

NEW FORMATS UNVEILED FOR 2012 CAROLINA REGION JUNIOR SEASON



In June, the Carolina Region conducted an online survey regarding the length of our Juniors tournaments and other topics. More than 120 coaches, professional officials, and tournament directors responded. For the most part, they echoed concerns voiced by the Region's Junior Advisory Board over the burden on families and the potential to lose good coaches and officials over the length of most tournaments.

Approximately 64% of survey respondents said that tournaments should end by 7pm, and 26% said by 8pm. This would require a *significant* shortening of most tournaments, since two-thirds of last season's tournaments ended at 8:00pm or later, and 59 tournaments ended at 9pm or later. After the survey, a Task Force of coaches wrote a detailed report on ways to shorten tournament days (report available upon request). The Region's full Board of Directors reviewed the survey results and the Task Force report and decided on some short-term changes and points of emphasis for the 2012 junior tournaments. Additional steps might be considered in future years.

- For the youngest age groups only (U12 and U13), there will be adult R1s all day. However, with the approval of the head coach and supervising official, a certified player-referee may work the second set as R1 during pool play. Teams U14 and older will provide R1s as in past years for the "pool" play rounds.
- The Region will use 4-team pools whenever possible and will do away with 5-team pools. Five-team pools result in very late tournaments, and many other Regions have also eliminated them. When 4-team pools are not feasible, a new rounds-of-play format will be used. This format resembles one used in some multi-day tournaments, but was developed specifically for our one-day tournaments. The administration begins with all teams being seeded top to bottom based on the Points System. The new formats will then be structured in one of two ways: (a) Teams will be placed into the format and will play their first match. The results of each match will then determine where they play (and serve as work team) next. (B) The second type of format will have teams placed into mini-pools. Based on morning round in which each team (typically) plays 2 full matches, teams are re-seeded for round 2, and likewise for each subsequent round. This re-seeding process is the main difference between the old format and the new one. During the last two rounds of matches in all the new formats, teams compete for 1st and 2nd places in various brackets depending on how big the field size is--gold, silver, bronze, and copper. The Champion and Runner-up for the tournament are the 1st and 2nd place teams in the Gold bracket. Final matches will generally be scheduled to begin about 6pm. All teams will have the chance to win the tournament regardless of where they are seeded beginning the tournament (and in most formats even one match loss will not eliminate the team).
- To reduce travel time to tournaments, the Region has worked to line up tournament venues in the eastern half of NC. A large facility in Fayetteville was recently added. If you know of a promising facility with 3 or more courts, please have a representative contact the Region at office@carolinaregionvb.org

We hope these new formats will alleviate a lot of the issues surrounding the 5-team pool formats but still give us an opportunity to allow more teams to play (which is our overall focus!) There will be some growing pains as we tryout these new formats so we ask for patience as we begin the season. We may tweak the formats as needed to make them suit our needs even further. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Have a great 2012 Season!

KEY

M =	Match
M1 =	Match 1
WM# =	Winner of Match #
LM# =	Loser of Match #
R =	Round
R1 =	Round 1
R2 =	Round 2
P# =	Pool # (For 4-team pool tournaments only)
CR =	Challenge Round
Blue/Purple Rounds	PLAYOFFS (for all spots)

ALL MATCHES WILL PLAY BEST 2 of 3

All Match times are approximate. Matches will begin as soon as the court is clear from the prior match and all participating teams (including work teams) are at the court (some teams will be coming from other courts).

All Teams are expected to be on site and ready to play or officiate by 9 am (a rep needs to be at Coaches Meeting at 8:30 am). These formats are not flexible for late arriving teams so teams not on site will be dropped from the Tournament! Once the tournament begins, the formats cannot be changed for late arriving teams.

4 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	Team 1	Team 3	Team 2
10:00	M2	Team 2	Team 4	Team 1
11:00	M3	Team 1	Team 4	Team 3
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	M4	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
13:30	M5	Team 3	Team 4	Team 2
14:30	M6	Team 1	Team 2	Team 4
15:30	M7	3rd	4th	2nd
16:30	M8	1st	2nd	LM7

5 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	2	4	1
10:00	M2	1	5	3
11:00	M3	3	LM1	LM2
12:00	M4	WM1	LM2	LM3
1:00	M5	WM2	WM3	WM4
2:00	M6	LM3	LM4	WM5
3:00	M7	WM4	LM5	LM6
4:00	M8	WM5	WM6	LM7
5:00	M9	WM8	WM7	LM8

6 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	1	5	4
10:00	M3	R1M3	4	5	1
11:00	M5	R1M5	1	4	5
Break					
12:30	M7	Quarterfinal 1	R1P2 2ND	R1P1 3RD	R1P1 1ST
1:30	M9	Semi 1	R1P1 1ST	WM7	LM7
2:30	M11	1st Place	WM9	WM10	LM9

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	6	3
10:00	M4	R1M4	3	6	2
11:00	M6	R1M6	2	3	6
Break					
12:30	M8	Quarterfinal 2	R1P1 2ND	R1P2 3RD	R1P2 1ST
1:30	M10	Semi 2	R1P2 1ST	WM8	LM8

7 Team Format

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9:00	M1	R1M1	1	5	4
10:00	M3	R1M3	4	5	1
11:00	M5	R1M5	1	4	5
Break					
12:30	M7	R2M1	WM2	R1P1 3RD	R1P11ST
1:30	M9	R2M3	R1P1 1ST	WM7	LM7
2:30	M11	3rd Place	LM9	LM10	WM9
3:30	M13	1st Place	WM9	WM10	LM11

Time	Court 2	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	3	7	6
10:00	M4	R1M4	2	6	7
11:00	M6	R1M6	6	7	3
Break					
12:30	M8	R2M2	R1P1 2ND	WM6	WM4
1:30	M10	R2M4	WM4	WM8	LM8
2:30	M12	7th Place	LM7	LM6	WM10
3:30	M14	5th Place	WM12	LM8	LM12

8 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	P1M1	Team 1	Team 5	Team 4
10:00	P1M2	Team 4	Team 8	Team 1
11:00	P1M3	Team 1	Team 8	Team 5
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P1M4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 1
13:30	P1M5	Team 5	Team 8	Team 4
14:30	P1M6	Team 1	Team 4	Team 8
15:30	Semi 1	P1 1st	P2 2nd	P1 4th
16:30	1st Place	Semi 1 Winner	Semi 2 Winner	Semi 1 Loser

Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	P2M1	Team 2	Team 6	Team 3
10:00	P2M2	Team 3	Team 7	Team 2
11:00	P2M3	Team 2	Team 7	Team 6
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P2M4	Team 3	Team 6	Team 2
13:30	P2M5	Team 6	Team 7	Team 3
14:30	P2M6	Team 2	Team 3	Team 7
15:30	Semi 2	P2 1st	P1 2nd	P2 4th



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6	5	4
7	8	9

2. Since there are three divisions to start the tournament and there are only TWO courts available there will be some switching of courts during the first round. Please look at the entire schedule to be sure that your team isn't assigned somewhere when you think you are off.
3. Every team will play two matches, work one match and sit two matches in the first 5 rounds as long as the courts are running on schedule (NOTE: times listed are all approximate and depend on how the matches go before it). At the tournament director's discretion, a 20-30 minute break may be used if a team has not received the proper time off due to courts running behind schedule.
4. There will still be instances of 3 hour gaps between a team's assignments, though they are only used when absolutely necessary. So please be aware that it is a possibility though it shouldn't happen often. NOTE: This would happen last year under the old 5-team pool format as well – only Four (of 9) teams can play at a time on two courts!
5. There will not be a game to break a tie in the three team pools if one occurs. The tie will be broken by set and point percentages, (the sheet will do this for you) and the teams will move forward as the seed they are given.
6. When the second round begins (2:00 on schedule) all teams will move into a single elimination bracket based on their results in round 1. You can't be eliminated from contention until your third match, but at that point you must win to continue. Doing well in the first round gets you a better seed in the second round, but once the second round begins losing will end your play for the day. At this point, everyone will have received their guaranteed minimum of three matches.
7. The winners of the first round pools (even if it is only set or point percentage) will get a bye in the second round.
8. Almost always if you lose in the second round bracket you will work the next match on your court and then you will be free to leave. But always check with your tournament director to be sure that your team is done for the day.

9 Team Format 2 Courts

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	A-1	1	7	6
10:00	A-2	6	7	1
11:00	B-2	5	8	2
12:00	B-3	2	5	8
1:00	C-3	3	4	9
2:00	R2B-1	R1PC 2nd	R1PA 3rd	R1PB 1st
3:00	R2B-2	R1PB 1st	WM10	LM10
4:00	R2C-2	R1PC 1st	WM11	LM12
5:00	Semis	WM12	WM14	LM14
6:00	Finals	WM15	WM16	LM16

R1PA
Team Name
Team 1
Team 6
Team 7

Pool Finish	Team Name
1st	Undecided
2nd	Undecided
3rd	Undecided

R1PB
Team Name
Team 2
Team 5
Team 8

Pool Finish	Team Name
1st	Undecided
2nd	Undecided
3rd	Undecided

Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	B-1	2	8	5
10:00	C-1	3	9	4
11:00	C-2	4	9	3
12:00	A-3	1	6	7
1:00	No Match			
2:00	R2C-1	R1PA 2nd	R1PB 3rd	R1PC 1st
3:00	R2A-1	R1PB 2nd	R1PC 3rd	R1PA 1st
4:00	R2A-2	R1PA 1st	WM13	LM13

R1PC
Team Name
Team 3
Team 4
Team 9

Pool Finish	Team Name
1st	Undecided
2nd	Undecided
3rd	Undecided

9 Team Format

3 Courts

Time	Court 1	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	1	7	6
10:00	M4	R1M4	6	7	1
11:00	M7	R1M7	1	6	7
Break					
12:30	M10	R2M1	R1P2 2ND	R1P3 3RD	R1P1 1ST
1:30	M13	R2M4	R1P1 1ST	WM10	LM10
2:30	M16	1st Place Semis	WM14	WM15	WM13
3:30	M19	1st Place Finals	WM13	WM16	LM16

Time	Court 2	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	8	5
10:00	M5	R2M5	5	8	2
11:00	M8	R2M8	2	5	8
Break					
12:30	M11	R2M2	R1P3 2ND	R1P1 3RD	R1P2 1ST
1:30	M14	R2M4	R1P2 1ST	WM11	LM11
2:30	M17	4th Place Semis	LM13	LM15	LM14
3:30	M20	4th Place Finals	LM14	WM17	LM17

Time	Court 3	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	9	4
10:00	M6	R1M6	4	9	3
11:00	M9	R1M9	3	4	9
Break					
12:30	M12	R2M1	R1P1 2ND	R1P2 3RD	R1P3 1ST
1:30	M15	R2M6	R1P3 1ST	WM12	LM12
2:30	M18	7th Place Semis	LM12	LM10	LM11
3:30	M21	7th Place Finals	LM11	WM18	LM18



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6	5	4
7	8	9
		10

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3. We have balanced the work assignments in the first round, but to do this some teams have to work matches that aren't part of their bracket or pool, for instance the 1 seed starting the day will work the second match of Bracket C no matter what their results are in their matches. So please check the court schedule for the pre-planned work assignments.
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R1M1	9:00	M1	3	10	4
R1M2	10:00	M3	4	9	1
R1PA2	11:00	M5	6	7	9
R1PA3	12:00	M7	1	6	7
R1PB3	1:00	M9	2	5	8
Loser to 7th	2:00	M11	R1PA 1st	LM10	WM10
Loser to 7th	3:00	M13	R1PB 2nd	WM10	LM11
Loser to 4th	4:00	M15	R1PB 1st	Wm12	LM13
1st Place Semis	5:00	M17	WM11	WM13	LM15
1st Place	6:00	M19	WM17	WM18	LM17

R1PA
Team Name
Team 1
Team 6
Team 7

R1PB
Team Name
Team 2
Team 5
Team 8

Match	Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
R1PA1	9:00	M2	1	7	6
R1PB1	10:00	M4	2	8	5
R1PB2	11:00	M6	5	8	2
R1M3	12:00	M8	WM1	WM3	LM1
R1M4	1:00	M10	LM3	LM1	WM1
Loser to 7th	2:00	M12	LM8	R1PA 3rd	R1PB 1st
Loser to 4th	3:00	M14	R1PA 2nd	R1PB 3rd	LM12
Loser to 4th	4:00	M16	WM8	WM14	LM14
1st Place Semis	5:00	M18	WM15	WM16	LM16

10 Team Format

3 Courts

Time	Court 1	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	1	7	6
10:00	M4	R1M4	6	7	1
11:00	M7	R1M7	1	6	7
Break					
12:30	M10	R2M1	R1P2 3RD	WM9	R1P1 1ST
1:30	M13	R2M4	R1P1 1ST	WM10	LM10
2:30	M16	CRM1	LM13	LM11	LM14
3:30	M19	1st Place Semis	WM14	WM15	WM13
4:30	M22	1st Place Finals	WM13	WM19	LM19

Time	Court 2	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	8	5
10:00	M5	R1M5	5	8	2
11:00	M8	R1M8	2	5	8
Break					
12:30	M11	R2M2	WM6	R1P1 3RD	R1P2 1ST
1:30	M14	R2M5	R1P2 1ST	WM11	LM11
2:30	M17	CRM2	LM15	LM10	WM14
3:30	M20	4th Place Semis	WM16	WM17	LM18
4:30	M23	4th Place Finals	LM14	WM20	LM20

Time	Court 3	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	10	9
10:00	M6	R1M6	4	9	LM3
11:00	M9	R1M9	LM6	LM3	WM3
Break					
12:30	M12	R2M3	R1P1 2ND	R1P2 3RD	LM9
1:30	M15	R2M6	WM3	WM12	LM12
2:30	M18	CRM3	LM12	LM9	WM15
3:30	M21	7th Place Semis	WM18	LM10	LM16
4:30	M24	7th Place Finals	LM16	WM21	LM21

11 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	1	7	6
10:00	M4	R1M4	6	7	1
11:00	M7	R1M7	1	6	7
Break					
12:30	M10	R2M1	WM5	WM9	R1P1 1ST
1:30	M13	R2M4	R1P1 1ST	WM10	LM10
2:30	M16	CRM1	LM15	LM10	LM13
3:30	M19	1st Place Semis	WM14	WM15	WM13
4:30	M22	1st Place Finals	WM13	WM19	LM19

Time	Court 2	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	11	8
10:00	M5	R2M5	5	8	LM2
11:00	M8	R2M8	LM5	LM2	WM5
Break					
12:30	M11	R2M2	WM6	R1P1 3RD	WM2
1:30	M14	R2M4	WM2	WM11	LM11
2:30	M17	CRM2	LM11	LM8	LM14
3:30	M20	4th Place Semis	LM13	WM16	LM17
4:30	M23	4th Place Finals	LM14	WM20	LM20

Time	Court 3	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	10	9
10:00	M6	R1M6	4	9	LM3
11:00	M9	R1M9	LM6	LM3	WM6
Break					
12:30	M12	R2M1	R1P1 2ND	WM8	WM3
1:30	M15	R2M6	WM3	WM12	LM12
2:30	M18	CRM3	LM12	LM9	WM15
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4:30	M24	7th Place Finals	WM17	WM21	LM21

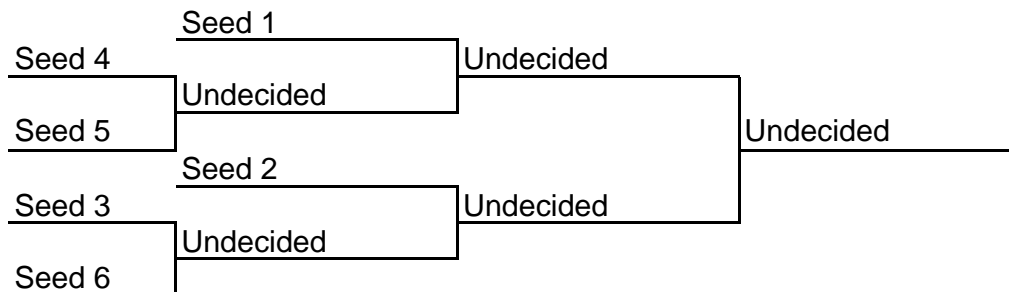
12 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work1
9:00	P1M1	Team 1	Team 7	Team 6
10:00	P1M2	Team 6	Team 12	Team 1
11:00	P1M3	Team 1	Team 12	Team 7
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P1M4	Team 6	Team 7	Team 1
13:30	P1M5	Team 7	Team 12	Team 6
14:30	P1M6	Team 1	Team 6	Team 12
15:30	Quarterfinal 1	Playoff seed 3	Playoff Seed 6	Playoff Seed 1
16:30	Semifinal 1	Playoff Seed 1	QF 2 Winner	QF 1 Loser
17:30	1st Place Final	SF 1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	SF 1 Loser

Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work2
9:00	P2M1	Team 2	Team 8	Team 5
10:00	P2M2	Team 5	Team 11	Team 2
11:00	P2M3	Team 2	Team 11	Team 8
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P2M4	Team 5	Team 8	Team 2
13:30	P2M5	Team 8	Team 11	Team 5
14:30	P2M6	Team 3	Team 4	Team 11
15:30	Quarterfinal 2	Playoff seed 3	Playoff seed 6	Playoff Seed 2.
16:30	Semifinal 2	Playoff Seed 2.	QF 1 Winner	QF 2 Loser

Time	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work3
9:00	P3M1	Team 3	Team 9	Team 4
10:00	P3M2	Team 4	Team 10	Team 3
11:00	P3M3	Team 3	Team 10	Team 9
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P3M4	Team 4	Team 9	Team 3
13:30	P3M5	Team 9	Team 10	Team 4
14:30	P3M6	Team 3	Team 4	Team 10

Playoffs



13 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	7	12	13
10:00	M4	R1M4	6	13	WM1
11:00	M7	R1M7	1	WM1	WM4
12:00	M10	R1M10	LM1	LM4	WM7
1:00	M13	R2M1	WM7	LM12	LM10
2:00	M16	R2M4	LM8	WM12	LM13
3:00	M19	R2M7	WM13	WM16	LM16
4:00	M22	CRM1	LM18	LM13	LM19
5:00	M25	1st Place Semis	WM20	WM21	LM22
6:00	M28	1st Place Finals	WM19	WM25	LM25

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	11	5
10:00	M5	R1M5	5	8	LM2
11:00	M8	R1M8	WM2	WM5	LM5
12:00	M11	R1M11	LM5	LM2	WM8
1:00	M14	R2M2	WM8	WM10	LM7
2:00	M17	R2M5	LM9	LM7	LM14
3:00	M20	R2M8	M14	WM17	LM17
4:00	M23	CRM2	LM16	LM14	LM20
5:00	M26	4th Place Semis	LM19	LM21	LM23
6:00	M29	4th Place Finals	LM20	WM26	LM26

Time	Court 3		Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	10	4
10:00	M6	R1M6	4	9	LM3
11:00	M9	R1M9	WM3	WM6	LM6
12:00	M12	R1M12	LM6	LM3	WM9
1:00	M15	R2M3	WM9	LM11	WM11
2:00	M18	R2M6	WM4	WM11	LM15
3:00	M21	R2M9	WM15	WM18	LM18
4:00	M24	CRM3	LM15	LM10	LM21
5:00	M27	7th Place Semis	WM22	WM23	LM24
6:00	M30	7th Place Finals	LM17	WM27	LM27



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1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
		14	13

2. Since there are four divisions to start the tournament and there are only three courts available, there will be some switching of courts during the first round. Please look at the entire schedule to be sure that your team isn't assigned somewhere when you think you are off.
3. We have balanced the work assignments in the first round, but to do this some teams have to work matches that aren't part of their bracket or pool, for instance the 12 seed starting the day will work the second match of Bracket C no matter what their results are in their matches. So please check the court schedule for the pre-planned work assignments.
4. The balancing of work assignments means that every team will play two matches, work one match and sit two matches in the first 5 rounds as long as the courts are running on schedule (NOTE: times listed are all approximate and depend on how the matches go before it). At the tournament director's discretion, a 20-30 minute break may be used if a team has not received the proper time off due to courts running behind schedule.
5. There will still be instances of 3 hour gaps between a team's assignments, though they are only used when absolutely necessary. So please be aware that it is a possibility though it shouldn't happen often. NOTE: This would happen last year under the old 5-team pool format as well – only TWO (of 5) teams can play at a time on one court!
6. There will not be a game to break a tie in the three team pools if one occurs. The tie will be broken by set and point percentages, (the sheet will do this for you) and the teams will move forward as the seed they are given. There is no possibility for ties in the 4 team brackets as the winner always takes the higher seed and moves forward as that seed.
7. After the first round the losers of matches 7 and 14 will be eliminated from contention as they would have lost two matches already. They will play each other in match 7 to give them a guaranteed 3 matches on the day against three different opponents.
8. When the second round begins (2:00 on schedule) all teams that have earned a seed from 1 through 12 in the first round will be in a single elimination bracket. This is similar to "making the playoffs" last year except that it's 12 teams instead of 6.
9. The teams that wins their initial bracket or pool (i.e. 1 through 4 after round 1) will receive a bye in the second round.
10. Almost always if you lose in the second round bracket you will work the next match on your court and then you will be free to leave. But always check with your tournament director to be sure that you done for the day.

14 Team Format

Match	Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
C-1	9:00	M1	3	14	6
C-2	10:00	M4	6	11	12
C-3	11:00	M7	LM4	LM1	WM1
A-3	12:00	M10	1	8	9
C-4	1:00	M13	WM1	WM4	LM1
Loser to 9th	2:00	M15	LM12	R1PA 3rd	WM13
Loser to 9th	3:00	M18	R1PA 2nd	R1PB 3rd	LM15
Loser to 5th	4:00	M21	WM12	WM18	LM18
1st Place Semis	5:00	M24	WM23	WM21	LM21
1st Place	6:00	M28	WM24	WM25	LM24

R1PA
Team Name
Team 1
Team 8
Team 9

R1PB
Team Name
Team 2
Team 7
Team 10

Match	Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
D-1	9:00	M2	4	13	5
B-1	10:00	M5	2	10	7
B-2	11:00	M8	7	10	2
B-3	12:00	M11	2	7	10
None	1:00	Off			
Loser to 9th	2:00	M16	LM13	WM14	R1PB 1st
Loser to 5th	3:00	M19	R1PB 1st	WM16	LM16
Loser to 5th	4:00	M22	WM13	WM15	LM19
1st Place Semis	5:00	M25	WM19	WM22	LM22

Match	Time	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work
A-1	9:00	M3	1	9	8
A-2	10:00	M6	8	9	1
D-2	11:00	M9	5	12	LM2
D-3	12:00	M12	WM2	WM9	11
D-4	1:00	M14	LM9	LM2	WM2
13th Place	2:00	M17	LM14	LM7	R1PB 2nd
Loser to 9th	3:00	M20	R1PB 2nd	WM7	R1PA 1st
Loser to 5th	4:00	M23	R1PA 1st	WM20	LM20



15 Team Format Adjustments

After the first couple of weeks of region tournaments we have decided to make a few adjustments to the format to address some of the concerns of the tournament participants. Here are some pointers that will hopefully help with the specific format you are using today.

1. There has been a change from using 5-team brackets and we will instead be using three four-team brackets and one three-team pool. Based on the seeding for this weekend your initial brackets/pools will look like this.

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Bracket B</u>	<u>Bracket C</u>	<u>Bracket D</u>
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
	15	14	13

2. Since there are four divisions to start the tournament and there are only three courts available, there will be some switching of courts during the first round. Please look at the entire schedule to be sure that your team isn't assigned somewhere when you think you are off.
3. We have balanced the work assignments in the first round, but to do this some teams have to work matches that aren't part of their bracket or pool. For instance, the 10 seed starting the day will work the third match of Bracket B no matter what their results are in their matches. So please check the court schedule for the pre-planned work assignments.
4. The balancing of work assignments means that every team will play two matches, work one match and sit two matches in the first 5 rounds as long as the courts are running on schedule (NOTE: times listed are all approximate and depend on how the matches go before it). At the tournament director's discretion, a 20-30 minute break may be used if a team has not received the proper time off due to courts running behind schedule.
5. There will still be instances of 3 hour gaps between a team's assignments, though they are only used when absolutely necessary. So please be aware that it is a possibility though it shouldn't happen often. NOTE: This would happen last year under the old 5-team pool format as well – only two (of 5) teams can play at a time on one courts!
6. There will not be a game to break a tie in the three team pools if one occurs. The tie will be broken by set and point percentages, (the sheet will do this for you) and the teams will move forward as the seed they are given. There is no possibility for ties in the 4 team brackets as the winner always takes the higher seed and moves forward as that seed.
7. After the first round the losers of matches 13, 14 and 15 will be eliminated from contention as they would have lost two matches already. They will be in a three team pool in matches 24, 27 and 29 to give them a guaranteed four matches on the day against four different opponents.
8. When the second round begins (2:00 on schedule) all teams that have earned a seed from 1 through 12 in the first round will be in a single elimination bracket. This is similar to "making the playoffs" last year except that it's 12 teams instead of 6.
9. The teams that win their initial bracket or pool (i.e. 1 through 4 after round 1) will receive a bye in the second round.
10. Almost always if you lose in the second round bracket you will work the next match on your court and then you will be free to leave. But always check with your tournament director to be sure that your team is done for the day.

15 Team Format

Match	Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work
B-1	9:00	M1	2	15	7
B-2	10:00	M4	7	10	LM1
B-3	11:00	M7	WM1	WM4	11
C-3	12:00	M10	WM2	WM5	LM2
C-4	1:00	M13	LM5	LM2	WM2
Loser to 9th	2:00	M16	LM11	R1PA 3rd	LM13
Loser to 9th	3:00	M19	R1PA 2nd	WM15	LM16
Loser to 5th	4:00	M22	WM11	WM19	LM19
Semis 1	5:00	M25	WM21	WM22	LM22
1st Place	6:00	M28	WM25	WM26	LM25

R1P1
Team Name
Team 1
Team 8
Team 9

Pool Finish	Team Name
1st	Undecided
2nd	Undecided
3rd	Undecided

Match	Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work
C-1	9:00	M2	3	14	6
C-2	10:00	M5	6	11	12
D-2	11:00	M8	5	12	LM3
D-3	12:00	M11	WM3	WM8	10
D-4	1:00	M14	LM8	LM3	WM11
Loser to 9th	2:00	M17	LM10	WM14	LM14
Loser to 5th	3:00	M20	WM7	WM17	LM17
Loser to 5th	4:00	M23	WM10	WM16	LM20
Semis 2	5:00	M26	WM20	WM23	LM23

Match	Time	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work
D-1	9:00	M3	4	13	5
A-1	10:00	M6	1	9	8
A-2	11:00	M9	8	9	1
A-3	12:00	M12	1	8	9
B-4	1:00	M15	LM4	LM1	WM1
Loser to 9th	2:00	M18	LM7	WM13	LM15
Loser to 5th	3:00	M21	R1PA 1st	WM18	LM18
13th	4:00	M24	LM14	LM15	LM13
Place	5:00	M27	LM13	LM15	LM14
Pool	6:00	M29	LM14	LM13	LM15

13th
Team Name
LM14
LM15
LM13

Pool Finish	Team Name
1st	Undecided
2nd	Undecided
3rd	Undecided

16 Team Format

Time	Court 1	Team A	Team B	Work1
9:00	P1M1	Team 1	Team 9	Team 8
10:00	P1M2	Team 8	Team 16	Team 1
11:00	P1M3	Team 1	Team 16	Team 9
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P1M4	Team 8	Team 9	Team 1
13:30	P1M5	Team 9	Team 16	Team 8
14:30	P1M6	Team 1	Team 8	Team 16
15:30	Quarterfinal 1	P1 1st	P4 2nd	P1 4th
16:30	Semifinal 1	QF 1 Winner	QF 4 Winner	QF 1 Loser
17:30	1st Place Final	SF 1 Winner	SF 2 Winner	SF 1 Loser

Time	Court 3	Team E	Team F	Work3
9:00	P3M1	Team 3	Team 11	Team 6
10:00	P3M2	Team 6	Team 14	Team 3
11:00	P3M3	Team 3	Team 14	Team 11
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P3M4	Team 6	Team 11	Team 3
13:30	P3M5	Team 11	Team 14	Team 6
14:30	P3M6	Team 3	Team 6	Team 14
15:30	Quarterfinal 3	P3 1st	P2 2nd	P3 4th

Time	Court 2	Team C	Team D	Work2
9:00	P2M1	Team 2	Team 10	Team 7
10:00	P2M2	Team 7	Team 15	Team 2
11:00	P2M3	Team 2	Team 15	Team 10
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P2M4	Team 7	Team 10	Team 2
13:30	P2M5	Team 10	Team 15	Team 7
14:30	P2M6	Team 2	Team 7	Team 15
15:30	Quarterfinal 2	P2 1st	P3 2nd	P2 4th
16:30	Semifinal 2	QF 2 Winner	QF 3 Winner	QF 1 Loser

Time	Court 4	Team G	Team H	Work4
9:00	P4M1	Team 4	Team 12	Team 5
10:00	P4M2	Team 5	Team 13	Team 4
11:00	P4M3	Team 4	Team 13	Team 12
12:00	30 Minute Lunch Break			
12:30	P4M4	Team 5	Team 12	Team 4
13:30	P4M5	Team 12	Team 13	Team 5
14:30	P4M6	Team 4	Team 5	Team 13
15:30	Quarterfinal 4	P4 1st	P1 2nd	P4 4th

17 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	9	16	17
10:00	M5	R1M5	8	17	WM1
11:00	M9	R1M9	1	WM1	WM5
12:00	M13	R1M13	LM1	LM5	WM9
1:00	M17	R2M1	LM10	WM15	LM13
2:00	M21	R2M5	WM9	WM17	LM17
3:00	M25	CRM1	WM14	LM15	LM21
4:00	M29	1st Place Semis 1	WM21	WM24	WM22
5:00	M33	1st Place Semis 2	WM22	WM23	LM29
6:00	M37	1st Place Finals	WM29	WM33	LM33

Time	Court 3		Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	14	11
10:00	M7	R1M7	6	11	WM3
11:00	M11	R1M11	WM3	WM7	LM3
12:00	M15	R1M15	LM7	LM3	LM11
1:00	M19	R2M3	LM12	LM9	WM11
2:00	M23	R2M7	WM11	WM19	LM19
3:00	M27	CRM3	LM18	WM13	LM23
4:00	M31	9th Place Semis 1	LM19	WM27	LM20
5:00	M35	9th Place Semis 2	LM20	WM26	LM31
6:00	M39	9th Place Finals	WM31	WM35	LM35

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	2	15	10
10:00	M6	R1M6	7	10	WM2
11:00	M10	R1M10	WM2	WM6	LM2
12:00	M14	R1M14	LM6	LM2	LM10
1:00	M18	R2M2	LM11	WM16	WM10
2:00	M22	R2M6	WM10	WM18	LM18
3:00	M26	CRM2	LM17	LM16	LM22
4:00	M30	5th Place Semis 1	LM23	LM24	LM26
5:00	M34	5th Place Semis 2	LM22	LM21	LM30
6:00	M38	5th Place Finals	WM30	WM34	LM34

Time	Court 4		Team G	Team H	Work
9:00	M4	R1M4	4	13	12
10:00	M8	R1M8	5	12	WM4
11:00	M12	R1M12	WM4	WM8	LM4
12:00	M16	R1M16	LM8	LM4	LM12
1:00	M20	R2M4	WM5	WM14	WM12
2:00	M24	R2M8	WM12	WM20	LM20
3:00	M28	CRM4	LM14	LM13	LM24
4:00	M32	13th Place Semis 1	LM26	LM27	LM25
5:00	M36	13th Place Semis 2	LM25	WM28	LM32
6:00	M40	13th Place Finals	WM32	WM36	LM36

18 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	9	16	17
10:00	M5	R1M5	8	17	WM1
11:00	M9	R1M9	1	WM1	WM5
12:00	M13	R1M13	LM1	LM5	WM9
1:00	M17	R2M1	WM6	WM15	LM13
2:00	M21	R2M5	WM9	WM17	LM17
3:00	M25	CRM1	LM17	LM16	LM21
4:00	M29	1st Place Semis 1	WM21	WM24	WM22
5:00	M33	1st Place Semis 2	WM22	WM23	LM29
6:00	M37	1st Place Finals	WM29	WM33	LM33

Time	Court 3		Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	3	14	11
10:00	M7	R1M7	6	11	WM3
11:00	M11	R1M11	WM3	WM7	LM3
12:00	M15	R1M15	LM7	LM3	LM11
1:00	M19	R2M3	LM12	LM9	WM11
2:00	M23	R2M7	WM11	WM19	LM19
3:00	M27	CRM3	LM15	LM14	LM23
4:00	M31	9th Place Semis 1	LM19	WM26	LM20
5:00	M35	9th Place Semis 2	LM20	LM17	LM31
6:00	M39	9th Place Finals	WM31	WM35	LM35

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	10	15	18
10:00	M6	R1M6	7	18	WM2
11:00	M10	R1M10	2	WM2	WM6
12:00	M14	R1M14	LM2	LM6	WM10
1:00	M18	R2M2	LM11	WM16	LM14
2:00	M22	R2M6	WM10	WM18	LM12
3:00	M26	CRM2	LM18	WM13	LM22
4:00	M30	5th Place Semis 1	LM23	LM24	LM26
5:00	M34	5th Place Semis 2	LM22	LM21	LM30
6:00	M38	5th Place Finals	WM30	WM34	LM34

Time	Court 4		Team G	Team H	Work
9:00	M4	R1M4	4	13	12
10:00	M8	R1M8	5	12	WM4
11:00	M12	R1M12	WM4	WM8	LM4
12:00	M16	R1M16	LM8	LM4	LM12
1:00	M20	R2M4	WM5	LM10	WM12
2:00	M24	R2M8	WM12	WM20	LM20
3:00	M28	CRM4	WM14	LM13	LM24
4:00	M32	13th Place Semis 1	LM25	LM26	WM27
5:00	M36	13th Place Semis 2	WM27	WM28	LM32
6:00	M40	13th Place Finals	WM32	WM36	LM36

19 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	9	16	17
10:00	M5	R1M5	8	17	WM1
11:00	M9	R1M9	1	WM1	WM5
12:00	M13	R1M13	LM1	LM5	WM9
1:00	M17	R2M1	WM6	LM11	LM13
2:00	M21	R2M5	WM9	WM17	LM17
3:00	M25	CRM1	LM18	WM13	LM21
4:00	M29	1st Place Semis 1	WM21	WM24	WM22
5:00	M33	1st Place Semis 2	WM22	WM23	LM29
6:00	M37	1st Place Finals	WM29	WM33	LM33

Time	Court 3		Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	11	14	19
10:00	M7	R1M7	6	19	WM3
11:00	M11	R1M11	3	WM3	WM7
12:00	M15	R1M15	LM3	LM7	WM11
1:00	M19	R2M3	LM12	LM9	LM15
2:00	M23	R2M7	WM11	WM19	LM19
3:00	M27	CRM3	WM15	LM14	LM23
4:00	M31	9th Place Semis 1	LM19	LM18	LM20
5:00	M35	9th Place Semis 2	LM20	LM17	LM31
6:00	M39	9th Place Finals	WM31	WM35	LM35

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	10	15	18
10:00	M6	R1M6	7	18	WM2
11:00	M10	R1M10	2	WM2	WM6
12:00	M14	R1M14	LM2	LM6	WM10
1:00	M18	R2M2	WM7	WM16	LM14
2:00	M22	R2M6	WM10	WM18	LM18
3:00	M26	CRM2	LM16	LM13	LM22
4:00	M30	5th Place Semis 1	LM23	LM24	LM26
5:00	M34	5th Place Semis 2	LM22	LM21	LM30
6:00	M38	5th Place Finals	WM30	WM34	LM34

Time	Court 4		Team G	Team H	Work
9:00	M4	R1M4	4	13	5
10:00	M8	R1M8	5	12	LM4
11:00	M12	R1M12	WM4	WM8	LM8
12:00	M16	R1M16	LM8	LM4	WM12
1:00	M20	R2M4	WM5	LM10	LM16
2:00	M24	R2M8	WM12	WM20	LM20
3:00	M28	CRM4	WM14	LM15	LM24
4:00	M32	13th Place Semis 1	WM26	LM25	WM27
5:00	M36	13th Place Semis 2	WM27	WM28	LM32
6:00	M40	13th Place Finals	WM32	WM36	LM36

20 Team Format

Time	Court 1		Team A	Team B	Work
9:00	M1	R1M1	9	16	17
10:00	M5	R1M5	8	17	WM1
11:00	M9	R1M9	1	WM1	WM5
12:00	M13	R1M13	LM1	LM5	WM9
1:00	M17	R2M1	WM6	LM11	LM13
2:00	M21	R2M5	WM9	WM17	LM17
3:00	M25	CRM1	WM13	LM14	LM21
4:00	M29	1st Place Semis 1	WM21	WM24	WM22
5:00	M33	1st Place Semis 2	WM22	WM23	LM29
6:00	M37	1st Place Finals	WM29	WM33	LM33

Time	Court 3		Team E	Team F	Work
9:00	M3	R1M3	11	14	19
10:00	M7	R1M7	6	19	WM3
11:00	M11	R1M11	3	WM3	WM7
12:00	M15	R1M15	LM3	LM7	WM11
1:00	M19	R2M3	WM8	LM9	LM15
2:00	M23	R2M7	WM11	WM19	LM19
3:00	M27	CRM3	WM15	LM16	LM23
4:00	M31	9th Place Semis 1	LM19	LM18	LM20
5:00	M35	9th Place Semis 2	LM20	LM17	LM31
6:00	M39	9th Place Finals	WM31	WM35	LM35

Time	Court 2		Team C	Team D	Work
9:00	M2	R1M2	10	15	18
10:00	M6	R1M6	7	18	WM2
11:00	M10	R1M10	2	WM2	WM6
12:00	M14	R1M14	LM2	LM6	WM10
1:00	M18	R2M2	WM7	LM12	LM14
2:00	M22	R2M6	WM10	WM18	LM18
3:00	M26	CRM2	WM14	LM15	LM22
4:00	M30	5th Place Semis 1	LM23	LM24	LM26
5:00	M34	5th Place Semis 2	LM22	LM21	LM30
6:00	M38	5th Place Finals	WM30	WM34	LM34

Time	Court 4		Team G	Team H	Work
9:00	M4	R1M3	12	13	20
10:00	M8	R1M7	5	20	WM4
11:00	M12	R1M11	4	WM4	WM8
12:00	M16	R1M15	LM4	LM8	WM12
1:00	M20	R2M3	WM5	LM10	LM16
2:00	M24	R2M7	WM12	WM20	LM20
3:00	M28	CRM3	WM16	LM13	LM24
4:00	M32	9th Place Semis 1	WM28	WM25	WM27
5:00	M36	9th Place Semis 2	WM27	WM26	LM32
6:00	M40	9th Place Finals	WM32	WM36	LM36