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#### Chairman's Welcome

On behalf of my fellow Organising Committee members, welcome to the Perth Masters 2023. We are delighted to be back after a 3-year gap to bring you two **World Curling Tour events.** 

A huge thanks to everyone who has made the Perth Masters 2023 possible. To our main supporting sponsor, Mercure Perth Hotel, together with Live Active Leisure, Perth & Kinross Council, Perth Honda, Earnside Coaches and A&B Taxis, thank you for your continued support.

I continue to be amazed by the enthusiasm of the people involved with each of these companies, as well as the many others who support us in different ways. Without this it would not be possible to hold The Masters each year.

I hope we can provide you with an event that will showcase curling at it's very best with skill, enthusiasm and curling traditions at the forefront.

To all our volunteers, thank you once again for your continued dedication and support and to all the curling fans I hope you will enjoy watching the many games live or via our Webcast.

Enjoy the wonders of Perth and Perthshire for what it has to offer and I look forward to meeting friends, old and new, from 4th to 7th January 2023.

Pete Loudon, Chairman, Perth Masters

## Perth & Kinross Council Provost's Welcome

On behalf of Perth & Kinross Council, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all competitors, officials, families and supporters to the 45th Perth Masters tournament in the City of Perth.

There is a great air of anticipation to this year's event, being held for the first time since 2020. We are delighted to have 36 high-calibre teams join us for the first major curling championships of the year, including current Olympic Gold and Silver medalists, and European Gold and Bronze medalists.

A very special welcome to all teams joining us from the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and Scotland!

Curling has always been a traditional Scottish winter sport and continues to be popular all over the world. We are all excited for a great weekend of curling ahead in Curling's historical home of Perth and Kinross.

I would like to extend you all my best wishes and I wish all competitors every success – may the best team win!



**Xander McDade** Provost of Perth and Kinross





A warm welcome to the teams and spectators of the 2023 Perth Masters! It gives me great pleasure to once again renew our sponsorship with the competition. A very warm welcome to you and to all of the teams taking part from various countries around the world to Perth and to Scotland.

I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and commitment that has gone into ensuring the success of the Perth Masters and pass on my appreciation and thanks. It has been a joy to witness the great skill and sportsmanship which has been displayed at each previous tournament and this year we have the added excitement of having a high number of current Olympic Gold Medalists playing!

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.

Wishing you all the best of luck!

#### Kathryn McLellan

General Manager, Mercure Perth Hotel

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# Perth Masters wishes our teams a Good New Year and Good Curling in 2023



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#### Women



Section B										
Constantini	Jentsch	Farmer	Dryburgh	Blair	Mitchell					

Pri	Prize Money										
Wi	inner	£3,200	Semi-Final (x 2)	£800	Total						
Ru	Runner-Up	£1,600	Quarter-Final (x 2)	£400	£7,200						

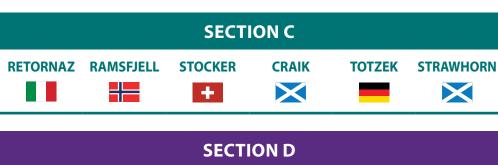
### Men

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WALSTAD MACDONALD SCHNIDER

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Prize Money									
£7,000	Semi-Final (x 2)	£1,700	Total						
£4,000	Quarter-Final (x 4)	£650	£17,000						
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**Notes:** Competition rules on page 10 \* coin toss to determine 1st/2nd practice

Wednesday 4 Jan	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E	Sheet F	Sheet G	Sheet H
<i>Draw 1*</i> 1.30 pm		Jentsch		Dryburgh	Lockhart		Morrison	
		Mitchell		Constantini	Henderson		Putintseva	

#### 4.00 pm - Perth Masters Calcutta

*Upstairs in the Gannochy Suite - all welcome!* Curling fans, friends and family bid, auction style, on groups of teams they think will win the tournament (you're also allowed to bid on your own team). Our Auctioneer will control the bidding and if your bid is the highest, you've bought them. All the money raised through the "auction" goes into a pot and at the end of the tournament, those who bought the team that win the tournament or are placed, gets a predetermined pay-out from the auction pool.

Draw 2*	6.00 pm	Rorvik	FERRIS	MUIRHEAD	HOESLI	MOUAT	BRUNNER	GÖSGENS	Farmer	
		Kubeskova	HOSTMAELINGEN	WADDELL	CARSON	YANAGISAWA	HAARSTAD	BRYCE	Blair	
Draw 3*	8.30 pm	RETORNAZ	RAMSFJELL	STOCKER	WALSTAD	WHYTE	MACDONALD	Jentsch	Morrison	
		CRAIK	STRAWHORN	TOTZEK	KLIMA	SCHNIDER	КАРР	Dryburgh	Henderson	

Thursd	lay 5 Jan	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E	Sheet F	Sheet G	Sheet H
Draw 4	8.00 am	MOUAT	BRUNNER	GÖSGENS	FERRIS	HOESLI	MUIRHEAD	Farmer	Rorvik
		BRYCE	YANAGISAWA	HAARSTAD	WADDELL	HOSTMAELINGEN	CARSON	Mitchell	Putintseva
Draw 5	10.45 am	Dryburgh	Henderson	WALSTAD	RAMSFJELL	MACDONALD	RETORNAZ	WHYTE	STOCKER
		Blair	Kubeskova	SCHNIDER	CRAIK	KLIMA	тотzек	КАРР	STRAWHORN
Draw 6	2.00 pm	BRUNNER	HAARSTAD	YANAGISAWA	Jentsch	Morrison	HOSTMAELINGEN	HOESLI	CARSON
		GÖSGENS	MOUAT	BRYCE	Farmer	Rorvik	WADDELL	MUIRHEAD	FERRIS
Draw 7	4.30 pm	WALSTAD	KLIMA	Putintseva	SCHNIDER	CRAIK	RAMSFJELL	STRAWHORN	Mitchell
		MACDONALD	WHYTE	Lockhart	КАРР	тотzек	STOCKER	RETORNAZ	Constantini

#### 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm - Perth 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.* 

**Notes:** Competition rules on page 10 \*\* game and sheet to be determined by Committee following Semi-Finals

Friday 6	Jan	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E	Sheet F	Sheet G	Sheet H
Draw 8	8.30 am	TOTZEK	MUIRHEAD	MACDONALD	STOCKER	GÖSGENS	STRAWHORN	KAPP	KLIMA
		RAMSFJELL	FERRIS	WHYTE	RETORNAZ	MOUAT	CRAIK	WALSTAD	SCHNIDER
Draw 9	11.15 am	HAARSTAD	Farmer	Kubeskova	BRYCE	Rorvik	CARSON	Blair	WADDELL
		YANAGISAWA	Constantini	Morrison	BRUNNER	Lockhart	HOSTMAELINGEN	Jentsch	HOESLI
Draw 10	2.45 pm	КАРР	Mitchell	CRAIK	ТОТΖЕК	RETORNAZ	Putintseva	SCHNIDER	WHYTE
		KLIMA	Dryburgh	STOCKER	STRAWHORN	RAMSFJELL	Henderson	MACDONALD	WALSTAD
Draw 11	5.30 pm	WADDELL	MOUAT	HOSTMAELINGEN	Constantini	BRYCE	FERRIS	Lockhart	YANAGISAWA
		CARSON	BRUNNER	MUIRHEAD	Blair	HAARSTAD	HOESLI	Kubeskova	GÖSGENS
Draw 12	9.00 pm		Lockhart	Constantini	Kubeskova	Blair	Dryburgh	Henderson	
			Morrison	Jentsch	Putintseva	Mitchell	Farmer	Rorvik	

Saturday 7 Jan	Sheet A	Sheet B	Sheet C	Sheet D	Sheet E	Sheet F	Sheet G	Sheet H
<i>Draw 13</i> <b>8.00</b> am		Quarter-Final	Quarter-Final	Quarter-Final	Quarter-Final	Quarter-Final	Quarter-Final	
Draw 14 11.00 am			Semi-Final	Semi-Final	Semi-Final	Semi-Final		
Draw 15 2.00 pm				Women's Final**	Women's Final**			_
Draw 16 3.30 pm				Men's Final**	Men's Final**			

#### Rules

- 1 All games will be 8 ends throughout the competition.
- 2 1st team named in draw shall play red stones and have 1st practice/LSD, except first game for each team (see rule 3).
- 3 For each team's first game a coin toss will determine 1st/2nd practice, stone colour as per scoreboards.
- 4 Practice consists of one stone thrown to the home end.
- 5 LSD: 1st team chooses rotation, 2nd team MUST play opposite rotation. Any player can throw the LSD.
- 6 If both teams' LSD is equal, a coin toss will decide Hammer but the measurement will stand for total LSD.
- 7 Best 4 of the 5 LSDs will count towards total for ranking.
- 8 **No Tick Rule -** If, prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition stone in the Free Guard Zone (FGZ) which is touching the centre line to be moved to an off-centre line position, the non-offending team has the option to:
  - (i) remove the delivered stone from play, and replace all stones that were displaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place; or
  - (ii) leave all stones where they came to rest.

**Note** - The FGZ rule takes precedence over the No Tick Rule, therefore prior to the delivery of the sixth stone of an end, if a delivered stone causes, either directly or indirectly, an opposition

- stone which is touching the centre line to be moved to an out of play position, the delivered stone MUST be removed from play, and all stones that were displaced, be replaced to their positions prior to the violation taking place.
- 9 In the event of a tied game, one extra end will be played. If the teams remain level after the extra end, two draws to the button, one on each turn from two players, to determine a winner, with the closest overall distance.
- 10 Ranking in all sections based on wins then head-to-head then LSD.
- 11 Once teams are ranked, choice of Hammer and stone colour for knockout stages will follow current WCF rules.
- 12 If a team runs out of time on games under time clocks then they lose the game, although the LSD result will stand for ranking (if required).
- 13 In games under time clocks, no timeouts are allowed but teams will be given additional thinking time instead, ie 32 minutes for 8 ends and 5 minutes for an extra end.
- 14 **Men's Competition -** top teams in the section plus the 2nd place teams advance to the guarter-finals.
- 15 **Women's Competition** top team of section following round robin advances to the semi-final; A2 v B3 and B2 v A3 in quarter-finals.
- 16 The current WCF Policies and Rules for Brush Heads and Brushing will apply.
- 17 Rules on Discipline/Conduct will follow the current Scottish Curling rules (copy included in welcome pack).







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