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## WHIST RULES

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All participants must be at least 55 years of age by December 31 of the year of the games.

**AGE CATEGORIES / EVENTS:** Pairs - 2 males, 2 females or 1 male /1 female.

AGE	EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY
55+	Open Pairs	5 Pairs
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY = 10</b>		

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. At the start of the tournament each team will be designated an "A" or a "B" team. The team designated "A" will always move no matter if they have won or lost.
2. Players will cut cards behind, before each hand is dealt.
3. A game consists of five (5) hands. Trump is as follows: HEARTS, CLUBS, DIAMONDS, SPADES, NO TRUMP. All players cut for deal, high card deals.
4. Unnecessary talking will not be permitted.
5. Ace is high.

### **OFFICIALS:**

There will be a head judge identified at the start of the tournament. Score sheets will be picked up after every fifth hand.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Cards and score sheets will be provided by the Host Committee.

### **TYPE OF DRAW:**

A total of 60 hands will be played (12 x 5 hands = 60 hands). High score after 60 hands (12 games) will be declared the winner.

### **TIE BREAKING SYSTEM:**

If two teams are tied with total points at the end of the tournament, a sudden victory play-off will take place. 5 hands will be played. In the case of a three way tie a round robin format will be used to break the tie. Teams will play one hand of NO TRUMP.