



## 2025 Canada Summer Games Tennis Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the Host Society by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, assist Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coach certification by stating minimum requirements, and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "Train to Compete" phase of its Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase of LTD as justified by the NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to the Canada Games primarily by NSOs, following the Canada Games Council's (CGC) [Principles that Govern Technical Packages](#). As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

Relevant Games stakeholders, specifically Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSOs) and P/T team staff, are encouraged to review the Technical Package in detail to ensure a thorough understanding. If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC for consideration. Timelines for requesting changes to major elements of the Technical Package (i.e. team sizes, age categories, eligibility restrictions, events, competition formats) are outlined in the Principles that Govern Technical Packages. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six [6] months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games stakeholders early.

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### 1. SPORT: TENNIS

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### 2. PARTICIPANTS

#### 2.1. Athletes

Women: 4

Men: 4

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

#### 2.2. Staff

2 Coaches

or

1 Coach and 1 Manager

If a team chooses to bring 1 coach and 1 manager, the manager will not be allowed to be on the court during competition.

If female-identifying athletes are being sent, one of the staff must be a woman. If male-identifying athletes are being sent, one of the staff must be a man.

#### 2.3. Additional Team Staff\*

- Apprentice Coach
  - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
  - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
  - Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff.
  
- Venue Pass Holder
  - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
  - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
  - Venue Pass Holder's venue access

- Sport Operational Zone (Zone 2)
- Back of House Zone (Zone 3)

\* Additional team staff positions are administered by the P/T Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Team's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

#### 2.4. Support for Participants

The Canada Games Council recognizes there can be barriers to participation/attendance at the Canada Games. The below policies have been developed to provide support to participants when required:

- [Support for Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding Parents Policy](#)
- [Participant Assistant Policy](#)

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### 3. CLASSIFICATION

- 16 and under as of December 31, 2025
  - Year of Birth: 2009 or later
  - 2 Women & 2 Men
- 18 and under as of December 31, 2025
  - Year of Birth: 2007 or later
  - 2 Women & 2 Men

\* P/T Teams are able to have 16U athletes compete as 18U during the event.

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### 4. ELIGIBILITY

#### 4.1. Athletes

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events:
  - Senior World Championships

- Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Games
- Pan Am Games

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event on May 11th, 2025 or later, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2025 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada’s Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.

All athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC’s [Eligibility Policy](#).

#### 4.2. Coaches

To be confirmed by Tennis Canada.

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## 5. **COMPETITION**

### 5.1. Events

- Mixed team competition (see Section 5.3 and Appendix 3)
  - Consists of up to 13 Provincial/Territorial Teams, one [1] from each province/territory

### 5.2. Rules

The rules and regulations of tennis, as published in “The Rules of the Court”, will be followed.

### 5.3. Team Event

#### 5.3.1. Tournament Format

The team event will be contested as a round robin tournament followed by two tournament brackets to determine final placing for all competing teams (see Appendix 3 - Competition Format for specific details).

a. Round robin

Teams will be placed into three pools and play a single round robin tournament within their pool. Teams are awarded one [1] point for winning a tie. The standings in the round robin are determined by the highest number of points.

b. Championship bracket

Following the completion of round robin play, all teams will be placed in the championship bracket, with bracket seeding determined by results in the round robin. The championship bracket will determine the Gold and Silver medalists.

c. Placement bracket

Teams eliminated from the championship bracket will move to the placement bracket. This bracket will determine the Bronze medalists and final placing for all teams eliminated from the championship bracket.

5.3.2. Seeding Process

Seeding to determine round robin pools will be determined by Tennis Canada, with regard to the overall depth of each team, taking into consideration 2025 Jr U18 rankings, the WTN and all available 2025 National and International results (up until 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony [July 10th, 2025]). Tennis Canada will complete the team seeding no later than 14 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (July 26th, 2025). Should a team change its lineup after the seeding has been completed, Tennis Canada will reseed the teams and inform the provinces/territories as soon as possible.

5.3.3. Competition Format - Each Tie:

5.3.3.1. Each provincial/territorial team tie will be based on playing six [6] matches, as follows:

- Two [2] women's matches
- Two [2] men's matches
- One [1] women's doubles match
- One [1] men's doubles match

5.3.3.2. Team line-up may be changed for each tie played. Coaches are free to rotate the players used in singles, doubles and/or mixed doubles. A lower ranked player (based on the official Order of Merit) cannot compete above a higher ranked player within the singles matches of a tie.

Example:

- Player A is ranked #15
- Player B is ranked #22
- Player C is ranked #46
- Player D is ranked #70

If a provincial/territorial team decides to play Player B in the #1 singles position, Player A cannot be played in the #2 singles position, they can only play in doubles. Player C or D would then be inserted into the #2 singles position.

5.3.3.3. No player may play more than one match in each tie, unless they are nominated to play in the mixed doubles seventh match.

5.3.3.4. The official nominations for each tie must be submitted to the event referee (in writing) the night before by 5:00pm sharp. Failure to do so will result in an automatic default of the tie. The only exception to the 5:00pm submission requirement is the 7th match (mixed doubles). If a 7th match is required in a tie, coaches have the latitude to select any one men's and one women's member of the team to compete in the match.

#### 5.3.4. Matches

Each match will be based on playing the best 2 out of 3 sets (no ad scoring) with a 7 point tiebreak at 6 games all. In the event of a 7th match, the 3rd set will be a 10 point tie-break.

Examples

- Player 1 wins the first set 6-1
- Player 2 wins the second set 6-3

- Third set tied at 6-6, 7 point tiebreak to be played to determine the winner of the match.

#### Example of match 7

- Player 1 wins the first set 6-1
- Player 2 wins the second set 6-3
- Third set will be a 10 point tie-break

#### 5.3.5. Scoring

Scoring will be based on one [1] point for each match won and the total points earned by all individuals representing their provincial/territorial team will be combined to determine the outcome of each team tie.

#### 5.3.6. Seventh Match

In the event that two competing provincial/territorial teams have equal point totals, upon completion of the six prescribed matches in a given tie, each team will nominate its preferred mixed doubles team for the seventh and deciding match.

#### 5.4. Coaching

On-court coaching will be permitted on each ninety-second changeover during each match. The appointed coach may question the Chair Umpire on a “point of fact” and in the case of an appeal, on a question of “tennis law” may call for the Referee.

#### 5.5. Substitutions

- 5.5.1. Once teams depart their home province/territory for the Canada Games their rosters are final and substitutions are not permitted.
- 5.5.2. If a player is injured or otherwise unable to continue during a match in progress, the player will be required to retire, substitutions are not permitted.

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## 6. TIE BREAKING RULES - COMPETITION



Ties in the results of a round robin competition shall be broken as follows:

- 6.1.1. If two [2] teams are tied with the same number of points, the tie is broken as follows: The head-to-head result of the two [2] teams.
- 6.1.2. If three [3] teams are tied with the same number of points, the tie is broken as follows:
  - 6.1.2.1. The percentage of sets won played against all other teams in the group (i.e. total sets won divided by total sets played).
  - 6.1.2.2. If, after this calculation, only two [2] teams remain tied, the result of the head-to-head match played between the two [2] teams will be used to break the tie.
  - 6.1.2.3. The percentage of games won of games played against all teams in the group (i.e., total games won divided by total games played).
  - 6.1.2.4. If, after this calculation, only two [2] teams that remain tied, then the order will be drawn by lot.
- 6.1.3. In applying the tie-break procedures above, the results of matches involving a match default or retirement shall be used in determining the percentage of sets and games won. When a player retires or is defaulted from a match for a violation, the full score shall be recorded. Examples: Player A leads 6-1 2-0 when Player B must retire. Player A's victory shall be recorded as 6-1 6-0. A walkover or default counts as a straight set win or loss for the players/teams involved in the match (6-0 6-0).

If a player withdraws or is a no-show for the entire tournament, the player is defaulted from the round robin event and all of their results from matches played are void and not to be considered. Similarly, any team defaulted pursuant to the code of conduct during the round robin event (except in the case of violations involving dress or punctuality) shall be defaulted from all other matches in the round robin, and may not be declared the winner of the round robin; all of their results from matches played are void and not to be considered.

A retiring player may still continue in the competition if it is determined by the trainer or tournament doctor that such player is able to compete at full capacity.

6.2. See 5.3.6 “Seventh Match” in Section 5 for the tie breaking rule for team matches.

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## 7. REGISTRATION & EVENT ENTRIES

### 7.1. Canada Games Council Registration Deadline

All participants (athletes, coaches, managers and additional team staff) must be registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (July 10th, 2025).

### 7.2. Event Entry Deadline

Each province/territory must submit their players for the team event, as well as the **initial** Order of Merit for their team (Boys Singles #1, Boys Singles #2, Girls Singles #1, Girls Singles #2, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles), to Tennis Canada (attention: Manager, Coaching Department) no later than 30 days (July 10th, 2025) prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony. The Order of Merit will be determined using the same criteria used to seed the U18 National Championships.

Each province/territory must submit the final Order of Merit for their team at the Tennis Coaches'/Managers' Meeting prior to the start of competition. At this meeting, any changes from the original submission (initial Order of Merit) must be made in accordance with the official seeding criteria and are subject to final approval by Tennis Canada.

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## 8. SPORT SCORING POINTS

Sport scoring points are a tool used to determine the performance of a P/T Team across all events within a sport. At the conclusion of an event, sport scoring points will be awarded using the following criteria:

### 8.1. Team Event

- Teams will be ranked from first through last place.
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below.

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	150	6th	100	11th	50

2nd	140	7th	90	12th	40
3rd	130	8th	80	13th	30
4th	120	9th	70		
5th	110	10th	60		

## 9. FLAG POINTS

Games to Games performance by a P/T Team at the Canada Games is measured by accumulated Flag Points. Every P/T Team is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes.

In tennis, Flag Points will be awarded together for women's and men's events based on the total of sport scoring points awarded.

After ranking the P/T Teams from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 10 (Tie Breaking Rules - Flag Points), Flag Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	20	6th	10	11th	3
2nd	18	7th	8	12th	2
3rd	16	8th	6	13th	1
4th	14	9th	5		
5th	12	10th	4		

## 10. TIE BREAKING RULES - FLAG POINTS

If, at the completion of all events, two or more provinces/territories have the same number of accumulated sport scoring points, the team with the most event first place finishes will be given the higher ranking. If still tied, the team with the highest number of second place finishes will be given the higher ranking and so on, until the tie is broken.

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## 11. MEDALS

11.1. The Canada Games will award medals to athletes only. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for each event.

11.2. Gold: 8          Silver: 8          Bronze: 8

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## 12. COMPETITION UNIFORM

- Provincial/Territorial team colours or whites must be worn. Additional information on each Provincial/Territorial teams colours can be found in Appendix C of the CGC's P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy.
  - All athletes must wear "proper tennis attire". Suitability of uniform will be determined by the referee.
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## 13. EQUIPMENT

n/a

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## 14. PROTEST & APPEALS

### 14.1. Canada Games Council Protest Policy & Appeal Policy

Appeals relating to this Technical Package or any decisions made by the CGC will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Appeal Policy](#).

Protests relating to disputes between and among Provincial/Territorial Teams as it relates to the Canada Games Council (CGC) Policies, Procedures and Principles that Govern Technical Packages (PTGTP) will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Protest Policy](#).

### 14.2. Competition Protests

To be confirmed by Tennis Canada.

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## 15. ANTI-DOPING

The CGC adopts the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Covenant as a fundamental commitment to engage in a cooperative and collaborative effort to eliminate doping in sport and to support harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping measures in Canada. Any Canada Games participant (athlete, coach, manager, technical support, or other person) found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation at the Canada Games (as determined pursuant to the CADP) will be subject to all of the penalties and consequences, as outlined in the [Canadian Anti-Doping Program](#).

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## 16. APPENDICES

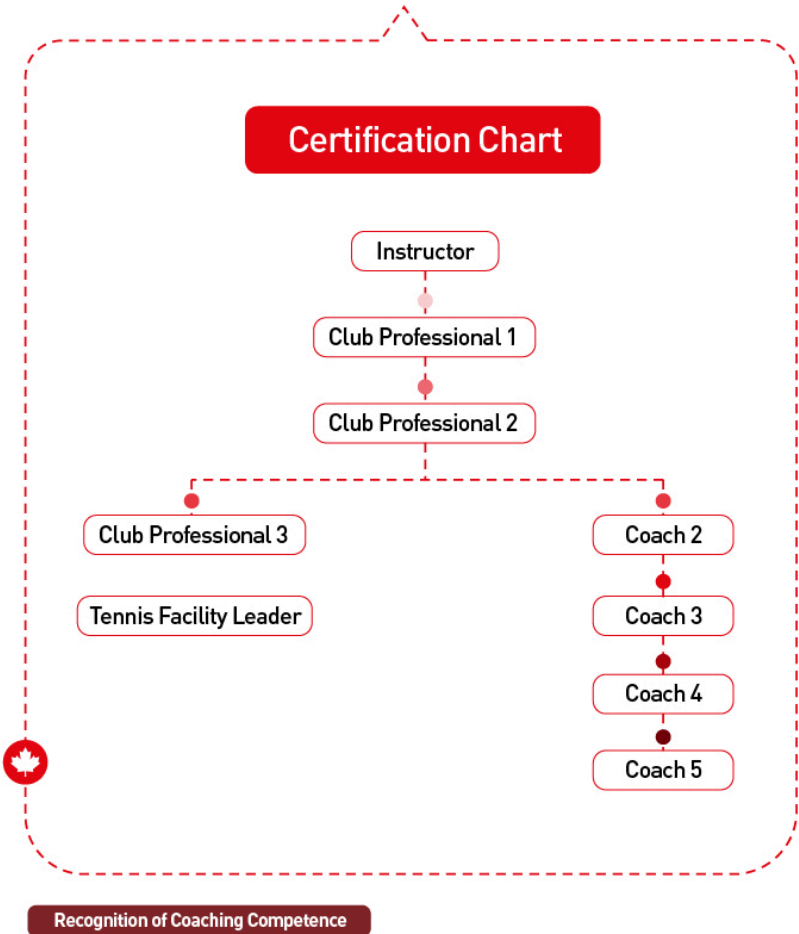
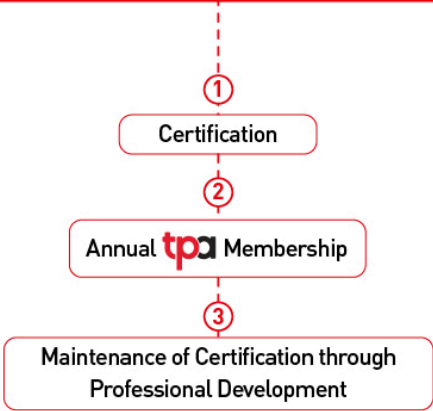
Please review the attached appendices as they form an integral part of this technical package.

- APPENDIX 1 - Coach Certification Requirements
- APPENDIX 2 - Performance Guidelines
- APPENDIX 3 - Competition Format

# APPENDIX 1 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



## REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN ACTIVE CERTIFIED COACH



## APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective NSO, at the request of the CGC and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC), to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of Long Term Development (LTD). These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

Stage #4 CONSOLIDATING Ages: Girls 12-14, Boys 13-15										
<b>TRAINING/COMPETITION GUIDELINES – GIRLS</b>										
AGES	COMPETITION				TRAINING					Rest and Regeneration weeks per year
	# of Peaks	# of tournaments per year	# of matches per year		Types of Competition	Physical Training (At the end of stage)	Tennis Training hrs/wk	Other Matches (practices/ Leagues, etc./yr)	Total # of hours/week	
11-12	0	15-20	45-60	30	Provincial National International Age Group (TE U12 and U14)	4-5	12-14	48	16-18	4-6
13-14	2-3	15-20	45-60	30	Western Canada Summer Games Atlantic Summer Games Ontario Summer Games Provincial National International Age Group ITF Junior (Group 5,4, & 3)	5-8	12-14	48	18-24	4-6

<b>TRAINING/COMPETITION GUIDELINES – BOYS</b>										
AGES	COMPETITION				TRAINING					Rest and Regeneration weeks per year
	# of Peaks	# of tournaments per year	# of matches per year		Types of Competition	Physical Training (At the end of stage)	Tennis Training hrs/wk	Other Matches (practices/ leagues, etc./yr)	Total # of hours/week	
13-15	2	15	45-60	30	Western Canada Summer Games Atlantic Summer Games Ontario Summer Games U14 and U16 Provincial events U14 and U16 National events International age group events U14 and U16 Top players of this age may begin playing ITF events	5-8	12-14 (including group and private)	48	20	4-6

## Stage #5 LEARNING TO PERFORM Ages: Girls 15-16, Boys 16-18

### TRAINING/COMPETITION GUIDELINES – GIRLS

AGES	COMPETITION				TRAINING				Rest and Regeneration weeks per year	
	# of Peaks	# of tournaments per year	# of matches per year		Types of Competition	Physical Training (At the end of this stage)	Tennis Training hrs/wk	Other Matches (practices/ Leagues, etc./yr)		Total # of hours/week
		Singles	Doubles							
15-16	3	24-28	72-84	48-56	Canada Summer Games National Junior Championships Fed Cup French/Britain/Edon US Open Florida/Australia Fed Cup (near end of stage) <i>(Type of events will vary by age and level)</i>	6"-10"	18-22 (when a tennis week)	48	28	4-5

\* When physical is the priority \*\* When tennis is the priority

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		Singles	Doubles							
16-18	3	27-30	71-90 (3:1 ratio)	54-60	Canada Summer Games AGE 17 ITFs (4 Grand Slams): Gr. 2, Gr. 1 and A Invitationals Futures or Challengers Prize money Open events  AGE 18 8 ITFs, 15-20 Futures or Challengers, 1 or 2 Open events, potentially National championships	6"-10"	18-20 (when a tennis week)	48	28	4-5

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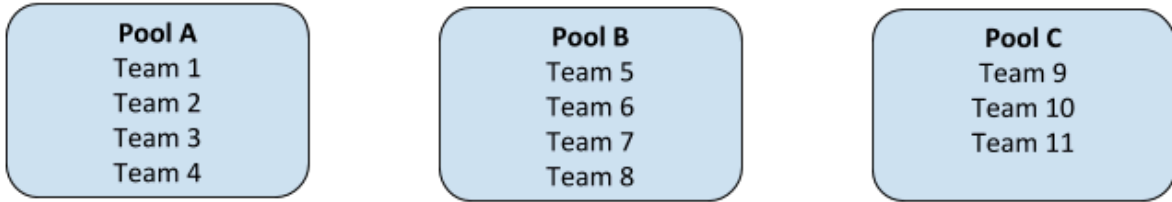
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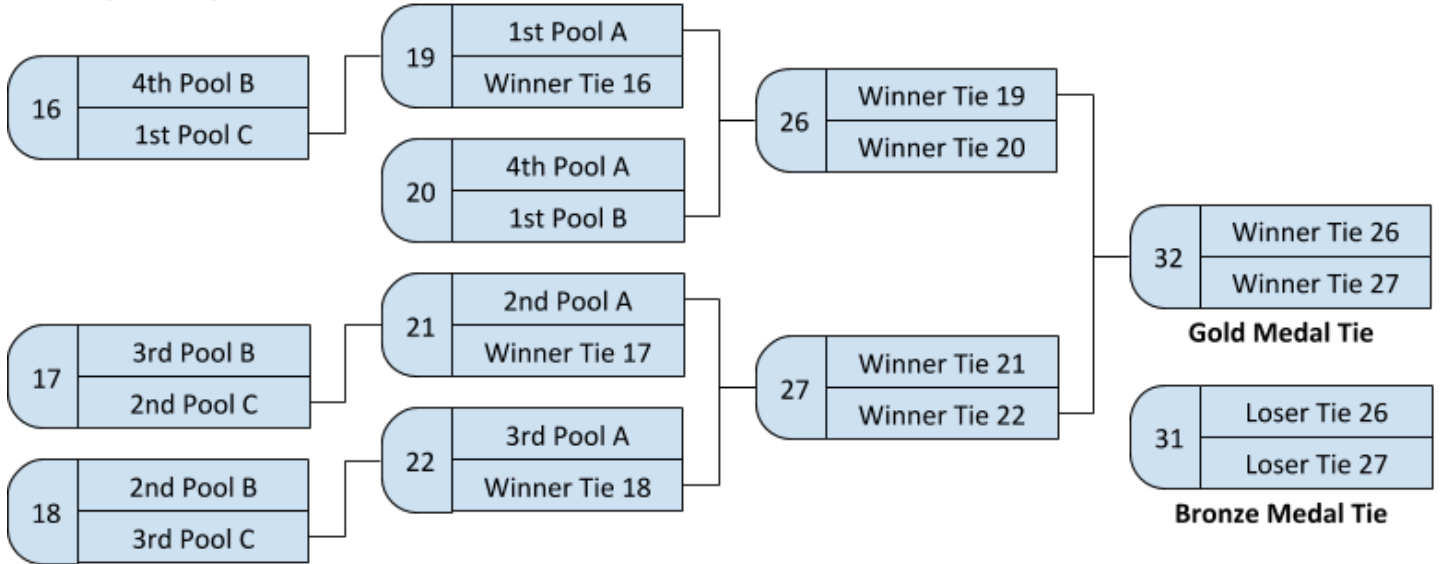


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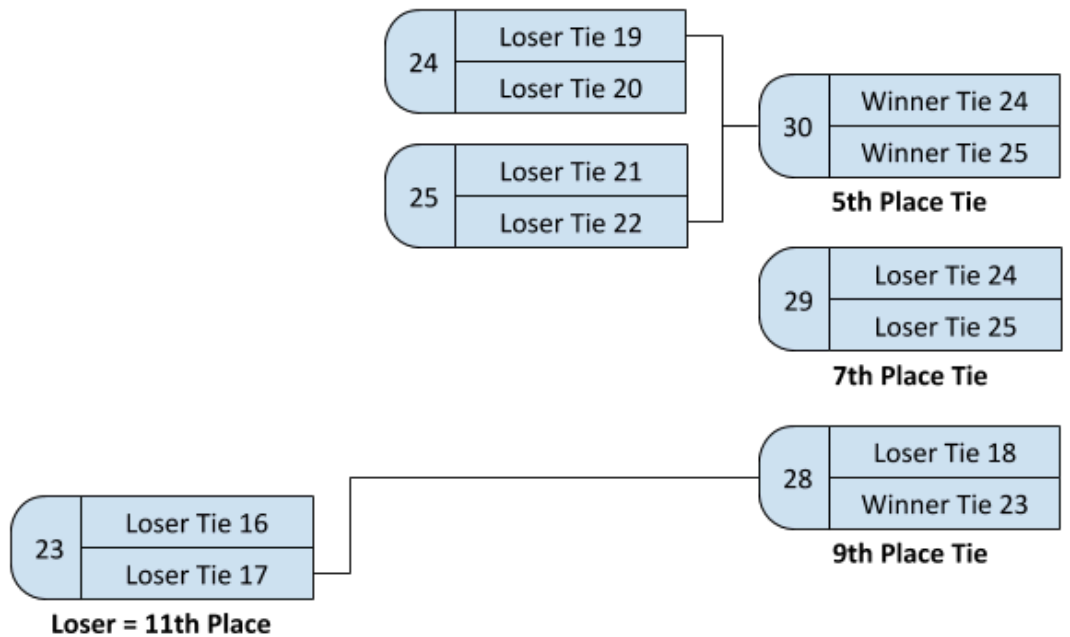
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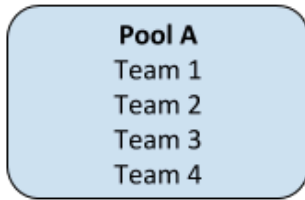
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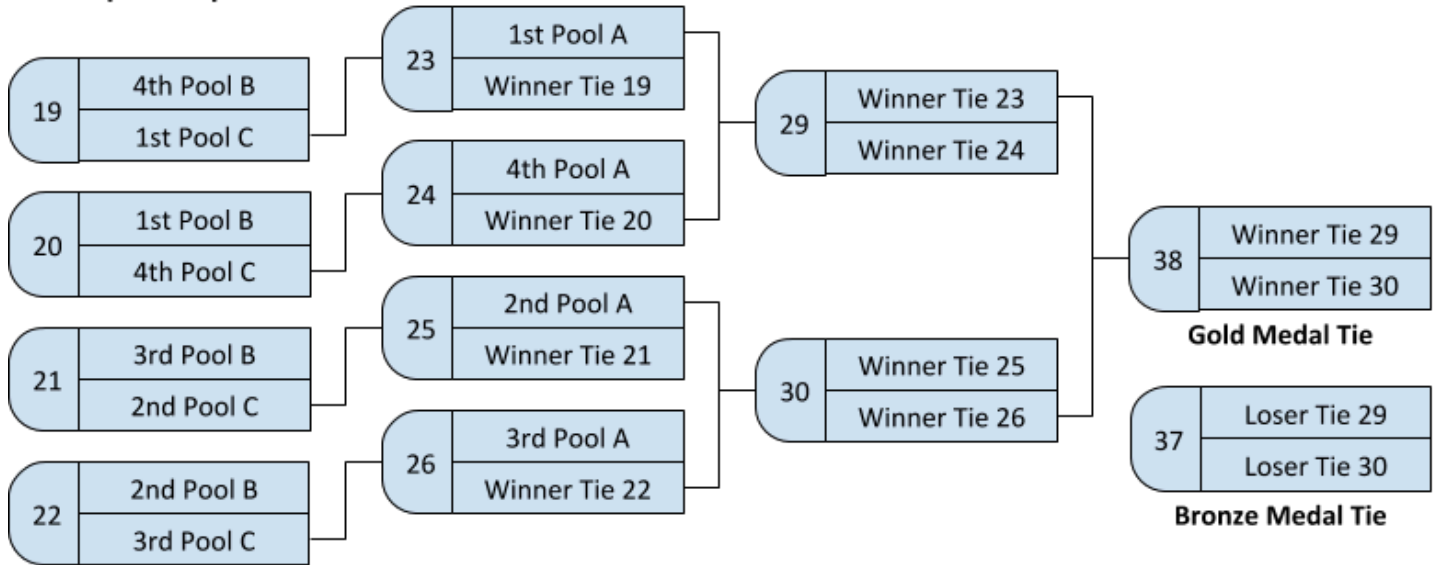
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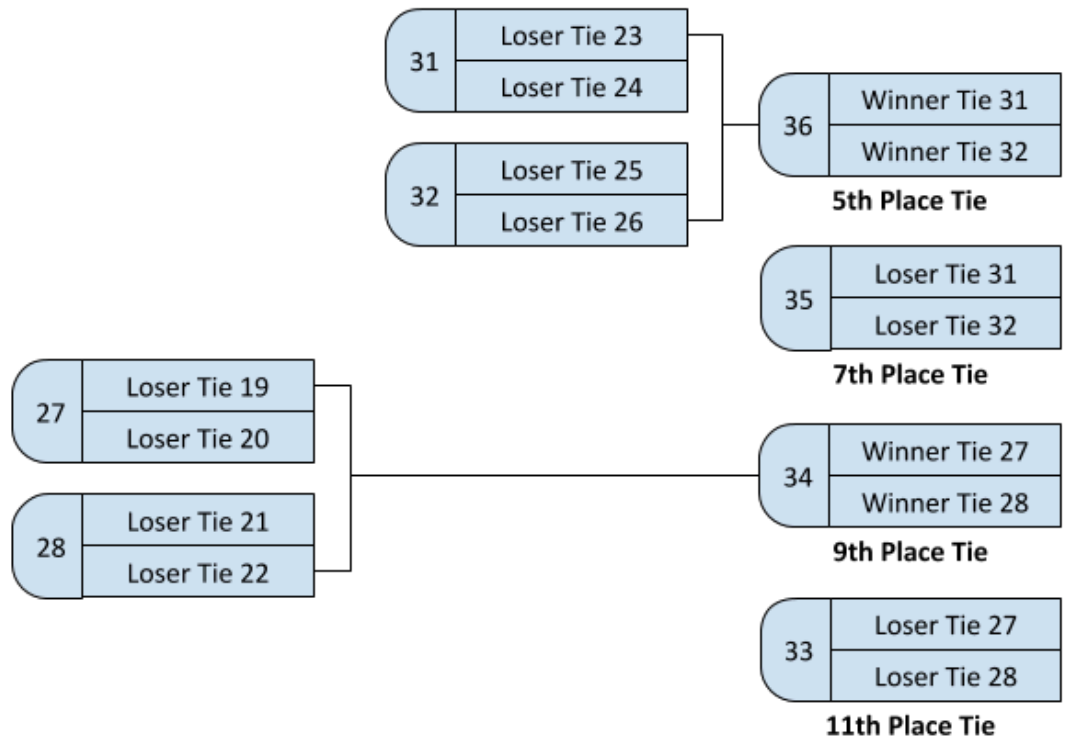
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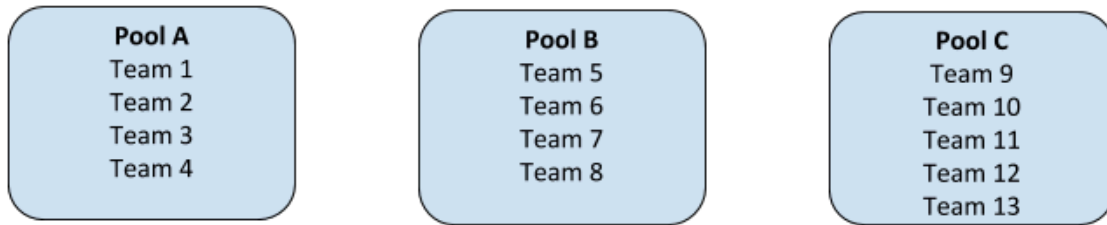
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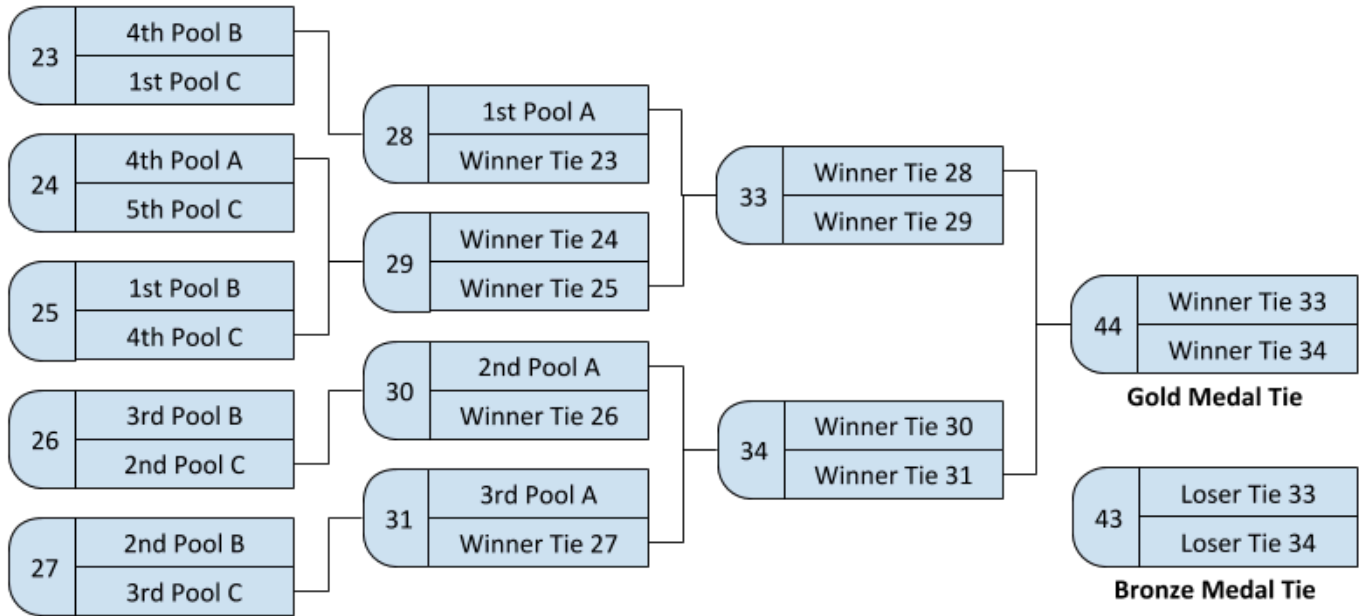
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## Round Robin | 13 Team Format



## Championship Bracket



## Placement Bracket

