**Whitehall Invitation Pairs Tournament**

**Rules of the Tournament for**

**Qualifying Rounds and Final Stages**

**Saturday 13 July and Tuesday 13 to Saturday 15 August 2024**

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to time constraints, any Pair not arriving in time to play at the time stated on the schedule will be disqualified from that match and 2 points and 8 shots will be awarded to their opponents**

1. Qualifying games will consist of 12 ends or 65 minutes
2. **There will be NO trial end in any match**
3. Games will commence at the first bell
4. A second bell will sound **at the end of the 65 minutes.** Complete that end only.
5. Only skips will be allowed to visit the head. They will be able to visit once only – after they have played their third bowl.
6. To optimise playing time, any jack displaced from the confines of the rink will be

re-spotted

1. From the Qualifying Rounds, **8 Section Winners** will qualify for the final stages. The remaining places for the final stages will come from the **Section Runners-up.**
2. In the event of two teams in a section finishing equal on the same total points and shot difference:
3. The result of the match played between the two teams will decide the winner of the section
4. Where the two teams had drawn their match then the team scoring the most shots in the section will be the deciding factor
5. Should this again prove to be the same then the decision should rest on the number of ends won from the qualifying games played.
6. In the event of two teams finishing equal for the final highest qualifying Runner-up spot and on the same total points and shot difference rules **8 (ii)** and **8 (iii)** will determine the final qualifying spot
7. If still undecided, any further decision required will be made at the Tournament Committee’s discretion
8. From the Finals qualifying stage, the **3 Section Winners** and the **Highest Runner-up** from each of the Gents and Ladies competitions will qualify for the Semi-Finals

**Special Note:** For the benefit of the official scorers and the spectators, **PLAYERS** are requested to mark up the scores immediately on completion of an end. This should include the last end.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation and best wishes to you and your partner for the Tournament.