



HOW TO SET UP A ROUND ROBIN MATCH SCHEDULE

A round robin format is one of the best choices for developing the league schedule. The round robin format will place each team in a match against all of the other competing teams. This allows for an increased social interaction among teams as well as providing a fair and equitable way for determining winners and runners-up at the conclusion of the season.

Match Scheduling for an Even Number of Teams

All leagues work best when there is an even number of teams playing. Provided below is an example of how to establish a round robin match schedule for six teams.

When scheduling match rotations from week to week, simply keep the No. 1 team in the same position (as in Week # 1), and rotate the other team numbers in a counter-clockwise position as shown in Week # 2, Week # 3 and so on. This method will work for any even number of teams.

Week # 1	Week # 2	Week # 3	Week # 4	Week # 5
1 v 2	1 v 4	1 v 6	1 v 5	1 v 3
3 v 4	2 v 6	4 v 5	6 v 3	5 v 2
5 v 6	3 v 5	2 v 3	4 v 2	6 v 4

Match Scheduling for an Odd Number of Teams

If you have an odd number of teams, simply include a “bye” into the schedule and continue with the same method of scheduling as described above. Here’s an example:

Week # 1	Week # 2	Week # 3	Week # 4	Week # 5	Week # 6
1 v 2	1 v 4	1 v 6	1 v bye	1 v 7	1 v 5
3 v 4	2 v 6	4 v bye	6 v 7	5 v bye	3 v 7
5 v 6	3 v bye	2 v 7	4 v 5	3 v 6	2 v bye
7 v bye	5 v 7	3 v 5	2 v 3	2 v 4	4 v 6