

# Canada Cup Schedule Insights

## **Guiding Principles:**

- Limit inter Provincial match ups within round robin
- 6-7 matches overall per team with a minimum 3-4 hours break in between
- Opportunity to play unique matches within the event
- · Focus on playoffs vs pool play results

## **Boys - Red/White**

The VNL style schedule was used to accommodate the uneven number of teams in each division, while maintaining the total number of games. Schedule was designed to split equally or favor playoff matches over pool play matches.

Teams play 3 pool matches each, resulting in an in-pool seed of 1-5/6/7. \*\*1 team from Red will crossover against 1 team in White for Pool Play to ensure each team plays 3 pool games.

For the White Division, the top team from Pool K and the top 2 teams from Pool L will receive byes to the Quarters. Byes were determined by overall seed to allow more crossover matches and create as many unique match ups as possible. (Even number of teams coming from each pool)

The losers of the Pre-Quarters in the White Division will play a round robin, to determine placements.

The remaining 8 teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, the winners moving on to play for 1st-4th. The losing teams will enter a consolation bracket to play for 5th-8th.

For the Red Division, the top 2 teams from Pool I and the top team from Pool J will receive byes to the Quarters. Byes were not determined by overall seed to allow more crossover matches and create as many unique match ups as possible. (Even number of teams coming from each pool)

The losers of the Pre-Quarters in the Red Division will enter the bottom half of the Consolation Bracket to playoff for 9-13th.

The remaining 8 teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, the winners moving on to play for 1st-4th. The losing teams will enter a consolation bracket to play for 5th-8th.



#### Girls - Red

Uneven pools were used over a VNL style to help give truer pool rankings to create more accurate playoff match ups.

There are 4 pools, 1 pool of 5 and 3 pools of 4. Teams from Pool D will play 4 pool games, and teams in Pools E, F and G, will each play 3.

The top 2 teams from each pool will head to the Championship bracket, and compete in the Quarterfinals, the winners moving on to play for 1<sup>st</sup>-4th. The losing teams will enter a consolation bracket to play for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

The bottom 9 teams will head into the Consolation bracket. The last place team from Pool D, will compete against the last place team from E in a Pre-Quarterfinal. From there, teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, the winners moving on to play for 9-12th. Quarterfinal match ups were adjusted to avoid potential replays, due to the 5-team pool and Pre-Quarter.

The Quarterfinal losing teams will enter a consolation bracket to play for 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The loser of the Pre-Quarterfinal has a second chance opportunity to play back into the lower half of the consolation playoff (13-17<sup>th</sup>). The team who loses this game finishes in 17<sup>th</sup> place.

#### **Girls - White**

Standard 12 team draw, with 3 pools of 4. Each team plays 3 pool games.

The top 3 teams from each pool, plus the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team from pool C, will receive byes to the Quarterfinals. Pre-Quarter crossovers are set up to play the highest seed remaining against the lowest seed.

The losers of the Pre-Quarters will enter the bottom half of the Consolation Bracket to playoff for 9-12<sup>th</sup>.

The remaining 8 teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, the winners moving on to play for 1<sup>st</sup>-4th. The losing teams will enter a consolation bracket to play for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.