

Prestwick BC Open Pairs - Format & Rules

1. There will be 6 sections, each with 6 teams.
2. Each team will play 5 games of 5 ends. Burnt ends will count, accept the last end.
3. There will be a trial end, in the very first game only.
4. We ask only skips should visit the head. This is allowed after they have played their 3rd bowl and at no other time. During the quarter finals, semi-finals and final there is no ruling on players visiting the head.
5. Scorecards should be handed in after each game. Please ensure that the score on the card is correct, before handing back to the organisers for checking.
6. Where a measure is needed, teams are requested to do this themselves.
In the case of any dispute or disagreement, one of the match secretaries/ organisers will measure or make a final decision on the situation
7. Qualification will be on a round robin basis. Two points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw.
8. Section winners will be decided as follows:
 - The team with the most points
 - In the event of two or more teams having equal points, the team with the best shot difference will qualify
 - If two teams are tied on points and on shot difference, the winner will be decided by the direct result between these two teams. If more than two teams have the same number of points and are also tied on shot difference, then the team who won the highest number of ends will be the winner. If the direct result between the two teams was a draw, then the team that won the greatest number of ends will be the go through.

The winners of each section will qualify for the quarter finals, as well as the 2 best runners up across the 6 groups.

A draw will take place to decide the quarter-final games, the first 4 teams out will make up the first semifinal bracket, and the remaining 4 teams will second semifinal bracket.

All remaining games will be played over 5 ends.