8 Game Play

Tournament



Learning Outcome: Develop an understanding of a tournament scenario where players will face different opponents and be required to referee and mark.

Activities

- Based on the number of players and courts and preference of the coach, include all players in Tournament, using either a Swiss Draw or a Round Robin.
- Games can be played longer if courts, group numbers and time allow.
- All games are played to five points/rallies (where one player must win by two) with another pair refereeing and scoring.

Round Robin Tournament

Players are split into even groups and all play each other within a group. Winners and final positions are determined by the scores.

- Divide your players into even groups of players and for each group and use the relevant format for matches from the template over the page.
- At the end of each game, scores are given to the competition organiser to add to the score sheet.
- The winner will be the player with the highest number of match wins. If there is a tie, or to decide player positions, take results in the following order
 - The result of the match between the two players who are tied.
 - Highest number of points for.
 - · Lowest number of points against.

Swiss Draw

A Swiss Draw starts with players either seeded or randomly given a starting position. It only works for groups of eight (or 16). All participants then proceed to the next round where winners play winners whilst the losers play the losers until eventually a full ranking is determined. All players get the same amount of games.

- Rank the players in order of ability or assign them a random number between 1 and 8 to establish the positions for Round 1.
- At the end of each game, scores are given to the competition organiser to add to the score sheet and determine the position of all players for the next round.
- The winner of each match takes the lower number in the next round and the loser takes the highest number
- After four rounds, the winner and all player positions will have been determined.

Round Robin Match Templates

Four players per group

Game	Referees	Game Referees		Game	Referees	
1 v 2	3, 4	1 v 3	2, 4	1 v 4	2, 3	
3 v 4	1, 2	2 v 4	1, 3	2 v 3	1, 4	

Six players per group

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Game	Referees								
1 v 2	5, 6	1 v 3	4, 6	1 v 5	2, 4	1 v 6	2, 3	1 v 4	3, 5
3 v 4	1, 2	2 v 5	1, 3	3 v 6	1, 5	4 v 5	1, 6	2 v 6	1, 4
5 v 6	3, 4	4 v 6	2,5	2 v 4	3, 6	2 v 3	4, 5	3 v 5	2, 6

Seven players per group (odd number)

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Game	Refs												
1 v 2	5, 6	1 v 3	5,7	1 v 4	6,7	1 v 5	3,7	1 v 6	4,7	1 v 7	4, 5	2 v 7	4, 6
3 v 4	1, 2	2 v 4	1, 3	2 v 3	1, 4	2 v 6	1, 5	2 v 5	1, 6	3 v 6	1, 7	3 v 5	2,7
5 v 6	3, 4	5 v 7	2, 4	6 v 7	2, 3	3 v 7	2, 6	4 v 7	2,5	4 v 5	3, 6	4 v 6	3, 5
Bye	7	Bye	6	Bye	5	Bye	4	Bye	3	Bye	2	Bye	1

Eight players per group

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Game	Refs												
1 v 2	3, 4	1 v 3	2, 5	1 v 5	3, 7	1 v 7	1, 7	1 v 8	6, 7	1 v 6	4, 8	1 v 4	2, 6
3 v 4	1, 2	2 v 5	1, 3	3 v 7	1, 5	5 v 8	5, 8	6 v 7	1, 8	4 v 8	1, 6	2 v 6	1, 4
5 v 6	7, 8	4 v 7	4,7	2 v 8	4, 6	3 v 6	3, 6	4 v 5	2, 3	2 v 7	3, 5	3 v 8	5, 7
7 v 8	5, 6	6 v 8	6, 8	4 v 6	2, 8	2 v 4	2, 4	2 v 3	4, 5	3 v 5	2,7	5 v 7	3, 8

Round Robin Score Sheet Template

Name		1	2	3	4	Matches Won	Points For	Points Against
	1							
	2							
	3							
	4							

For additional players, just add extra columns and rows.

Example of completed Round Robin Score Sheet

Name		1	2	3	4	Matches Won	Points For	Points Against
John	1		4 - 2	4 - 1	4 - 0	3	12	3
Jane	2	2 - 4		5 - 3	2 - 4	1	9	11
Jack	3	1 - 4	3 - 5		4 - 0	1	8	9
Joe	4	0 - 4	4 - 2	0 - 4		1	4	10

Swiss Draw Template

Round 1							
Position	Name	Score					
1							
8							
2							
7							
3							
6							
4							
5							

Round 2							
Position	Name	Score					
1							
4							
2							
3							
5							
8							
6							
7							

	Round 3	
Position	Name	Score
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

	Final Rankings						
1		5					
2		6					
3		7					
4		8					

Example of completed Swiss Draw

Round 1							
Position	Position Name						
1	Penny	5					
8	Paul	3					
2	Amy	2					
7	Andrew	5					
3	Sarah	5					
6	Steve	1					
4	Kim	4					
5	Kenny	6					

	Round 2						
Position	Name	Score					
1	Penny	6					
4	Kenny	4					
2	Andrew	5					
3	Sarah	2					
5	Kim	3					
8	Paul	5					
6	Steve	1					
7	Amy	5					

Round 3				
Position	Name	Score		
1	Penny	5		
2	Andrew	3		
3	Sarah	5		
4	Kenny	2		
5	Paul	3		
6	Amy	5		
7	Steve	6		
8	Kim	4		

Final Rankings			
1	Penny	5	Amy
2	Andrew	6	Paul
3	Sarah	7	Steve
4	Kenny	8	Kim