



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

January 11, 2025

To: All CAHL Member Directors for communication to your teams

Re: Playoff Information

Now that we are well into the Regular season, please read this letter with what is going to transpire for playoffs. Please note this is the same as years past as stated in the Alberta One processes and there are no changes here. There are a few parts to this:

For Sub-tier or Colour playoffs:

- Formats are in Appendix "A" ([Click link for details](#)) since everyone makes playoffs based on the number of teams in your sub-tier. Some of these will be impacted by starts dates and also split playoff discussions which will be addressed in the near future for some teams.
- Tier playoff formats based on the standings, any issues with schedules or completion thereof would result in using winning percentage used as the playoff placements.
- The start dates for this will be announced based on Hockey Alberta Provincial Berth declaration deadlines. This will mean that it may be necessary to consider:
 - Starting playoffs early for U13 and U15 see the CAHL Website for [CAHL Important Deadlines](#)
 - Compressing game schedules to get done in a timely manner
 - Removing unplayed games from the schedules to allow a timely start could be an impact
 - Playing during the week to resolve playoff processes
 - All Playoff series will be a two game total goal series for any Provincial playoff berth. Other not going to provincials will be considered in the CAHL Game Regulations

For Final Round Robin play:

- Final Tier Round Robin playoff formats based on the drawn positions as stated here.
- All Playoff series will be a round robin format each team playing one game.
- Methods to select round robin placements - Tier Final Placements will be drawn with a double blind random selection generator at the end of the Feb Directors meeting. We have chosen again this year [Wheel of Names](#)
- Venue Draws will work for all groups of 2, 3, 4 and 5 (potentially 6) teams in the final draws. We will do this by drawing for team position in the table and the schedule.
- Venue order will be assigned as per the templates we have approved for this decision. Shown later in this document in [Appendix "B"](#).
- The two closest teams will always play each other on Friday nights. The only exception to this is in the case of 4 or more teams where they will all have to play no matter what we do.

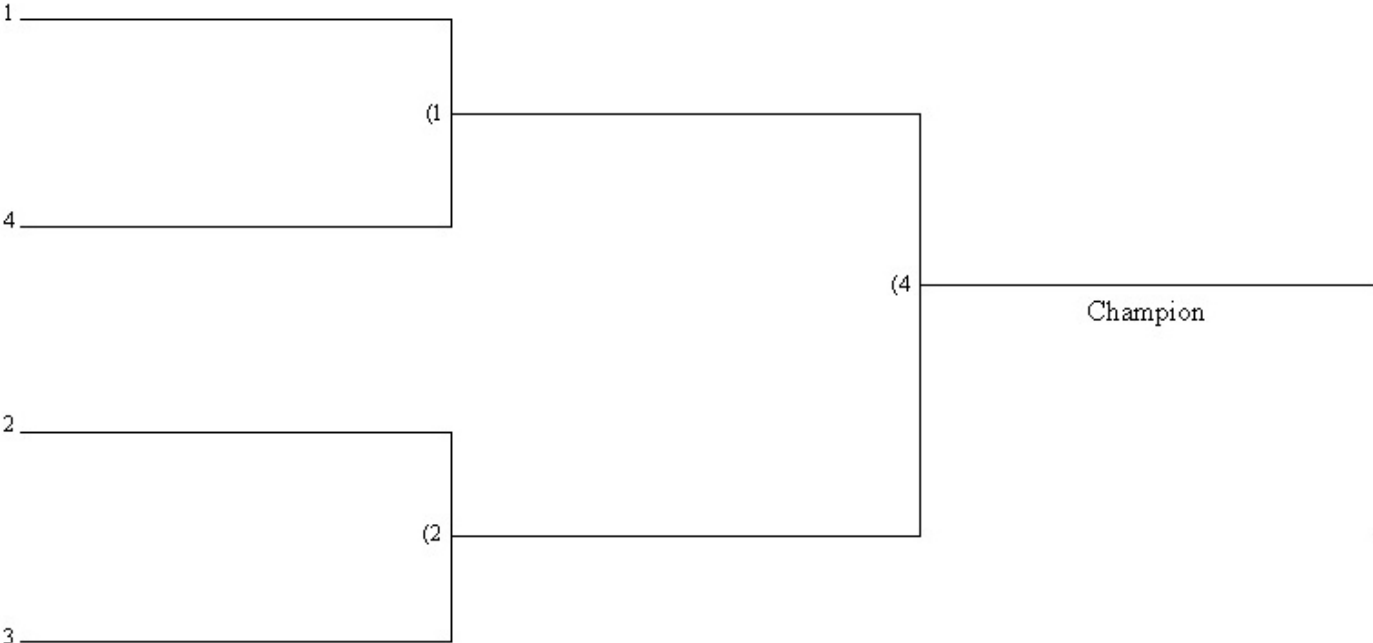
Any disputes from above will be escalated to the CAHL Vice President and President or designate for review and a final decision. Thank you for your help in making this go as smooth as possible and when Hockey Alberta makes a final decision on this provincials host process we will present the details to the CAHL Members and their teams.

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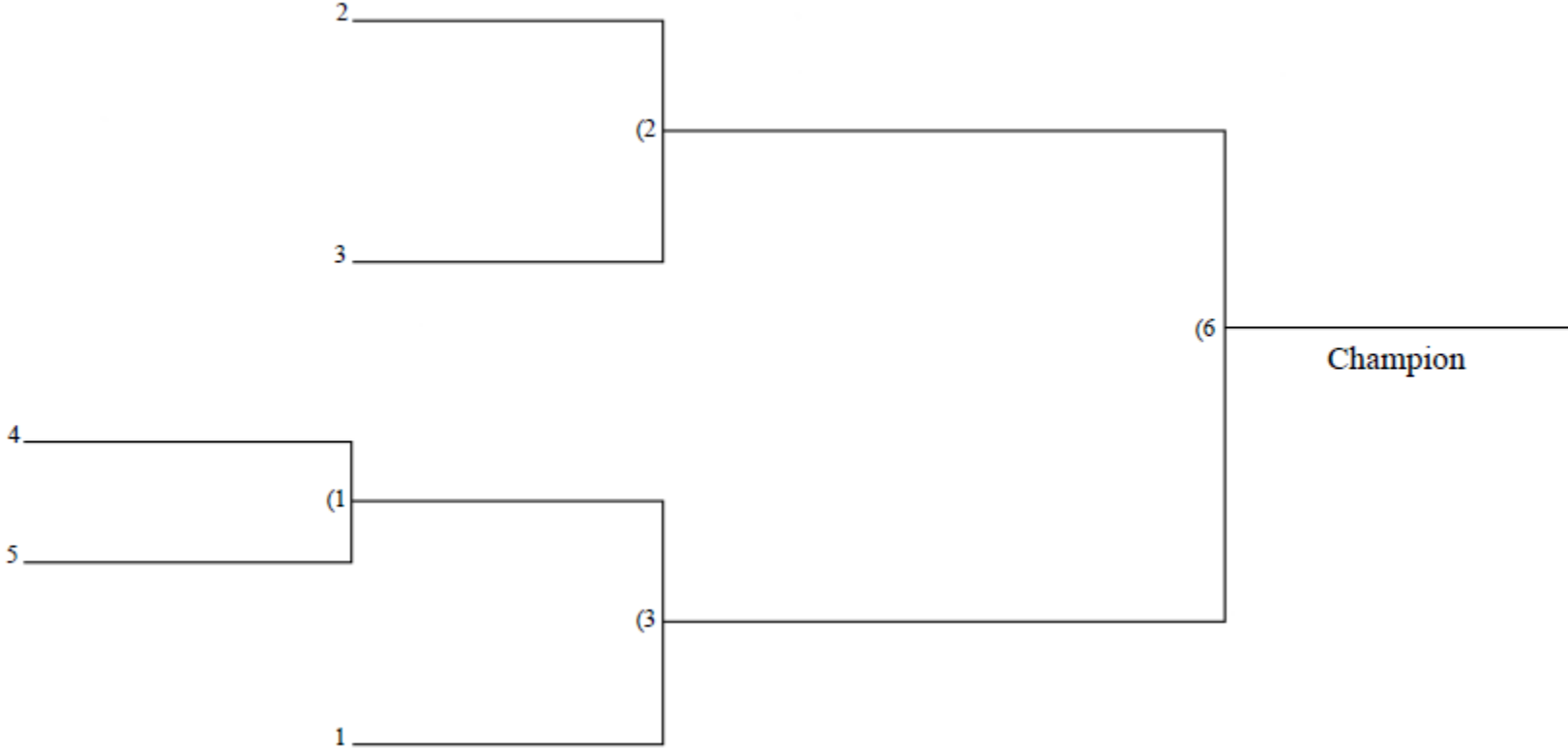
Attached: Summary of Tier Playoff formats and Random Draws for Venue for Round Robin Formats

Appendix "A" - Examples of Playoff Draws for CAHL Sub (Colour) Tier Playoff Formats

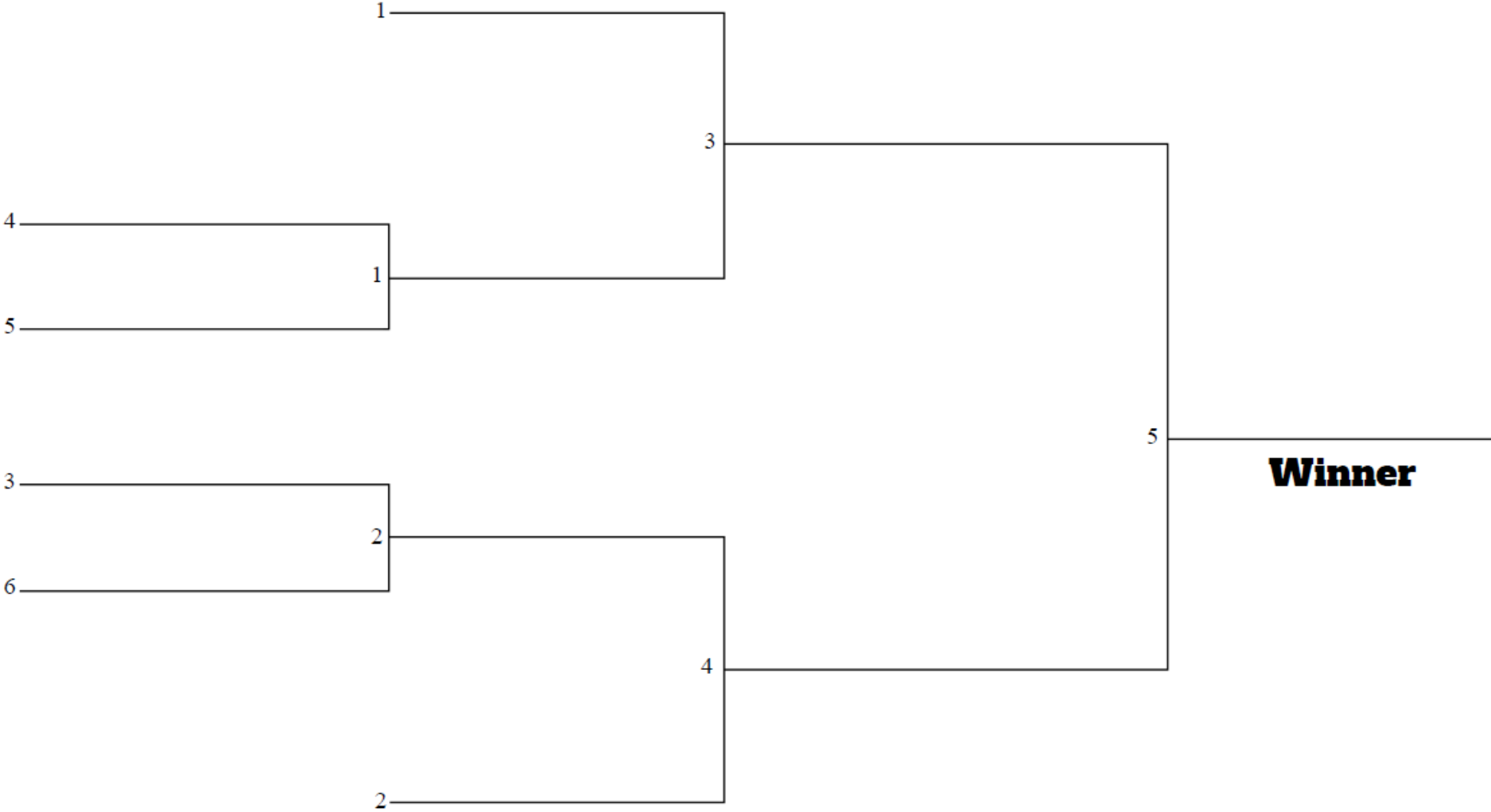
Four (4) Team Playoff (if required)



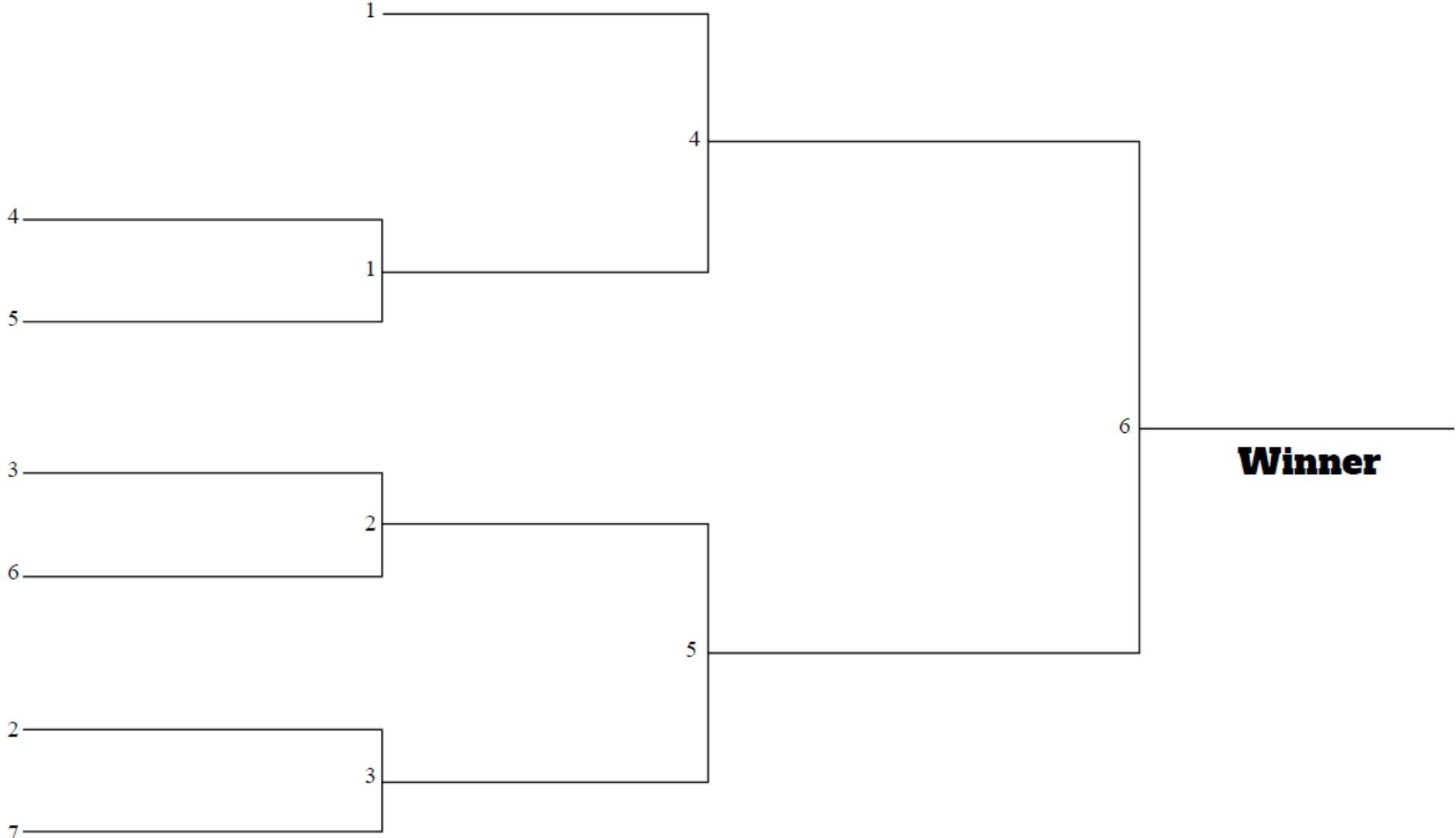
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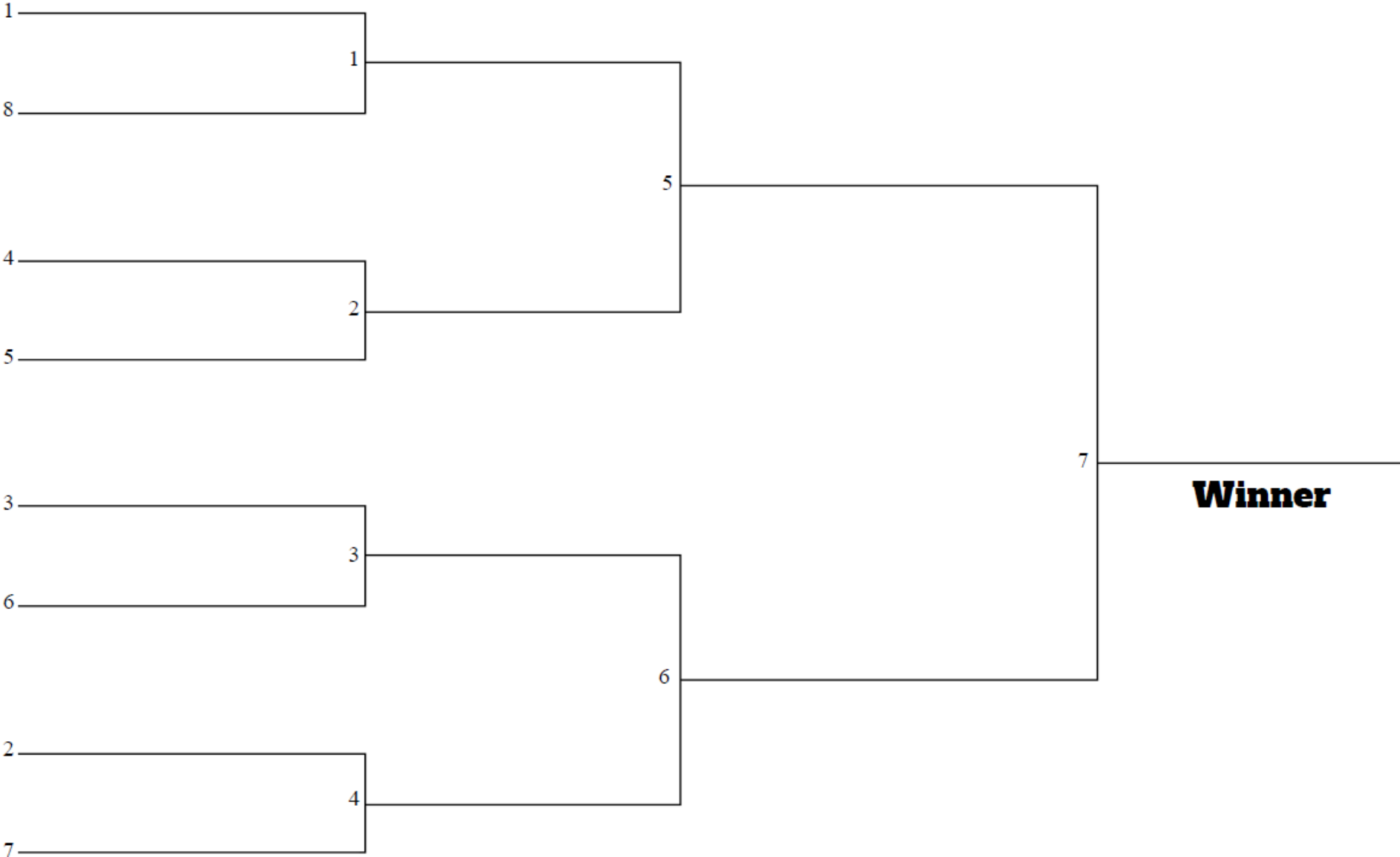
Six (6) Team Playoff



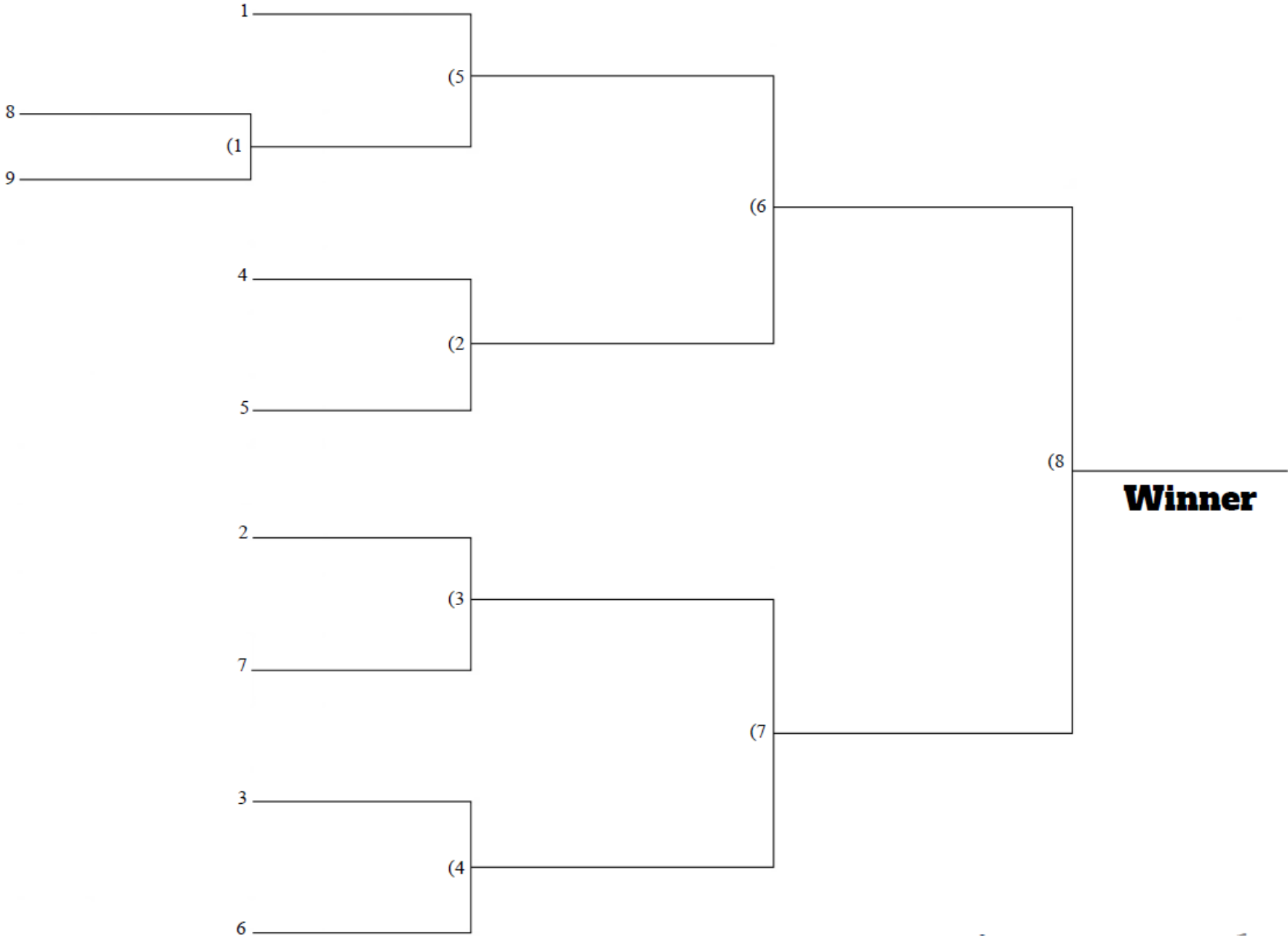
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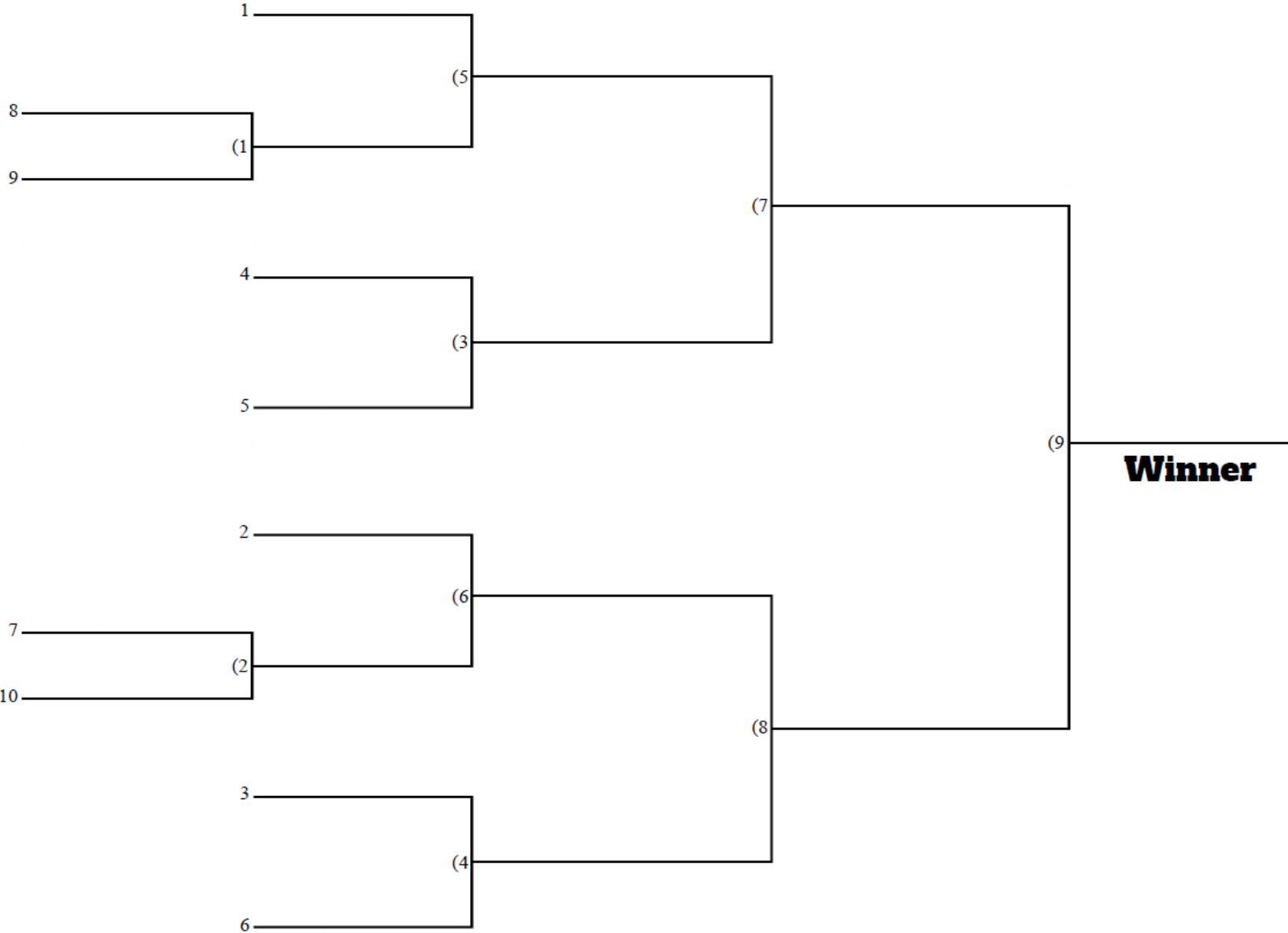
Eight (8) Team Playoff



Nine (9) Team Playoff



Ten (10) Team Playoff (if needed)



Appendix “B” - Round Robin Play for CAHL Final Playoff

3 Team Round Robin

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------|------|--------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 vs 2 | 2 vs 3 | 3 vs 1 |
| 3 Bye | 1 Bye | 2 Bye |

4 Team Round Robin

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------|------|--------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |

| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 2 vs 1 | 4 vs 2 | 4 vs 1 |
| 3 vs 4 | 1 vs 3 | 2 vs 3 |

5 Team Round Robin

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------|------|--------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |

| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 vs 4 | 3 vs 1 | 5 vs 3 | 2 vs 5 | 4 vs 2 |
| 2 vs 3 | 4 vs 5 | 1 vs 2 | 3 vs 4 | 5 vs 1 |
| 5-Bye | 2-Bye | 4-Bye | 1-Bye | 3-Bye |

6 Team Round Robin

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------|------|--------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |
| 6. | | |

| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2 vs 1 | 3 vs 4 | 6 vs 4 | 4 vs 1 | 5 vs 6 |
| 3 vs 6 | 6 vs 1 | 2 vs 3 | 5 vs 3 | 1 vs 3 |
| 4 vs 5 | 2 vs 5 | 1 vs 5 | 6 vs 2 | 4 vs 2 |