



# **TRI-COUNTY**

## **minor hockey league**

## **TCMHL Round Robin Groups and Game Set Up**

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### **Structure by Division and RR Group Size**

- **8+ Teams:** Divisions with eight or more teams will be split into two groups, Group A and Group B, for round-robin play.
- **15+ Teams:** Divisions with fifteen or more teams will be divided into three groups—Group A, Group B, and Group C—for round-robin play.
- **Fewer than 8 Teams:** Divisions with fewer than eight teams will compete within a single group.

### **Division-Specific Playoff Formats**

- **6-10 Teams:** For divisions with 6 to 10 teams, a 6-team Quarter Final playoff will be implemented for optimal balance. In this format:
  - The top two teams automatically advance to the semi-finals.
- **11+ Teams:** For divisions with more than 10 teams, an 8-team Quarter Final playoff bracket will be used, allowing more teams to compete for the championship.

**Note:** After the round-robin stage, the teams advancing to the quarterfinals will be reseeded based on their regular season standings. This means that the highest-ranked team from the regular season that moves on will retain the highest seed, while the lowest-ranked advancing team will be the lowest seed. For example, if the #1 seed from the regular season advances, they will face the lowest-seeded team among those that qualified for the quarterfinals.

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### **7-Team Division**

#### **One Group - Round Robin, 12-Game Schedule**

- Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in a 12-game schedule per team.
- Top 6 teams from the group, advance to the quarterfinals.

**Group A:** Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

## 8-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 9-Game Schedule

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

## 9-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 8 and 9-Game Schedule

- Group A - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in an 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.
- Top 3 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.
- **Group A:** Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9
- **Group B:** Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7

## 10-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 8 and 10-Game Schedule

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

## 11-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 8 and 10-Game Schedule

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

## 12-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 10-Game Schedule

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

## 13-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 10 and 12-Game Schedule

- Group A - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in a 10-game schedule per team.
- Group B - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in a 12-game schedule per team.
- Top 4 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.
- **Group A:** Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12
- **Group B:** Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13

## 14-Team Division

### Two Groups - Round Robin, 12-Game Schedule

- Group A and B - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in a 12-game schedule per team.
- Top 4 teams from each group, advance to the quarterfinals.
- **Group A:** Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13
- **Group B:** Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14

## 15-Team Division

### Three Groups - Round Robin, 8-Game Schedule (each team plays the others in its group twice)

- Group A, B and C - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in an 8-game schedule per team.
- The top 2 teams from each group, along with the best 3rd-place team across all groups, will advance to the quarterfinals. The remaining two 3rd-place teams will compete for the final quarterfinal spot.
- **Group A: Seeds:** 1, 6, 7, 12, 13
- **Group B: Seeds:** 2, 5, 8, 11, 14
- **Group C: Seeds:** 3, 4, 9, 10, 15

## 16-Team Division

### Three Groups - Round Robin Format, 8 and 10-Game Schedule

- Group A and B - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in an 8-game schedule per team.
- Group C - Each team plays every other team within their group twice (home and away), resulting in a 10-game schedule per team.
- The top 2 teams from each group, along with the best 3rd-place team across all groups, will advance to the quarterfinals. The remaining two 3rd-place teams will compete for the final quarterfinal spot.
- **Group A: Seeds:** 1, 6, 7, 12, 16
- **Group B: Seeds:** 2, 5, 8, 11, 14
- **Group C: Seeds:** 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 15

#### 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).

#### 7-Team Group - 12-Game Schedule

Seedings within each group are ranked from highest to lowest. Each team plays the other four teams twice, totaling 12 games per team)

- **Seed 1:** Plays Team 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 2:** Plays Team 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 3:** Plays Team 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 4:** Plays Team 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 5:** Plays Team 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 6:** Plays Team 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 twice (12 games total).
- **Seed 7:** Plays Team 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 twice (12 games total).