

5-8 January 2017













Chairman's Welcome

I am pleased to welcome you all, on behalf of the organising committee, to the Mercure City of Perth Masters 2017, a Curling Champions Tour Event. A massive thank you to our title sponsor, Mercure Perth Hotel, our presenting sponsor Perth Honda and to Perth & Kinross Council and Le Gruyère for their continued excellent support of this event. This is the Number 1 men's curling event in Europe and is used as preparation by many teams for Worlds and Olympics. You can see from the 32 team draw we have a great mix of teams from all over the globe competing to be crowned Masters Champion. Enjoy Perth and Perthshire for what it has to offer and I look forward to many exciting games of curling and the usual sociable curling fellowship off the ice!

Pete Loudon *Chairman, Mercure City of Perth Masters*

Perth & Kinross Council Provost's Welcome

I am delighted to welcome all competitors, officials, friends, families and supporters to the City of Perth for the Mercure City of Perth Masters 2017.

I would like to give a very special welcome to all the teams competing at the Dewars Centre this year from China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Sweden and Switzerland.

The Mercure City of Perth Masters tournament is usually the first sporting event of the year, and with its large delegation of overseas players and supporters, it truly gives Perth a great international start to the year.

Whilst Curling is a very popular sport across the world, it is very much a traditional Scottish winter sport, and has great historic links to the Perth and Kinross area.

I would like to extend you all my best wishes for an enjoyable weekend here in the Fair City and I wish all competitors every success in the tournament - may the best team win!

Liz Grant Provost of Perth and Kinross

Friday 6 January @ 7.45 pm

Masters Dinner

Part of the tradition of our event is the Masters Dinner at which competitors and supporters meet in a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

This is an occasion when we can acknowledge the generosity of all our sponsors

All teams are requested to attend the Masters Dinner in the Mercure Perth Hotel.



Welcome From Our Title Sponsor -Mercure Perth Hotel



A warm welcome to the teams and spectators at the 2017 Mercure City of Perth Masters! It gives me great pleasure to once again renew our sponsorship with the competition and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the teams from various countries around the world to Perth and to Scotland.

The Mercure Perth Hotel management team, the organising committee under the leadership of Bill Duncan and Peter Loudon, the many volunteers and lovers of the sport have been working closely together on ensuring that the Mercure City of Perth Masters is another successful event. I wanted to acknowledge everyone's hard work and commitment and pass on my appreciation and thanks. Indeed the last

few years' finals have given us breathtaking closing moments which kept both the teams and spectators interest to the last stone.

I am sure the game will once again be played in the right spirit, excellent sportsmanship and outstanding Curling skills. I am very proud and honoured to be associated with the Masters and in being the main sponsor of this prestige event. I am looking forward to experiencing the match and presenting the trophy to the winning team.

Once again a very warm welcome to Perth and to Scotland.

Gabriella Maltesics

General Manager, Mercure Perth Hotel





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How The Draw Works

The Mercure City of Perth Masters is a triple knockout tournament. No team can be eliminated from the tournament until they have lost three games - this means that all teams are guaranteed at least three games.

All teams start in the A Road. Teams who keep winning remain in the A Road and progress directly to the Quarter Finals where there are two places for qualifiers from the A Road. A Road games are coded **green** in the draw.

Teams who lose a game in the A Road are relegated to the B Road. If they win all of their subsequent games they progress to the Quarter Finals where there are two places for qualifiers from the B Road. B Road games are coded **blue** in the draw.

Teams who lose a second game (ie a defeat in the A Road followed by another defeat in the B Road) are relegated to the C Road where the life and death of the tournament takes place. The teams who win progress to the Quarter Finals whereas the teams who lose exit the tournament at that point. There are four places in the Quarter Finals for qualifiers from the C Road. C Road games are coded **red** in the draw.

From the Quarter Finals onwards the tournament is a straight knockout.

Knockout games are also coded **gold** in the draw.

The first four teams knocked out on Friday night will play in the Lucky Losers Semi Finals at 2.45 pm on Saturday with the winners playing each other in the Final at 8.00 pm on Saturday - the victorious team will receive £200.

Umpires

Alan Stanfield, Christine Shaw and David Imlay.

Rules

WCF rules will be used throughout the tournament subject to the following modifications:

- 1 In the event of a dispute the decision of the Chief Umpire will be final.
- 2 All games will be 8 ends throughout the competition.
- 3 During the triple knockout stages the winner of the coin toss has the choice between stone colour and 1st practice/LSD **or** choice of side of sheet for draw to the button and 2nd practice/LSD.
- 4 Throughout the knockout stages of play A Road qualifiers will have the advantage of last stone at the first end when playing B or C Road qualifiers. B Road qualifiers will have similar advantage when playing C Road qualifiers.
- 5 In the event of a drawn game, one extra end will be played. If the teams remain level after the extra end, one draw to the button by a nominated member of each team will determine a winner.

The current "WCF Policies and Rules for Brush Heads and Brushing" (updated 15 November 2016) will apply at the 2017 Perth Masters.

Prizes

The Prize Pot of £18,500 this year means that The Masters remains in the top rank of tournaments in the world. The winners will receive the City of Perth Mercure Masters trophy and £6,500.

Place	Cash	
Winner	£6,500	
Runner-Up	£4,000	
Semi (x 2)	£1,600	
5th (x 4)	£750	
9th (x 4)	£400	

Mercure City of Perth Masters wishes our teams a Good New Year and Good Curling in 2017

China

Team China Liu Rui Xu Xiaoming Zou Oiana Zana Jialiana Ba Dexin

Czech Republic

Team Sik David Sik Radek Bohac Tomas Paul Mila Polivka

Czech Republic

Team Snitil Jiri Snitil Lukas Klima Martin Snitil Jindrick Kitzberger

Denmark Team Grønbach

Martin Uhd Grønbech Ulrik Damm Daniel Abrahamsen Nicolai Frederiksen

Finland Team Kauste

Aku Kauste Kasper Hakunti Pauli Jaamies Janne Pitko

Germany Team Baumann

Alexander Baumann Manuel Walter Daniel Herberg Ryan Sherrard

Japan

Team Morozumi Yusuke Morozumi Tetsuro Shimizu Tsuyoshi Yamaquchi Kosuke Morozumi

Latvia

Team Truksans Martins Truksans Ainars Gulbis Arnis Veidemanis Rihards Jeske

Netherlands

Team van Dorp Jaap van Dorp Wouter Gösgens Laurens Hoekman Carlo Glasbergen

Norway

Team Foss Kristian Foss Michael Mellemseter Andreas S Hårstad Morten I Hovdal

Norway

Team Ramsfiell Magnus Ramsfiell Bendik Ramsfiell Magnus Vågberg Eskil Vintervold

Norway

Team Ulsrud Thomas Ulsrud Torger Nergård Christoffer Syae Håvard Vad Petersson

Norway Team Walstad

Steffen Walstad Markus Hoibera Magnus Nedregotten Alexander Lindstroem

Russia Team Russia

Alexey Stukalskyi Anton Kalalb Evgeny Arkhipov Artur Razhabov Alexander Kozyrev

Scotland

Team Brewster Tom Brewster Glen Muirhead Ross Paterson Hammy McMillan

Scotland

Team Bryce Cameron Bryce Robin Brydone Euan Kyle Frazer Shaw

Scotland

Team Fraser Ally Fraser Ruairidh Greenwood Calum Greenwood Anaus Dowell

Scotland

Team Hardie Grant Hardie Blair Fraser Dave Reid Duncan Menzies

Scotland

Team MacDonald Ewan MacDonald **David Edwards** Duncan Fernie **Euan Byers**

Scotland

Team Mouat Bruce Mouat Bobby Lammie Derrick Sloan Gregor Cannon Alasdair Schreiber

Scotland

Team Murdoch **David Murdoch** Grea Drummond Scott Andrews Michael Goodfellow

Scotland

Team Taylor Stuart Taylor Fraser Davidson Chay Telfer Tbc

Scotland

Team Whyte Ross Whyte Callum Kinnear Rvan McCormack Duncan McFadzean

Sweden

Team Eskilsson Gustav Eskilsson Patric Mabergs Fredrik Nyman Johannes Patz

Sweden

Team Jungen Björn Jungen Tim Jungen Nevio Guadalupi Daniel Oester

Switzerland

Team Attinger Felix Attinger Daniel Schifferli Bastian Brun Urs Kuhn

Switzerland

Team Brunner Michael Brunner Stefan Stähli **Neal Schwenter** Chahan Karnusian

Switzerland

Team de Cruz Benoit Schwarz Claudio Pätz Peter de Cruz Valentin Tanner

Switzerland Team Hess

Yves Hess Rainer Kobler Michael Müller Fabian Schmid

Switzerland Team Pfister

Marc Pfister Enrico Pfister Raphael Maerki Simon Gempeler

Switzerland

Team Schwaller Yannick Schwaller Reto Keller Romano Meier Marcel Kräuter

TBC

Team *

Masters Calcutta

Thursday 5 January @ 7.00 pm in the Gannochy Suite

Everyone is welcome to come along and bid for their favourite team - or any other team they think will make them some money! Join us afterwards for stovies or curry.

10% of the pot is retained by the organisers. The remainder will be paid out at the completion of the competition as follows:

40% - purchaser of 1st place team

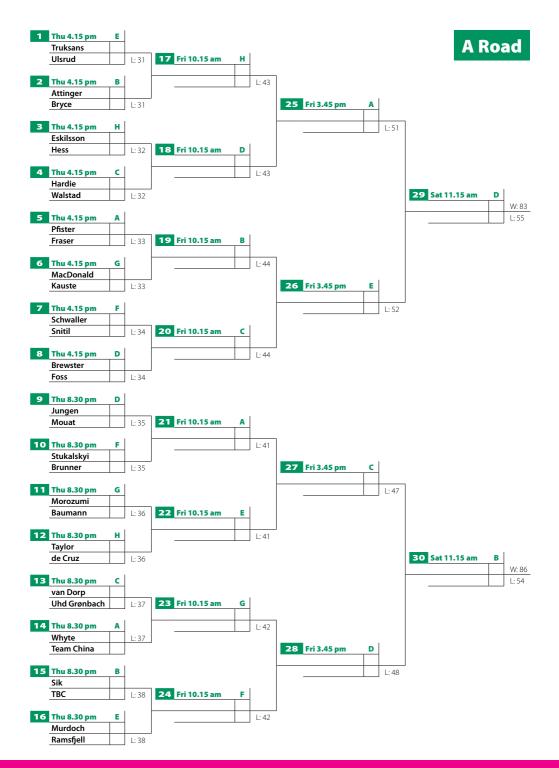
10% - purchaser of 4th place team

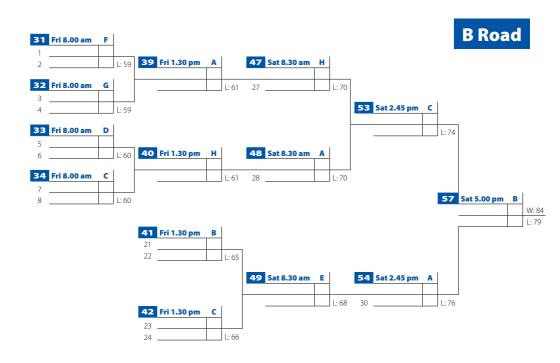
20% - purchaser of 2nd place team

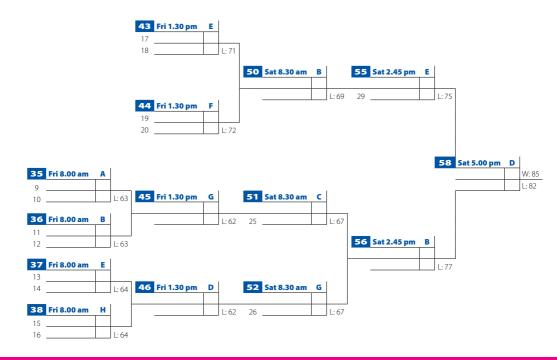
5% - purchaser of 5th-8th place teams

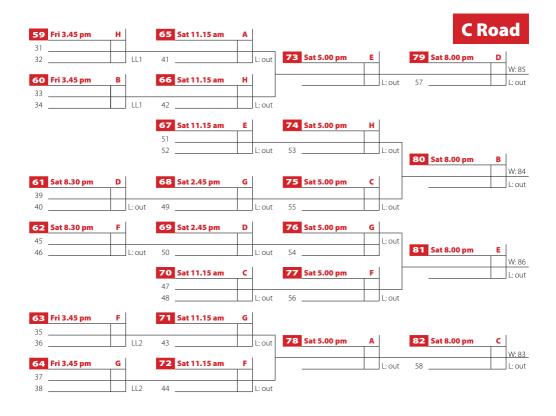
20% - purchaser of 3rd place team

Teams	Sale Price	Running Total	Purchaser/Syndicate Name
M Truksans & T Ulsrud			
F Attinger & C Bryce			
G Eskilsson & Y Hess			
G Hardie & S Walstad			
M Pfister & A Fraser			
E MacDonald & A Kauste			
Y Schwaller & J Snitil			
T Brewster & K Foss			
B Jungen & B Mouat			
A Stukalskyi & M Brunner			
Y Morozumi & A Baumann			
S Taylor & P de Cruz			
J van Dorp & M Uhd Grønbech			
R Whyte & Team China			
D Sik & TBC			
D Murdoch & M Ramsfjell			





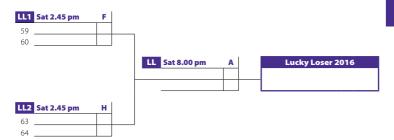




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Lucky Losers



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