



CENTRAL ALBERTA HOCKEY LEAGUE

Executive Memorandum

January 26, 2024

To: To the Attention of All CAHL Member Associations and CAHL U11 Teams

Re: CAHL U11 Playoff Impacts and Plan for this Season

This letter is to advise you of the intended process moving forward this season. We will be following Alberta One for the guide to complete this for this season.

Specifically, for U11:

- In the current season we are all aware how the Hockey Alberta One mandates have impacted the CAHL by restricting us to only 6 tiers in the CAHL age divisions. I have already spoken at length about this season with the Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Committee and this will be corrected next year with additional tiers again being utilized in U11 and U13 thereby spreading out the skill levels as we used to do.

NOTE: Keep in mind we will still be effected by U11 HADP programs and this will mean that teams who are not usually in Tier 1 or 2 levels may still be playing there. It does not matter if you feel you are not Tier 1 or Tier 2, you cannot be in a tier below where you are outside of the competitive model.

There is nothing we can do about it, that is just the number of teams and the situation we are in. As well, should Tier 1 not have enough teams to reasonably create a tier, then the Tier 2 teams will be playing them anyways just as happened in the other leagues in the Province for many seasons.

- As directed in the Hockey Alberta One Committee review, all teams make playoffs so in an effort to make all of this come together new playoff formats will be shown here.
- All playoff series will be two game total point series or round robin play as shown in the following pages.
- The U11 VP and Governors Group will advise the tiers that need to meet certain target dates where needed. The requirement is to make all series be completed in a weekend they are assigned. This will be directed by the Governors group to ensure we are done on time.
- As requested in the Tiering Round and Appeals meetings and directed by the Appeal Committee's decisions we will be offering split playoffs in the tier groupings. These will be created from teams who in the past would not have made playoffs in our old formats and then any teams where the majority of their game outcomes are outside of the CAHL Competitive Model. These decisions will be recommended by the CAHL Lead Governors of the age divisions for each tier and then finalized by the Governor in Chief, the CAHL Vice Presidents and myself.

The following will details the playoff plans for each tier:

- **U11 Tier 1** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 1 Champion Banner presented, a round robin playoff format will likely be used. Additionally, as directed by the Appeals committee a Tier 1A and a Tier 1B will be also provided in a round robin format. These groups will be formed segments of the tier showing competitive balance, from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

- **U11 Tier 2** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and a Tier 2 Champion Banner presented. Additionally, a Tier 2A will be also provided in a round robin format. This will be formed from teams who in the past would never had made playoffs and are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season. Those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.
- **U11 Tier 3** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and as per the feedback provided by the Directors and Teams no tier Champion will be awarded as the travel distances are too much to manage. Additionally, a Tier 3A and a Tier 3B will be also provided in a round robin format. These teams will be formed from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.
- **U11 Tier 4** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and as per the feedback provided by the Directors and Teams no tier Champion will be awarded as the travel distances are too much to manage. Additionally, a Tier 4A and a Tier 4B will be also provided in a round robin format. These teams will be formed from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.
- **U11 Tier 5** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and as per the feedback provided by the Directors and Teams no tier Champion will be awarded as the travel distances are too much to manage. Additionally, a Tier 5A and a Tier 5B will be also provided in a round robin format. These teams will be formed from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.
- **U11 Tier 6** will have banners for the winners of each colour group and as per the feedback provided by the Directors and Teams no tier Champion will be awarded as the travel distances are too much to manage. Additionally, a Tier 6A and a Tier 6B will be also provided in a round robin format. These teams will be formed from the ones who in the past would have been eliminated from playoffs, are below the CAHL competitive model in the majority of their games at the end of the regular season and those teams will be drawn for venue by the end of the last week of the regular season.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available if you would like to discuss any of this.

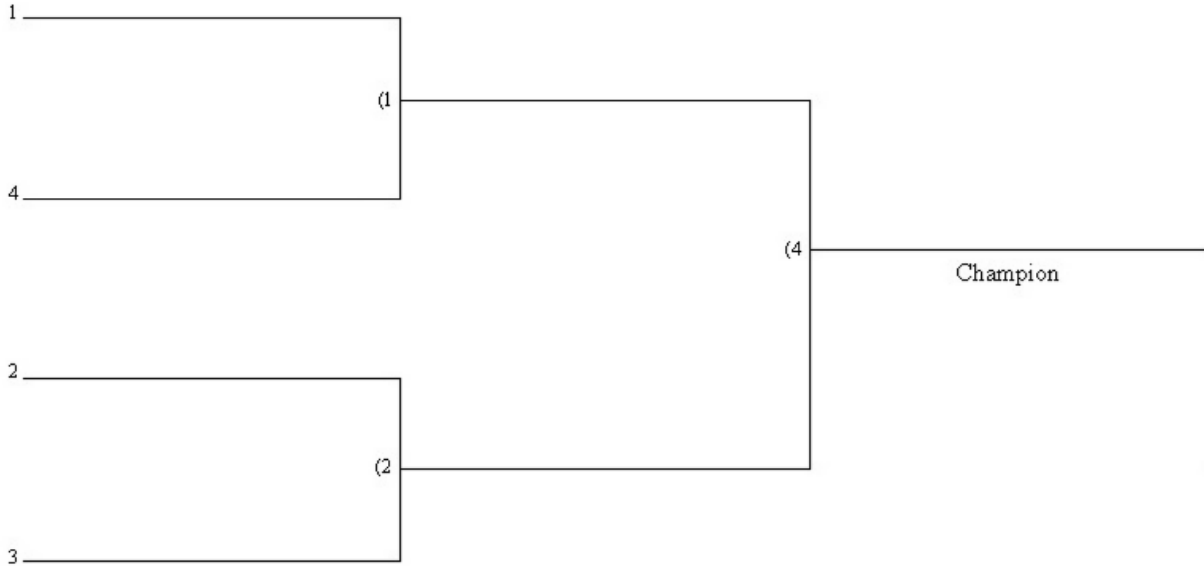
Thank you,



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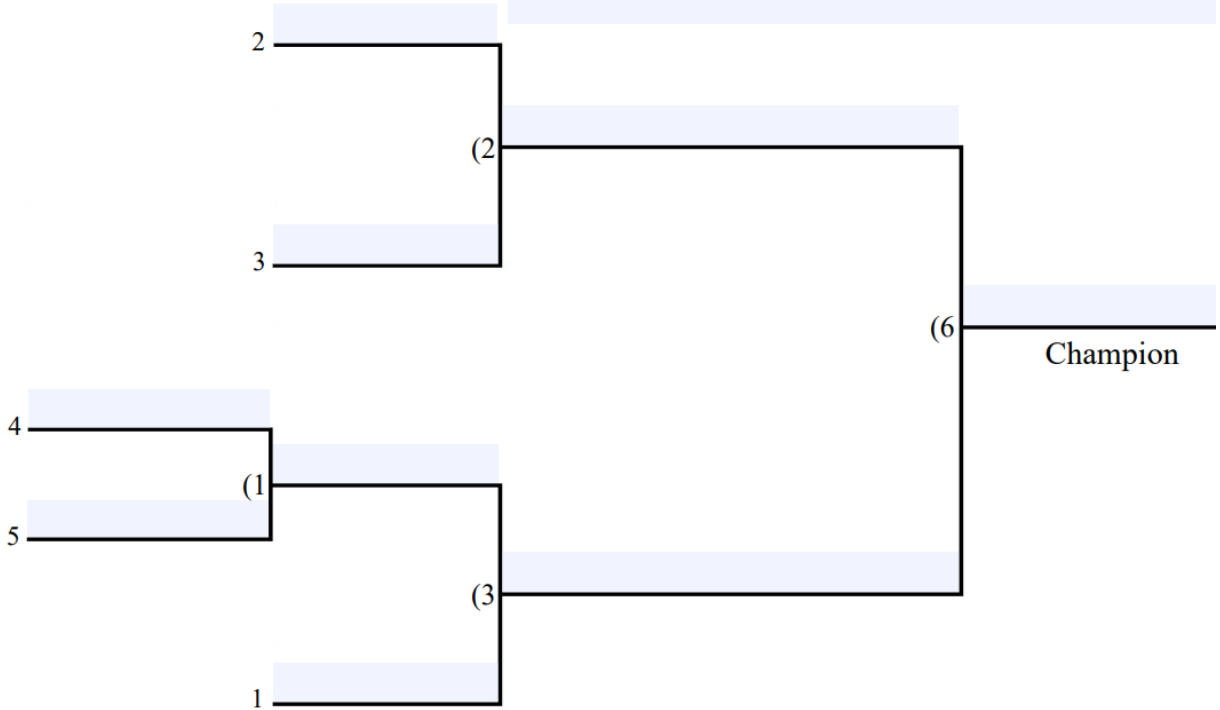
NOTE: All Three Team Playoffs will be either single or double round robin formats as determined by the CAHL Executive

Four Team Playoff

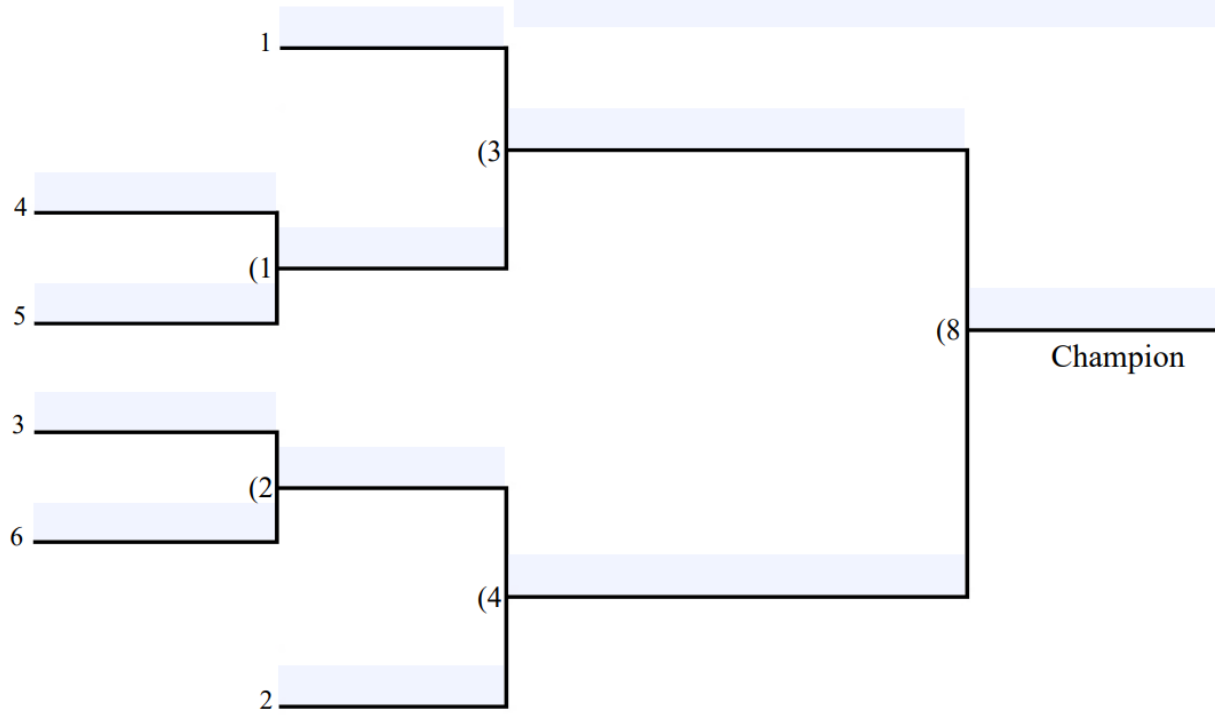


Winner's Bracket

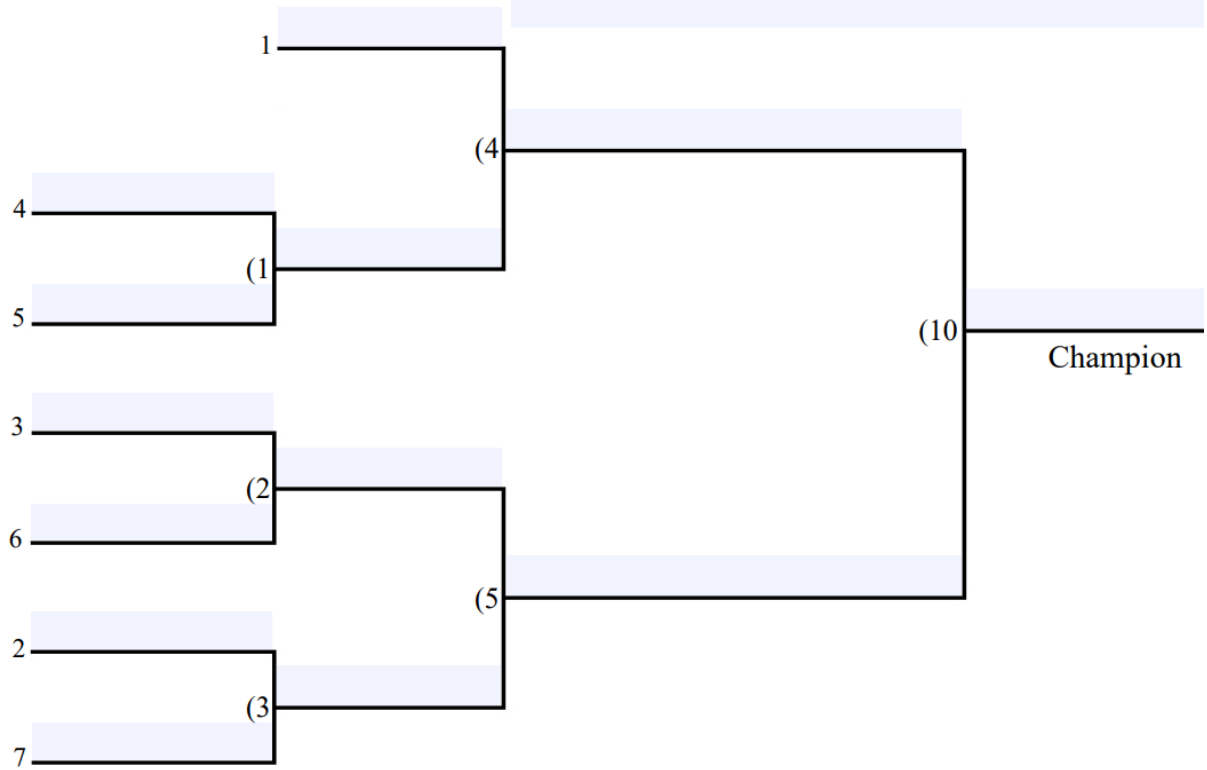
5 Team Playoff



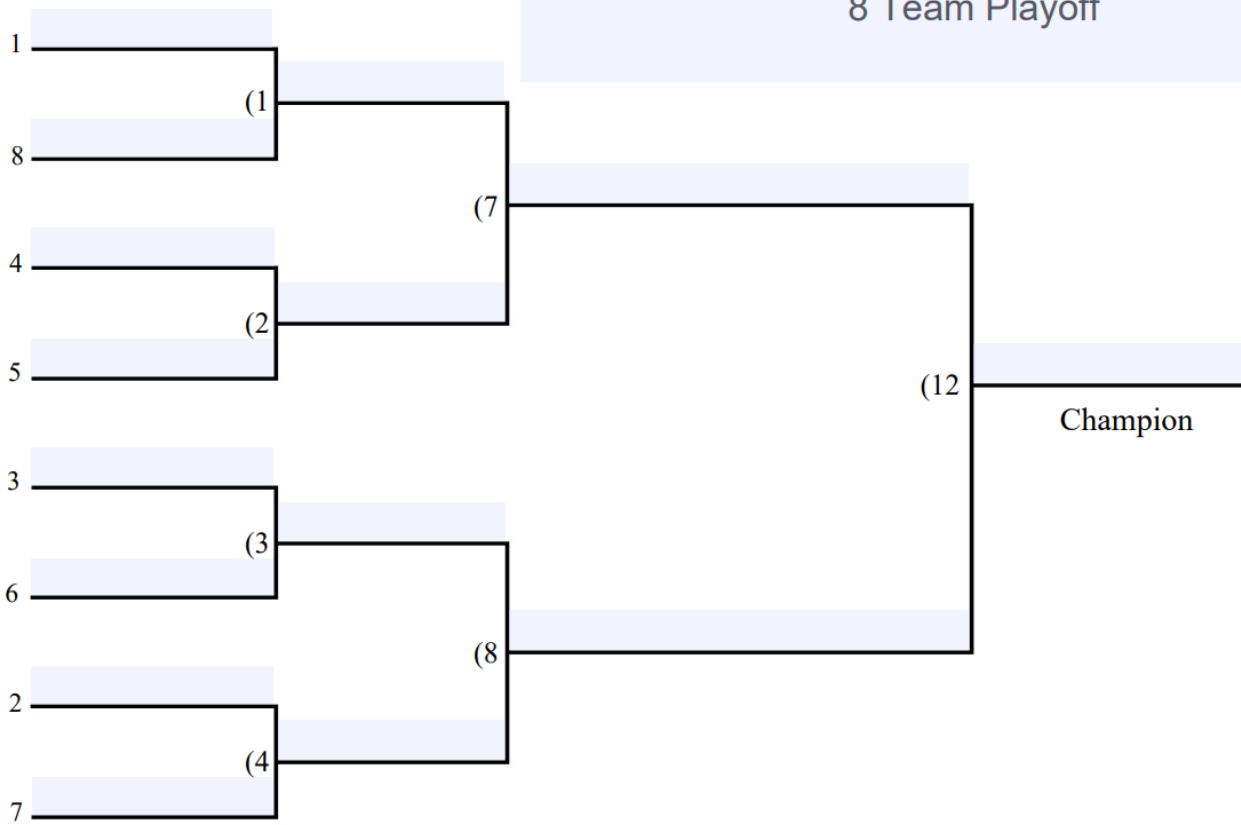
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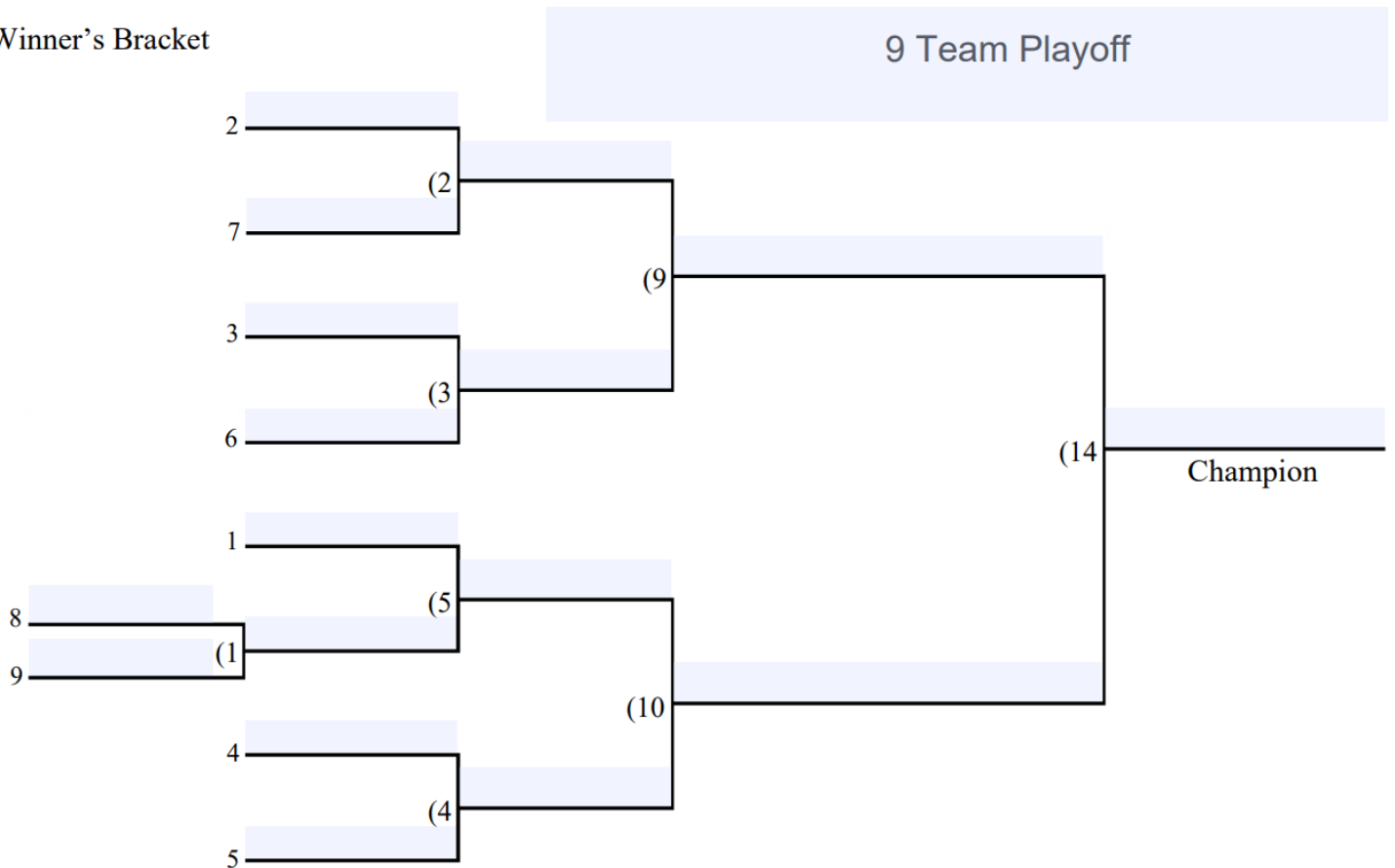
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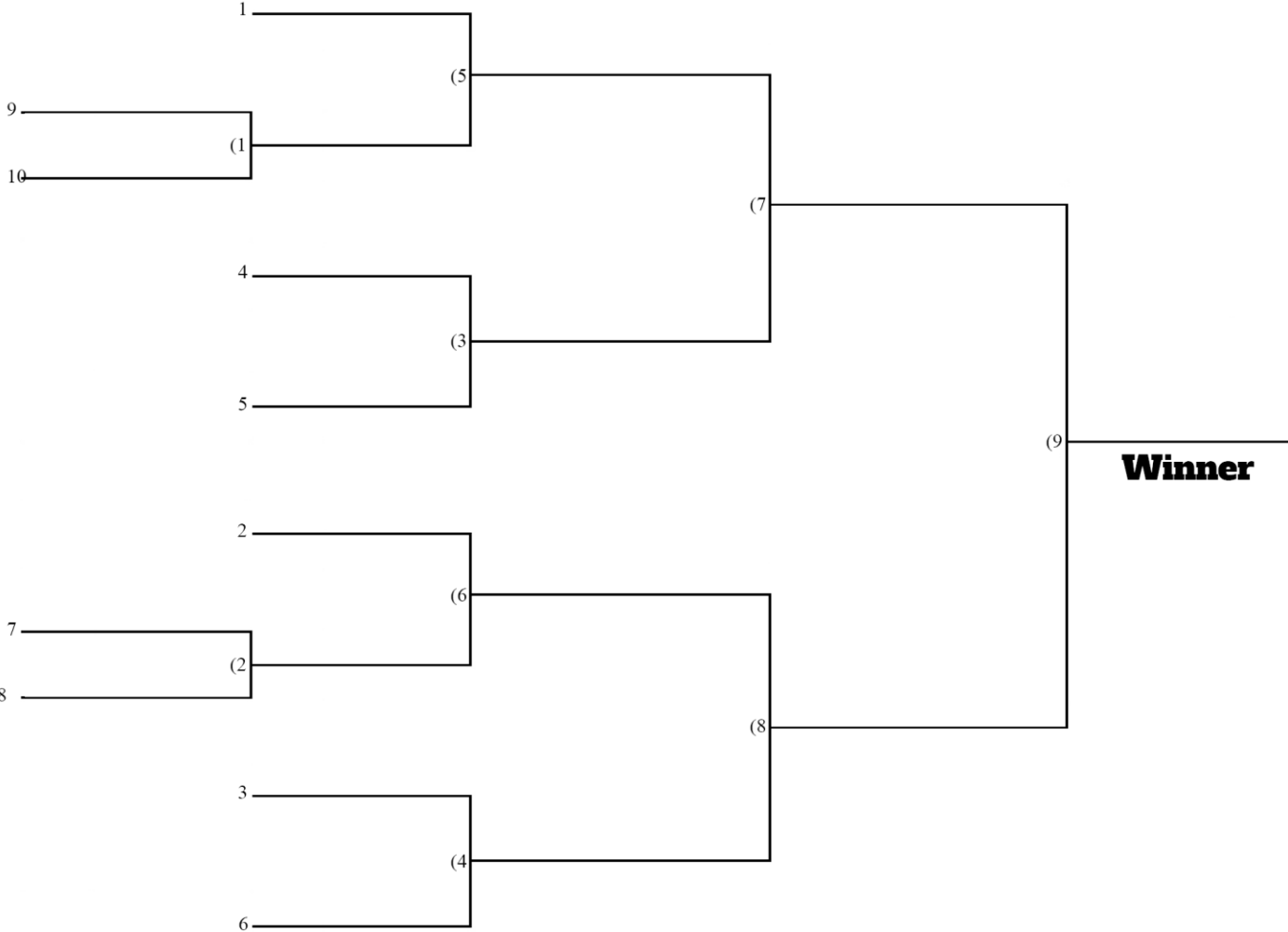
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10 Team Single Elimination



The following tables will identify the home teams in the schedule by the first number is the visitor and the second number is the home team. So for 1 vs. 2, 2 is the home team.

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

These templates are available up to 10 team round robin playoffs only a few are shown here as examples.