



LCC Rules For Club Championship Playdowns

2026 Season

1. **Club championship playdown bracket:** An **8 team** single elimination tournament to determine the club champion.
 - a. **Each league night winner will be seeded 1 through 3** based on **points** from league standings. The **second place team** with the greatest number of **points** will qualify as the **fourth seed**.
 - i. If teams are tied then the **plus points/total plus points/total score** tie breakers will be used to determine seeding. Teams seeded **1** and **2** will be placed on opposite sides of the bracket.
 - b. The remaining second place teams **as well as the top two third place teams** based on **points** will also qualify for playdowns.
 - i. If the third place teams are tied then the **plus points/total plus points/total score** tie breakers will be used to determine qualifiers.
 - c. **First round (quarterfinal) opponents** will be determined as follows:
 - i. Teams seeded **1** and **2** will play the two **third place** qualifiers; Teams seeded **3** and **4** will play the remaining **second place** qualifiers.
 - ii. Teams **will not** play a team from their league night in the first round; otherwise opponents will be determined by random draw.
2. **Game Lengths:** All games will be **8 ends**.
3. **Quarterfinal and Semifinals:**
 - a. **Time Limits:** At the end of **2 hours** teams will be allowed to complete the **current end**. For teams to complete an 8 end game the **first stone of the 8th end must be in play by the time limit**.
 - b. **Tiebreaker:** Draw to the button with sweeping (including defensive sweeping)
4. **Championship Final:**
 - a. **Time Limits:** There will be **no time limit** for the championship final game.
 - b. **Tiebreaker:** An extra end played toward the glass.
 - c. Prior to the final game of the playdowns, the sheet to be played on will be randomly decided by the sitting president spinning "the wheel". A traditional coin flip between the teams will decide the hammer/color.
5. **Team Makeup and Substitute Players:**
 - a. In order to participate in the playdowns, a player must be a **fully paid-up member in good standing**; neither **associate members** nor **non-members** may participate in playdowns.
 - b. To participate in playdowns, teams **shall** have a minimum of **three (3)** players. **Two (2)** of these players must be an **original member**, defined as anyone who has played **six (6) or more regular season games with that team**. If this minimum requirement cannot be met...that team will forfeit its place in the bracket and be replaced by the next eligible team.
 - c. **Substitute Players:** Teams are allowed **one (1)** substitute player. **Substitution rules** are as follows:
 - i. Eligible substitute players can be **any player** from a team that **did not participate in the playdowns**. **Exception:** If a player on a **three person team** suffers an injury during playdowns that results in them missing the remainder of the tournament...that team may select any player **not in/no longer in contention for the championship** as a permanent substitute.
 - ii. Substitute players **may only play for one team** throughout the playdowns. **Exception:** Substitutes on a team already eliminated may fill in as an injury substitute under the scenario given in **Rule 5(c)(i)**.
 - iii. All subs shall throw **lead** stones and the remaining players will move up one position as appropriate.
 - iv. The following will apply to **skips** playing as substitutes:
 1. A skip can sub for any individual. **Regardless of who the substitute skip is replacing, they must throw lead stones.**
 2. In the event that the substitute skip is **replacing a team's regular skip**, the substitute skip will be **allowed to hold the broom and call the game** if that team so chooses.

6. **Playing on Multiple Qualifying Teams:** Club members who play on two teams that qualify for the playdowns **can** play on both teams:
- a. Should the two teams meet **or** play in the same draw on opposite sheets, the player will designate a **primary** team to play with in that draw. That person will then **remain on their primary team until that team is eliminated.**
 - b. If a player's primary team is **eliminated** but their second team is still playing...they will be allowed to join their second team in subsequent draws **in their regular position on that team.**