

Cribbage

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1. **Age Categories:** Men and Women 55 +
2. **Events:** Pairs Event only.
3. **Participation:**
 - (a) **Unlimited number of** pairs per Zone plus isolation Zone
 - (i) Pairs may consist of two men, two women, or one man and one woman.
 - (b) All pairs must have the same partners throughout the Games (i.e. same players as in Zone playoffs).
 - (i) If one member of a pair is unable to continue to the Games after being selected in the Zone playoffs, the remaining player may select another partner who must have competed in the Zone playoffs.
 - (ii) If the remaining player decides not to play, the next highest pair in the Zone playoffs final standing shall be asked to go to the Games.
 - (iii) In an effort to eliminate byes, all pairs will be put into flights, by way of a draw. This draw will be conducted by the Host Cribbage Chair. The number of flights will be determined by the number of participants (pairs) entered.
4. **Competition:**
 - (a) Format:
 - (i) All flights will play a triple round robin format over two days.
 - (ii) Standings will be determined by the number of points each pair accumulates. (121 points for game-winning pair and whatever points achieved for the losing pair)
 - (iii) In the case of a tie in overall points, the pair with the most wins (121 points) will be given the higher standing.
 - (iv) The time limit of the games should be 20 minutes or at the discretion of the Host Cribbage Coordinator who should attempt to have all games completed before calling time.
 - (v) Playoffs will be played as follows: first place winners in all flights will compete in a single round robin competition for overall Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
 - (vi) If there are fewer than 3 flights, the Gold and Silver winners, after the Round Robin, will play a single Round Robin for the overall Gold, Silver and Bronze.
 - (b) Rules:
 - (i) The Laws of Cribbage shall apply.
 - (ii) One game of 121 points constitutes a game (match).
 - (iii) No penalty or premium for a "skunk".
 - (iv) Cut for crib to start each game. Lowest card deals.
 - (v) When counting a hand, cards must be face up on the table.
 - (vi) In the event of a misdeal, the dealer shall deal again.
 - (vii) Jacks cannot be counted for pegging if the player's peg is past the 115th hole.



- (viii) Any points missed cannot be counted once a player has finished moving his peg.
- (ix) Suit in a hand counts four points.
- (x) Suit in a hand plus deck card counts five points
- (xi) Suit in a crib plus deck card counts five points.
- (xii) Suit in the crib only does not count.
- (xiii) Muggins will not be taken
- (xiv) Players to keep track of their own scores and turn them in to the scorekeeper. The scorekeeper will post all scores on a master score sheet flip chart, or wall, after each game. It will remain on display during playing times.
- (xv) All scores must be recorded using a pen. No pencilled scoring will be allowed.
- (xvi) No person shall sit or stand at any table while competition is in progress except the pairs actually playing.
- (xvii) A time limit, to be set by the Cribbage Coordinator, will be enforced.
- (xviii) All cards must remain face down on the table until all cards are dealt in a round.
- (xix) All cards must be visible during play. Cards are to be held above table height.
- (xx) The language used during play must be understood by all players at the table.
- (xxi) If possible, cards with larger digits and letters should be available for those who require them.

5. Medals:

- (a) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third pair in the standings in each flight respectively.
- (b) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first, second and third pair in a playoff between the top players in all flights.

6. Zone Playoffs:

For three years (2017, 2018, and 2019) there will be unlimited entries allowed, therefore, zone playoffs will not be necessary.

- (a) Playoffs are to be for pairs only.
- (b) Round robin format shall be used with each pair meeting each other pair.
- (c) Standings shall be determined by points accumulated. (121 points for winning a game; accumulated points to losing pair.)
- (d) In the case of a tie in the standings, higher standing will be determined by taking pair with most wins (121 points).
- (e) Rules used for the Games will apply to the Zone playoffs.
- (f) Zone Cribbage Coordinators are encouraged to limit the playoff games to twenty minutes.