

EXCERPTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITIES POOL COUNCIL AS APPLICABLE TO THE NINE-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

E Competitions

Article 8 Competitions organised by the Council

Competitions entrance fees shall be detailed in the appropriate schedule.

Competition and playing rules shall be detailed in the appropriate schedule.

8.1 Eligibility to compete

8.1.1 Eligibility of players

To be eligible to compete in any competitions organised by the Council players must fulfil the following criteria. (This does not apply to players representing the Ireland Students, they are dealt with under 8.1.5):

(a) represent an eligible institution as defined under provision 8.1.4 either as part of a team or as an individual.

(b) have their participation authorised by the relevant authorities within their institution. The authorisation must be made by an official from the institution's athletic or student unions who are normally responsible for authorising such matters or a sabbatical officer of the union who has competence for sports clubs or societies. The authorisation shall take the form of a signature to that effect on the official entry forms. The Council shall have the right to question or reject such authorisation as it deems fit.

(c) be an internally registered student at that institution, that is being classified as a student by the university Registrar as an internal student and be registered on a credit rated course, that is a programme of study registered under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme, undertaking a programme of study equivalent to at least sixty credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a programme of study no less than fifty percent of the full time student programme.

Also eligible are:

(a) A sabbatical officer of either a student's union or an athletic union.

(b) A student completing their course of study within the sporting year.

(c) A student embarking on a sandwich course and / or year abroad course provided the duration of the course in industry is less than one year.

8.1.2 Ineligible players

(a) No student may compete for more than one institution in any one academic year.

(b) Students at 'franchised' colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the institutions.

(c) Externally registered students, as determined by the university's Registrar.

(d) Students undertaking 'foundation' courses are only eligible if their institution's Registry Office (or equivalent) deems them to fulfil the above eligibility requirements.

(e) Research assistants who are not students will be deemed ineligible.

8.1.3 Proof of Eligibility

Proof of student status will be required at the registration for a competition. This will normally require a student card issued by the authorities of that institution bearing the name, student number and photograph of the student. The card must also have a date of validity or expiry date. Undergraduate students who are not full-time should also provide a letter from their head of department or the university registrar detailing the number of credits they are undertaking in the current academic year. Postgraduate students require a similar letter

stating that they are undertaking a programme of study no less than fifty percent of the full-time student programme in accordance with 8.1.1(c) above. Should the card not bear a photograph of the student photographic proof of identity shall require a legal document such as a passport or photographic driving licence. Should the card not have a validity or expiry date a letter will be required from the university registrar confirming that the person is a current internally registered student.

The burden of proof shall fall on the individual to prove their eligibility to compete.

Any queries on eligibility must be made to the Council in advance. The decisions of the Council in this case are final.

Players who have been registered at an event are normally deemed to have had their eligibility confirmed by that fact. However, the Council reserves the right to investigate any eligibility queries that are lodged after the fact and, if proof be strong, the Tournament Director shall be able to impose an interim suspension on any player whose eligibility is called into question during an event.

8.1.4 Eligibility of institutions

Eligible institutions are those in membership of the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS).

8.1.5 Eligibility of players representing Ireland Students

Players representing Ireland Students must conform to eligibility criteria of HESPC and CUSAI.

8.2 Entry into tournaments

Entries will only be accepted if they are made on the official entry form and received before the relevant closing date with full payment. Proof of posting is not proof of delivery. Once paid, entry fees will not be refunded unless a team is excluded due to a decision by the Council. Cheques shall be made payable to the "Universities Pool Council".

8.3 Tournament organisation

Tournaments will be run by an organising committee composed of the Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Directors. The Executive Chair shall ex officio be Tournament Director unless it is provided otherwise.

8.4 Perpetual trophies

Perpetual trophies may be given into the custody of the winners of the various competitions but remain at all times the property of the Council. Once in custody of the winners they shall be responsible for the safety of the trophy.

SCHEDULE 3 REGULATIONS FOR ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS

A. General

1. The Council will undertake to run four competitions as follows:

- (i) Student Eight-ball Home Internationals.
- (ii) Eight-ball Pool Tournament.
- (iii) Women's Eight-ball Pool Tournament.
- (iv) Nine-ball Pool Tournament.

2. Control of all competitions is vested in the organising committee. In all matters, the decision of the Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Directors during an event are final. This includes any matters that may arise from time to time that are not included within these rules. No one other than the Tournament Directing Staff may mark the official results sheets or make any official announcements.

3. Entry: General

Entries are only deemed complete when the entry form and payment are received.

4. Entry: Team Competitions

- (a) Entry of multiple teams by an institution

An institution wanting to field more than one team must list teams in order of strength with the first team being the strongest and so on. Third teams will not be guaranteed entry. Their participation will depend on the numbers entering a competition and may be placed on a reserve list and selected by ballot should there be less places available than third teams desirous of taking part.

(b) Eligibility of Players

Only players listed on the official entry form will be eligible to play in the tournament. In the event of an institution entering multiple teams a player ascribed to a particular team on the entry form will not be allowed to play for a lower ranked team in the tournament unless 4(c) below applies. Players may be moved up from a lower to a higher ranked team or from the reserve list into a team. However reserves may only be promoted to the lowest ranked team and third team players may only be promoted to the second team.

(c) Demotion of players

In the event of an institution attending with less than the requisite number of players in a team and no players can be promoted from the lower ranked teams then it may be possible, at the sole discretion of the tournament director, to move players from a higher ranked team to a lower ranked team if that would result in the institution being able to field a team that would otherwise have to be withdrawn. In such a case it will be possible to demote the lowest player from the higher team to the lower ranked team provided the first team retain the minimum number of players required to form a team. In a similar fashion, where a third team is bereft of two players then it will be possible to demote the lowest ranked player from the first team to the second team and the lowest two ranked players from the second team to the third team provided the first and second teams retain the minimum number of players required to form their teams.

(d) Addition of names to the entry form

Teams wishing to add names to those on the official entry form may only do so via the authorised signatory on the official entry form. Additions will be subject to a £10.00 surcharge per player if made after the official closing date but before 17h00 on the Friday prior to the event. Changes made after this time but before there are less than forty-eight hours to the start of the event will be subject to a surcharge of £15.00 per player and any changes made within forty-eight-hours of the start of the event will be subject to a surcharge of £20.00 per player. Such players can only be added to the bottom ranked team from that institution.

(e) Promotion of reserves

Unless accommodation is booked centrally by the Council, there will be no charge for promoting a reserve. Should accommodation be booked centrally then changes made after 17h00 on the Friday prior to the event but before there are less than forty-eight hours to the start of the event will be subject to a surcharge of £5.00 per player and any changes made within forty-eight-hours of the start of the event will be subject to a surcharge of £10.00 per player.

(f) Withdrawal

A withdrawal of a team or teams will forfeit all entry fees and accommodation fees, if applicable. Teams withdrawing after the draw has been conducted will be referred to the Compliance Procedure.

5. Entry: Individual Competitions

(a) Entry limited

The total number of entrants to each individual competition will be limited. The exact number will be detailed in the relevant tournament information. Only players who are also playing the in relevant team competition may enter an individual championship except those falling under 5(c) below. Should a team withdraw from the event that institution will forfeit the equivalent number of places in the individual championship. Should a withdrawal leave an institution with no teams in the relevant team competition, that institution will then be treated as falling under 5(c) below.

(b) Entry Quotas

Each institution will be required to rank their entrants. Each institution sending a team will be given an equal quota of places in the relevant individual competition up to the maximum number of players in each team. Players will be selected according to their ranking on the

entry form. Seeded players are guaranteed entry and will not form part of their institution's quota unless they are from an institution unable to field a team (see (c) below). All entrants must also be named on their institutions' team entry form and play for their team in the associated team competition, failure to do so will disqualify the team from taking part in the event. Any places remaining unfilled will be allocated by ballot composed of the next ranked player from each institution who is outside the quota. All entrants excluded due to the quota will have their entry fees refunded.

(c) Entry of players from institutions without a team

An institution unable to field a team shall be entitled to enter a maximum of two players to compete in the Eight-ball Pool Individual Championship and they must also be ranked. Entry into the Nine-ball Pool and Women's Eight-ball Pool Individual Championships is restricted to one player per institution without a team.

(d) Replacement of withdrawals in advance of the draw

Should an institution wish to replace a withdrawn player they may do so by notifying the Tournament Director. Such players are treated in the same way as addition to teams and must conform to regulation 4(d) above. Once the draw has been conducted, seeded players will not be replaced and a bye will be entered into the draw.

(e) New entrants at the start of the event

It will be possible for a player who has not been entered into the event and is not replacing a withdrawn player, unless the withdrawn player was seeded, to play in the individual championship. Such players may put their names forward for a ballot. Players wishing to enter the ballot must register at the appropriate time as detailed in the tournament information and pay the full entry fee, unless such players are replacing a seed, in such a case entry into the ballot will be free of charge. All such players must conform to regulation (b) above. Players from an institution unable to field a team may only register for the ballot if the total entrants from that university is less than two for the Eight-ball Pool Championships and less than one for the Women's Eight-ball Pool and Nine-ball Pool Championships and that the institution has already submitted an entry form by the due date. Such players are treated in the same way as addition to teams and must conform to regulation 4(d) above. Once a player's name is drawn out of the ballot they will have five minutes to report to the competition desk. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of their place in the ballot and their entry fee. Further ballots will then be held until the place is filled. Should there be no remaining names in the ballot the player will be awarded a bye. At the conclusion of the final qualifying round, any names remaining in the ballot will have their entry fees refunded. Players replacing a withdrawn seeded player will have their names drawn out first, once they are exhausted others be drawn.

6. Registration

(a) General

Teams and individuals must register before taking part in any tournament. At registration the eligibility of players will be ascertained in accordance with Article 8.1 of the Constitution of the Council.

National Union of Student (NUS) cards are not an acceptable proof of eligibility.

(b) Burden of proof

It is the responsibility of each player to ensure in advance that they have the required documents to prove their eligibility. Without the correct documentation players will not be permitted to compete. No exceptions will be made. Any queries should be addressed in advance to the Universities Pool Council.

(c) No changes to team personnel after registration

After registration, no changes may be made to the personnel of any team.

(d) Late registration: teams

If teams are not registered before the time announced for the start of the team event they will be scratched from the competition. Should only part of a team have registered before the announced start time they will be allowed to play their match as long as they have the minimum number of players required by the regulations of the tournament concerned. Should they have fewer than this number they will default that match and all other matches until the required number have registered.

(e) Late registration: individuals

Players who are not registered before the announced closing time for registrations shall be scratched from the event.

7. Captains' meeting

Before a tournament commences all captains must attend the Captains' meeting where details of the organisation of the competition will be given. Captains are then obliged to communicate the details to their players. Failure to attend such a meeting will incur a fine of £10.00 which must be paid before any representative of that university will be allowed to play in the tournament.

8. Players' meeting

Before the tournament commences a Players' meeting may be called. All individual players who are not members of a team must attend the Players' meeting where details of the organisation of the competition will be given.

9. Practice

No practice will be allowed on any table once the Championships have begun. If a table is free practice will not normally be allowed. However a request to practise on such a table may be made to the Tournament Director who will have the right to refuse the request if he/she deems fit.

10. Player behaviour

(a) General

Players are expected to behave in a disciplined and sporting manner and abide by the rules and constitution of the Council. Players must not behave in a way that is negative towards other players, the Council, Tournament Directing Staff, the venue in which the Tournament is taking place or members of its staff or the official Tournament hotel, if one be designated, or members of its staff.

(b) Quietness

Players should maintain a decent level of quietness at all times when matches are in progress.

(c) Mobile phones

If a player uses a mobile whilst involved in a frame it will be assessed a violation of the coaching rule and penalised according to the rules of the game.

(d) Concession

If a player unscrews her/his jointed playing cue when the opponent is at the table it will be considered a concession and the match be awarded accordingly. This does not apply if the player is unscrewing a piece of equipment which is not normally part of the playing cue, for example, an extension. Players should refrain from doing this when the opponent is taking a shot.

11. Reasonable Adjustment

The UPC values players from all backgrounds and aims to create and maintain an inclusive playing environment where everyone is encouraged to reach his or her full potential. The UPC seeks to embrace and comply where possible with the principles held within the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and similar legislation, and commits to the concept of reasonable adjustments as defined by the DDA. Where any player with a pre-existing condition feels that this may apply to them at a forthcoming UPC event, the UPC should be notified at the earliest opportunity before the event begins and if applicable appropriate medical evidence supplied in order for any adjustment to be made. Any situation arising during a UPC event should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director immediately, again with any available medical evidence if applicable. Players are wholly responsible for informing the UPC where a reasonable adjustment is required. Adjustments cannot be made in retrospect and the UPC cannot be expected to make an adjustment of which it has not been informed. Adjustments will be made until the end of the current playing season unless the player informs the UPC otherwise. A new application for reasonable adjustment must be made separately for each subsequent season and will be considered on its merits. The UPC will handle each case in the strictest confidence

12. Behaviour of supporters

Teams are held responsible for the good behaviour of their supporters attending an event.

13. Playing area restrictions

Should a playing area be defined then only players involved in a frame may enter such and they must conform to the dress code.

14. Dress code

(a) Unless specified otherwise, players must be dressed according to the following specification:

Male: formal collared shirts or polo shirts; waistcoats are permitted if worn over a formal collared shirt; black tailored trousers and black shoes.

Female: formal collared shirts/blouse or polo shirts; waistcoats are permitted if worn over a formal collared shirt/blouse; black tailored trousers or knee length skirt and black shoes.

Strictly not permitted: any hooded top, any form of hat or cap.

Definitions

Shirts: formal collared shirts or polo shirts which must be plain. The shirts may not bear any writing or insignia on their fronts or sleeves other than the institutional crest and/or name. A sponsor's logo and/or name is also permitted. On the reverse the players name and number may be written, the name may take nickname form provided that it is not deemed to be offensive. A sponsor's logo and/or name is also permitted. No T-shirts or sports jerseys.

Trousers: black tailored trousers must be worn. No studs; no combat styles; no jeans; no tracksuit or jogging bottoms.

Shoes: black; no trainers; no smart-casual shoes.

The dress code applies to both players involved in any frame. Players failing to comply with the dress code will forfeit their current frame and one successive frame for each five minutes that they do not conform to the dress code. Should both players in an individual match fail to conform to the dress code two frames will be removed from the match distance for each five minutes both players fail to conform to the dress code. Should there be only one possible frame remaining, that is the match is tied in the final frame, then it will be played but the winning player's opponent in the next match will start one frame to the good. If two players fail to conform to the dress code in a team match then that frame will be declared void and removed from the matchsheet. In the Nine-ball Team Championship, matches will be treated as individual matches under this regulation. The dress code also applies to any players collecting mementoes at the presentation ceremony. Such players must also comply with the dress code during the official photographs.

If any individual or team captain is in doubt as to the interpretation of any of these stipulations, they are advised to contact the Tournament Director prior to the event or at the earliest opportunity. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final as regards to whether a player conforms to the dress code.

15. Team competitions: general regulations

(a) Match card

One captain shall complete his/her part of the card and supervise her/his opposite number doing the same.

(b) Team order

The team order may change from match to match however no changes are permitted once the match card is completed.

(c) Reporting of results

The captain of the winning team must return the match card to the competition desk immediately after the conclusion of the match.

16. Individual competitions: general regulations

(a) Format

Shall be single elimination.

(b) Reporting of results

The winner must report the result of the match and bring the cue ball to the Competition Desk immediately after the conclusion of the match.

(c) Prize Money

A prize fund may be available for individual competitions. Where it is available Prize monies will only be paid out when the tournament has concluded in accordance with the Constitution and relevant Schedules.

The prize fund will be determined by doubling and rounding down the number of entries to the nearest fifty. This number will form the winner's prize. Prizes for subsequent placings will equal half of the prize money paid out to the level immediately above rounded up to the nearest five. The prize money will cease to be paid when the final total payable is less than twenty-five pounds sterling before any rounding up or at the Last 32 stage of the Eight-ball Individual Championship; Last 16 of the Nine-ball Individual Championship; and Quarter-finals of the Women's Individual Championship. The prize fund for a winner will be capped at £500 and the other prizes awarded according to the formula. The minimum prize fund will be £100 to the winner and the other prizes awarded according to the formula.

17. Early departure

Players or teams who have to leave a tournament, for whatever reason, while still involved should inform the tournament director that they are scratching from the tournament. Teams failing to fulfil their fixtures in a group will have their records expunged. Such scratches will be referred to the Compliance Procedure.

18. Presentation Ceremonies

All medal and trophy winners are expected to attend the appropriate presentation ceremony. Failure to attend will result in their memento being withheld and the matter being referred to the Disciplinary Committee for the possible imposition of a fine. The presentation ceremony includes the official photographs. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, the presentation ceremony will be substantially later than scheduled this regulation may be relaxed and mementoes be awarded for events that have concluded in advance of the conclusion of the whole tournament.

19. Safekeeping and return of perpetual trophies

(a) Guarantee of safekeeping and return

The winning team or individual awarded a perpetual trophy must undertake to guarantee its safekeeping and return. The winning team shall, on being presented with the trophy, read and sign the following: 'we (winning team) having been declared to have won the (perpetual trophy name) for the current year, and having the same delivered to us by or on behalf of the Universities Pool Council, do hereby, collectively and individually, engage to return the said trophy to the Universities Pool Council on or before the opening day of the competition for the said trophy in the following year or after a calendar year if no competition is organised in good order and condition, and in accordance to the rules of the Universities Pool Council to which also we have subscribed our respective names'.

(b) Safekeeping

The location in which the trophy will be kept must be sent in writing to the Executive Chair. Teams must either provide a copy of the insurance policy covering the trophy against any damage or theft whilst it is kept at that location or pay a bond which will be refunded on the safe return of the trophy. If the trophy is being kept by an institutional third party, such as at an Athletic Union, then an official letter from them stating that the trophy is covered against damage or theft will be accepted in lieu of the insurance policy. Failure to supply the required documents within one month of receiving the trophy will be penalised by a fine of £20.00 which will be increased at the rate of £10.00 per week until the required documents are supplied or the total accumulated fine reaches £100.00 at which point the trophy must be returned immediately or legal action will be taken to recover the trophy.

(c) Return

The trophy shall be returned at the start of the following sporting year's competition for the same trophy. It shall be returned polished and in good condition with the winning team and year engraved in the correct place in the following format: "year" "team name" (e.g. 2004-2005 University of x). Should the trophy be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the winning team they shall refund the cost of the trophy or the cost of thoroughgoing repair in addition to any other penalty which the Council may impose. Any costs of repair or retrospective engraving shall also be levied against the holders.

Exception: Student Eight-ball Home Internationals Championship Trophy

The trophy shall be returned at a date set by the Council. Engraving will be undertaken by the Council.

D. Nine-ball Tournament

1. Competitions

Will be composed of three competitions:

- (i) 'Team Championship' for first teams only.
- (ii) 'Team Trophy', open to all team unless they have qualified for the Championship.
- (iii) 'Individual Championship'.

2. Playing rules

The competition shall be played according to the rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA).

3. Entry fees

The entry fee for individuals is set at £25.00 to include team and individual championships.

4. Timeouts

Each player will be allowed one timeout per match and shall be for a maximum of five minutes. A timeout may only be taken in between racks. A player may not call a timeout before the first rack has begun. Once a match is called, play must begin. Should any player be absent between reporting for play and the commencement of the first rack the first rack will be forfeited as will each succeeding rack for each five minutes the player is absent. The offending player will also forfeit the timeout. If this should happen in a team match before the lag has been concluded then the offending player's team will forfeit the first rack and each succeeding rack for each five minutes the player is absent. Should a player leave whilst a rack is in progress, the player shall forfeit that rack and each succeeding rack for each five minute period the player is absent from the table. The player shall also forfeit the timeout. Should a player take longer than the five minutes allowed the player shall forfeit the next rack and each succeeding rack for each further five minutes absent from the table. In matches without a referee the player must report the taking of a timeout to one of the Tournament Directing staff who will time the timeout. During the timeout it is forbidden to have a conversation with anybody. Other unsporting conduct is not allowed during a timeout on penalty of defaulting the match. The player who has not called a timeout must be seated in the immediate vicinity of the table on which the match is being played during the timeout. Should that player leave he or she will be deemed to have used a timeout. Should any provisions of this rule be violated twice during a match the player will forfeit the match.

5. Slow play

If a match in a team or individual competition has not reached fifty percent of the total racks to be played by the time fifty percent of the time allocated for that match has elapsed or on the request of a team captain when playing in a team match or a player in an individual match the Tournament Director may institute a shot clock as detailed in the WPA Regulations. The Tournament Director may also institute a shot clock at any time after fifty percent of the time allocated for that match has elapsed at his/her discretion.

6. Races

Races in team and individual competition will in all matches be first to five.

7. Order of play

In all matches each player will lag for break. The winner of the lag shall determine who shall break the first rack. The winner breaks format will determine the breaker of the remaining racks.

8. Team Championship/Trophy format

(a) Teams are composed of four players, any three of which will play in a given match. The minimum number of players a team may enter shall be three. Teams may not enter with less than this number. At registration a minimum of three members must register. Teams will not be allowed to register with less than this number. If teams are already involved in a competition and are left with less than three players for whatever reason they shall be removed from the competition and their results expunged.

(b) The competition shall be conducted over two phases. In the first phase teams will be placed in groups where play will follow a double elimination format.

(c) Match format: A match shall be composed of three sets. Each set involves a player from the first named team playing against an opponent from the second named team as determined by the match card. All three sets will be played simultaneously. Once a team wins two sets that team shall be declared the winner. Should a third set still be in progress it shall stop immediately and a 2-0 result will be recorded.

(d) Lateness: a team failing to report within five minutes of the announcement of their match will forfeit a frame for each table on which the match is scheduled to take place. They will forfeit further frames in the same manner for each further five minutes. Players are responsible for knowing the time of their match and to listen to announcements made regarding the commencement of their match. A team will not be permitted to start a match with less than three players present in accordance with (a) above. Should two teams be involved in the winners bracket be deemed to have defaulted the match they shall both be disqualified from the event as two teams cannot take up the one place available in the one loss bracket.

(e) For the first phase teams will be divided into four groups each containing a maximum of eight teams. Should there be less than eight teams in a group byes will be allocated as per the drawsheet.

(f) The competing teams shall be divided into eight tranches. The holder will automatically be first seed and placed in Tranche 1. The remainder of the first teams will be allocated to the tranches as per the ranking list. Once all first teams have been allocated, second and third teams will be allocated to the remaining places.

(g) The draw will be made in such a way that teams from the same university will not be drawn together in the same group as far as is practicable. The group containing the first seed will be denoted Group A, the group containing the second seed will be denoted Group B, the group containing the third seed will be denoted Group C and the group containing the fourth seed will be denoted Group D.

(h) Following the allocation of teams to their respective groups, the teams shall be placed on the drawsheet in position according to their seeding.

(i) Should teams withdraw after the draw has been made and before the Tournament has begun teams may be reallocated to different groups to equalise the number of teams in each group as far as possible.

(j) Teams obtaining a tied ranking in the groups will be separated firstly by awarding the higher placing on the basis of strength of schedule, that is, the team losing to the highest ranked team in the group shall be placed the higher. Should teams remain tied, the higher placing shall be determined by the result of the match in which they were eliminated. The higher placing will be awarded to the team scoring the most sets, should the remain tied, the most racks scored. If teams remain tied and breaking the tie has a bearing on qualification each team shall nominate a player who will

shoot-out to break the tie. If the tie has no bearing on qualification for the playoffs the teams shall be declared tied.

(k) Second phase

On conclusion of the first phase teams will qualify for the playoffs as follows:

The two highest ranked first teams in a group will qualify for the Championship playoffs. Should a first team finish fail to win a match in their group but still be one of the two highest placed first teams they will not be entitled to take their place in the playoffs and a bye will be given to their would-be opponents. The draw for the second phase will be determined by the finishing positions in the groups and will be as follows:

Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals
1. WA v RC	W 1 v W 2
2. WD v RB	
3. WB v RD	
4. WC v RA	W 3 v W 4

The highest placed team in a group that has not qualified for the Championship playoffs will qualify for the Trophy playoffs. The draw for the second phase will be determined by the finishing positions in the groups and will be as follows:

Semi-Finals
1. G A v G B
2. G C v G D

9. Qualifying Competition

Should the number of teams entered be greater than thirty-two a qualifying competition will be arranged composed of third teams selected on the basis of their ranking. Should further teams be required second teams will also be selected using the ranking list. Teams will be placed into groups in which play will follow a double elimination format.

10. Individual Championship

(a) The draw for the qualifying rounds and first round proper, which shall be drawn in advance, shall be done so that players from the same university are kept apart, as far as is practicable. The draw for all succeeding rounds shall be made on the conclusion, or near conclusion of the previous round with all players in a single pot.

(b) Eight players will be seeded to the Last 64 Round which shall be designated the first round proper. The holder will be automatically first seed, the second and subsequent seeds will be taken in order from the ranking list. Seeded players will enter the competition at the first proper round and cannot meet in that round.

(c) Lateness: players failing to report within five minutes of the announcement of their match will forfeit the first frame and shall forfeit the next frame and each succeeding frame for each further five minutes. Players are responsible for knowing the time of their match and to listen to announcements made regarding the commencement of their match.

11. Mementoes

Will be awarded to the following depending on the funds of the Council:

- (i) Plaques to the winning teams in the Championship and Trophy.
- (ii) Medals to the four members of the winning teams in the Championship and Trophy.
- (iii) Medals to the four members of the runner-up teams in the Championship and Trophy.
- (iv) Medals to the four members of each Team Championship losing semi-finalist and the winner of the Team Trophy third place playoff.
- (v) Memento to the Individual Champion
- (vi) Memento to the runner-up in the Individual Championship final.
- (vii) Mementoes to each Individual Championship losing semi-finalist.

SCHEDULE 6 INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY STATEMENT

UPC Values: Respect, Integrity, Ambition, Knowledge, Innovation, Responsibility, Flexibility.

The UPC seeks to create and maintain an inclusive, supportive environment which values both staff and participants alike, and respects the contribution they make, driving forward a culture of diversity, and actively promoting the professional standards expected to ensure its services are delivered with fairness, integrity and professionalism. In addition, all staff and participants can expect to be treated by others with respect, dignity and courtesy.

The UPC recognises that its events should reflect the diversity of society and is committed to developing a productive environment in which everyone feels valued and where individual differences are fully utilised to best meet organisational goals.

Where any member of staff, or any participant, feels aggrieved as a result of unfair, discriminatory or unlawful treatment, the UPC has established processes to deal with such matters appropriately. This would include any circumstances where an individual might feel subject to harassment, bullying or intimidating behaviour. The UPC views such behaviour as unacceptable and will not tolerate such behaviour to any degree.

As an organisation, the UPC is committed to the UPC Values and to taking proactive steps to:

- eliminate discrimination;***
- eliminate harassment;***
- promote good relations; and***
- promote equality of opportunity for all.***