

Proposal to change the GC Pool Structure

For the past several years, the underlying principle behind the Pool Structure in the General Championship has been fundamentally based on UG Male Hostels (currently Halls 2, 3, 5 and 10; previously 2, 3, 5 and 9). The continuity of pools essentially follows the UG Male Hostels and the other hostels (PG and Female Hostels) are divided among these pools.

This system leads to several recurrent problems, the greatest of which is the issue of Pool Allocation. Every year, endless time is spent in the COSHA and the Senate unnecessarily on issues when important problems get blindsided. One of the biggest problems with this system is the inherent inequality among the other Halls that are assigned (GH-1, GH-2, Hall 4, Hall 7, Hall 8 and Hall 11).

Several of these problems can be solved by changing the number of pools in the General Championship from 4 to 2. The major problems (inequality between other halls) is immediately gone as there are two female Hostels (GH-1 and GH-2), four PG male Hostels (Hall 4, Hall 7, Hall 8 and Hall 11 and four essentially UG male Hostels (Hall 2, 3, 5, 10), with Hall 9 and Hall 1 working under the parent Hall system. This allows a clear division of the entire campus community into two big pools.

The major advantages of such a system over the current system are the following:

1. Fairness in divisions of Halls among pools, taking one from the female Hostel bracket, two from the PG male Hostel bracket and two from the UG male Hostel bracket will result in an essentially equitable distribution.
2. Increased level of competition. With 4 pools, it often turns out that one of the pools is getting overshadowed completely by the others, or perhaps that two of the pools overshadow the other two. With two equitable pools, the competition will always be close and no pool will be overshadowed, leading to a sustained increase in the level of the competition.
3. Increased inter-hall interaction for UG Halls. The requirement of two male UG Hostels to work together in the General Championship will automatically require cooperation between the two Halls and will necessarily result in an increased interaction between students of the two Halls.
4. More freedom in organization of events. Currently, to a large extent, events in, say, Galaxy and Takneek are constrained by the fact that four different teams are participating in the same event. With only two teams participating, it will free up time and logistical support that would allow the introduction of new events, or the extension of existing events.