

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN PERFECT ROUND ROBIN

Since Round Robin templates may not be available that exactly meet the needs of your event, the following is presented so that you can be creative and make your own Round Robin.

Types of Doubles Round Robins:

- ❖ v Individuals Round Robin... players, play with a different partner each round.
- ❖ v Team Round Robin...this means the players will remain as a team each round.
- ❖ v Mixed Round Robin, two kinds:
 - ...players will play with a different mixed partner each round.
 - ...players will play with the same mixed partner every round.

First...KIND OF EVENT: Decide the kind of Round Robin the players will play in.

Second...NUMBER OF PLAYERS: Decide how many individuals, if an individual format is to be used or how many teams there are if a team format is to be used.

Third...CREATE YOUR WORK CHART: Below is an example of a work chart based on eight individuals. Similar work sheet can be created for any number of players or teams.

1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8
<u>1-3</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>3-5</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>5-7</u>	<u>6-8</u>	
1-4	2-5	3-6	4-7	5-8		
<u>1-5</u>	<u>2-6</u>	<u>3-7</u>	<u>4-8</u>			
1-6	2-7	3-8				
<u>1-7</u>	<u>2-8</u>					
1-8						

- ❖ v All possible combinations for eight players or teams are listed in this chart.
- ❖ v Note in the first column, that player number “one” plays all other players, and will play a total of seven matches.
- ❖ v Since “two” is listed as having played “one” in the first column, only the remaining numbers are listed for “two” to play in the second column. This method is continued for the remaining numbers. ***All players play seven matches.***
- ❖ v The similar work chart can be made for any number in this manner. To go to nine players, you would add the combinations 1-9, 2-9, 3-9, 4-9, and etc.

See how this work sheet applies to the following possibilities.

- ❖ v If this were a **singles** round robin and *all players play every other players* there would be 8 players and 28 matches...count them.
- ❖ v If this were a **doubles** round robin where *every player is to play with every other player*...there would be 8 players and 14 matches. The first round in this round robin would be player 1 and player 2 vs. player 3 and player 4, 5 and 6 vs. 7 and 8.
- ❖ v If this were an **eight team doubles** round robin, it would now involve sixteen players, and there would be 28 matches. The first match in this round robin would be “team one” vs. “team two,” 3 vs. 4, 5 vs. 6, etc.
- ❖ v If this were **mixed doubles**, the ladies could be odd and the men would then be even, or visa versa. In this case the underlined, italicized numbers in the above work sheet would not be used, as ladies would be pared together as would men.
- ❖ v In the **mixed doubles** round robin where the *players stay with their partner*, this work sheet would again involve 16 players and there would be 16 matches

- ❖ v If this were **mixed doubles** where eight players, four men and four women were to play with all of the other players of the same sex, there would be only 8 matches.

Forth...NUMBER OF COURTS: Determine the number of courts that will be available for your event.

Fifth...TIME: Determine the time frame, either a several hour event, a one-day event or a multiple day event.

Sixth...NUMBER OF ROUNDS: Determine the number of times each player or team will play and the length of time for each match. As you can see from the above work sheet you can count the number of matches to be played. Here they are again.

- ❖ v Singles matches...twenty-eight total match-ups (the number "one"=one player).
- ❖ v Doubles players play with everyone...fourteen total match-ups ("one"=one player).
- ❖ v Doubles teams stay together...twenty-eight total match-ups (one=one team).
- ❖ v Mixed where players stay together...sixteen possible matches ("one"=one mixed team).
- ❖ v Mixed where players change each round...sixteen possible match-ups ("one"=a player either male or female).

Seventh...MAKE THE DRAW: Now you are ready to make the round robin draw. You know the number of courts, you know the amount of time you have and you know the number of total matches you have.

If these numbers don't all fit into the above you can adjust the amount of time each match will last or you can play a partial round robin. Example, it takes seven rounds to play this round robin. If you only have time for six, then only play six. Just eliminate the last round. Or if you have time for ten rounds, you can lengthen the time of a match or play all the way through the first seven and play three over.

Eighth: Make the draw.

- ❖ v Draw player's numbers from a hat. Assign each player a number.
- ❖ v Explain scoring system.
- ❖ v Explain length of a match either by score or time.
- ❖ v Assign courts.
- ❖ v Keep score. See round robin score sheet.

Eighth...PLAY: