



How do I run a round robin?



What is a round robin?

A round robin is a structured form of play organized by skill levels.

During the round robin session, you will play a number of games, each potentially with a different partner and against a different pair of opponents.

Depending on the number of players and courts, players may have at least one bye game where you do not play.

It is designed so that all players are playing against people of roughly equal ability, which makes play fun and reasonably competitive for the majority of players.

Start a round robin.

As players show up, have them enter their name on the sign in sheet. Each line on the sign in sheet has a number on it. That will be their number for the event.

Player #	Player Name
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

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Round Robin - 18 Players with 4 Courts

ROUND	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Byes
1	2 & 18 vs 3 & 16	12 & 13 vs 9 & 15	7 & 14 vs 10 & 17	1 & 4 vs 8 & 11	5 - 6
2	5 & 6 vs 3 & 14	4 & 7 vs 1 & 13	16 & 17 vs 10 & 12	9 & 18 vs 8 & 15	2 - 11
3	5 & 11 vs 8 & 9	2 & 6 vs 13 & 17	12 & 18 vs 1 & 7	4 & 10 vs 3 & 15	14 - 16
4	6 & 11 vs 5 & 18	14 & 16 vs 9 & 13	1 & 2 vs 10 & 15	7 & 12 vs 3 & 4	8 - 17
5	8 & 14 vs 2 & 7	11 & 16 vs 6 & 17	5 & 12 vs 10 & 18	4 & 13 vs 3 & 9	1 - 15

Have players warm up until you are ready to start. Place court number signs for courts 1-4 either on the court nets or somewhere players will easily be able to see them.

Gather everyone around, and announce the guidelines for the round robin. Here is what they normally are:

- Games to 11, win by 2.
- Once two or three courts are finished, the last court may go to rally scoring where a point is earned by the team winning the regardless of whether they served or not.
- Players are encouraged to drink water and use the restroom in their breaks between games.

REMEMBER: This is your event, so you can run it however you want!



Two Types of Round Robins



Round Robin Only

Most round robins are run as a round robin only. That means that no points are tallied. As each round is finished, players simply move on to the next round.

Depending on how long your games last, you can usually have between six and eight games in a two hour session.

Round Robin with Shootout

There are many varieties of shootouts.

Most OOPS event organizers do a simple shootout where scores are tallied for each player for each game played. If there are over sixteen players, only the top 16 advance.

The top four point earners play their last game with and against one another. #1 and #2 playing against #3 and #4.

The next four point earners play their last game with and against one another. #5 and #6 play against #7 and #8.

The next four point earners play their last game with and against one another. #9 and #10 play against #11 and #12.

The next four point earners play their last game with and against one another. #13 and #14 play against #15 and #16.

Why do players like about round robins?

Most players like round robins because they give them the opportunity to play with and against players that they don't play with often.

Because players usually only play once with a partner, they may feel more at ease to experiment with different shots or strategies.

Find more info and round robin forms @ <https://boiseareapickleball.org/Round-Robins/>