

Tournament Questionnaire RESULTS

Recent research* shows that meaningful competition is a large driving factor for enjoyment in organized competition as well as a large contributor in player development. You can find it littered across Canadian Sport and Coaching literature and websites. We found this to be consistent with the results we received from the tournament survey conducted in the summer. Players told us that the most important experience for them was consistently challenging matches.

Hearing our members loud and clear, we took a look at our tournament schedule to see which tournaments can be improved upon for improving the competitiveness and we found that the greatest discrepancy in scores arrived in the Herb Richard MB Open and Provincial Championships due to the great number and diversity of players involved. We decided that at these tournaments this year we would separate the draws into "A" and "C" so that players can know in advance what level of competition they can expect. We felt it was important to let the players decide which level of competition they would prefer.

We would like your feedback on the Herb Richard to see how these recent changes have affected your tournament experience.

Thank you!

1. How would you rate the Herb Richard out of 10? (1 being terrible and 10 being perfect):

8.5 (mean), 8 (median), 8 (mode), 5 (lowest), 10 (highest)

2. What do you like about the Herb Richard draws being split into A & C draws?

Great Idea! No use having a strong A playing with a C.

It gives mid-level players an opportunity to have balanced matches.

More close games & fun.

It is great for players of all skill level to participate.

I liked that it was helpful in the overall decision making regarding entry level.

Everyone gets a chance. More even Games.

Great idea provided people honestly assess what level they are or should be playing at.

Being a junior it lets me play against adults I never play against and being in A or C lets you play against people you should play against which I like since it's fair.

Players who just started out (1st tournament) it's a good start and less nerve racking.

More participants and inclusivity; encourages overall participation.

Some players prefer possibility of earning top prize instead of playing best in the province.

This is the right way to separate players so as not to discourage developing players.

There is a greater opportunity for a variety of different people to do well.

Repeats not included

3. Do you dislike anything about the Herb Richard draws being split into A & C draws?

It is a good learning experience for younger kids to get killed in "A" and they still will play matches their own level when they drop down to C/D.

I actually do not like the split.

Younger players are not pushed as hard and can become complacent.

A bit confusing when looking for draws online and there are so many (may be inexperienced).

Being at the lower end of "A" or higher end of "C" it forces me to choose. I would prefer the drop-down format since it still separates everyone out.

It wasn't advertised enough.

Too many people entered the "A" draw rather than the "C" draw. Would've been nice to see a more even split.

All comments included

4. Do you feel you had more meaningful competition with the A & C draws being separated?

Yes – 26

Sort of – 2

No - 3

5. Would you like the same set up for draws at Provincial Championships in April 2016?

a. Yes (23) b. No (8)

6. Is there anything you can think of that would improve your tournament experience?

The Free Lunch was Perfect!

No - 9

Instead of t-shirts have another time of free food

Present prizes after each event so that people can go home when they are done

Not such late games - 3

Somehow reduce wait times between games - 3

Increase publicity and # of spectators

Reduce # of games so the day isn't as long

Try to make draw timing more accurate - 5

More banquets

Free beer

Start tournament earlier to reduce the late nights

Fastest Smash Competition - 2

Go back to old drop-down system - 2

*<http://canadiansportforlife.ca/resources/embracing-near-win-they-why-and-how-meaningful-competition>

*http://www.ted.com/talks/sarah_lewis_embrace_the_near_win#t-94412

Please return this form to the draw desk