

2024 TROPICAL 7s – COMPETITION FORMAT BY DIVISION

DIVISION	# OF TEAMS	COMPETITION FORMAT
U18 BOYS ELITE	16	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> Initial pool phase to consist of 4 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> 1st and 2nd from each pool advance to an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (3 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u> 3rd ranked teams from pool phase to play a 4-team consolation pool (3 matches each). 4th ranked teams from pool phase to play a 4-team consolation pool (3 matches each).</p>
U18 BOYS OPEN	24	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 6 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> 1st ranked team in each pool + top two 2nd ranked teams advance to Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 matches each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u> Remaining teams depending on their finishing position in the pool phase will be organised into consolation pools of 4 teams to determine final placings in the division (3 matches each)</p>
U18 GIRLS ELITE	10	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> Initial pool phase to consist of 2 pools of 5 (4 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> Top 2 from each pool play Championship SF/F +Losing SF playoff (2 playoff matches each).</p>

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U18 GIRLS OPEN	24	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st ranked team in each pool + top two 2nd ranked teams advance to an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remaining teams depending on their finishing position in the pool phase will be organised into consolation pools of 4 teams to determine final placings (3 matches each)</p>
U18 GIRLS DEVELOPMENT	7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 pool of 7 (6 games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No playoffs.</p>
U16 BOYS ELITE	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">All teams advance to an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket based on final standings in each pool: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 games each)</p>

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U16 BOYS OPEN	20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 4 pools of 5 teams (4 pool games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> 1st ranked teams from pool play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u> 2nd ranked teams from pool to play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each) 3rd ranked teams from pool to play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each) 4th ranked teams from pool to play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each) 5th ranked teams from pool to play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: All pool matches will be played on Friday. All playoff and consolation matches will be played on Saturday.</p>
U16 GIRLS ELITE	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 2 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAYOFFS</u> All teams advance to Championship/Plate playoffs with pre-determined seedings based on final standings in each pool: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 games each)</p>
U16 GIRLS OPEN	12	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 3 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> Top 2 from each pool and 1st + 2nd ranked 3rd placed teams go into an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (3 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u></p>

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U14 BOYS OPEN	15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 3 pools of 5 teams (4 pool games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> 1st ranked teams from pools + top 2nd ranked team play SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u> Remaining 2nd, 3rd and 4th ranked teams from pool phase to play consolation SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (2 matches each) 5th ranked teams will play a 3-team round robin (2 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: All pool matches will be played on Friday. All playoff and consolation matches will be played on Saturday.</p>
U14 GIRLS OPEN	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 2 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> All teams advance to Championship/Plate 8-team butterfly playoffs with pre-determined seedings based on final pool standings: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 games each)</p>
U12 COED OPEN	9	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u> 2 pools: Pool A has 4 teams (3 pool matches each), Pool B has 5 teams (4 pool matches each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> 1st and 2nd ranked teams from each pool advance to Championship playoff: SF/F + playoff for losing SF. (2 matches each).</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u></p> <p>Remaining teams will play consolation matches against teams in the other pool that did not make the playoffs. (2/3 matches each)</p> <p>Note: Pool A (4 teams) will play all pool matches on Friday. Pool B (5 teams) will complete their pool on Saturday morning. As the 1st and 2nd placed teams in Pool B will only play 5 competitive games, it is proposed to organise 2 x exhibition matches against opposition from Pool A.</p>
U23 MENS ELITE	7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 pool of 7 teams (6 games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st and 2nd ranked teams from the pool phase will play a Championship final.</p>
U23 MENS OPEN	6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 pool of 6 teams (5 games each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Playoff match each: 1v2, 3v4, 5v6</p>
U23 WOMENS ELITE	12	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POOL PHASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initial pool phase to consist of 3 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Top 2 from each pool and 1st + 2nd ranked 3rd placed teams go into an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SFs (3 matches each)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd ranked 3rd place team and all 4th placed teams from the pool phase to play a 4-team consolation pool (3 matches each).</p>

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SENIOR MENS	7	<p><u>POOL PHASE</u> 1 pool of 7 teams (6 games each)</p> <p><u>PLAYOFFS</u> 1st and 2nd ranked teams from the pool phase will play a Championship final.</p>
SENIOR WOMENS	8	<p><u>POOL PHASE</u> 2 pools of 4 teams (3 pool games each)</p> <p><u>CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE PLAYOFFS</u> All teams advance to an 8-team Championship/Plate butterfly playoff bracket with pre-determined seedings based on final standings in each pool: QF/SF/F + playoff for losing SF (3 games each)</p>

Note: Playoff bracket seedings are all pre-determined before the start of the pool phase e.g. 1st in Pool A vs 4th in Pool B. The only exception to this rule is to avoid teams being drawn in the first round of the playoffs against an opponent they have already played during the pool phase (e.g. teams qualifying from a pool in 2nd place will be drawn against an opponent in the playoff bracket not from their initial pool).

QF = QUARTER-FINAL

SF = SEMI-FINAL

F = FINAL

LSF = LOSING SEMI-FINALIST