



# Pool Play and Playoff Formats: Club Challenge: 24 Teams Over 2 Days

**Pool play format:** 6 courts, 9 referees each day, 24 teams, 93 matches  
 6 pools of 4 teams  
 For pools of 4 teams, the best of 3 sets will win matches. Each non-deciding set will be won by the team that first scores 25 points with a minimum 2-point advantage (no scoring cap). If there is a deciding set, it will be won by the team that first scores 15 points with a minimum 2-point advantage (no scoring cap). Change sides when a team earns 8 points. A point will be scored on each rally. If the receiving team wins the rally, they score a point and gain the serve.

**Match order:**

	<u>Match 1</u>	<u>Match 2</u>	<u>Match 3</u>	<u>Match 4</u>	<u>Match 5</u>	<u>Match 6</u>
[team in ( ) refs]	1 vs. 3 (2)	2 vs. 4 (1)	1 vs. 4 (3)	2 vs. 3 (1)	3 vs. 4 (2)	1 vs. 2 (4)

For the first round, teams from the same club, regardless of seed, should not be placed in the same pool.

**Tournament format:** All teams advance. All teams must be ranked within their pools based on match percentage first. For any ties, use the tie-breaking procedure below. All first place teams and second place teams in Pools AA, BB, CC and DD will play in the Gold tournament. All third place and fourth place teams in Pools AA, BB, CC, DD will play in the Silver tournament. The teams in Pools EE and FF will play in the Bronze tournament. Playoff positions on the tournament brackets will be based on pool finish. Awards to first, second and both third places in Gold Division.

<b>First Round</b>	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
Seeding procedure:	1, 12, 13, 24	2, 11, 14, 23	3, 10, 15, 22	4, 9, 16, 21	5, 8, 17, 20	6, 7, 18, 19
<b>Second Round</b>	Pool AA	Pool BB	Pool CC	Pool DD	Pool EE	Pool FF
Seeding Procedure	1stPool A	1stPool B	1stPool C	1stPool D	5thBest	6thBest
	2ndPool E	2ndPool F	1stPool F	1stPool E	3rdPlace	3rdPlace
	2ndPool D	2ndPool C	2ndPool B	2ndPool A	4thPool E	4thPool F
	4thBest	3rdBest	2ndBest	Best 3rdPlace	4thPool D	4thPool C
	3rdPlace	3rdPlace	3rdPlace		4thPool A	4thPoolB

**Tie-breaking:** Since all teams advance to playoffs, ties will not be decided by playing a set.

- If 2 teams from the same pool are tied, their head to head match determines their order of finish.
- If 3 teams from the same pool are tied after match and set % and point differential have been calculated, a coin flip will determine their order of finish.

For the third place teams after Round 1:

- If 2 teams from different pools are tied after match and game % and point differential have been calculated, a coin flip will determine their order of seeding.
- If 3 or more teams from different pools are tied after match and game % and point differential have been calculated, a coin flip will determine their order of seeding.

**Set % key:**

	<u>6 Sets</u>		<u>7 Sets</u>		<u>8 Sets</u>		<u>9 Sets</u>	
	6-0	1.000	7-0	1.000	8-0	1.000	9-0	1.000
	5-1	0.833	6-1	0.857	7-1	0.875	8-1	0.889
	4-2	0.667	5-2	0.714	6-2	0.750	7-2	0.778
	3-3	0.500	4-3	0.571	5-3	0.625	6-3	0.667
	2-4	0.333	3-4	0.429	4-4	0.500	5-4	0.556
	1-5	0.167	2-5	0.286	3-5	0.375	4-5	0.444
	0-6	0.000	1-6	0.143	2-6	0.250	3-6	0.333
			0-7	0.000	1-7	0.125	2-7	0.222
					0-8	0.000	1-8	0.111
							0-9	0.000