



10 Year Schedule of Events

Introduction

The Management Committee would like to recommend to the WCF Members the following proposal concerning:

- An outline event schedule for the next 10 years
- Information on eight World Championship event types
- Reductions to event License Fees
- An annual bid process and timetable
- Detailed refinements to rules on seeding and draws

Much of this is provided to help Members considering whether to submit bids for future events. Some is provided to clarify process and event details.

But in some cases, what is proposed below will change or refine what is currently in the Statutes, Event or Sports Regulations – this is indicated where applicable in the summary at the end of each section. If these changes are approved, we will incorporate these changes in the detailed Statute and Regulation updates planned for the coming months.

Consultation

We would appreciate Members' comments on this document by 10th March.

Rather than treat the proposals included in this document as one large item, we will treat responses on each section of the document separately – so we may find some sections are approved, some approved but with improvements suggested, some rejected and others need further rounds of clarification and approval before the outcome is clear. Of course, any Statutes changes arising from this process must be formally approved by Council, and Regulation changes ratified by Council – that will be handled as part of the general revision to those documents.

In the meantime, we want to explain our intended direction for WCF events, get your feedback, and where Members are happy with what's proposed, get on with it. Where there are substantive comments received from several Members that indicate further discussion and a formal vote is required on a specific issue, the MC will manage that process and will not act on the proposal concerned until the issue have been resolved.

To facilitate Members making comments, every section below has a box at the end summarising the changes and proposals, each numbered for ease of reference in your responses.

10 Year Schedule

The MC's aim is to publish a 10 Year Schedule early in each new year - the schedule will be updated annually to show World Championship events already allocated and any other changes.



The prime drivers for publishing a 10 Year Schedule are:

- to allow Members to consider in good time whether and when they might wish to bid to host specific events - so minimising the occasions when the MC has to go looking for a suitable host, and
- to establish a regular pattern and frequency for every recognised type of championship which the Members are happy with.

After much consideration, the MC recommends the appended schedule to the Members (Appendix A). These are the benefits:

- Over a period the next few years, we move from a fairly inconsistent schedule of events into each event type in a regular pattern of 2- or 4-year frequency
- Once the longer-term pattern has settled down, similar events are kept well-separated and overall, the event load is smoothed out
- The 10 Year Schedule is compatible with the proposed dates for the MacRobertson Shield over the next decade
- The MacRobertson Shield is moving to a 4-year cycle (2017, 2021, 2025). The MC would hope that the event may continue on a 4 year cycle thereafter, which would help the continuity of international events.

By holding every event on a 2- or 4-year frequency, we can avoid the “clumping” that has sometimes happened, and provide a regular international tournament programme that will benefit players, hosts and Members alike.

The idea of holding World Championships (e.g. the AC and GC Worlds) back-to-back in consecutive weeks at a single venue (described as “mega-events”) was also discussed by the MC and developed into an alternative plan. However a straw poll of top players at a recent open championship found little favour in this idea, so it has not been pursued.

Once the schedule is in place, any World Championships significantly out of sequence or “timeslot” according to the schedule would only be agreed once the Members had specifically approved them.

There are mixed views as to whether the WCF stages too many or too few events. We propose to clarify, when the Regulations are revised, that no new World Championship event type should be agreed unless it can be fitted into the schedule without causing disruption and also has the Members’ explicit approval. (Although as at present, the Statutes will continue to allow for lesser “sanctioned” events to be held from time to time – but not as “World Championships”).

Summary box 0 – 10 Yr Schedule

Recommendations for your approval:

- 0.1 the 10 Year Schedule shown as Appendix A
- 0.2 the 8 recognised event types shown in Appendix B and section 3 below
- 0.3 the approval requirement for any additional World Championships event types.

Specific changes will be made as the Regulations and Statutes are revised to incorporate the above refinements.

Soliciting input:

- 0.4 Comments are welcome the proposed frequency of each event type shown in the Appendices – several are shown as “2 or 4 years” – do you have a clear preference?



Event types and fees

Appendix B contains a one-page summary of each World Championship event type (the GC World Team Championship format is yet to be developed and will be included later). These have important information for when considering making a bid to host an event and also summarise the event as it is currently recognised.

1. License Fees

The MC proposes **to halve the license fees** for World Championships staged after 1st April 2011. It also proposes to set the license fee for Under 21 World Championship to £0 [the 2009 WCF Under 21 GC World Championship was held on this basis, but we wish to formalise it in the Regulations].

Regulations 2.1.1.5 and 4.1 of the WCF Events Regulations will be revised to include:

The basic fees for WCF licensed events are as follows:

- *£500 for a premier event (AC and GC World Championships; AC and GC World Team Championships)*
- *£250 for a restricted event (AC or GC Women's World Championship; Over 50 GC World Championship)*
- *£0 for an Under 21 GC World Championship*

At the August 2010 Council meeting, an entry fee of £0 was set for the Under 21 GC World Championship (requiring a change to Event Regulation 4.2) - all other events have an entry fee that is presently set at around £8 per day of the event (and we are not proposing to change that).

The MC does believe in retaining a licence fee structure, and would not want to see them done away with altogether. There is a value in the WCF brand when talking to potential sponsors and there is evident merit in hosting a WCF World Championship. The top players recognise the WCF brand and support our events. And in practical terms, the reduced license fees are still needed to help the WCF break-even.

Summary box 1 – License Fees

Recommendations for your approval:

- 1.1 halving the license fees
- 1.2 formalising the £0 license fee applicable to the Under 21 GCWC only
- 1.3 running the July 2011 Under 21 GCWC on the above basis

Specific changes will be made as the Regulations and Statutes are revised to incorporate these points.

2. Affordability of halving license fees

We are sure the reduction to event license fees will be welcomed by our Members. The Treasurer has modelled overall WCF event income based on the schedule in Appendix A. After this reduction in license fees, given our current income and expenditure forecasts, we expect to generate an average annual operating surplus of around 2000-3000 GBP before interest income. We believe that this surplus and improved returns on our existing capital



will be adequate to fund our target of an annual average development spend of 5000 GBP in the forthcoming years, without the significant erosion of our reserves.

Taken together with 50% of the entry fees being transferred to the host (agreed in August 2010) this greatly reduces the burden placed on hosting associations, and in a time of little available sponsorship, it reduces the "barriers to bidding" for potential hosts.

To show the effects of these two changes, here's an illustration for an ACWC event with 80 entrants:

	Pre August 2010		April 2011 on	
	WCF	Host	WCF	Host
Entry fees	+£ 5760	-	+ £2880	+ £2880
License fee	+ £1000	- £1000	+ £500	- £500
Total:	+ £6760	- £1000	+ £3380	+ £2380

If in the future, our development spend suddenly takes off, we might have to revisit event income at some later date to ensure our reserves were protected long-term. Our current thoughts are that if this became an issue in coming years, we would increase the event entry fees (say from £8 to £9 or £10 a day) before raising the license fees. This would have the effect of altering slightly the balance of cost between the host and the entrant.

Summary box 2 – Affordability

To note:

2.1 the proposed halving of license fees is affordable and will allow WCF development activity to continue as hoped.

Soliciting input:

2.2 Members are invited to give early input on whether they would like to see the balance of cost between host and entrant changed in the medium/ longer term, should increases later prove necessary.

3. Recognition and naming of events

There has been some uncertainty as to whether all 8 event types described here have been formally “recognised” by the WCF as “World Championships” as described in Statutes 103 and 107. To resolve this, the MC recommends that the WCF recognises all 8 event types in the appended 10 Year Schedule as “World Championships”, specifically:

Strict name (note 1)	License Fee and Notes
WCF Association Croquet World Championship	£500
WCF Golf Croquet World Championship	£500
WCF Association Croquet World Team Championship	£500 – note 2
WCF Golf Croquet World Team Championship	£500 – note 2
WCF Women's Golf Croquet World Championship	£250
WCF Women's Association Croquet World Championship	£250
WCF Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship	£0
WCF Over 50 Golf Croquet World Championship	£250

Looking back over past years, event naming has been quite varied and many combinations of the words in different orders have been used (and are still being used today) – the MC is



seeking to impose more consistency in the future (and likewise with common abbreviations for events, as shown in Appendix B).

The strict naming (shown in blue below) can be extended to indicate sponsor or instance, such as:

- The 9th **WCF Golf Croquet World Championship**
- The 2011 **WCF Golf Croquet World Championship**
- The Wealthy Sponsor **WCF Golf Croquet World Championship**
- The Wealthy Sponsor 2011 **WCF Golf Croquet World Championship**
- The Wealthy Sponsor 9th **WCF Golf Croquet World Championship**

Notes:

1. *This naming convention is a refinement of Event Regulation 2.1*
2. *If it is decided to host separate tiers in different countries, the license fee per host Member will be £250.*

To be clear, when the Statutes and Regulations are updated, we intend to make it clear that no licensed World Championship event types can be added to the eight listed above without the explicit prior agreement of the Members. Lesser events that do not include “world championship” in their title might still be sanctioned from time to time however, as is allowed by the current Statutes and Regulations.

It has been suggested that the restricted events (Women’s, Over 50, Under 21 events) should not be called “world championships”, to differentiate them from the 4 premier events (the singles and team world championships in both codes). They might be called just “championships” for example. Although the MC as a whole is not in favour of this distinction, your comments are welcome.

Summary box 3 – Recognition and Naming

Recommendations for your approval:

- 3.1 the 8 specified World Championship event types confirmed as “recognised” by the WCF
- 3.2 license fee proposal, in the event that Tiers of a World Team Championship are split across several host Members
- 3.3 express approval by the Members required before any additional World Championship event types may be “recognised” and added to the 10 Yr Schedule
- 3.4 regularisation of event naming

Specific changes will be made when the Regulations and Statutes are revised to incorporate these points.

Soliciting input:

- 3.4 Your comments are welcome on whether we should restrict “world championship” naming solely to the 4 premier events and adopt some different form for the various restricted events.

4. Under 21 GC world championship

At the August 2010 Council Meeting, it was agreed to change Statute 306.2, the cut-off age limit for the Over 50 GC World Championship. There was some discussion about changing 306.1, the corresponding cut-off date for Under 21 events, but without resolution. The MC has now considered this issue further and decided to recommend leaving 306.1 unchanged. By leaving the cut-off for being “under 21” to the preceding 31st December, it:



- allows a maximum number of young players to take part, and
- means qualification is unaffected by where or what time of year an event is staged.

Even if Members decided they would rather change the cut-off date, it is probably too late to alter it for the planned 2011 event. Egypt has already organised a Qualifier where several of the entrants would be excluded if the cut-off date was moved to the first day of the event, and the MC does not want to discourage these young players.

For July 2011, we have reached agreement (subject to Council not raising objections to these changes) with the Croquet Association and Hunstanton Croquet Club to stage the Under 21 GC World Championship on the basis outlined in section 2 - no entry fees, license fee of £0, and no lawn and ball hire fees. However, while the illustration in section 2 showed that now, both hosts and the WCF benefit by more than £2k from a typical WCF event, in the specific case of the U21 GCWC, the host and club receive no income from entry fees to offset any costs, which seems an unreasonable burden. The MC is proposing to allocate up to £500 for specified items of expenditure to help the club stage the event properly, and proposes to do similar in future stagings of this one event type, if required. We think the developmental value of this event justifies this exceptional approach.

We are also proposing in the Event Type Summaries shown as Appendix B that, where possible, the U21 event is run immediately before the GC World Championships and in the same country - acting as an additional Qualifier for the GCWC as well as being an event in its own right. We are proposing to stage and link the July 2011 event in this way, with the top two available finishers in the U21 event (who have not already got a place in the GCWC) to be given places in the GCWC for the following week. These two places will come from the existing Wildcard places and will be reserved for this purpose. The appended 10 Year Schedule shows these two events as linked ("L") to indicate this. The MC believes this gets the maximum development benefit from staging the Under 21 event.

If there is a clear sense that Members are happy with these proposals for the U21 GCWC, then we would be grateful if this could also be regarded as an approval to use these draft rules in the interim for the U21 event in July 2011, while full re-drafting proceeds.

Summary box 4 – U21 Golf Croquet World Championship

Recommendations for your approval:

- 4.1 the cut-off age for an Under 21 event remains unchanged (Statute 306.1)
- 4.2 the WCF financial support to help stage this one event type only
- 4.3 where possible, linking the U21 GC WC to the premier GCWC in the same country in consecutive weeks
- 4.4 proceed on the above basis for July 2011, while full re-drafting continues

5. Doubles

The WCF MC is not proposing that doubles events be introduced either as separate events or alongside the existing singles world championships. However, this idea has been suggested by a Member. Some singles world championships in the past have had a doubles event – organised by the host rather than as a WCF-sanctioned event – either immediately before or after the singles world championship. On balance, this is probably the best arrangement because:



- it avoids proliferating WCF events
- hosts are free to arrange such events if they wish and think there is demand
- the WCF isn't adding to the burden placed on the host.

Summary box 5 – Doubles

Recommendations for your approval:

5.1 hosts may continue to arrange Doubles events alongside Singles World Championships as they see fit, rather than the WCF formally stage such Doubles events

Bid Process and Timetable

Once the S-G has confirmed the outcome of this consultation exercise and the final form of the 10 Year Schedule has been published (to Members and on the web site), bids will be immediately requested for all un-allocated events through to the end of 2014.

The MC recommends the following iterative bid process:

1. a Member thinking of bidding for an event should “**express an interest**” to the S-G
2. the MC will review this interest receive for a specific event and identify a “**preferred bidder**”
3. the preferred bidder prepares and discusses an **outline bid** with the S-G
4. after **feedback** on the outline bid from the MC, the host works up the full bid
5. the host and the MC refine the bid until **agreement** is reached and the bid is signed-off.

This process minimises the risk of a Member investing effort in an unsuccessful bid.

Thereafter, we expect a rolling bid schedule as follows:

During Calendar Year	Submit bids for events up until the end of.....
2011	2014
2012	2015
2013	2016
...and so on	

Whilst generally the active bidding process for events will be opened 3-4 years in advance, bids for events further into the future will be always considered, especially in special circumstances (such as a centenary, to attract a potential sponsor, the potential of making the event part of a broader national sporting event, etc.).

Where no bids are received, the MC may still approach potential hosts to see if they are prepared to host the event, but in general we hope that most events can be awarded to a unprompted bidder.

Summary box 6 – Bid Process

Recommendations for your approval:

- 6.1 an annual update to the 10 Year Schedule, early in each New Year
- 6.2 iterative bid process, with expression of interest and preferred bidder stages
- 6.3 an annual call for bids for events 3 years ahead



Event Seeding

Seeding is used in 2 stages of each singles World Championship: to construct the initial Blocks; and to populate the Knock Out following completion of the Blocks.

Quite how this is done for GC and AC championships has been the subject of some public debate and in some recent events has not always followed the current Regulations. This in part is because, so far, the GC World Rankings have not included enough data from all countries to make them a sound basis for seeding. The MC now recommends:

- a resolution to the wider debate
 - a plan to address the GC World Ranking problem
-so that these can be incorporated in the updated Regulations.

Before the detail, it is worth stating what we are trying to achieve with Seeding. WCF World Championships are an opportunity for the best players in the world (in an open or restricted category) to meet in a ‘tennis championship style’ knockout. This should be seeded by World Rankings in an attempt to produce a knockout in which the top ranked players meet as late as possible. The knockout is preceded by the initial blocks stage – this gives the best players from any WCF Member the opportunity to play against some of the top players in the world, and gives any player coming from the closed season in their hemisphere a chance to play themselves into form before the knockout. As well as the experience gained, there is the possibility for any entrant to get through to the knockout. The block play part of the event is provided for these purposes, where seeding is used to ensure that each block has roughly equal strength.

Golf Croquet

Sports Regulation 21.4.1 currently requires that for GC all players are subjectively ranked in order and then allocated to blocks according to that WCF-given subjective ranking.

When the blocks are concluded, any ties are resolved so that the top 4 in each block are decided, and these players then advance to the KO. The Sports Regulation 21.8.8 then requires a WCF Seeding Committee to assess and rank the players for the KO. The KO draw is then seeded (21.9) following the process in Appendix D.

This process was included in the Regulations because the GC World Rankings have not so far been complete enough to allow a more objective seeding of players. But this process has been ignored in some recent events, as some people are uncomfortable with two stages of subjective ranking. Instead the block leaders have been seeded “mechanically” into the KO, according only to their block positions. The MC believes it is better to solve the problem with the GC World Rankings than to simply ignore this rule. The GC World Rankings currently lack Egyptian data – if this problem is fixed, then GC and AC World Championships can both follow the same objective seeding mechanism and the need for a WCF Seeding Committee for each GC event will be removed.

Way forward for GC:

1. The WCF MC sets Egypt the target of getting the results of the top 3 Egyptian events in 2011 into the WCF GC rankings. This should be sufficient to make the GC World Rankings usable for seeding World Championships. [Egypt have indicated this target is achievable]



2. For 2011 – before this data has been added - GC World Championships will use a WCF Seeding Committee and follow the current procedures given in Sports Regulations 21.8.6-9.

3. For 2012 onwards, the GC World Rankings will have adequate data to move to the same process as AC and follow the process already described in Sports Regulations 21.8.1-5. Regulation 21.8 will be updated accordingly.

Association Croquet

Today, the blocks and KO of AC championships are seeded according to World Ranking. The Regulations and this process follow the recommendations of the WCF Seeding Committee and works satisfactorily. However, there have been renewed suggestions to increase the emphasis on Block results.

Way forward for AC:

4. The MC's Tournament Group is looking into a refinement to the existing seeding process which will put more emphasis on block results, while still being based on World Rankings - they will report back later. The MC will consider this report and propose any appropriate changes to the Sports Regulations at a later date.

Separation in draws

As was circulated to the Members in a separate Consultation, when the Sports Regulations are updated, the following refinements to the seeding and draw process will be made:

1. retain "Same Country Separation" for the Group stage (Regulation 21.6)
2. drop "Same Country Separation" from the draw for the Knock Out stage (Regulation 2.4 of Appendix D)
3. drop "Same Group Separation" from the draw for the Knock Out stage (Regulation 2.4 of Appendix D)
4. not introduce "Same Family Separation" for either Group or KO stages.

The recent consultation showed support for this proposal. Once the GC World Ranking issue has been resolved, from 2012 all WCF singles events will then follow the same seeding and draw process.

Summary box 7 – Seeding and Draw

Recommendations for your approval:

- 7.1 get results from the top 3 Egyptian national events into the GC World Rankings from 2011 onwards
- 7.2 for 2011 only, use the interim WCF Seeding Committee process currently defined in the Sports Regulations
- 7.3 from 2012 onwards, drop the interim arrangements defined for GC events, and adopt the exact same seeding process for both AC and GC events

Update the Sports Regulations to incorporate the above improvements.

To note:

- 7.4 in the medium term, the MC will investigate a refinement to increase emphasis of block results in current seeding mechanism and report back



Appendix A – 10 Year Schedule

	Last held	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		Freq'ncy
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AC Worlds	May-09			Aus																					2	
AC WTC	Aug-10							NZ*						US*									Aus*		4	
GC Worlds	Mar-08		Eng							L	L				L										2	
GC WTC																									2 or 4	
Womens GC	Nov-09		NZ																						2 or 4	
Womens AC																									2 or 4	
U21 GC	Jul-09		Eng							L	L				L										2	
o50 GC	Oct-10																								4	

Key

Eng, Aus etc Allocated Event

? Provisional Dependent on Frequency

L Linked - Intended to be bid for/held concurrently

* Only MacRoberston Shield Allocated not other tiers



Appendix B – Event type summaries

Introduction

This appendix is intended as an indicative guide to potential bidders - nothing in this appendix represents a formal rule or regulation.

The WCF MC is pleased to consider any bid even if it falls outside of the parameters stated for that event type. For example, the MC will be pleased to advise a potential bidder who has a venue and date in mind as to how many competitors it would appropriate to try and accommodate.

the following is for guidance – some aspects can be varied by agreement

Title	WCF Association Croquet World Championship
Abbreviation	ACWC
Type	Premier singles, unrestricted
Frequency	2 yearly
Duration	9 days
No. entrants	80
Min. lawns	Around 15, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	
format	8 blocks, all play all, single game. Top 4 in each block go through
Knock Out	
format	Best of 3; Best of 5 in later stages
trophy	Wimbledon Cup
Plate	
format	Open to non-qualifiers plus those who lose in first round of KO. Format as appropriate, to be agreed in the bidding process.
trophy	<tba>
License fee	£500
Typical entry fee	£72 (£8 per day)
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Recommended to have additional Manager to run Plate event. Recommended to have min. 6 Championship Referees, including at least 2 per venue
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	



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Title	WCF Association Croquet World Team Championship
Abbreviation	ACWTC
Frequency	4 yearly
Type	Premier team event
Introduction	The WCF recognises the MacRobertson Shield as the top tier of the AC World Team Championship, which is organised independently of this event.
Duration	6 days (Tier 2), 4 days (Tier 3)
No. entrants	Any Non-MacRobertson Shield Member wishing to enter. Entrants to Tier 2 will be divided into Divisions of 4 teams, the remaining teams will compete in Tier 3
Team Size	Teams of 4 players in both Tiers 2 and 3
Min. lawns	4 per Division in Tier 2. 4 for Tier 3 but more may be required according to entry
Format	All play all, Best of 7 test matches in Tier 2. Tier 3 according to entry.
License fee	£500 (or £250 per host if Tiers held in a number of countries)
Typical entry fee	£8 per player per day formula will be used to calculate team entry fee
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee and Managers and Referee for each individual Tier/Division/location
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	Bids can be made for the whole event or for individual Tiers or even individual Divisions of a particular Tier



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Title	WCF Golf Croquet World Championship
Abbreviation	GCWC
Type	Premier singles, unrestricted
Frequency	2 yearly
Duration	7 - 9 days
No. entrants	64 or 80
Min. lawns	About 12-15, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	
format	8 blocks, all play all, Best of 3 matches, 13pt games. Top 4 in each block go through
Knock Out	
format	Best of 3; Best of 5 in later stages
trophy	WCF Trophy
Plate	
format	Open to non-qualifiers plus those who lose in first round of KO. Format as appropriate, to be agreed in the bidding process.
trophy	<tba>
License fee	£500
Typical entry fee	£56 - £72 (typically £8 per day)
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Recommended to have additional Manager to run Plate event. Must have minimum of 2 Referees per venue, and 1 per court for semi-finals & final
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	Ball boys for semis and final. Ensure adequate check-fences for crowd safety Where feasible, link with U21 GC World Championship



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Title	WCF Golf Croquet World Team Championship
Abbreviation	GCWTC
Type	Premier team event
Frequency	2 or 4 yearly
Duration	tba days
No. entrants	tba teams of tba players
Min. lawns	tba
Group stage	
format	tba
Knock Out	
format	tba
trophy	
Plate	
format	not applicable
trophy	n/a
License fee	£500 (or £250 per host if tiers held in a number of countries)
Typical entry fee	£8 per player per day formula will be used to calculate team entry fee
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Must have minimum of 1 Referees per venue, and 1 per court for <<tba>>
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	Ensure adequate check-fences for crowd safety <i>Format to be provided later this year, when first bids will be solicited.</i>



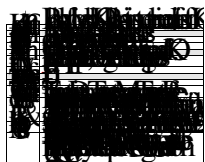
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Title	WCF Women's Golf Croquet World Championship
Abbreviation	WGCWC
Type	Singles, restricted event
Frequency	2 or 4 yearly
Duration	6 – 8 days
No. entrants	40 - 56
Min. lawns	About 6-10, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	
format	Block play followed by KO. Block positions to determine qualifiers for KO
Knock Out	
format	32 players. Best of 3; Best of 5 in later stages
trophy	Clarke Trophy
Plate	
format	Open to non-qualifiers plus those who lose in first round of KO. Format as appropriate, to be agreed in the bidding process.
trophy	tba
License fee	£250
Typical entry fee	£48 - £64 (£8 per day)
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Recommended to have additional Manager to run Plate event. Must have minimum of 2 Referees per venue, and 1 per court for semi-finals & final
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	Ball boys for semis and final. Ensure adequate check-fences for crowd safety



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Title	WCF Women's Association Croquet World Championship
Abbreviation	WACWC
Type	Singles, restricted event
Frequency	2 or 4 yearly
Duration	7 – 8 days
No. entrants	32 - 48
Min. lawns	About 8 - 12, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	
format	Block play followed by KO. Block positions to determine qualifiers for KO
Knock Out	
format	16 or 32 players. Best of 3; Best of 5 in later stages
trophy	tba
Plate	
format	Open to non-qualifiers plus those who lose in first round of KO. Format as appropriate, to be agreed in the bidding process.
trophy	tba
License fee	£250
Typical entry fee	£56 - £64 (£8 per day)
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Recommended to have additional Manager to run Plate event. Must have minimum of 4 championship referees including 2 per venue.
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	



the following is for guidance – some aspects can be varied by agreement

Title	WCF Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship
Abbreviation	U21GCWC
Type	Singles, restricted development event
Frequency	2 yearly – linked to GCWC where possible
Duration	4 – 7 days
No. entrants	24 - 48
Min. lawns	About 4 - 8, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	



the following is for guidance – some aspects can be varied by agreement

Title	WCF Over 50 Golf Croquet Championship
Type	Singles, restricted event
Frequency	4 yearly
Duration	6 - 8 days
No. entrants	24 - 48
Min. lawns	4 - 8, reducing towards end of event
Group stage	
format	Block play followed by KO. Block positions to determine qualifiers for KO
Knock Out	
format	16 or 32 players. Best of 3; Best of 5 in later stages
trophy	
Plate	
format	Open to non-qualifiers plus those who lose in first round of KO. Format as appropriate, to be agreed in the bidding process.
trophy	tba
License fee	£250
Typical entry fee	£48 - £64 (£8 per day)
Tournament officials	Tournament Director, Tournament Manager, Tournament Referee. Recommended to have additional Manager to run Plate event. Must have minimum of 1 Referee per venue, and 1 per court for semi-finals & final
Balls & hoops	Approved balls and hoops required. Specify ball make. Hoops must be set such that the clearance is as near as possible equal to, but not less than, 1/32".
Notes	Ball boys for semis and final. Ensure adequate check-fences for crowd safety