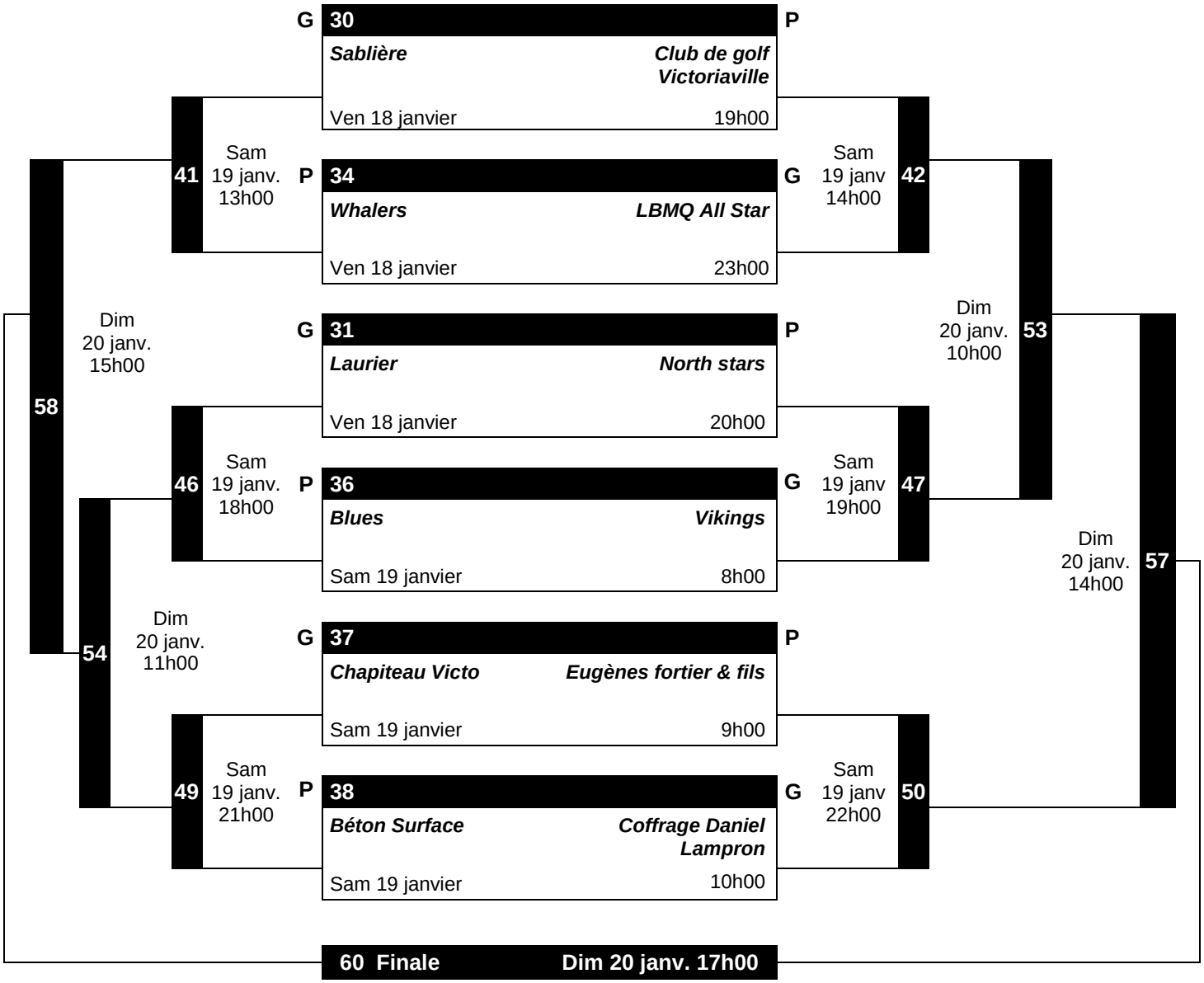PARTICIPATION