



# WCT Austrian Mixed Doubles Cup 2021



## RULES OF PLAY

### ROUND ROBIN

1. 4 groups (A, B, C & D) of 4 teams will play a round robin format.
2. All round robin games will be a maximum of 8 ends and 1 extra end, if necessary to determine the winner. In the event of a blanked extra end, the team without last stone advantage will be determined as winner. 1 point will be awarded for a win and 0 points for a loss.

In each group the team with the highest number of points will be ranked as group winner. The team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> best result will be ranked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

- A & B group winners and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team of C & D group will proceed in the **Quarter Final 1 & 2 (Sat 18:30)**
  - C & D group winner and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team of A & B group will proceed in the **Quarter Final 3 & 4 (Sat 21:00)**
3. In the event of teams finishing with the same number of points the following criteria (in order) will be used to determine ranking within one group for the direct qualification to the play-off games.
    - (a) The record of the game between the tied teams.
    - (b) The team with the lesser Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) (see paragraph 5 below).

4. The choice of last stone will be decided using the Last Stone Draw (LSD).

**Before the 1<sup>st</sup> round each team will have a 4min practice, starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> named team 10min prior to the scheduled starting time of the game.** After 4min the team must deliver the LSD (turn is up to the team with 1<sup>st</sup> practice – 2<sup>nd</sup> team must throw opposite turn) within 1min.

After each game, 1 LSD will be delivered (starting with the winning team first) to determine the choice of last stone for the next game.

The number of LSD stones will be 4. Each player shall play the same number of LSDs (= 2).

Sweeping is allowed.

The distance between the stone and the tee, if it finishes in the house, will be measured in centimeters. A stone not finishing in the house will be recorded as 185.4 cm. Stones that finish so close to the tee that they cannot be measured are recorded as 0.0 cm.

The team with the lesser LSD total will have the choice of delivering the first or second stone in the first end of that (next) game. If the LSD totals for both teams are the same, then a coin toss will decide which team has the choice of delivering first or second stone in the first end.

5. The Draw Shot Challenge (DSC) will be used where ranking cannot be determined as in paragraph 3(b) above:

The DSC is the average distance of the LSDs played by a team during its round robin games. Contrary to WCF Rules no single least favorable LSD result is automatically eliminated before calculating this average distance. All 4 LSD results will therefore count.

The team with the lesser DSC receives the higher ranking. If the DSCs are equal, then the team with the best non-equal Draws receives the higher ranking.

6. The 1<sup>st</sup> named team in the draw will throw the dark colored handled stones (red / blue) the 2<sup>nd</sup> named team will throw the light-colored handled stones (green / yellow).
7. As time clocks are not being used teams are asked to play fast to avoid any unwanted delays in the following draw. If the umpire determines that a team is unnecessarily delaying a game, the umpire notifies the skip of the offending team and, after that notification, if the next stone to be delivered has not reached the tee line at the delivering end within 45 seconds, the stone is removed from play immediately.
8. There will be a 2-minute break after 4 Ends. Coaches can then talk to their team.
9. Each Team will have a Time-Out of 1 minute within the regular 8 Ends and another Time-Out in the Extra End. The travel time will be considered to take 30 seconds.

#### PLAY-OFF GAMES

10. All play-off games will be a maximum of 8 ends and (unlimited) extra ends are played, if necessary to determine the winner.
11. The team higher ranked within the group and/or with the lesser DSC receives the choice of last stone in each play-off game.
12. **In all other matters the current [WCF Rules](#) will apply.**

**WCT has since its inception applied WCF rules for all their events. Due to manpower restraints at WCT events a spirit of curling and self-control will be expected of all teams. Thanks for your cooperation.**

13. In any adjudication the decision of the Chief Umpire is final.