

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The Schedule of Play is as follows (subject to adjustments depending on the number of entries and technical requirements):

Friday 12th	- 12.00/20.00	- Mixed Teams Registration
	- 20.30	- Opening Ceremony
Saturday 13th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams Qualification in Groups, 5 Rounds
	- 20.00	- Captains Meeting
Sunday 14th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams Qualification Swiss
	- 12.00/24.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration
	- 20.30	- Captains' Meeting
Monday 15th	- 08.30/10.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration
	- 10.00	- Mixed Teams (16 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1st Session)
	- 15.00	- Mixed Teams (8 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 15.30	- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 2nd Session)
Tuesday 16th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams (4 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 3rd Session)
	- 15.30	- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 4th Session)
	- 15.30	- Mixed Teams (Semi-final)
Wednesday 17th	- 10.30	- Mixed Teams (Final 1st Session)
	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1st Session)
	- 14.45	- Mixed Teams (Final 2nd & 3rd Sessions)
	- 15.30	- Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2nd Session)
Thursday 18th	- 10.30	- Mixed Pairs (Final A & B 1st Session)
	- 15.30	- Mixed Pairs (Final A & B 2nd Session, Final C)
	- 12.00/20.00	- O/W/S Teams Registration
	- 20.00	- Mixed Championships Prize-giving Ceremony
Friday 19th	- 10.00/18.00	- O/ W/ S Teams Registration
	- 20.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying in Groups , 2 rounds)
	- 20.00	- Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	- 10.30	- Open Teams (Qualifying in Groups, 5 rounds)
	- 10.30	- Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin
	- 17.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 2 rounds)
Sunday 21st	- 10.30	- Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 5 rounds)
	- 10.30	- Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin
	- 12.00/20.00	- O/ W/ S Pairs Registration
	- 20.00	- Captains' meeting
Monday 22nd	-08.30/10.00	- O/ W/ S Pairs Registration
	- 10.00	- Open Teams (16 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Qualifying 1st Session)
	- 15.00	- O/ W/ S Teams (8 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 16.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Qualifying 2nd Session)
Tuesday 23rd	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Teams (4 <sup>^</sup> Final)
	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Qualifying 3rd Session)
	- 15.00	- O/ W/ S Teams (Semi-final)
	- 16.00	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Qualifying 4th Session)
Wednesday 24th	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Teams (Final 1st Session)
	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1st Session)
	- 14.45	- O/ W/ S Teams (Final 2nd & 3rd Sessions)
	- 16.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2nd Session)
	- 20.00	- O/ W/ S Teams Prize-giving Ceremony

Thursday 25th	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 3rd Session)
	- 15.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 4th Session)
Friday 26h	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Final A, B & C 1st Session)
	- 11.00	- EBL President's Press Conference
	- 15.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Final A, B & C 2nd Session)
Saturday 27th	- 10.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Final A & B 3rd Session)
	- 15.30	- O/ W/ S Pairs (Final A & B 4th Session)
	- 20.00	- O/ W/ S Pairs Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony

## 5. TEAMS COMPETITIONS

The teams events, in Open and Mixed categories, shall consist of the following:

- i) The teams are divided in groups of 6 and play a complete Round-robin of 10 boards. The teams will be assigned to the different groups by the Championship Committee according to criteria based on their strength, to seek an equal and well balanced subdivision of the groups and taking into account, whenever possible, that teams from the same NBO do not play each other;
- ii) At the end of the Round-robin the first 2 teams from each group will qualify for Swiss A and the other teams for Swiss B. In Mixed Swiss the teams will play 5 rounds and in Open Swiss 7 rounds of 10 boards each with the Swiss system.
- iii) The Open teams the 1st and 2nd ranked teams receive a carry over of respectively 6 and 3 VP entering the Swiss A. The teams ranked 4th and 5th receive a carry over of respectively 2 and 1 VP entering the Swiss B. The matches for the 1st round in the Swiss are randomly chosen using the so composed ranking and the Swiss procedure.
- iv) Errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that or any other matches.
- v) The first 27 teams of Swiss A and the first 5 teams of Swiss B will qualify for the K.O. phase without a carry-over;
- vi) The K.O. matches will be played over 28 boards (2 sessions of 14 boards), except the Final which will be played over 48 boards (3 sessions of 16 boards). The teams losing the Semi-final will be qualified third and will be awarded the Bronze medal;
- vii) Provided they have previously registered their intended entry on due time, pairs losing the Quarter-final or the Semi-final can play in the Pairs event of the same category, and under the same condition pairs of the teams in the Final can enter into the Pairs Final of the same category;
- viii) For the K.O. phases the highest ranked teams in the Swiss A pick a team from the teams 9 to 32, where the team ranked 1st in Swiss B gets rank 28 and so on. After these first eight choices the right to select the opponent passes to the highest remaining seeded team and so on until the bracket will be completed. For the purposes of composing brackets the number in the bracket is determined by the order of the selection.