

SCHEME FOR THE WOMEN'S TEAMS TOURNAMENT (3 GROUPS)

At the end of the round robin, the first five placed teams in each group, plus the sixth placed team with the best *percentage VP score* will qualify for the round of 16.

NOTE: The *percentage of VPs* is calculated by dividing the VPs actually won by the team, by the maximum number of VPs the team could have won (this being 25 times the number of matches played). Any ties (including a tie for 'best 6th') will be resolved by IMP quotient.

The pairing for the round of 16 will follow, the procedure outlined below:

- 1) All the teams qualified 1st, 2nd and 3rd will have their *VP percentage* calculated (see note above).
- 2) The team first of a group with the best *VP percentage* will choose its opponent from among the worst 3rd, the 4th, 5th and 6th of the other two groups. This match will be numbered 1.
- 3) The process of choosing opponents proceeds in the following order: the second best first, the third first, the best second, the second best second, the third second, the best third and the second best third. Each team choosing its opponent from amongst the worst third, the fourths, fifths and sixth of the other two groups – but see also point (4) below. These matches will be numbered 2 through 8, according to the sequence of choices.
- 4) Re-matches will not be allowed in the round-of-16. This may mean that a team's actual choice of opponents may become limited in order to avoid some later team being inevitably involved in a re-match.
- 5) For the round of 8 (quarter-finals) the matches will be the following:
 - Match 9 – winner of match 1 against winner of match 8
 - Match 10 – winner of match 2 against winner of match 7
 - Match 11 – winner of match 3 against winner of match 6
 - Match 12 – winner of match 4 against winner of match 5
- 6) For the round of 4 (semi-finals) the matches will be the following:
 - Match 13 – winner of match 9 against winner of match 12
 - Match 14 – winner of match 11 against winner of match 10
- 7) The losers of matches 13 and 14 will play-off for the third place (match 15) and the winners of these two matches will play the final (match 16).