016-17 competitors must be born after June 30, 2001.

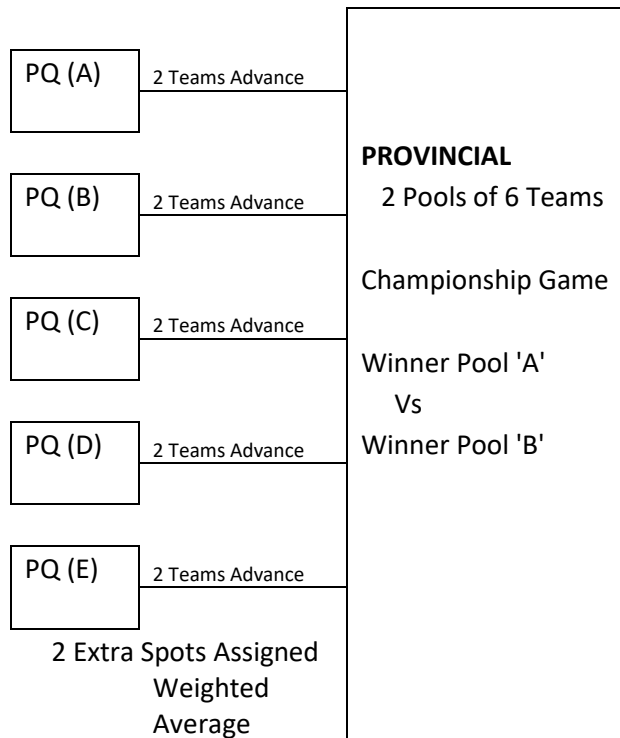
## U-18 MIXED (Replaces Bantam Mixed)

This event is designed to give youth curlers an opportunity to participate in an event that allows them to create friendships while still participating in a competitive environment. Teams will be composed of four (4) members in good standing from the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

The event will host five (5) qualifiers across Ontario advancing two (2) teams each to a Provincial. An extra two (2) spots will be available based on weighted average. If two (2) qualifiers are tied for an extra position a coin toss will be conducted in the office and assigned accordingly. A twelve (12) team Provincial round robin consisting of two (2) pools of six (6) teams, with the winner of each Pool playing in the final.

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.



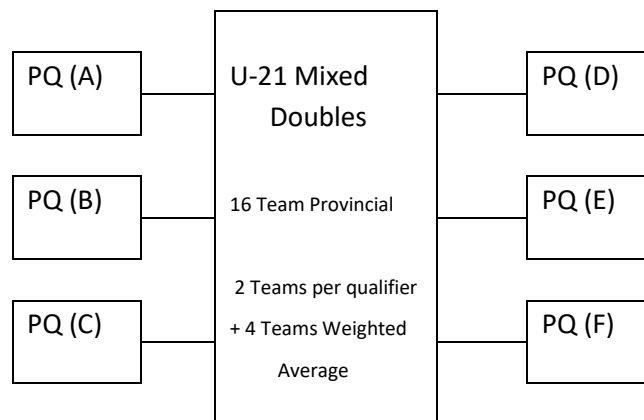
The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions, however teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team has registered and are members in good standing.

## U-21 MIXED DOUBLES (New Event – replaces Junior Mixed)

This event is designed to expose our advancing curlers to the new Olympic Event of Mixed Doubles. Teams will be composed of two (2) members in good standing from the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

Six (6) provincial qualifiers will be conducted across Ontario to advance two (2) teams per provincial qualifier. An additional four (4) teams will be declared using weighted-average calculations. The sixteen (16) teams will advance to a Provincial final. The Provincials will be a sixteen (16) team triple knockout with six (6) teams advancing to a single knockout playoff.

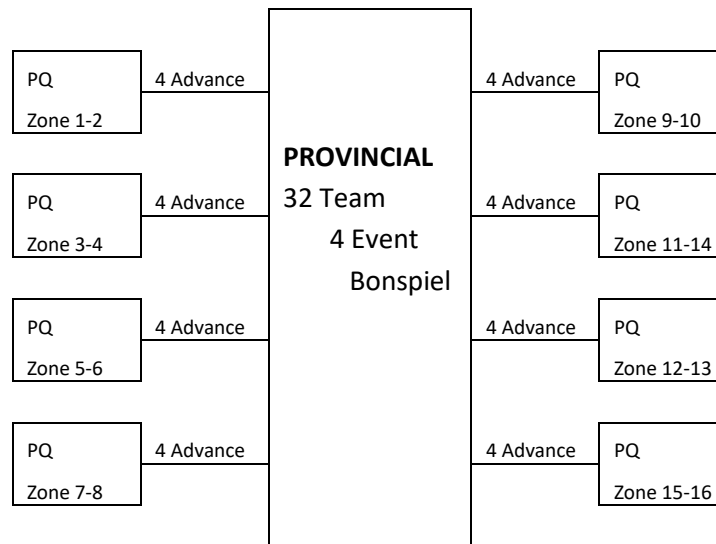


The qualifier host sites will be rotated amongst the Regions. Teams may sign up for any of the sites with no limitations as to which OCA – affiliated curling club the team is registered with.

## Best Western & Fairfield Marriott Challenges

This event will be a bonspiel with thirty-two (32) Men's and thirty-two (32) Women's team participating in a four (4) events. Teams will qualify for the event in one (1) of eight (8) restricted combined zone qualifiers held across Ontario. Each restricted combined zone qualifier will have four (4) teams advance to the Provincial event. Teams will be composed of four (4) members from the same OCA – affiliated curling club, with a maximum of two (2) team members having played in any Provincial event (Silver and Women's Tankard not included in calculation) in the previous five (5) years. A maximum of one (1) player may have participated in a Tankard or Scotties Provincial for the past five (5) years. Only two (2) members of the defending champion team may participate on the same team the following season.

Competitors must be nineteen (19) or over as of December 31, 2016.



## Colts & Trophy

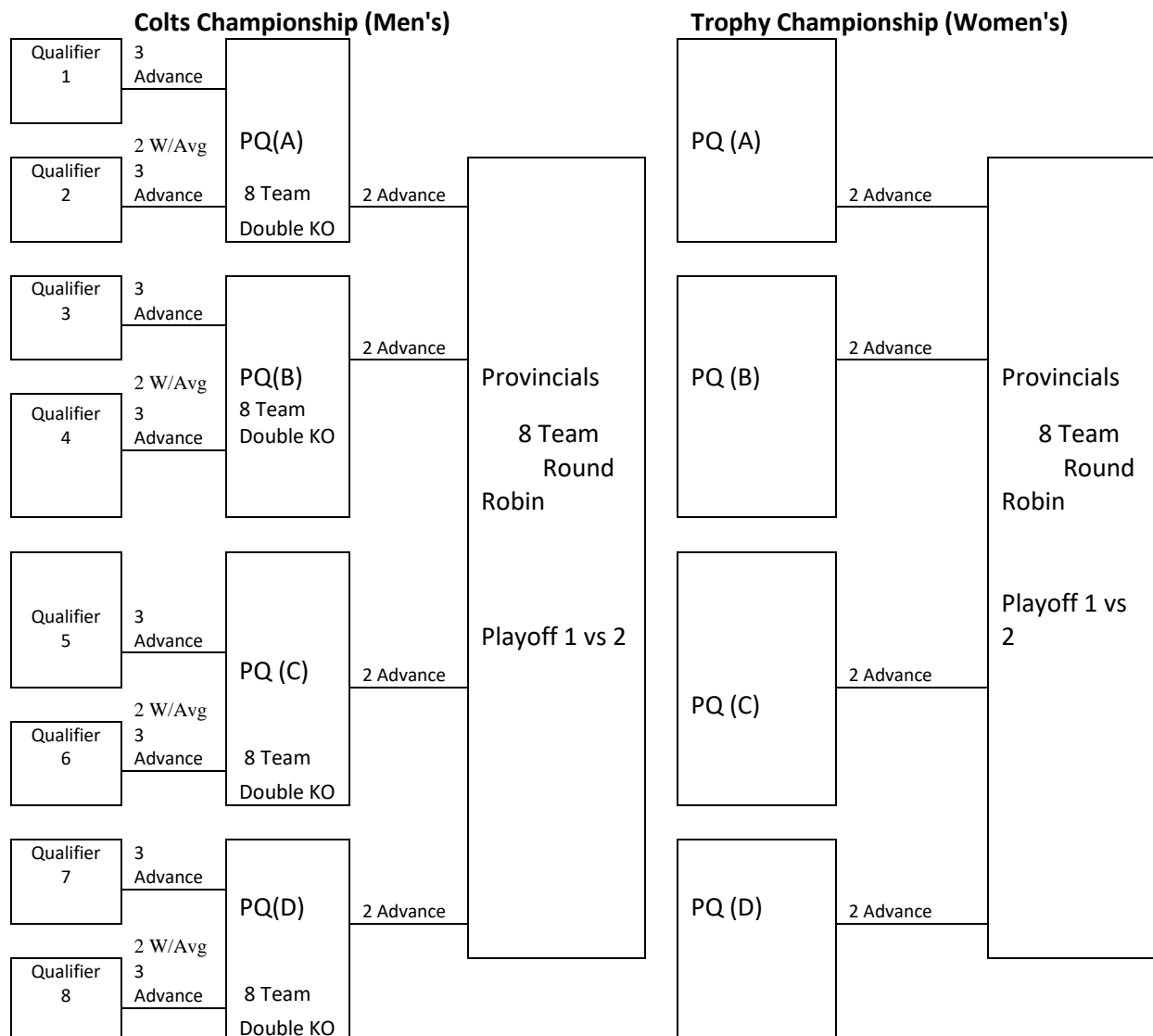
This event is designed as a first exposure to competitive play and will not include any participant who has played in the Men's Tankard or Women's Scotties Provincial in the previous five (5) curling seasons. All other participants are open to enter one of the qualifying sites. All team players are members in good standing of the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

In the Men's event, eight (8) qualifiers with three (3) teams each advancing to a Provincial Qualifier. An additional two (2) teams will be assigned with weighted average to the Provincial Qualifiers. At each Provincial Qualifier teams will compete to advance two (2) teams to Provincials.

In the women's event, teams will participate in a Provincial Qualifiers with two (2) teams advancing to Provincials per Provincial Qualifier.

The Provincial Championship will be conducted under a round robin format, with first place vs second place in a single Championship game.



## INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

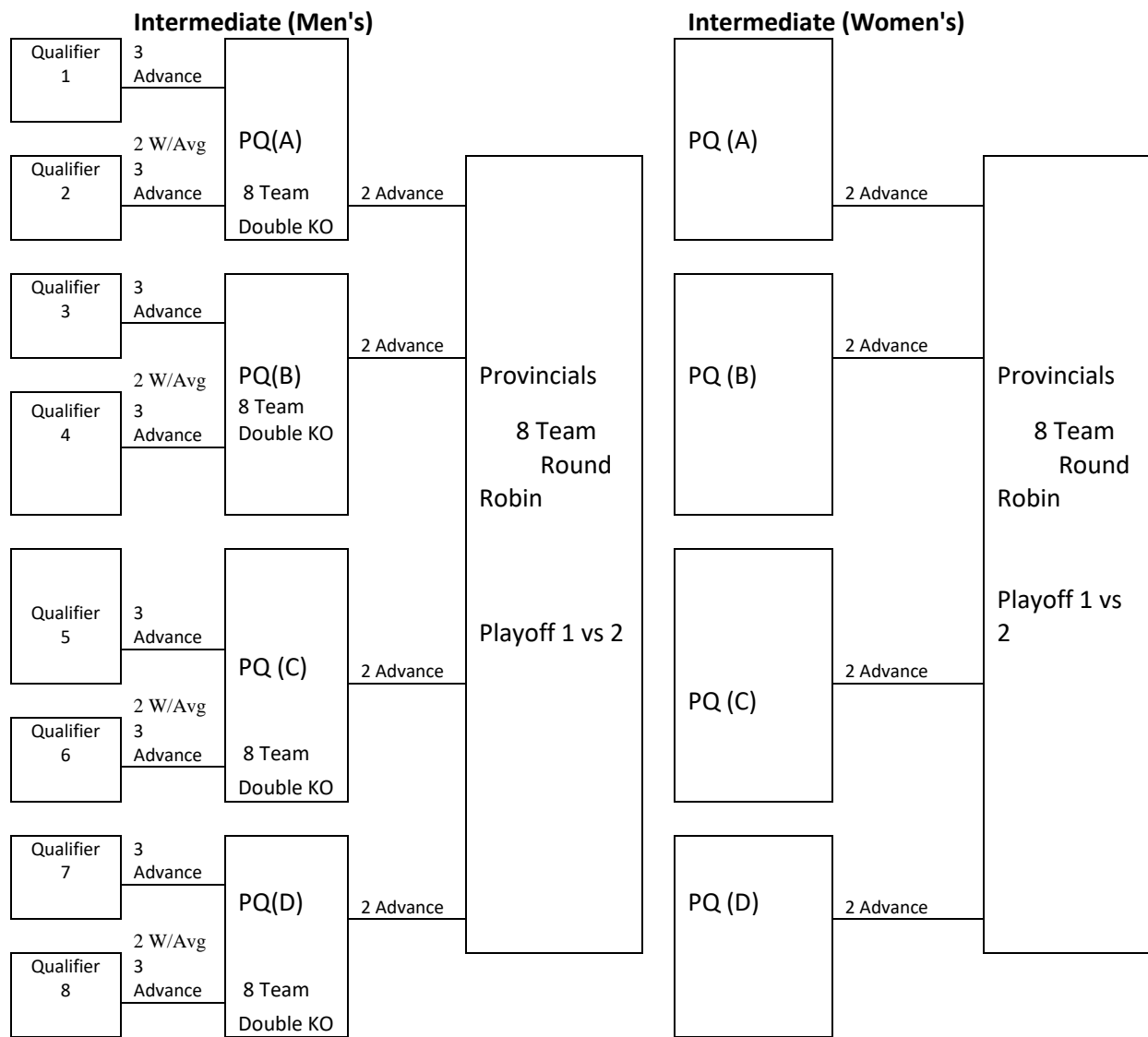
This event is designed for all athletes over the age of thirty-five (35) as of December 31, 2016. All team players are members in good standing of the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

In the Men's event, eight (8) qualifiers with three (3) teams each advancing to a Provincial Qualifier. An additional two (2) teams will be assigned with weighted average to the Provincial Qualifiers. At each Provincial Qualifier teams will compete to advance two (2) teams to Provincials.

In the women's event, teams will participate in a Provincial Qualifiers with two (2) teams advancing to Provincials per Provincial Qualifier.

The Provincial Championship will be conducted under a round robin format, with first place vs second place in a single Championship game.

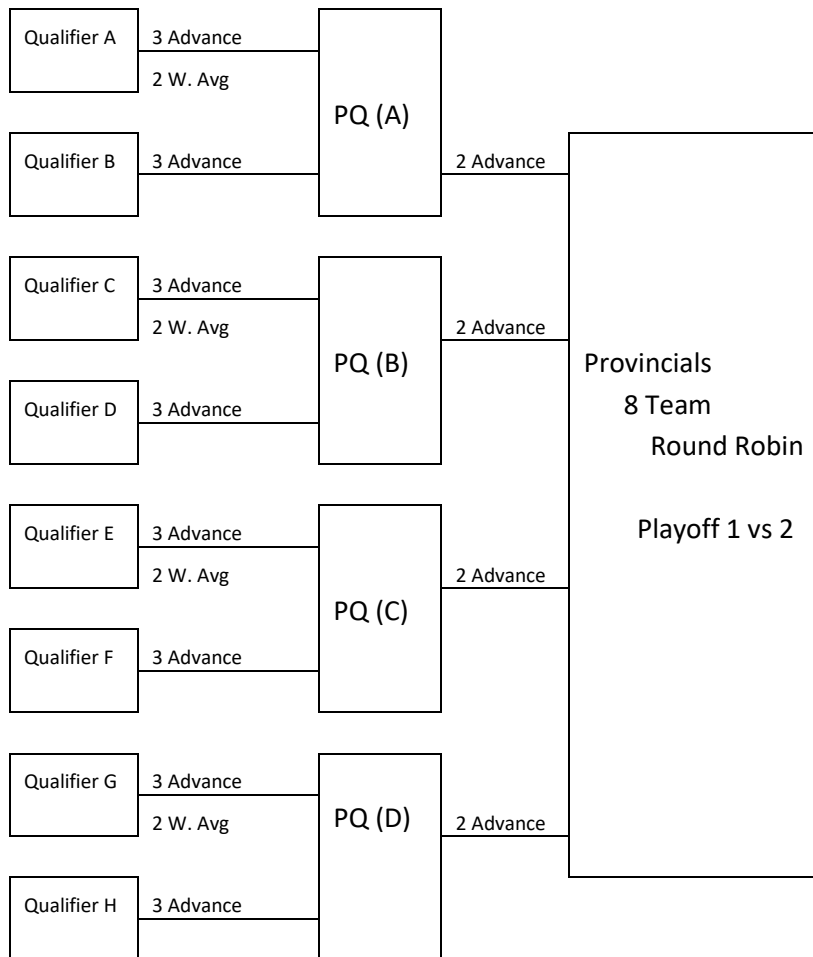


## SENIOR MIXED

This event is designed for all athletes – Male over the age of fifty (50), Women over the age of forty-five (45) as of December 31, 2016. All team players are members in good standing of the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

The event will see eight (8) qualifiers across Ontario advancing three (3) teams each to provincial qualifiers plus another eight (8) teams by weighted average. The four (4) provincial qualifiers will advance two (2) teams each to Provincials. The Provincial Championship will be conducted under a round robin format, with first place vs second place in a single Championship game.



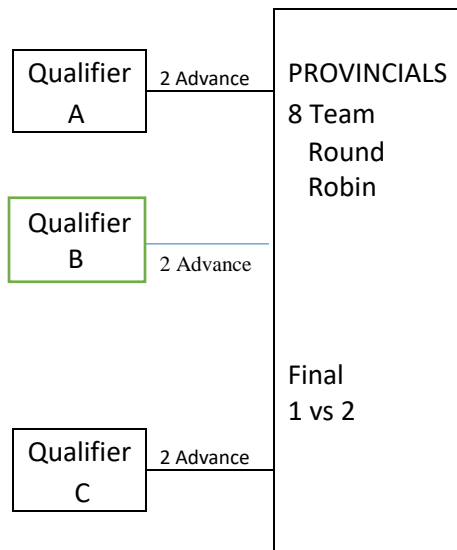


## ONTARIO STICK BONSPIEL

This event is designed for curlers who actively curl using a throwing aid known as the 'stick'. All team players are members in good standing of the same OCA – affiliated curling club.

### Event Operation

Teams are invited to participate in one (1) of three (3) open qualifiers with two (2) teams each advancing with an additional team each to the two (2) qualifiers with the highest entries. The Provincial Championship will be conducted under a round robin format, with first place vs second place in a single Championship game.



\*\* Each qualifier with the highest number of entries will advance one extra team to Provincials. If two (2) qualifiers are tied with the same number of entries a coin toss will be held in the OCA office to determine which event receives the extra qualifier.

## **SILVER TANKARD and WOMEN'S TANKARD**

This two (2) team event will be conducted using the same current system with teams participating in a Restricted Combined Zone playdown, advancing two (2) double team entries to one (1) of four (4) Provincial Qualifiers with one (1) double team entry per Provincial Qualifier advancing to the Provincial Finals.

Competitors must be seventeen (17) or over as of December 31, 2016.