

## Masters - 2018 Format

Following the success of the Waterloo Masters in the last few seasons, this tournament will again be staged towards the end of the 2017-18 season.

Traditionally the Masters format has been a 16-person singles knockout, made up of the top 2 players from each team in the final player stats, the balance being made up from the highest-placed players in the same stats who have not qualified.

To keep every team involved (as there are several more teams in the league this year) it has been decided to create a preliminary round, as follows:

There will be 3 pots of players:

Pot A - Highest placed player from each team in the final player stats - 10 players.

These players will automatically play in the last 16

Pot B - Second highest placed player from each team in the final player stats - 10 players.

Pot C - The 2 highest placed players in the stats, not already included in the above pots - 2 players.

### The Preliminary Draw:

The 10 x Pot B players & 2 x Pot C players will first be drawn at random to play 6 preliminary matches.

The 6 winners will join the 10 Pot A players in the last 16 draw.

### The Masters Draw:

The last 16 draw will be made up of 2 further pots:

Pot 1 - Top 8 players from Pot A, as per the final player stats.

Pot 2 - Remaining 2 Pot A players, plus 6 prelim winners

The draw will consist of 1 player from each pot, drawn and arranged at random.

All matches best of 5 (1<sup>st</sup> to 3) until the final, which will be best of 7 (1<sup>st</sup> to 4).

If either of a team's top 2 is unable to attend (or doesn't wish to participate), eligibility passes down through their team as far as possible.

Any spaces not filled by team qualification become further prelim entries, with Pot B reducing & Pot C increasing proportionally.