



**OPEN DIVISION FORMAT**  
96 PLAYERS

ROUND 1 – Five Sets; Point Totals Accrue; Top 5 advance to Match Play Round of 32

96 Competitors are divided into 6 groups of 16 based on current World Rankings. Each group of 16 will complete five sets of eight balls in 3 minutes. Their longest ball in each set will establish his standing within a group of four hitters, of which all four hitters will be on the tee at the same time.

Each competitor will be awarded points for each set based on his finish within the group of four. The amount of points a competitor amasses over his five completed sets will determine his overall standing in the group.

Points will be awarded within each group of four on the following basis: First-200 points; Second-100 points; Third-50 points; Fourth-25 points.

**Hitting Rotation**

Before play begins, each competitor will be assigned a hitting number. He will keep that same number throughout the event.

The matrix below shows the hitting rotation for each competitor during the five sets. At the completion of play, each hitter will have faced the other 15 competitors in the group.

**Set One**

Group 1: 1-8-9-16  
Group 2: 4-5-12-13  
Group 3: 3-6-11-14  
Group 4: 2-7-10-15

**Set Four**

Group 1: 14-9-5-2  
Group 2: 15-12-8-3  
Group 3: 16-11-7-4  
Group 4: 13-10-6-1

**Set Two**

Group 1: 6-4-15-9  
Group 2: 5-3-16-10  
Group 3: 8-2-13-11  
Group 4: 7-1-14-12

**Set Five**

Group 1: 16-15-14-13  
Group 2: 12-11-10-9  
Group 3: 8-7-6-5  
Group 4: 4-3-2-1

**Set Three**

Group 1: 9-13-3-7  
Group 2: 12-16-2-6  
Group 3: 11-15-1-5  
Group 4: 10-14-4-8



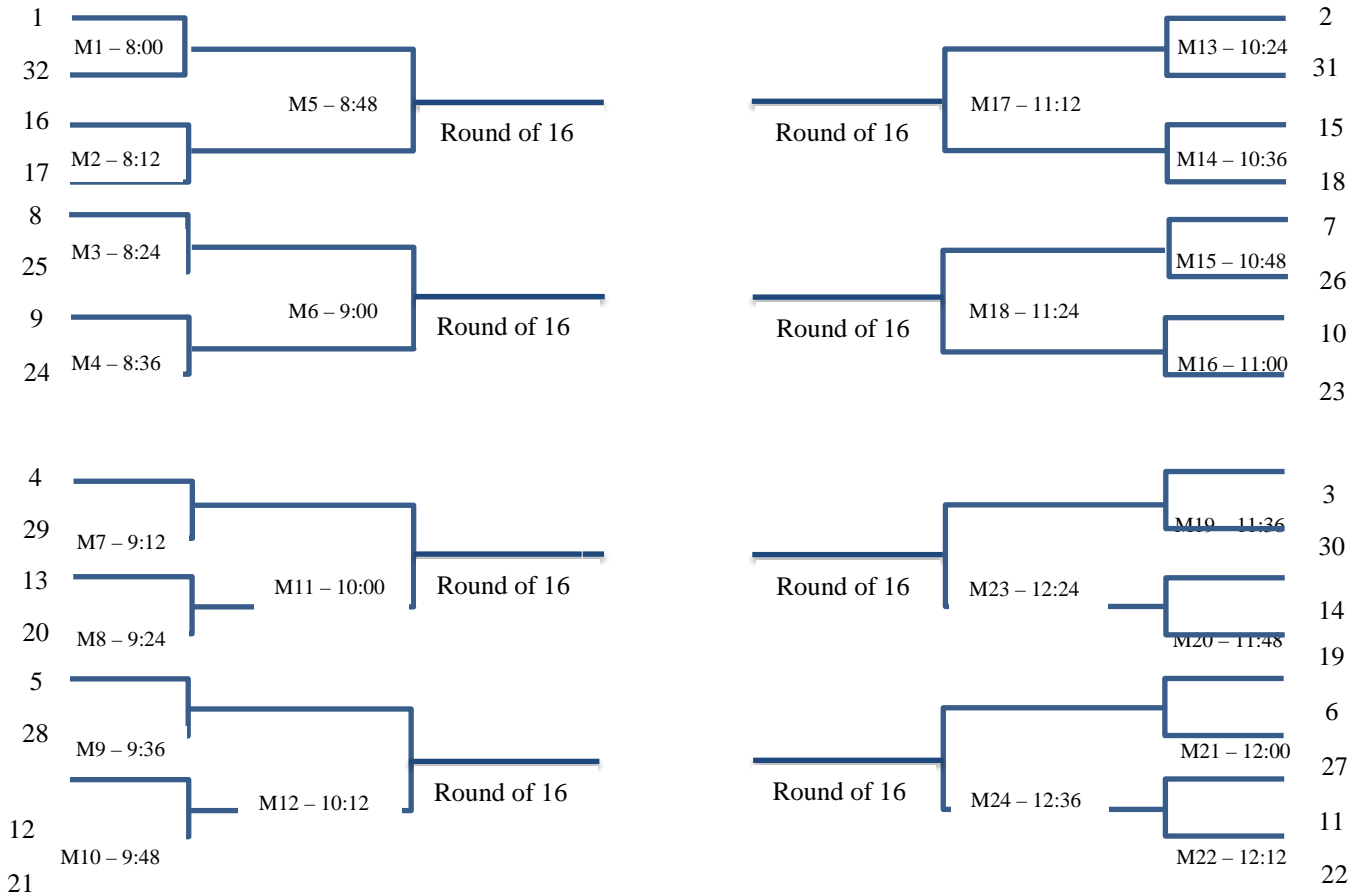
**Shootout Round**

The 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher in each group (3 groups on Day 1 / 3 groups on Day 2) advances to a “Last Chance” Shootout Round. Competitors in the group complete an eight-ball set. The top finisher in the group earns a spot in the match play round of the 2017 World Long Drive Championship. The other competitors are eliminated from the competition. The same process is repeated for Day 2 session.

**Match-Play Round of 32**

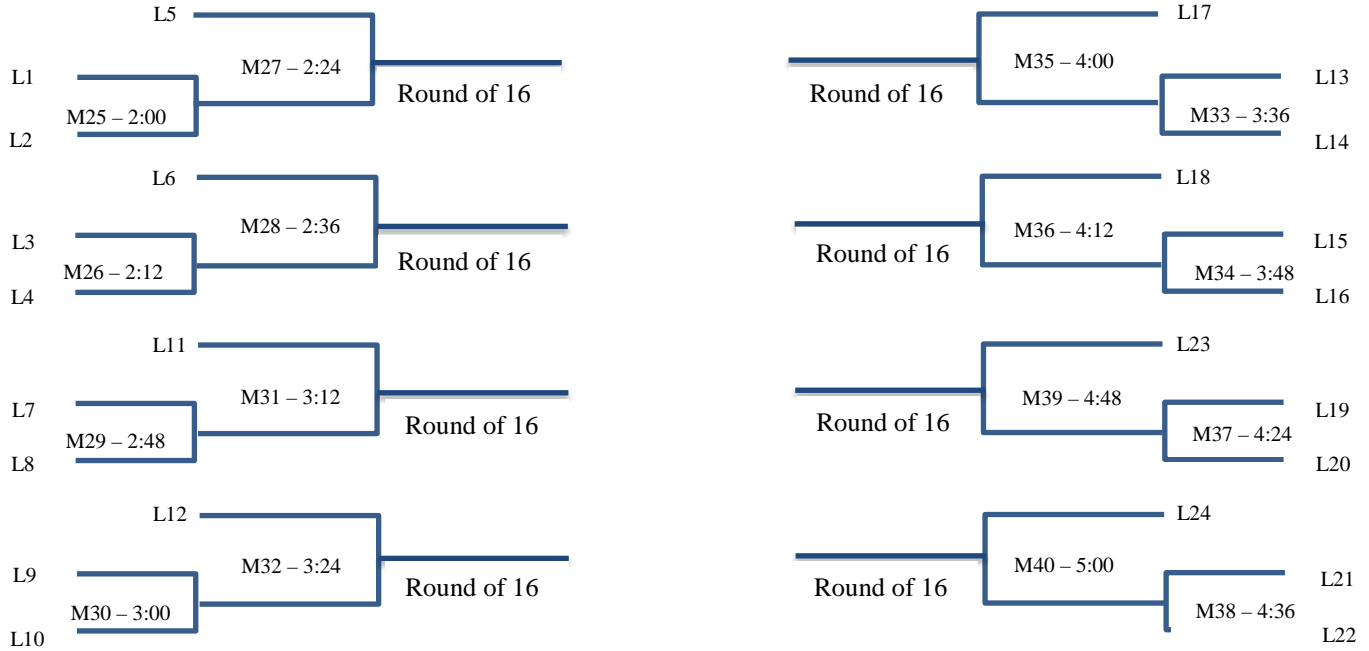
The 32 competitors are divided into four brackets of 8 competitors and are seeded based on their World Rankings. The Match Play round of 32 is a double elimination tournament and 8 competitors from the Winners Bracket and 8 competitors from the Loser’s Bracket will advance to the Final 16.

**WINNER’S BRACKET**





### LOSER'S BRACKET



#### **Match Play Round of 16 / Quarterfinals / Semifinals / Finals**

In the Round of 16, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals, players compete in a head-to-head match consisting of ONLY ONE set. The higher seed will have the choice of either hitting 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. In these rounds, competitors will hit 2 sets of 4 balls in 1 minute 30 seconds. Player 1 will hit his first four balls, and then player 2 will hit his first four balls. Next, player 1 will hit his second set of four balls, and if necessary, player 2 will hit his last four balls. The winner of the match advances to the next round.

