

# **WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **PROTOCOL**

### **WCC-1 DEFINITION:**

The Western Canadian Championship, hereinafter referred to as the WCC in this document, is an All-Fours competition held on Easter weekend each year between teams from Winnipeg, Calgary, and Edmonton.

### **WCC-2 HISTORY:**

The WCC originated in 1985 with a friendly "fete match" between Calgary and Winnipeg, held in Winnipeg on the Easter weekend. In 1986, the playing format and the rules were formalized and the two cities planned on a yearly competition. In 1995, Edmonton joined the competition, necessitating some changes to accommodate the addition of a new team.

The primary objective is to build camaraderie and friendship among the players from various cities. The objective of winning is secondary.

### **WCC-3 DATES & LOCATION:**

The WCC will be played on Saturday of the Easter long weekend each year.  
The hosting cities shall be as follows:

1999	Edmonton
2000	Winnipeg
2001	Calgary
2002	Winnipeg
2003	Edmonton
2004	Winnipeg
2005	Calgary
2006	Winnipeg
2007	Edmonton
2008	Winnipeg

Winnipeg will host every second year while Calgary and Edmonton will host every third year. This decision was made to avoid Winnipeg players having to travel two consecutive years.

### **WCC-4 PLAYING VENUE:**

The host team agrees to secure an appropriate venue and communicate all pertinent information to the visiting teams at least one month prior to the game.

The cost of the playing venue is the sole responsibility of the host team.

**WCC-5 ACCOMIDATION:**

The host team agrees to reserve appropriate accommodation in a hotel or motel on behalf of the visiting teams, and to communicate all pertinent information to the visiting teams at least six weeks prior to the competition.

Accommodation should be within close proximity to the playing venue.

Confirmation, or cancellation and the cost of accommodation are the sole responsibility of the visiting teams.

**WCC-6 MEALS:**

The host team agrees to provide lunch to all players on game day. All other snacks or meals are at the discretion of the host team.

The cost of the game day meal shall be the sole responsibility of the host team.

**WCC-7 ENTERTAINMENT:**

The host team agrees to provide a venue and make all arrangements for an activity on the night prior to, and on the night of, the competition.

The cost of the venue and the activity, excluding alcohol, is the sole responsibility of the host team.

**WCC-8 TROPHIES:**

Trophies will be awarded each year as follows:

<b>First Half</b>	<b>Second Half</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Most Bullseyes	Most Bullseyes	Most Bullseyes
Most Hangjacks	Most Hangjacks	Most Hangjacks
		Most Consecutive Bullseyes

Other prizes or considerations, other than trophies, are at the sole discretion of the host team. The cost of all trophies and other considerations is the sole responsibility of the host team.

**WCC-9 TOURNAMENT RULES:**

The official rules of the WCC shall be those ratified at a meeting of representatives from the three teams on April 3, 1999, in Edmonton. (Appendix 1)

**WCC-10 MARSHALS:**

Each participating team will appoint a Marshal. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that the appointed Marshal has a good working knowledge of the rules.

All appointed Marshals and Captains of each team would meet prior to the competition to clarify interpretations of the rules.

Marshals agree to follow the procedure outlined in the official rules, section 15.1, A-

**WCC-11 TOTAL GAMES:**

The number of games will be determined by using the following formula, unless otherwise agreed upon by all participating teams:

#Tables @ 13 + 1 = total games or 10@13+1=131 games

**WCC-12 TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

Each team agrees to field twenty (20) players, unless otherwise agreed upon by all the participating teams.

**WCC-13 TEAM STATISTICS:**

The captain of each team will complete the Team Statistics for his/her team at half time and at the end of the game. Copies are to be given to each team at a later date. (Appendix 2)

**WCC-14 MASTER SCORE SHEETS:**

The WCC Master Score Sheet must be used. (Appendix 3)

**WCC-15 TABLE SCORE SHEETS:**

The WCC Table Score Sheet must be used. (Appendix 4)

**WCC-16 STARTING TIME:**

The WCC competition will begin at 12 noon. Players arriving late are subject to rule 2.2 of the WCC Official Rules.

**WCC-17 SEATING ARRANGEMENTS:**

Players will be matched according to the established seating format (Appendix 5) However, the number arrangements may be changed each year to ensure a random combination of players. The seating format may be changed to accommodate the addition or deletion of a team.

**WCC-18 PLAYING FEES:**

There will be no playing fees charged to the players of the visiting teams.

**WCC-19 CONFIRMATION:**

Each team agrees to confirm to the host team its intent to participate in the upcoming WCC. Confirmation must be in writing at least thirty days prior to the competition.

**WCC-20 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

In the event that a visiting team has insufficient players, the host team agrees to provide up to four (4) players. In such a case, such players must be matched with players of the opposing team.

**WCC-21 ANNUAL MEETING:**

An annual meeting shall take place sometime prior to the WCC.

The representative shall be the Designated Contact and the President of each team. In the event that the President is also the designated contact, another representative may be appointed.

Either representative of the host team chairs the meeting. Minutes of the meeting are to be distributed to each team.

**WCC-22 DECORUM:**

Players agree to refrain from swearing and smoking during the WCC.

**WCC-23 SMOKING:**

The playing venue for the WCC will be smoke free before, during and after the competition.

**WCC-24 AMMENDMENTS:**

Any changes to the WCC Protocol or the Official Tournament Rules must be made by majority vote at the annual meeting, as per WCC-21.

**WCC-25 LIABITLITY:**

**NO PERSON OR TEAM OF PERSONS, SHALL INCUR ANY LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, HOWSOEVER CAUSED, RESULTING FROM HIS/HER PARTICIAPTION IN THE WCC.**

**WCC-26      DECLARATION:**

As a member of the WCC, I agree to the terms of the Western Canadian Protocol, and the WCC Official Tournament Rules.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

CALGARY:

REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

WINNIPEG:

REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EDMONTON:

REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **HOST TEAM**

1. Reserve appropriate accommodation and inform visiting team' contact person at least six weeks prior to the game.
2. Secure playing venue and inform visiting team's contact person at least thirty days prior to game.
3. Provide a lunch on game day.
4. Organize an activity on Friday and Saturday night of the competition.
5. Purchase required trophies.
6. Appoint and train marshal.
7. Provide at least twenty players.
8. Appoint/elect a captain.
9. Prepare three master score sheets.
10. Provide table score sheets.
11. Provide playing cards.
12. Appoint/elect an official contact person.

## **VISITING TEAMS**

1. Confirm in writing to the contact person of the host team at least thirty days prior to the WCC of intent to participate.
2. Confirm or cancel reservation with hotel or motel.
3. Provide twenty players.
4. Appoint/elect a captain.
5. Appoint/elect an official contact person.