

TOP TEN 2018 - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- Singles play 4 bowls; Pairs play 4 bowls; Triples play 3 bowls; Fours play 2 bowls.
 - Dead ends or "burnt ends" shall be replayed.
 - A Top Ten team is a mixed team consisting of 10 players, with not less than 4 players of each gender.
 - Pairs, Triples and Fours must be mixed; no limitation for Singles.
 - Please refer to the following table (teams may change structure for every round):
- | Team structure | Singles | Pairs | Triples | Fours |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 4 M + 6 W | W | M + W | M + 2 W | 2 M + 2 W |
| 4 W + 6 M | M | M + W | W + 2 M | 2 M + 2 W |
| 5 M + 5 W
or | M
W | M + W
M + W | M + 2 W
W + 2 M | 2 M + 2 W
2 M + 2 W |
- This is a straight knock-out competition. Players, make up a team as follows: - Singles play to 21 shots – Pairs and Fours play 18 ends – Triples play 16 ends. Scoring: - Win = 3 points – Tie = 1 point. The total shot differential for all four games combined will be used in each game to determine the winner if teams are tied on points. In the event of teams still being tied the winner of the singles game will break the tie.
 - Maximum 2 teams may be entered by each club.
 - If less than 12 teams participate, the tournament will be cancelled. If more than 16 teams, a preliminary round (teams chosen by draw) will be played to eliminate the excess number of teams, leaving only 16 teams to enter the first round.
 - **FOR CLUBS WITH 2 TEAMS** - a name list of each team and a general list of substitutes must be submitted to the V&D Top Ten convener before the first round begins. Players are not allowed to switch or substitute between teams even his/her team has been eliminated in any round. Substitutes named in the general list need not be assigned to a specific team until he/she has played for a team for the first time. The V&D Top Ten convener must be informed every time when substitutes are involved. Substitutes may play in any position. If "byes" are necessary, only 1 team (by draw) may get a "bye".
 - A player who is a member of more than one club may participate on teams of any club where he/she is a member, but may not enter this tournament for more than one club or play as substitute for another club even his/her team has been eliminated in any round.
 - Home team may choose any 4 rinks for the event, but must be allotted by draw and the visiting skips should be the ones who draw for rinks.
 - Games are scheduled for FRIDAY evenings @7.00 p.m. and may be re-scheduled by mutual consent. The V&D Top Ten Convener must be informed of the date changed.
 - Teams must enter by **May 31, 2018**.
 - Entry fee: \$25.00 per team, which is normally paid by their club. There is no prize for the individual players. The winning team will get a pennant and have its club's name engraved on the Top Ten plaque. Runners-up team will also get a pennant.
 - Entry form will be put in the clubs' envelopes at the V&D SAGM and published in the V&D website.

Tentative dates: Preliminary round if more than 16 teams - June 8 (Fri.)

1st round starts at June 15 (Fri.), then June 29 (Fri.), Aug. 10 (Fri.), Aug 31 (Fri.). All dates are subject to change.

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