



LCC Rules For Club Championship Playdowns

2024 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 4** based on **points** from league standings. If teams are tied then the **plus points/total plus points/total score** tie breakers will be used. Teams seeded **1** and **2** will be placed on opposite sides of the bracket.
 - b. First round (quarterfinal) opponents for the seeded teams will be decided by a random draw of the second placed teams from each league night; **teams from the same night will not play each other in the first round.**
2. **Game Lengths:** All games will be **8 ends**. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will consist of one extra end being played toward the glass.
3. **Quarterfinal and Semifinals:**
 - a. **Time Limits:** At the end of **1 hour 45 minutes** teams will be allowed to complete the **current end plus one more end** (if necessary). For teams to complete an 8 end game the **first stone of the 7th end must be played by the time limit**. Games should be completed within **2 hours 10 minutes**.
4. **Championship Final:**
 - a. **Time Limits:** There will be **no time limit** for the championship final game.
 - b. 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:** All teams should consist of **four (4)** players. Teams **shall** have a minimum of **three (3)** players.
 - a. An **original member** of a team is anyone who has played **six (6) or more regular season games with that team**.
 - b. 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.
6. **Substitute Players:** Teams are allowed **one (1)** substitute player. **Exception:** If a team has only **one (1) original player** available for the playdowns...that team will be allowed a **maximum of two (2) substitutes** in order for that team to participate with the minimum **three (3)** players. **Substitution rules** for playdowns are as follows:
 - a. 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.
 - b. Substitute players **may only play for one team** throughout the playdowns. **Exception:** Substitutes on a team already eliminated from the playdowns may fill in as an injury substitute under the scenario given in rule **6a**.
 - c. A substitute player **must play in the lead position**. On a full four person team, the three original players must move up one position, as appropriate (lead to second, second to vice, vice to skip). If a team requires two substitutes to make a three person team, then both substitutes will play the first two positions.
 - d. **No team shall have two skips playing simultaneously**. Each position can be substituted using a player that plays the **same position or lower**. Thus the rules for each position are as follows:
 - i. **Skip:** Can be replaced by another skip/vice-skip/second/lead. The substitute skip **must play the lead position**; they **may not** call the game nor **provide strategy/shot input/advice**.
 - ii. **Vice-skip:** Can be replaced by another vice-skip/second/lead.
 - iii. **Front end players (leads/seconds):** Can be replaced by another front end player
7. **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**.