



MASTERS AND LADIES DIVISION WLDA TOUR FORMAT 27 PLAYERS

ROUND 1

Four Sets; Point Totals Accrue; Top 5 from each group of 9 advance to Round 2.

27 Competitors are divided into 3 groups of 9 based on results at past World Championship finals and the 2018 WLDA Tour events. Each group of 9 will complete four 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 three. The amount of points a competitor amasses over his four 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.

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 four sets. At the completion of play, each hitter will have faced the other 8 competitors in the group.

Set One

Group 1: 1-4-7
Group 2: 2-5-8
Group 3: 3-6-9

Set Three

Group 1: 5-9-1
Group 2: 6-2-7
Group 3: 4-8-3

Set Two

Group 1: 8-1-6
Group 2: 9-4-2
Group 3: 7-3-5

Set Four

Group 1: 8-7-9
Group 2: 5-6-4
Group 3: 1-2-3



SHOOTOUT ROUND

The 6th place finisher in each group of 9 advances to a "Last Chance" Shootout Round. Three competitors in the group complete an eight-ball set. The top finisher in the group earns a spot in Round 2. The other competitors are eliminated from the competition.

ROUND 2

16 Competitors; Five Sets; Point Totals Accrue; Top 8 advance to Match Play Round

Each competitor will complete five sets of eight balls in 3 minutes. His / Her longest ball in each set will establish her 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 her finish within the group of four. The amount of points a competitor amasses over her five completed sets will determine her overall standing in the championship.

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.

Before play begins, each competitor will be assigned a hitting number. He / She 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 one 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



MASTERS DIVISION

Match-Play Rounds

The eight competitors with the highest point totals after five completed sets will advance to the Match Play Quarterfinal Round. (In case of ties among the top eight finishers, eight-ball playoffs will take place to determine the last place to qualify for match play. If there is a tie for seeds, the head to head set will be used to determine the highest seed.)

Quarter-Finals: Eight competitors will be seeded according to their Point Totals in the preliminary sets. The matches involve seeds 1 vs. 8 (Match One), 4 vs. 5 (Match Two), 3 vs. 6 (Match 3) and 2 vs. 7 (Match Four). Players compete in a head-to-head match consisting of ONLY ONE set and the higher seed will have the choice of slot on the tee box. Competitors will hit eight balls in 3 minutes and will be on the tee at the same time (hitting simultaneously). The winners of the matches advance to the Semifinal Round.

Semi-Finals: Four competitors that advanced from the Quarterfinals matches. The matches involve seeds 1 / 8 vs. 4 / 5 (Match One) and 2 / 7 vs. 3 / 6 (Match Two). Players compete in a head-to-head match consisting of ONLY ONE set and the higher seed will have the choice of slot on the tee box. Competitors will hit eight balls in 3 minutes and will be on the tee at the same time (hitting simultaneously). The winners of the matches advance to the Finals Match.

Finals: The championship final pits the winners of the Semifinals matches. Players compete in a head-to-head match consisting of ONLY ONE set and the higher seed will have the choice of either hitting 1st or 2nd. Competitors will hit 8 balls in 3 minutes and Player 1 will hit his set of 8 balls, and then Player 2 will hit his set of eight balls. The winner of the match is crowned champion of the 2018 VWLDC.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Match-Play Rounds

The eight competitors with the highest point totals after five completed sets will advance to the Match Play Quarterfinal Round. (In case of ties among the top eight finishers, eight-ball playoffs will take place to determine the last place to qualify for match play. If there is a tie for seeds, the head to head set will be used to determine the highest seed.)

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