

COMPETITIONS FOR GROUPS



Round Robin Competition

(This format comes courtesy of the LTA of Great Britain)

Organiser tips

1. Setting up

Divide your players into groups of 4 players on 2 courts (if you have more players, see the 'Variations' section)

2. Match format

Each player plays a short set match (first to 4 games, with tie break at 4-4) against another

3. Organise your matches

For each group of players, use the following format

Round 1	Player A v Player C	Player B v Player D
Round 2	Player A v Player D	Player B v Player C
Round 3	Player C v Player D	Player B v Player A

4. Who scores the matches?

Players are responsible for scoring their own matches

5. Scoring

Players should give their scores to the competition organiser at the end of the match. Scores should be added to the score sheet.

6. At the end

1. The winner will be the player with the highest number of match wins. To decide player positions, take results in the following order:
 - a. highest number of match wins
 - b. highest number of points for
 - c. lowest number of points against
 - d. the result of the match between the 2 players who are tied

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Scoresheet (for 4 players)

	A	B	C	D	Wins	Points for	Points against	Position
A								
B								
C								
D								

Order of play

A v C	B v D	A v D	B v C	C v D	A v B
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Scoresheet (for 6 players)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Wins	Points for	Points against	Position
A										
B										
C										
D										
E										
F										

Order of play

A v D	C v E	B v D	A v E	B v C	D v E
A v C	B v E	C v D	A v B		

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Variations

1. Try to have one court for no more than 3 players, so that players spend more time playing than off court.
2. Matches can be made longer or shorter depending on the amount of time and players that you have. For Mini Tennis, use smaller courts and low compression balls, and have 5 minutes matches using 1,2,3,4,5 scoring up to 11 with serves alternating every 2 points.
3. Consider playing timed matches if you want short matches. This helps you to ensure that all matches finish at the same time. Play a deciding point if the scores are equal when you call time.
4. Make sure you and the players keep to the match schedule shown, so that every player waits off for an equal length of time.

Themes

1. This Round Robin system has been designed for a singles competition. Other formats might include:
 - a. Doubles. Try to match the pairs evenly, so that 2 players are pair A, 2 players are pair B, and so on.
 - b. Mixed doubles. Again try to match men and women evenly
2. Try an international competition, by having each player or pair representing a different country (eg Player A is Great Britain, Player B is Australia etc). Plan a social event afterwards with food or drinks from each of the different countries.
3. Link your event with an ITN On-court Assessment day. Have on-court assessments going happening on one court, and your round robin event on adjacent courts. Players can then leave the event with their personal ITN and a great competitive experience.