



International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

**Revised Format for the Knock Out stages of the  
McConnell Cup (Women's Teams) and the Rand Cup (Senior Teams)**

***McConnell Cup (17 Teams)***

The teams will play a two day qualification consisting of ten rounds of Swiss playing 10 boards per round, followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played over two days, in six 14-boards stanzas (four stanzas on the first and two on the second day). The final will be played over two days, in six 16-boards stanzas, three each day. There will be no play-off. Both losers from the semi-finals will be classified third and the eligible players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the related masterpoints.

***Rand Cup (29 Teams)***

Teams will play a two day qualification consisting of ten rounds of Swiss, playing 10 boards per round, followed by a round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final. The round of 16 and the quarter-finals will be played over one day in four 14-boards stanzas. The semi-finals will be played over two days as six 14-boards stanzas (four stanzas on the first and two on the second day). The final will be played over two days, in six 16-boards stanzas. There will be no play-off. Both losers from the semi-finals will be classified third and the eligible players awarded the Bronze Medal, receiving the related masterpoints.

**Brackets**

***McConnell Cup***

The top two teams at the end of the Swiss, choose their opponent among the bottom 4, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams.(with 3rd v highest remaining seed and 4<sup>th</sup> lowest)

***Rand Cup***

The top 4 teams at the end of the Swiss, choose their opponent from among the bottom 8, then the rest of the bracket is automatically assigned using the original seeding of the left-over teams (.with 8<sup>th</sup> v highest remaining seed and 5<sup>th</sup> lowest)

