

Canadian Gay Curling Championships



RULES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR HOSTING

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Purpose and Scope

This document sets out rules and best practices for hosting the annual Canadian Gay Curling Championship (CGCC). Clearly established and well documented rules and best practices can further develop and promote the CGCC as our national championship with widespread participation from across Canada while at the same time establishing a fair process for determining a national champion. It is also recognized that rules and best practices should provide for local flexibility to host bonspiels in accordance with member city resources, traditions and goals.

The focus of this guide is on rules and practices directly related to running the CGCC bonspiel as opposed to social and other associated events although the latter are also touched upon in the last section of the document. This document does not specifically deal with the Canadian Gay Curling Association (CGCA) which is the umbrella organization for the bonspiel, or the governance structure of that Association.

Member Cities

Member cities of the CGCA from east to west are Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Cities shall host the CGCC on a rotational basis as mutually agreed upon by the Association. The date of the Nationals bonspiel shall be determined by the host city and shall be complemented by an invitational bonspiel to be held at the same time.

Past bonspiels and the proposed rotation of bonspiel host cities as agreed to by the CGCC are as follows:

Host City	Year and Date
Calgary	09/10 (April 1-3, 2010) 17/18 (April ?, 2018)
Ottawa	10/11 (March 25-27, 2011)
Vancouver	11/12 (February 3-5, 2012)
Halifax	12/13 (April 25-28, 2013)
Saskatoon	TBD
Edmonton	05/06 (November 11-13, 2005) 13/14 (April 3-6, 2014)
Toronto	06/07 (November 24-26, 2006) 14/15 (March 5-8, 2015)
Winnipeg	07/08 (February 15-17, 2008) 15/16 (February 19-21, 2016)
Montreal	08/09 (April 10-12, 2009) 16/17 (Feb. 10-12, 2017)

Teams and Team Eligibility

Each of the nine member cities is eligible for up to two team entries for a total of 18 teams. In the event that some cities do not send two representatives, resulting in a total of 16 entries or less, entries will be capped at 16 teams.

Vacancies created shall be left to the host city to fill considering:

1. An additional team for the host city
2. An additional team for cities indicating an interest in sending more than two teams
3. Wild card entries for non-member cities.

The host city shall ask participating cities for the number of entries they would like to submit three months in advance of the date of the bonspiel with a cut-off date for response one month later. Entries which are not declared at this time shall be awarded to cities

up to the 18-team or 16-team maximum based on the 3 criteria above no later than six weeks in advance of the bonspiel. Set dates that are known well in advance will allow participating cities to determine their eligible teams by the deadline and allow for all entries to be made in time for participating teams to make travel arrangements.

Each city shall choose which teams will represent it based on its own criteria, though participants shall be members in good standing of a gay curling league and endorsed by their city to qualify to participate. In submitting entries, each city shall rank teams for purposes of seeding the draw.

Bonspiel Format

The format of the bonspiel shall be double knock-out followed by a page playoff. The double knock-out draw for a 16 team bonspiel is shown in Appendix A. The double knock-out draw for an 18 team bonspiel is shown in Appendix B. Double knock-out draws for bonspiels with team entries for less than 16 can be found on the link at:

www.ontcurl.com/resources/for-oca-event-organizers.aspx

The two "A" side finalists of the double knock-out (no losses) shall occupy positions 1 and 2 of the page playoff. The two "B" side finalists of the double knock-out (each with 1 loss) shall occupy positions 3 and 4 of the page playoff. The page playoff shall follow the format used by the CCA. Team 1 plays Team 2. The winner advances directly to the bonspiel final. Team 3 plays Team 4. The loser is eliminated from further play. The winner plays the loser of Team 1 vs. Team 2 in the bonspiel semi-final. The loser of the semi-final is eliminated while the winner advances to the final. Figure B below shows the page playoff format schematically. Last Rock advantage for the 1-2 Game and 3-4 Game shall be done by a coin toss, whereas in the Semi-Final the last rock advantage is given to the team who won the 3-4 Match, and in the Final the last rock advantage is given to the team who won the 1-2 Match. Teams which are eliminated prior to the page play-off compete in a single knock-out consolation event.

Team Rankings and Seeding

Teams shall be seeded in the double knock-out draw based on rankings provided by participating cities. Any byes shall be received by the top-ranked team from each city. The top-ranked teams from each city shall not play each other in the first draw of the bonspiel. Likewise, teams from the same city shall not play each other in the first draw. The host city shall also take into account the previous year's draw to avoid the same cities playing one another in the first round year after year.

Rules of Play

Except as otherwise noted in this document, the rules of play shall follow the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) rules as set out in the "Rules of Curling for General Play". The link for this document is:

www.curling.ca/content/GoCurling/rulesOfCurling.asp

Team Composition

Each team shall include four players and may also include a fifth player who shall be the alternate player. Cities may alter their team rosters up to the time of the bonspiel for any reasons deemed appropriate by the applicable city.

Sparing

As a best practice, the host city shall establish a pool of spares available to play in the bonspiel. Spares may also be used from the invitational bonspiel being held at the same time or from a spare pool established by the host city. Spares may play any position on the team as long as regular players are not demoted to a lower position. The exception is demotions which are agreed to by the host city prior to the applicable game based on extenuating circumstances. The opposing team cannot dispute a spare being used once a game has commenced.

Length of Play

Games shall be 8 ends in length. If, after 8 ends the score is tied, play shall be continued for an additional end or ends as may be required to decide the winning team. For the sake of viewers, all extra ends should be played towards the glass.

Game Time Operation

Where possible, it is recommended that timers be used. Where timers are used, the game time allocated to each team to complete an 8 end game shall be 60 minutes with no time-outs and no breaks during the game. The time allocated to each team to complete each extra end shall be 9 minutes. Additional rules for timing can be found in the CCA document "Rules of Curling for Officiated Play" (Section 6) at the link: www.ontcurl.com/Images/up_images/Officiated%20Rules%2008-10.pdf

Judges of Play

The host city shall appoint judges of play for purposes of resolving disputes. At least one official shall be available at all times when games are in play.

Measurement

All curling rock measurements shall be conducted by the participating teams. If there is a dispute in any measurement, a host city official shall be requested to do the measurement.

Finances and Sponsorships

Host cities shall be responsible for all costs associated with the annual bonspiel with the goal to have the event break even financially. In addition to revenues associated with entry fees, host cities may wish to fund raise through various means and encourage sponsorships. Sponsorship may also be provided through the CGCA.

Prize Structure

Host cities shall be responsible for prizes for winning teams. Prizes shall be cash in an amount determined by the host city and may be supplemented by trophies and other such mementos.

Suggested amounts are as follows:

- 1st place – \$1000
- 2nd place – \$800
- 3rd place – \$600
- 4th place – \$500
- 5th place – \$400
- 6th place – \$300

Celebration of Past Events

Host cities may wish to continue the practice started by Montreal in providing and displaying banners naming the winning team members, host cities and dates.

French and English Translation

Host cities should make every effort to provide all available documents in both official languages.

Other Items

While not specifically addressed in this document, below is a checklist of other items to be considered by a city in hosting the CGCC (and which may be combined with the parallel invitational bonspiel):

- host hotel
- drivers for participants between host hotel and curling club
- opening ceremonies (including local curling celebrities)
- official photographer

- musical/theatrical entertainment
- banquets and other meals
- food and drink vouchers
- games of skill and chance on and off the ice (calcuttas, raffles, draw to the button, cow bell pitchers, etc.)
- media availability
- participant agreement and waiver
- piper for final game
- closing ceremonies

Appendix A: 16 Team Double Knock-out

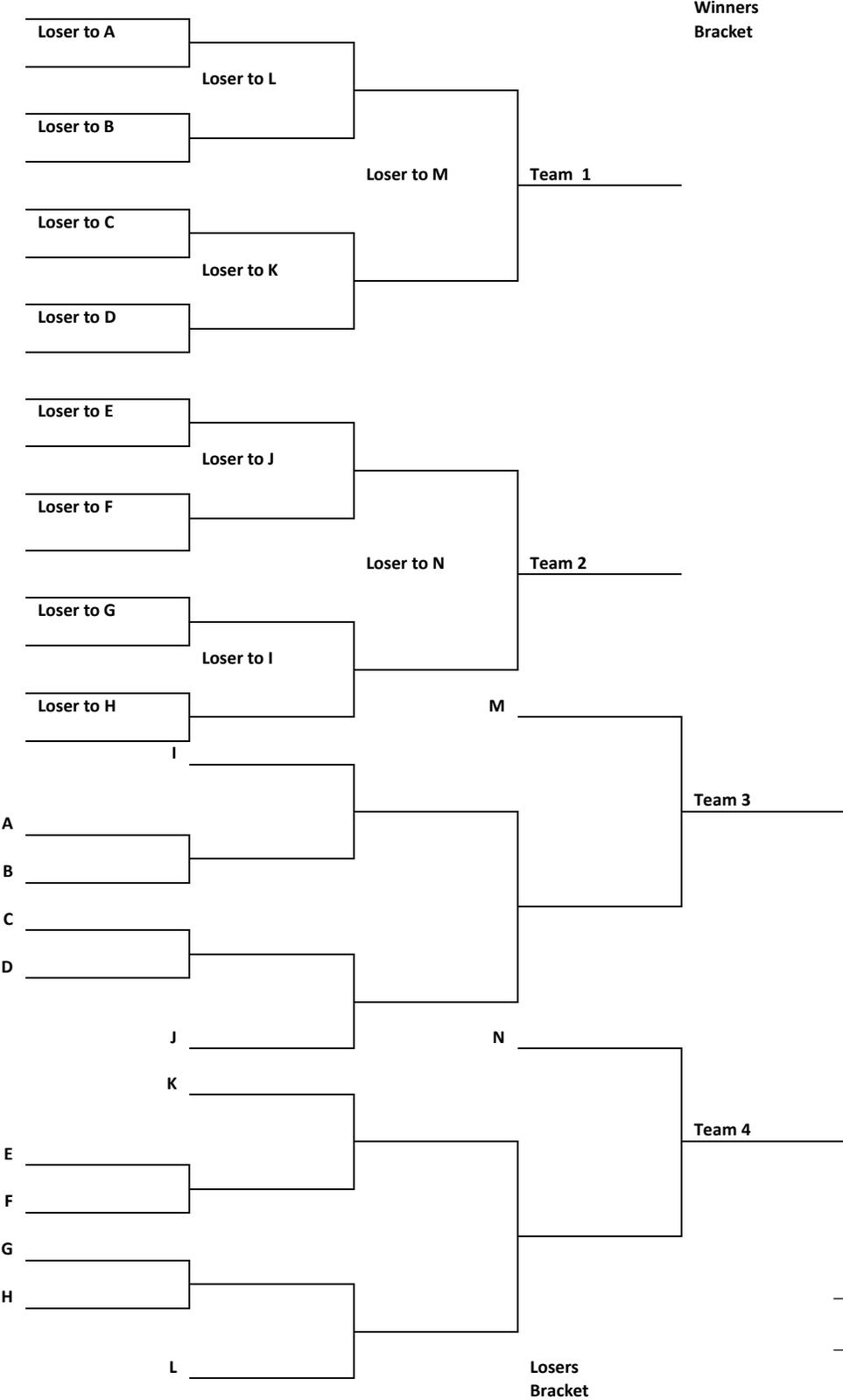
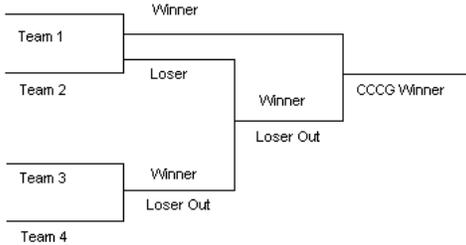


Figure B: Page Playoff



Appendix B: 18 Team Double Knock-out

CGCC Draw
A EVENT

A 16

L TO B 13

A 8 |
L TO B 12

A 4 |
L TO B 10

A 9 |
L TO B 12

A 2 |
L TO B 3

----- Q1

A 10 |
L TO B 19

A 5 |
L TO B 7

A 11 |
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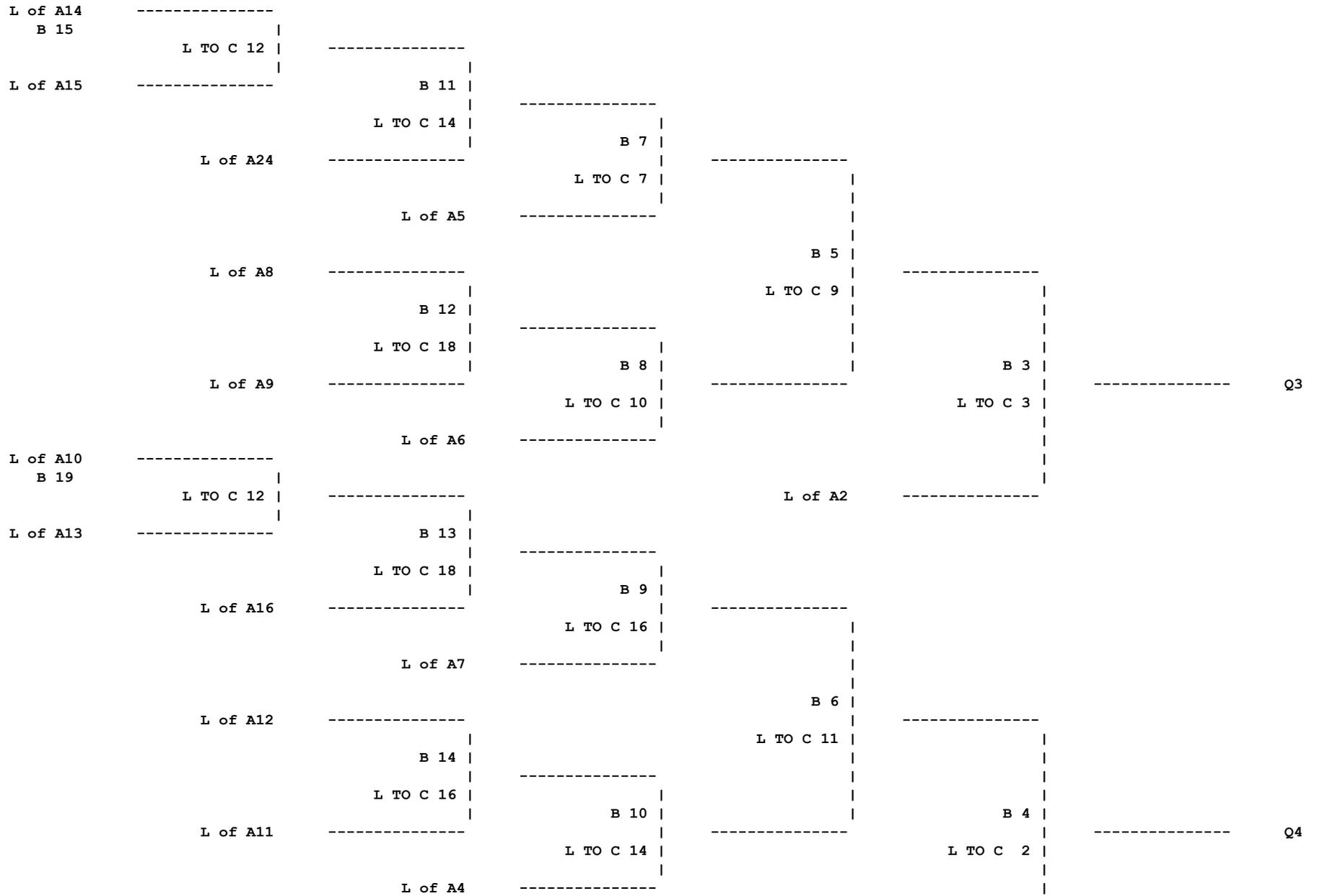
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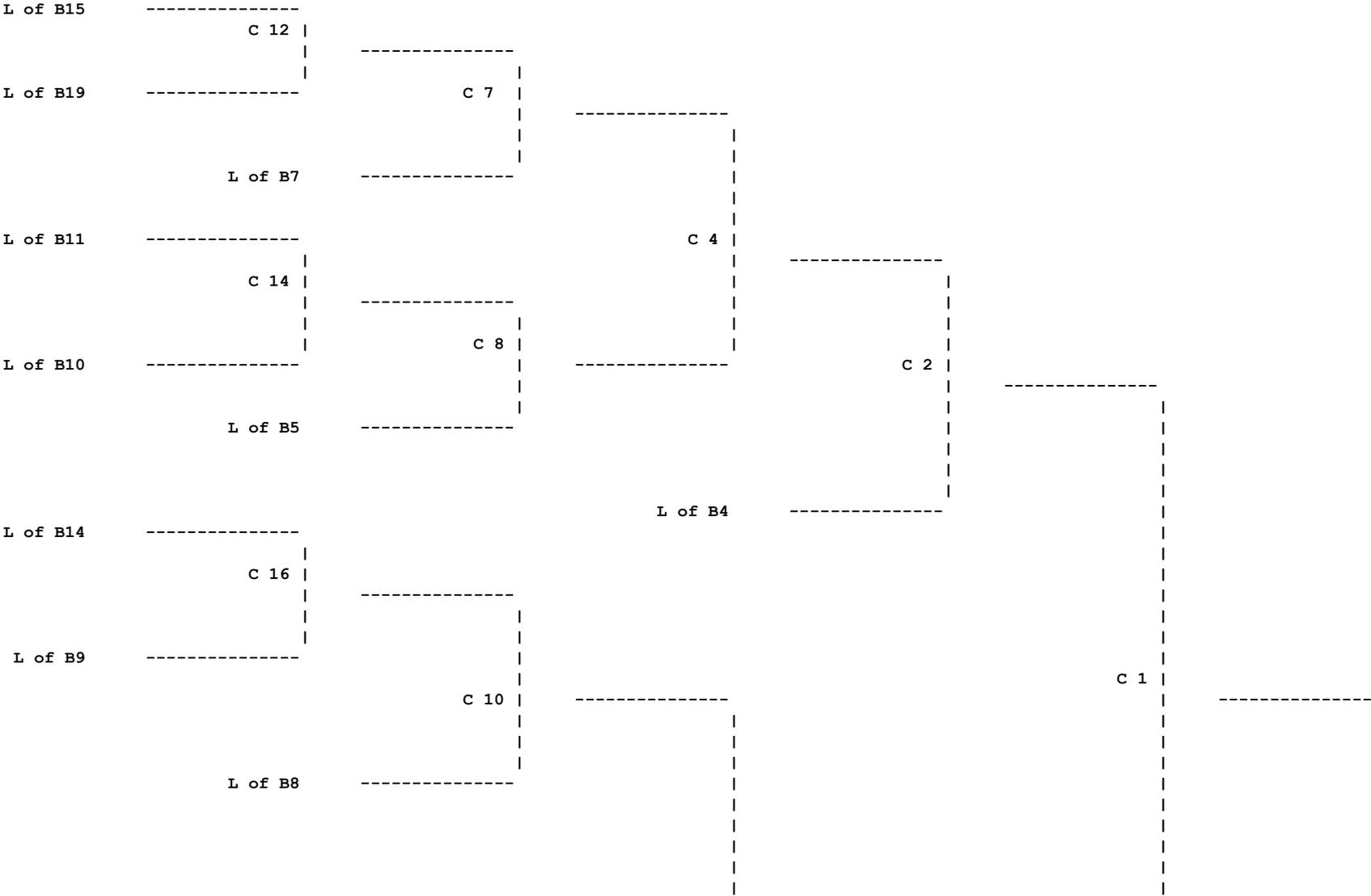
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CGCC Draw
B EVENT



L of A3

CGCC Draw
C EVENT



L of B12

C 18

L of B13

L of B6

C 11

C 6

L TO B 4

L of B3

C 3

CGCC Draw
PAGE PLAYOFF

