

GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS TOURNAMENTS

17 Teams

See the section on Formats for an Odd Number of Teams.

a) One-Day Events

i) Round Robin

It is not practical to play a complete round robin in one day with this number of teams.

ii) Swiss Format over 2 or 3 Sessions

An even number of rounds must be played

1) 6 Round Swiss

$2+2+2 = 6 \times 10$ board matches – 60 boards
= 6×12 board matches – 72 boards
= 6×14 board matches – 84 boards

Over 2 sessions the matches can be arranged 3+3.

2) 8 Round Swiss

$2+3+3 = 8 \times 8$ board matches – 64 boards
= 8×10 board matches – 80 boards

b) Two-Day Events

i) Round Robin over 5 Sessions

$3+4+3+3+3 = 16 \times 8$ board matches – 128 boards

ii) Swiss Format over 4 or 5 Sessions

An even number of rounds must be played

1) 6 Round Swiss

$2+2+1+1 = 6 \times 16$ board matches – 96 boards
= 6×18 board matches – 108 boards
= 6×20 board matches – 120 boards

(20 board VP scale)

2) 8 Round Swiss

$2+2+2+2 = 8 \times 12$ board matches – 96 boards
= 8×14 board matches – 112 boards
= 8×16 board matches – 128 boards

iii) Qualifying followed by Final / Plate

There are many variations of format that can be applied, essentially using any of the one-day formats listed above as the qualifying tournament, then using either round robin, Swiss, or knockout methods in the Final and Plate.

A few formats are detailed below.

1) Swiss Qualifying / Round Robin Final – 4 to Qualify

Qualifying:

$2+2+2 = 6 \times 12$ board matches
= 6×14 board matches

Final

Round Robin

$1+1+1 = 3 \times 16$ board matches

Plate

New Swiss draw for 13 teams

$2+2 = 4 \times 12$ board matches

2) Swiss Qualifying / Round Robin Final – 6 to Qualify

Qualifying

$2+2+2 = 6 \times 12$ board matches

Final

Round Robin

$3+2 = 5 \times 12$ board matches

Plate

New Swiss draw for 11 teams

$2+2 = 4 \times 14$ board matches

3) Swiss Qualifying / Knockout Final – 4 to Qualify

Qualifying

$2+2+2 = 6 \times 12$ board matches

Final

24 board semi-final with either:

- the 1st ranked team after the qualifying is drawn against the fourth, and 2nd playing 3rd
- the 1st ranked team having the choice of opponents from the other qualifiers

24 board final and 3rd/4th play-off

Plate

New Swiss draw for 13 teams

$2+2 = 4 \times 12$ board matches

c) Victory Point Scales for the Above Formats

See the IMP to VP conversions scales