



TRI-COUNTY

minor hockey league

TCMHL Round Robin Groups and Game Set Up

(The playoff structure was voted on and officially approved by the members on June 19th, 2025)

Structure by Division and RR Group Size

- **Round Robin will consist of 8-10 games depending on the group size making sure every group has a balanced schedule**
- **Divisions with 7-12** teams will be split into two groups, Group A and Group B, for round-robin play
- **Divisions with 13** or more teams will be divided into four groups—Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D for round-robin play.

7–9 Teams:

For divisions with 7 to 9 teams, a 6-team Quarter-Final playoff format will be used to ensure balanced competition. Please refer to the pool groupings for details on how teams qualify to advance.

Playoff Structure:

The top team from each group will automatically advance to the Semi-Finals. The remaining four teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, seeded according to their regular season standings:

- **Quarter-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs. Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 2:** Second-highest remaining seed vs. Second-lowest remaining seed

10+ Teams:

For divisions with 10 or more teams, an 8-team Quarter-Final playoff bracket will be used, providing more teams the opportunity to compete for the championship. Please refer to the pool groupings for details on how teams qualify for the Quarterfinals.

Playoff Structure:

All Quarter-Final matchups will be determined based on regular season seeding:

- **Quarter-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs. Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 2:** 2nd Highest remaining seed vs. 2nd Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 3:** 3rd Highest remaining seed vs. 3rd Lowest remaining seed

- **Quarter-Final 4:** 4th Highest remaining seed vs. 4th Lowest remaining seed

7-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group three times resulting in a 9-game schedule per team.
- ******Play in game will be played between the 3rd place from group A and 4th place from group B and the winner will be the 3rd place team to advance from group A**
- **Top 3 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,7
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,6

8-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team.
- **Top 3 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,6,8
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,7

9-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Top 3 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,6,9
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,8,7

10-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Top 4 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,6,8,10
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,7,9

11-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 10-game schedule per team
- **Top 4 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,6,8,11
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,7,9,10

12-Team Division

Two Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 10-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 2 times resulting in 10-game schedule per team
- **Top 4 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,4,6,8,11,12
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,3,5,7,9,10

13-Team Division

Four Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team
- **Group C** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team
- **Group D** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **The top 2 teams from each group, will advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1, 8, 13
- **Group B:** Seeds 2, 7, 12
- **Group C:** Seeds 3, 6, 11
- **Group D:** Seeds 4, 5, 9, 10

14-Team Division

Four Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team
- **Group C** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **Group D** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **The top 2 teams from each group, will advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A:** Seeds 1,8,14
- **Group B:** Seeds 2,7,13
- **Group C:** Seeds 3,6,11,12
- **Group D:** Seeds 4,5, 9,10

15-Team Division

Four Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 4 times resulting in 8-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **Group C** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **Group D** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **The top 2 teams from each group, will advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A: Seeds:** 1,8,15
- **Group B: Seeds:** 2,7,13,14
- **Group C: Seeds:** 3,6,11,12
- **Group D: Seeds:** 4,5,9,10

16-Team Division

Four Groups - Round Robin Game Schedule

- **Group A** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team.
- **Group B** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **Group C** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **Group D** - Each team plays every other team within their group 3 times resulting in 9-game schedule per team
- **The top 2 teams from each group, will advance to the quarterfinals.**
- **Group A: Seeds:** 1,8,15,16
- **Group B: Seeds:** 2,7,13,14
- **Group C: Seeds:** 3,6,11,12
- **Group D: Seeds:** 4,5,9,10

3-Team Group - 8-Game Schedule

Seedings within each group are ranked from highest to lowest. Each team plays the other two teams four times, totaling 8 games per team.)

- **Seed 1:** Plays Teams 2, 3 four games (8 games total).
- **Seed 2:** Plays Teams 1, 3 four games (8 games total).
- **Seed 3:** Plays Teams 1, 2 four games (8 games total).

4-Team Group - 9-Game Schedule

Each team plays both home and away games in the first six matchups. Seedings within each group are ranked from highest to lowest.)

- **Seed 1:** Plays Teams 2, 3, 4 three times (9 games total). Extra Game Seed 1 vs Seed 2 (Home: Team 1), Seed 1 vs Seed 4 (Home: Team 1), Seed 3 vs Seed 1 (Home: Team 3)
- **Seed 2:** Plays Teams 1, 3, 4, three times (9 games total). Extra Game Seed 1 vs Seed 2 (Home: Team 1), Seed 2 vs Seed 3 (Home: Team 2), Seed 4 vs Seed 2 (Home: Team 4)
- **Seed 3:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 4, three times (9 games total). Extra Game Seed 3 vs Seed 4 (Home: Team 3), Seed 2 vs Seed 3 (Home: Team 2), Seed 3 vs Seed 1 (Home: Team 3)
- **Seed 4:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, three times (9 games total). Extra Game Seed 3 vs Seed 4 (Home: Team 3), Seed 1 vs Seed 4 (Home: Team 1), Seed 4 vs Seed 2 (Home: Team 4)

5-Team Group - 8-Game Schedule

Seedings within each group are ranked from highest to lowest. Each team plays the other four teams twice, totaling 8 games per team.)

- **Seed 1:** Plays Teams 2, 3, 4, 5, twice (8 games total).
- **Seed 2:** Plays Teams 1, 3, 4, 5, twice (8 games total).
- **Seed 3:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 4, 5, twice (8 games total).
- **Seed 4:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, 5, twice (8 games total).
- **Seed 5:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, 4, twice (8 games total)

6-Team Group - 10-Game Schedule

Seedings within each group are ranked from highest to lowest. Each team plays the other four teams twice, totaling 10 games per team)

- **Seed 1:** Plays Teams 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 twice (10 games total).
- **Seed 2:** Plays Teams 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 twice (10 games total).
- **Seed 3:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 twice (10 games total).
- **Seed 4:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 twice (10 games total).
- **Seed 5:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 twice (10 games total).
- **Seed 6:** Plays Teams 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 twice (10 games total).