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**TO: DISTRICT SECRETARIES
EXECUTIVE
MEDIA**

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PLAYING PROGRAM AND FORMAT FOR THE 2017 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A council decision was taken at the 2016 Annual General Meeting to adopt the following playing program and format for the 2017 Men's and Women's National Championships

PAIRS (No change to the current format and entry)

Section of six playing 15 end round robin games on the Saturday and Sunday. First round of playoffs on Sunday afternoon

FOURS (No change to the current format and entry fee)

Section of six playing 15 end round robin games on the Monday and Tuesday. First round of playoffs on Tuesday afternoon

SINGLES

There will be no entry fee

Games to be played to 21 shots with four [4] bowls on a knockout format.

A straight draw restricted to 256 open and 128 senior entries with the previous year's finalists gaining an automatic entry. Play to start on the Wednesday and continue on Thursday.

Should the entries, received by the time the draw is to be done, exceed 256 (Open) and 128 (Seniors) respectively a draw will be carried out to decide the participants in each event. The names of those entries that are unsuccessful will be retained to replace withdrawals in the order in which they were drawn.

One week prior to the start of the tournament the list containing the remainder of the original entries will become defunct and any withdrawals that occur within that week or during the pair's and fours disciplines will be replaced by a draw conducted from a list that will be available at each of the pair's venues. Only players who are participating in the pairs and fours will be entitled to place their names on this list.

The draw is not closed up in the event of a "no show". The opposition shall have a walk-over in the first round.

PLYOFFS

Playoffs for all disciplines will continue on Thursday (for those not involved in the Singles), Friday and Saturday, with the finals scheduled for Sunday morning.

Entries may dictate a change to the playoff schedules.

**JOHN RAVENSCROFT
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