

Broomstones Curling Club President's League

Rules, Regulations, and Procedures

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1 About the League

The purpose of the President's league is to provide Broomstones members a weekly league with the highest possible level of play. The President's League is Broomstones' most competitive league. The winner of the league will win the President's trophy, which is the defacto Broomstones club championship. Teams in this league are committed to improving their individual and team skills. Games are played quickly, fairly and always with a high degree of sportsmanship.

The President's League is played at Broomstones on Tuesday nights. There are draws at 6:15pm and 8:30pm. The team format is open.

2 Rules of Play

The league will follow the most recently published "WCF Rules of Curling" except as modified here.

All games will be 8 ends, unless shortened by the timely play rule. Regular season games can end in a tie, while playoff games will use an extra end to decide a winner.

In addition, the WCF Rule of Competition for Equipment 3C (e)-(i) is followed. This means that brushes – the material and the foam – must be WCF compliant.

2.1 Game Points

The system for determining points is as follows:

A division games are worth 3/2/1 points for win/tie/loss, and B division games are worth 2/1/0 points for win/tie/loss.

Since there are 9 games in A and 8 games in B, these values will be prorated by multiplying the A division games by 8 and the B division games by 9 – effectively prorating the smaller divisions results by 9/8.

So, the actual game points for the 2025-2026 season will be:

Division	Win	Tie	Loss
A	24	16	8
B	18	9	0

2.2 Enforcement of Rules

President's League games are played without officiating, so skips should resolve disputes according to the rules and the spirit of curling.

2.3 Start of game

A team responsible for delaying the start of the game (fewer than 3 players present) must concede one point and one end for each 10 minutes that the game is delayed and also forfeit last rock on the first end played. If the game is not started after 30 minutes, the game will be forfeited. The forfeiting team is awarded a loss and the non-forfeiting team is awarded a win.

2.4 Substitution

At least two team members must be present to begin any game, and so up to two players for any game may be substitutes.

Substitutes must be eligible to play in a league game according to Broomstones curling club rules (either as members or social members).

Substitutes must throw lead or second stones. On a three-player team, the substitute must throw lead stones.

Substitutes can be the skip or the vice-skip but they may only play lead or second. On a three player team the substitute must throw lead rocks.

2.5 Rescheduling Games

All games should be played on the dates and times scheduled.

If both teams agree, a game may be played at another time before the end of the round robin. If the game is not completed before the end of the round robin, both teams are assigned zero points for the game.

If the teams cannot agree to re-schedule, the team that can play is awarded a win and the team that cannot play is awarded a loss.

2.6 Timely Play

Games in Presidents league will be played according to The Broomstones Timely Play Rule.

The Broomstones Timely Play Rule is determined by the league coordinators, and ultimately, the Board. It can be adjusted and modified before or during the season depending on the availability of a countdown timer, a clock, and other factors.

2.7 Hammer/Color Choice

The winner of a pre-game coin flip can choose hammer or rock color. The other team gets the remaining choice.

In playoff games, the higher seeded team will have choice.

Note that the winner of the 1-2 game is automatically the higher seed in the Gold medal game regardless of their original seeding at the beginning of the playoffs.

3 Season Format

The league will be divided into a 10-team A division and a 9-team B division.

3.1 Friendlies

This season, we have enough weeks available that friendly games will be scheduled. These games serve several purposes:

1. Ensure fair ice time for the smaller B division.
2. Early or mid season warm ups.
3. Inter-division exchange

Friendlies will be scheduled at the beginning of each round.

3.2 Shootout

Each team completes a “shootout” once a season as part of the ranking tiebreakers.

To complete a shootout, each of the four players throws one stone, and the distance to the pin from the inside running band of the stone at its final resting point is measured (to the nearest 1/4 inch if possible). The sum of the four measurements is the “shootout score.” If a stone comes to rest outside of the house, it is counted as 73 inches regardless of the actual distance to the pin.

Normal delivery rules apply (sweeping is allowed, one team member must be in the opposite house during delivery) except that the four team members can throw in any order, and any team member can “take the house” for any of the four throws.

Shootouts must be completed immediately following either the early or late draw of the league. Shootouts are generally performed by the winning team after the late draw, but can be completed after the early draw if doing so will not delay the late draw.

All shootouts must be completed by 11:59pm of the last night of the first round. Any team not completing the shootout by this time will be assigned the maximum score of 292.

3.3 Choosing Schedules

The league coordinators will create schedules that are as balanced as possible with respect to

- games played
- early and late draws
- sheet assignments

In addition, every effort is made to reduce the number of byes, early games, or late games all in a row.

Once the schedules are created, teams can choose their schedules in the order of their pre-round team rank, with first choice going to the higher ranked team.

3.4 In-Season Team Ranking Procedure

The following criteria (in order) will be used to rank the teams at the completion of a round robin:

1. Most points for the full season.
2. Most points in the second round.
3. Most head-to-head points for the season.
4. Most head-to-head points in the second round.
5. Best (lowest) shootout score.
6. Pre-season rank.

If two teams are tied by points, then the remaining Criteria 2-6 shall be applied to those teams.

Where three or more teams are tied by points, the total points of the games between the tied teams shall provide the ranking. Should this procedure provide a ranking for some teams but not all, then all the Criteria 2-6 between the remaining teams that are still tied shall determine the ranking.

3.5 Round One

Each division will play a full round robin.

At the conclusion of round one, teams will be re-ranked according to the In-Season Team Ranking Procedure.

3.6 Promotion and Relation Process

At the conclusion of round one, the lowest ranked two teams from A division will be relegated to B division for round two, and the highest ranked two teams from the B division will be promoted to the A division for round two.

All other teams will remain in their original division (regardless of their overall rank).

3.7 Round Two

Schedule choices will be assigned to the new divisions in order of their rank according to the In-Season Team Ranking Procedure

Each division will play a full round robin.

3.8 Team Rankings for Playoffs

The nineteen teams of the league will be split into four brackets according to the according to the In-Season Team Ranking Procedure.

Assignment to the playoff brackets will be:

1. President's Trophy bracket: teams 1, 2, 3, 4
2. Moore Trophy bracket: teams 5, 6, 7, 8
3. Tequila bracket: teams 9, 10, 11, and 12
4. Cheap Wine bracket: teams 13 through 19

3.9 Playoffs

The top three brackets will play Page Playoff system over three weeks:

- Round One: 1 vs 2 (winner to gold game, loser to semifinal), 3 vs 4 (winner to semifinal, loser to bronze game)
- Round Two: Semifinal (winner to gold game, loser to bronze)
- Round Three: Gold medal game, Bronze medal game

The Cheap Wine division will play as shown in Figure 1.

4 Post Season

4.1 Season Points

“Season points” or “team points” are assigned to each qualifying team and player at the end of the season.

They are used as part of the entry qualification for the following season of President's League.

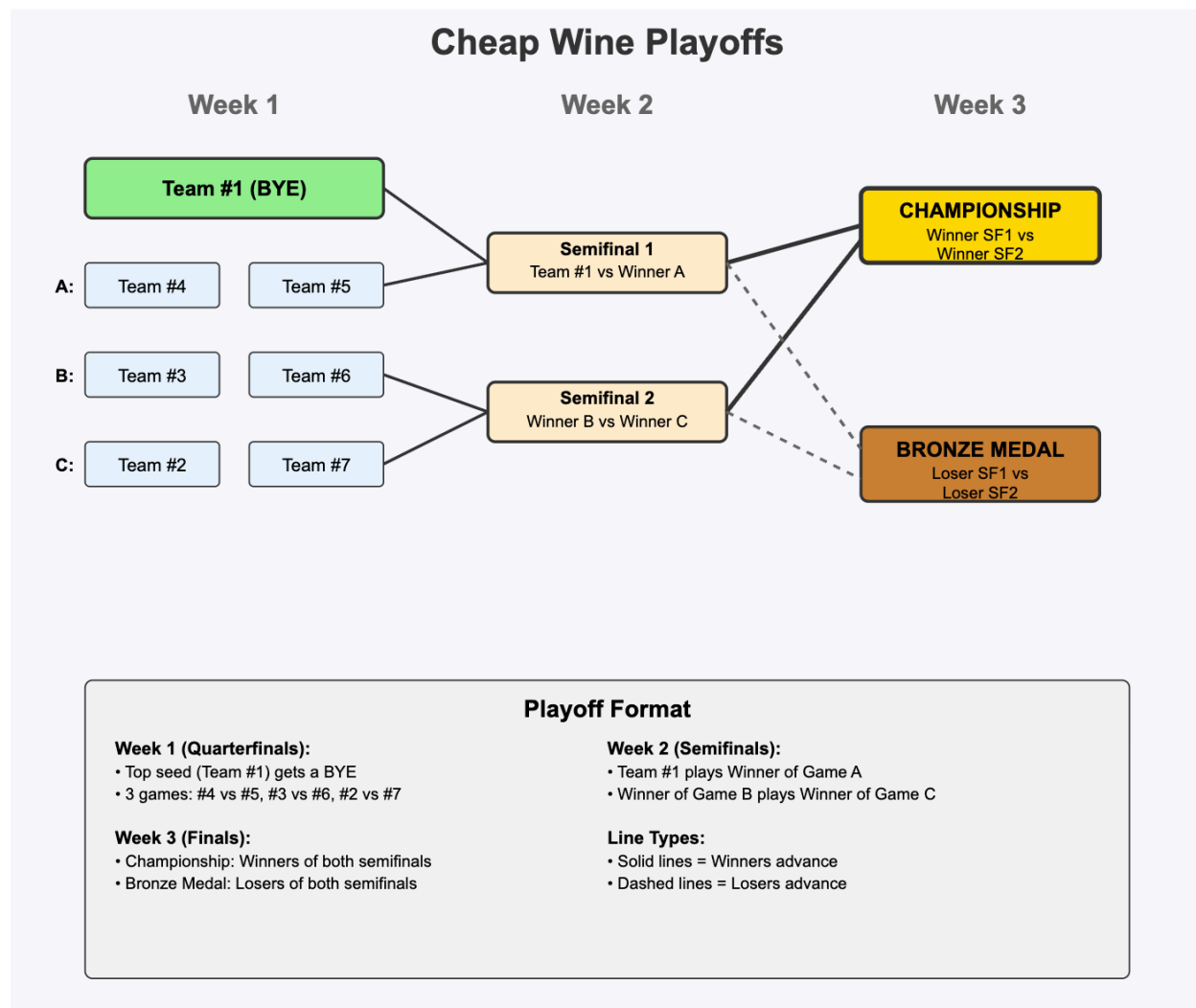


Figure 1: Cheap Wine Playoffs

4.2 Team Ranking

Each team will be awarded their points based on their final standing at the end of the playoffs, as follows:

- the four teams in the Presidents division are ranked 1-4
- the four teams in the Moore division are ranked 5-8
- the four teams in the Tequila division are ranked 9-12
- the teams in the Cheap Wine division are ranked 13-19

4.3 Entering Team Rank

Team rank is determined by adding the points of the three players with the most points on each entering team.

4.3.1 Point Assignment

The last place team will receive ten points. Every subsequent team will receive 1.10 times as many points as the next lower team.

Each player in the league will receive a percentage of their respective team season points according to the following table based on games played:

- 0 to 2 games: 0%
- 3 to 9 games: 10% for each game played
- 10 games or more: 100%

Unless otherwise recorded, it will be assumed that the four players listed first for each team play every game.

Players listed on a team may only earn points based on that teams performance. Their play as substitutes does not merit point allocation.

4.3.1.1 Points Assigned for Substituting Each Broomstones member not on a Presidents league team can earn points towards team entry for the following season.

One point is awarded for each game played.

4.3.1.2 Play on Two or More Teams If a player earns points by playing on two different teams, then that player earns points based on the team for which the most games were played. If the number of games is equal, then the points of the last team played for count.

4.4 Pre-Season Qualification Process.

The top 13 teams entering the 2026-2027 season will be entered into the league. All other teams will be ranked with peer seedings, and the top five of this process will be entered into the league (B division). The remaining teams will be selected by lottery as designed by the League Committee.

5 Appendix

5.1 In season changes to teams

The general expectation is that teams formed at the beginning of the season are expected to remain intact and play the entire season. When a team must make a change to their roster, the following rules apply:

- At least two original, start-of-season members from the team must remain.
- Fiftths must be declared prior to the 10th-from-last *week* of the season.
- Team members cannot be changed within 10 *weeks* from the end of the season.

5.2 Cancelled/Shortened Seasons

If the season is cancelled after week 10, the currently highest ranked team will be awarded the Presidents Trophy. If the season is cancelled and only nine or fewer weeks of play have occurred, no team will be declared the winner.

5.3 Qualifications of team members

All team members must be full dues paying members of Broomstones Curling Club. All teams with four registered, dues-paying Broomstones members will be considered for entry into the league if their application is received by the deadline for the league entry.

5.4 Timing of the team rank calculation

Team rosters as of the end of league registration will be used for the purpose of calculating the entering team rank; no changes made after the league registration deadline will be included in the calculations.

6 Adjudication of Rules

The league coordinator shall have the authority to make schedule adjustments, decisions, and clarifications of these rules. Such decisions can be appealed to the Senior Vice President for Leagues, who can also refer the decision to the Board as needed.

7 History of President's League Rules Changes

- Approximately 2011. Switched to open format from single-gender-team format
- Approximately 2012. Added one point for losing a game in A bracket
- Summer 2014. Major revisions: twenty teams, new challenge round
- April 2015. Added this history section
- October 2015. Updated this history section with better dates.
- March 2016. President's follows USCA competition rules for sweeping.
- March 2016. Update to points for fiftths and substitutes policy.
- November 2016. WCF brushing equipment required.
- March 2018. Penalty for forfeited game modified.
- November 2018. Clarified rules for substitutes in challenge round and regular games. Three-player teams are allowed. All players, including substitutes, must use WCF brushing equipment.
- September 2019. Clarifications.
- Fall 2022. No league size limit, no qualifying round. New timing rule. Ties and extra ends.
- Fall 2025. New league entry system. Simplified points and division interchange.