

2018 Provincial Sr. Men's Competition Structure



Date: December 7, 2017

Goal

- Create a regional structure that accommodates to the travel constraints on club athletes
- Shorten the season length to allow for..
 - Minimal impact on club numbers due to University drop off.
 - Greater emphasis on Fall Rugby for club athletes.
- Create a competition structure that will adapt with the shifting of power from club to club, allowing for regional structure to stay intact from year to year

Timeline Overview

Round 1 – May 12, 2018

Round 2 – May 17, 2018 (Thursday, before long weekend)

Round 3 – May 26, 2018

Round 4 – June 2, 2018

Break - June 9, 2018

Round 5 – June 16, 2018

Round 6 – June 23, 2018

Break Canada Day

Round 7 – July 7, 2018

Round 8 – July 14, 2018

Round 9 – July 21, 2018

Round 10 – July 28, 2018

Break – Civic Holiday

Ontario League Playoffs Round 1 – August 11, 2018

Ontario League Playoffs Round 2 – August 18, 2018

Break – August 25, 2018

Conference Overview

West Premiership

Brantford Harlequins

Oakville Crusaders

Markham Irish

Stoney Creek

West Championship

Waterloo County RFC

London St. George

Toronto Nomads

Burlington Centaurs

NRU Men's A

East Premiership

Toronto Scottish

Balmy Beach

Lindsay RFC

Peterborough Pagans

East Championship

Oshawa Vikings

Ajax Wanderers

Aurora Barbarians

Barrie RFC

TRU Keenan A



Competition Overview

- Round 1 to 10 – Regional Round Robin (May 12 – Aug 11)
 - Clubs will play a round robin (Home and Away Series) within their divisions.
 - E.g Brantford will play a home and away series versus Crusaders, Markham Irish and Stoney Creek.
 - Clubs will also play 4 crossover rounds (2 home and 2 away) against the their regional counterparts
 - E.g West Premier clubs with play against East Premier clubs
 - See slide 6 for Regional Round Robin Overview
- Round 11 & 12 - Ontario League Playoffs (Aug 18 & Aug 25)
 - Teams will get placed in the League Playoffs, based on their performance in the round robin stages. Seeding's for McCormick Cup Competition will be based off of the Ontario League Playoffs
 - See Slide 7 for Ontario League Playoff Overview
- Promotion / Relegation
 - See Slide 8 & 9 for Promotion / Relegation Structure
- McCormick Cup
 - See Slide 10 & 12 for Fall Cup Structure
- Gee Gage Cup
 - See Slide 13 for Gee Gage Cup Structure

Regional Round Robin Play

Structure Overview

- Rounds 1 to 6
- Regional Round Robin (May 12 – August 11)
- **6 Games per team**
- 2nd Teams will play Club v. Club for Round Robin

Conference Overview

West Premiership

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Oakville Crusaders
Markham Irish
Stoney Creek

West Championship

Waterloo County RFC
London St. George
Toronto Nomads
Burlington Centaurs

East Premiership

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East Championship

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Barrie RFC

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Round 2 – May 17, 2018 (Thursday, before long weekend)

Round 3 – May 26, 2018

Round 4 – June 2, 2018 (Crossover East Home)

Break - June 9, 2018

Round 5 – June 16, 2018 (Crossover West Home)

Round 6 – June 23, 2018 (Crossover East Home)

Break Canada Day

Round 7 – July 7, 2018 (Crossover West Home)

Round 8 – July 14, 2018

Round 9 – July 21, 2018

Round 10 – July 28, 2018

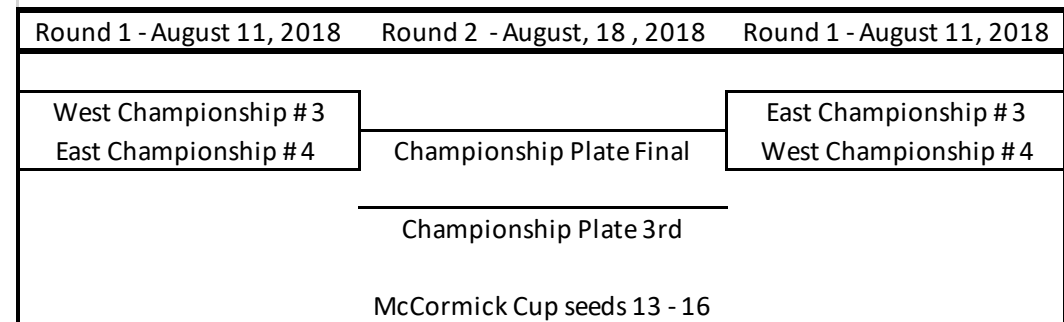
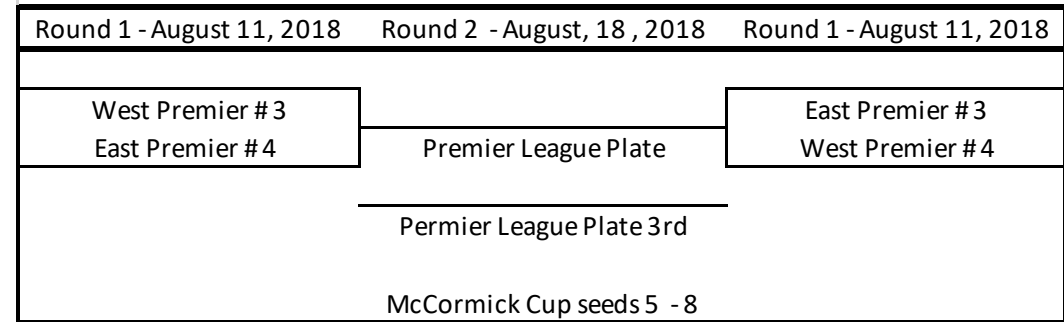
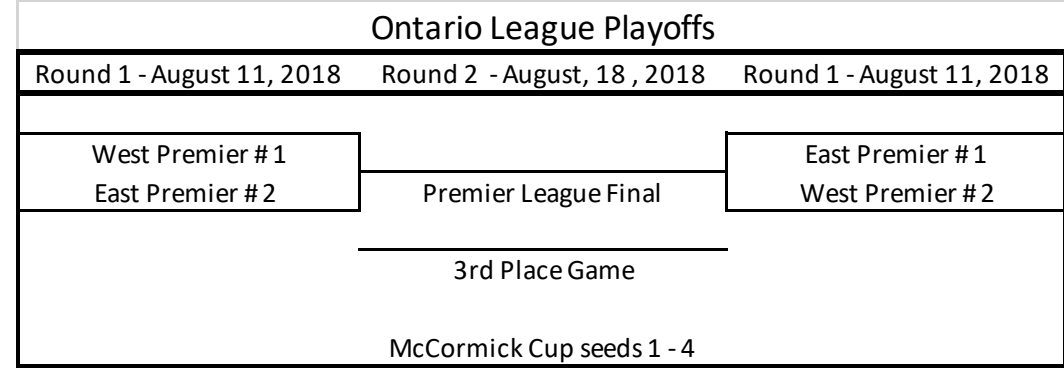
Break – Civic Holiday

Ontario League Playoff

Ontario League Playoffs

(August 11 & August 18)

- Teams will get placed in the Ontario League Playoffs, based on how they finish in their respective conferences
- Based on outcome of Ontario League Playoff, teams will be seeded for McCormick Cup Competition
- **Additional 2 games per team**
- Higher seed to host
 - If two # 1 seeds are scheduled to play in the 2nd round the team with the lowest number of conceded points in the first round will host in round 2
 - If both teams are still tied the team with the highest number of total points scored in round 1 will host



Promotion and Relegation

- Premiership to Championship
 - There will be 1 team promoted out of the West Championship Conference and 1 team promoted out of the East Championship Conference
 - **How to get promoted?** Finish as the highest placed team out of your conference in the Ontario League Playoffs
 - **How to get relegated?** Finish as the lowest placed team out of your conference in the Ontario League Playoffs
- Branch Union to Championship
 - There will be 1 team promoted out of the NRU (into the West Championship) and 1 team promoted out of the TRU (into the East Championship)
 - **How to get promoted/relegated?** There will be an intermediate cup held after the Ontario League Playoffs that will determine which clubs participate in the West and East Championship conference respectively.
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Branch Union Promotion to Regional Championships

Intermediate Cup Dates

Round 1 - September 8, 2018 (Branch representative to host)

Round 2 – September 15, 2018 (Championship representative to host)

Structure

- 2 fixture series (Home & Away)
- Winners to be decided based on aggregate points

Teams

- NRU # 1 v. Western Championship # 4
- TRU # 1 v. Eastern Championship # 4

McCormick Cup Playoffs

- Traditional McCormick Cup Style Bracket
- Teams will be seeded based on their Ontario League Playoff performance
- The bottom team in each championship conference (East & West) will be dropped into the Intermediate Cup
- 2 EORU teams will be invited to participate in the McCormick Cup (Taking over the seeds left by the two teams entering the Intermediate Cup)
 - EORU 1 will come in as the 8th Seed
 - EORU 2 will come in as the 10th seed
 - Seeding will be shifted around based on the 2 teams that get dropped into the Intermediate Cup
- Higher seed to host all fixtures

McCormick Cup Dates

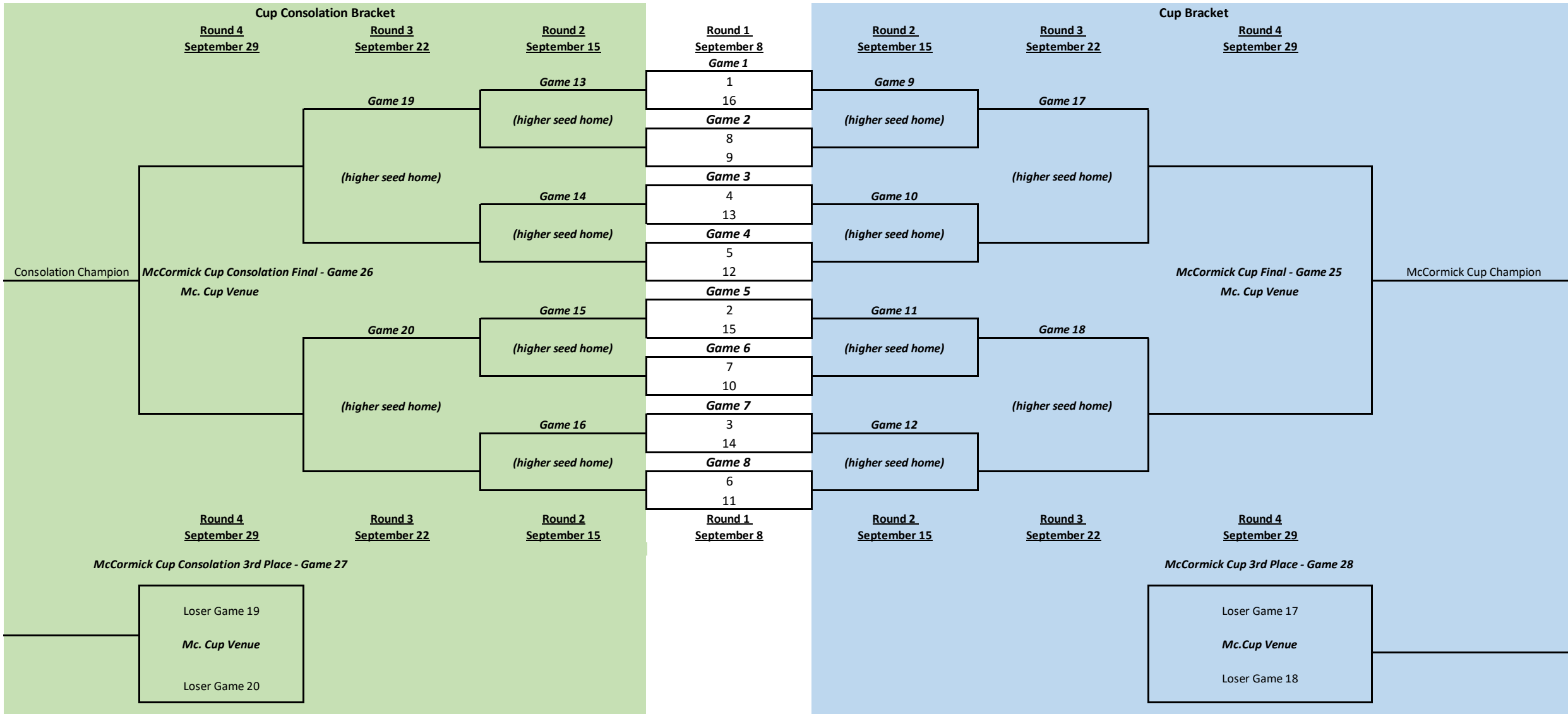
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Round 2 – September 15, 2018

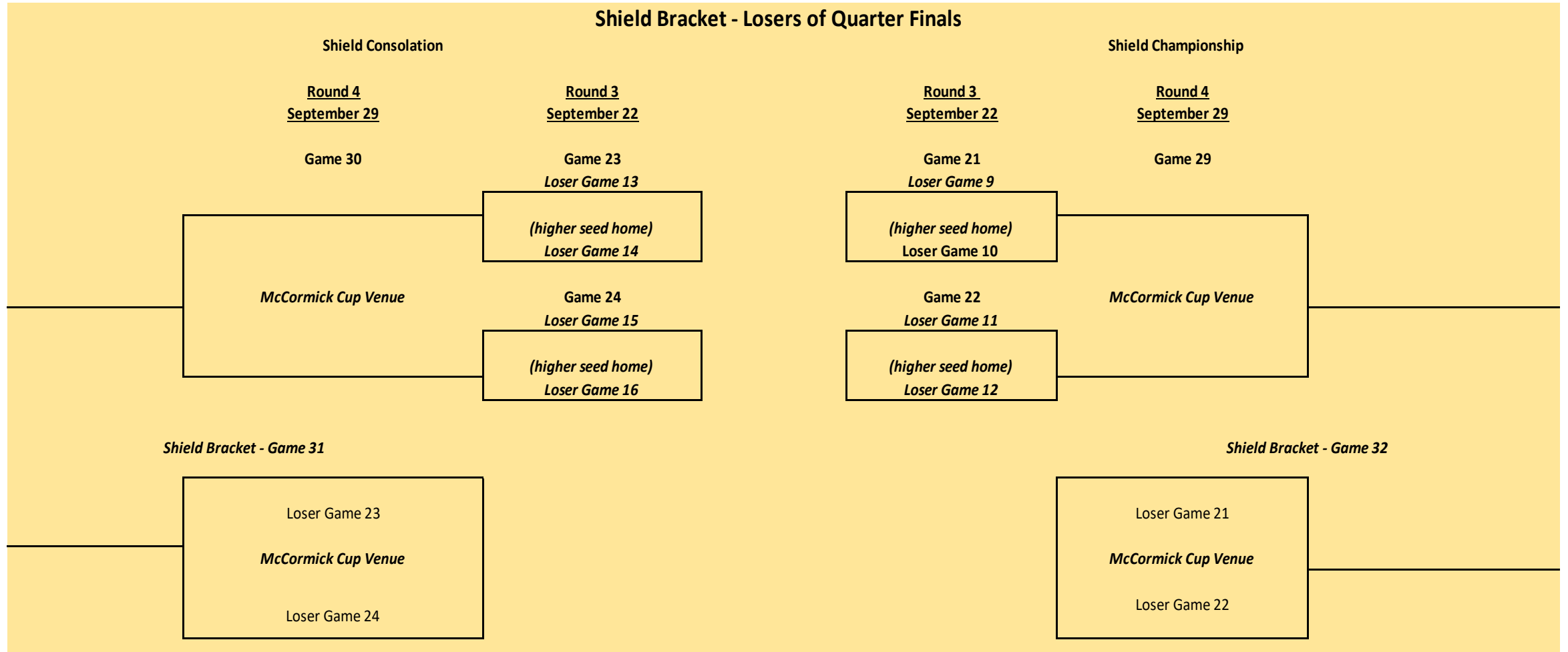
Round 3 – September 22, 2018

Round 4 – September 29, 2018

McCormick Cup Playoff Draw



McCormick Cup Shield Bracket



Gee Gage Cup Competition

- Traditional Gee Gage Cup Structure
 - Open to Branch Union 1st teams as well as Marshall 2nds teams wishing to continue into September
- Structure depending on the number of entries

Registration Deadline

Registration must be confirmed before August 17, 2018

Gee Gage Cup Dates

Round 1 – September 8, 2018

Round 2 – September 15, 2018

Round 3 – September 22, 2018

Round 4 – September 29, 2018