



The Double Elimination Sport Stacking Tournament For Head-to-Head Team Relay Competition

TERM CLARIFICATIONS:

Head-to-Head Competition: Teams race against one another at the same time in the Sport Stacking Court (see WSSA Rule Book), thus the “head-to-head” competition.

Double Elimination Tournament: Also titled the “second chance” or “continuous consolation.” A team is eliminated after losing twice and every team races a minimum of two matches.

Draw Sheet: Contains the brackets where team names are placed designating who races who.

Bracket: Place on the Draw Sheet where two teams are paired designating a match. After the match is completed teams will move to a new bracket unless one has been eliminated (i.e. 2nd loss).

Relay Manager: Person responsible for overseeing the Age Division’s Double Elimination Tournament

Scribe: Person responsible for writing the winning and losing teams in their proper brackets on the draw sheet as the tournament progresses. (Note: the Scribe can also be the Relay Manager).

POSITIONING OF RELAY TEAMS & ‘BYES’ ON THE DRAW SHEETS

- If the StackTrack Tournament Management Software is used, once your teams are entered into the program they will be automatically positioned on the draw sheets for each designated Age Division
- If the StackTrack software is not being used, you will need to manually entered the teams on the draw sheets for each designated Age Division
- ‘Byes’ will be listed in the first round and need to be ‘carried out’ into the losers/left side of the draw sheet. When the number of ‘byes’ is uneven, the extra ‘bye’ is placed in the bottom half of the draw sheet. ‘Byes’ should be positioned symmetrically

DRAW SHEET MANAGEMENT

- The Scribe will have a clipboard with a completed draw sheet of the paired teams. A Relay Manager will call teams to the designated on deck warm up tables
- Division Relay Managers and Judges will work together to facilitate moving teams to the competition tables
- Start with Match #1 and proceed numerically until the Final Match (or the final two teams in a mini-tournament)
- When the match is completed between the two teams, the Scribe will move the loser to the left and the winner to the right on the draw sheet. (Note: Once a team enters the losers bracket and the team continues to win, they move left.)
- As the tournament proceeds the Scribe must be very careful to ensure that the teams are positioned correctly
- It is important that Relay Managers strive to keep the tournament running evenly through the rounds. Look ahead to ensure wait time for competition is minimized

BACK-TO-BACK TOURNAMENT ARRANGEMENT

This is one of two basic patterns for arranging a double elimination tournament. The Back-to-Back method is less confusing in positioning losing teams.

- After all the teams have completed their first match, the winning teams will move to the right and the losing teams will move to the left (in the case of a 'bye' the team automatically wins the match and moves to the right and the 'bye' moves to the left)
- All teams on the right side of the bracket will continue to move to the right if they win. Once a team loses their first match, they will then be positioned on the left side of the bracket into the location designated on the draw sheet (i.e. loser of match number three, moves to the left to the 'L3' bracket location on the draw sheet.)
- There will be a winner of the loser bracket, which will then be positioned in the Final Match bracket (on the winner/right side)
- A double elimination tournament is best suited for 4, 8 or 16 teams. Because of the excessive time factor and complexity of structuring Double Elimination tournaments, no more than 16 entries are suggested per draw sheet

MINI-DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

When there are more than 16 teams in an Age Division a mini-double elimination tournament should be run following the procedures listed below:

- Run each mini-tournament as described above
- Each mini-tournament ends when there are two teams left (these two teams will not race each other...they now move to a new draw sheet)
- A new draw sheet is constructed according to the number of teams that have made it to the 'finals' from each mini-tournament
- It is best to pair the top two teams in each mini-tournament on opposite sides of the draw sheets. This format eliminates a possible quick re-match during the 'finals' of teams from the same mini-tournament
- The 'finals' double elimination tournament is then run to determine first, second, third, and fourth places. Note: All teams start with no wins or losses in this 'finals' tournament!

**If there is any question at all who won or lost the match
or the placement of teams on the draw sheet...**

**STOP!
DO NOT RUN ANOTHER RACE UNTIL
THE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED!**

**Consult with your Relay Management Team or get a
Division Manager to reach resolution before continuing!**