

Chapter- VII

COMPETITION RULES

(a) **Rules of Discipline**

The specific rules applied for the disciplines in the National School Tournament shall apply the same rules as applicable by the National Sports Organization recognized by govt. of India and will be also followed by General rules released by S.G.F.I.

(b) **Competition Schedule and Lot Drawing**

Lot drawing shall be arranged by the Organizer before the coaches of all teams & presence of S.G.F.I. observer/official in coach meeting one day before the championship or on line fixture process by S.G.F.I. The official schedule of competition and result of the lot drawing will be informed by the Organizer.

(c) **Time and Venues**

Time and venues shall be subjected to change to suit the prevailing conditions. Teams involved in case of any change shall be notified accordingly.

(d) **Equipment/Ball and Jersey**

- (i) The Organizer will provide teams with national standard equipment/ball
- (ii) Each team must have at least 2 different sets of playing jerseys for the competition. Each player shall be numbered in the front and at the back of his shirt with plain number of solid color.

(e) **Training Session:**

The organiser shall arrange atleast one training session for each participating team prior to the tournament. Where possible the organizer will try to accommodate requests for more training sessions.

(f) **Fixture (For Team Games)**

- (i) Matches will be run league cum knock-out system, the first four rank of the pools is decided on the basis of last year's result of the National School Sports tournament.
- (ii) In the league matches each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.
- (iii) The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - 1) Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - 2) Goal/score difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - 3) Greater number of goals/score in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- (iv) The Organising Committee/SGFI will divide the teams into different groups by seeding through last year result and drawing lots by manually on spot venue/online before tournament.
- (v) If the below 11 teams taking part in the championship will be divided into 2 groups. After seeding lots running B to A always

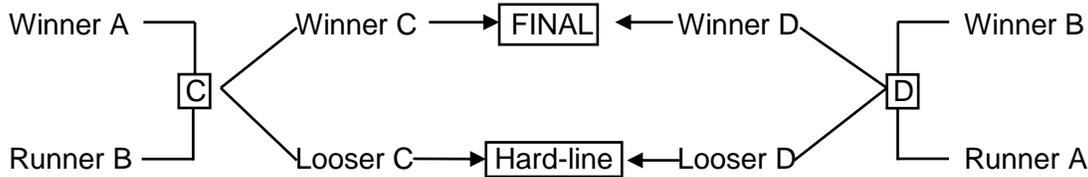
League System

In the league matches each team playing matches against each of the other team in the same group.

Group A	Group B
A1 (1 st Rank)	B1 (2 nd Rank)
A2 (3 rd Rank)	B2 (4 th Rank)
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5
	B6

Rank determine by Last Year result.

Knock-Out System



(viii) If the above 12-16,17,20 teams taking part in the championship will be divided into 4 groups five teams. After seeding lots running by D to A always

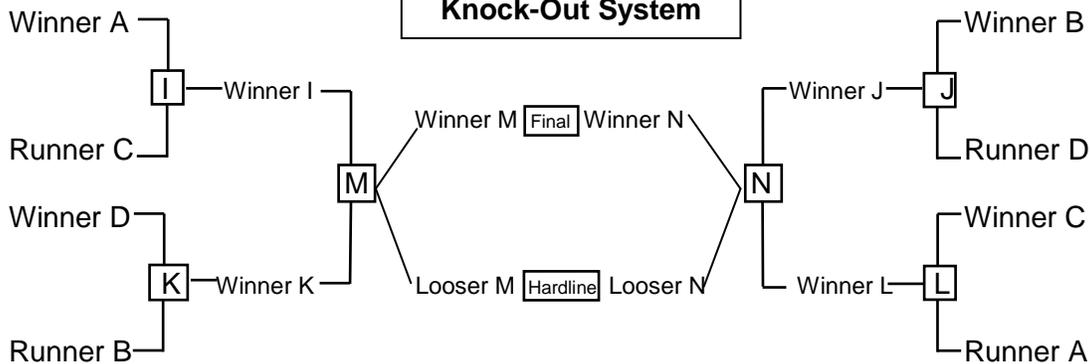
League System

In the league matches each team playing matches against each of the other team in the same group.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1 (1 st Rank)	B1 (2 nd Rank)	C1 (3 rd Rank)	D1 (4 th Rank)
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5

Rank determine by Last Year result.

Knock-Out System



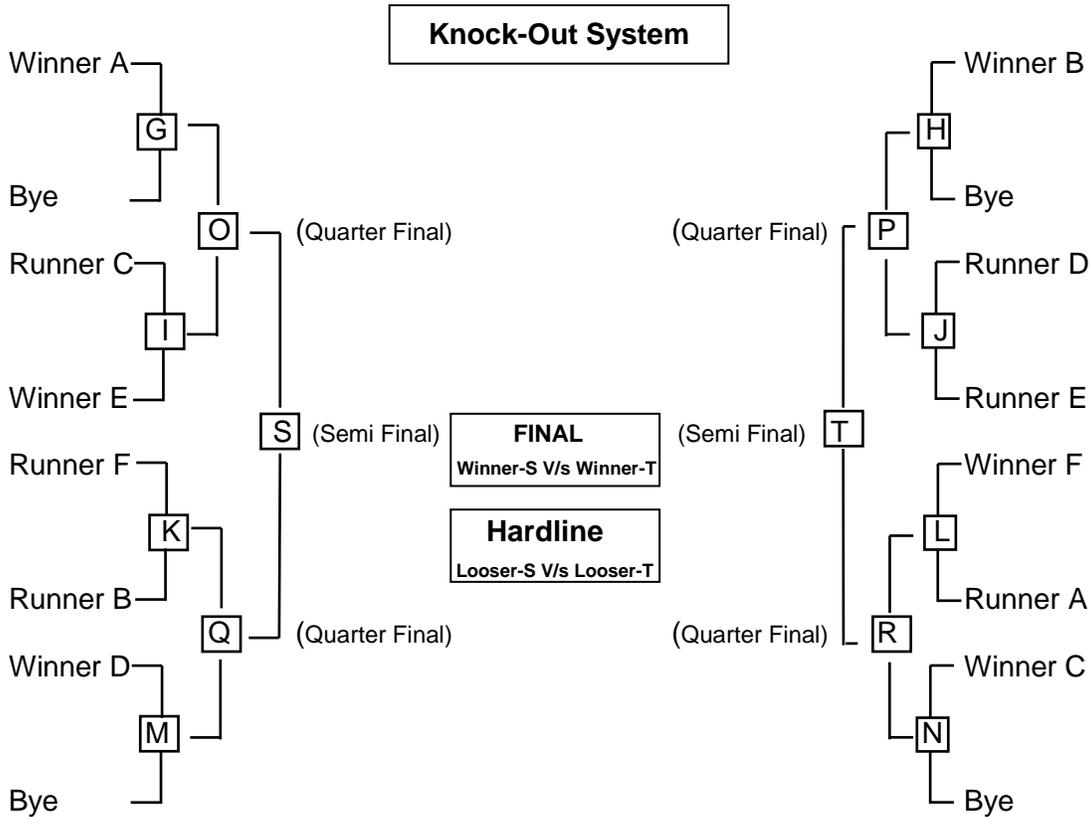
(viii) If the 18,19,21,22,23 teams taking part in the championship will be divided into 6 groups. After seeding. After seeding in the group lot first E then F place shall be filled after seeding lots running by F to A always.

League System

In the league matches each team playing matches against each of the other team in the same group.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
A1 (1 st Rank)	B1 (2 nd Rank)	C1 (3 rd Rank)	D1 (4 th Rank)	E1	F1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4

Rank determine by Last Year result.



(ix) If the above 24-32 teams taking part in the championship will be divided into 8 groups. After seeding in the lot first group B, then C,F,G shall be filled. After this lots running by H to A as usual.

(x) The teams in the eight groups will be designated as follows:

League System

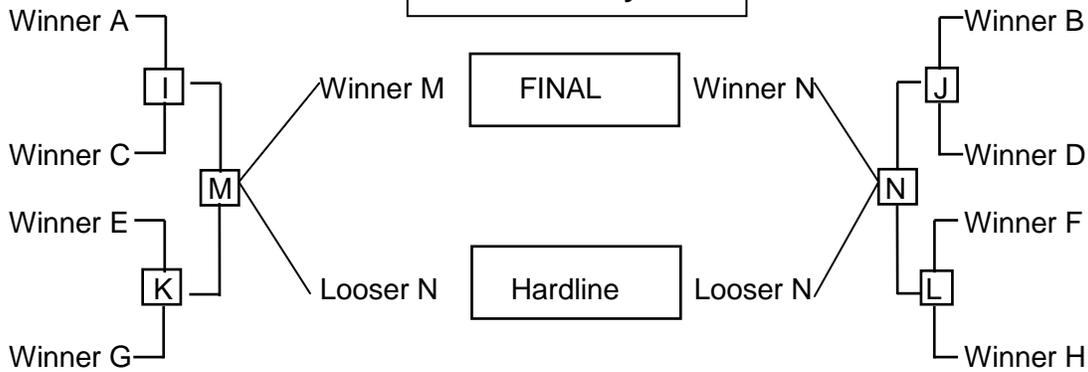
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Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1 (1 st Rank)	B1	C1	D1 (2 nd Rank)
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
E1 (3 rd Rank)	F1	G1	H1 (4 th Rank)
E2	F2	G2	H2
E3	F3	G3	H3
E4	F4	G4	H4

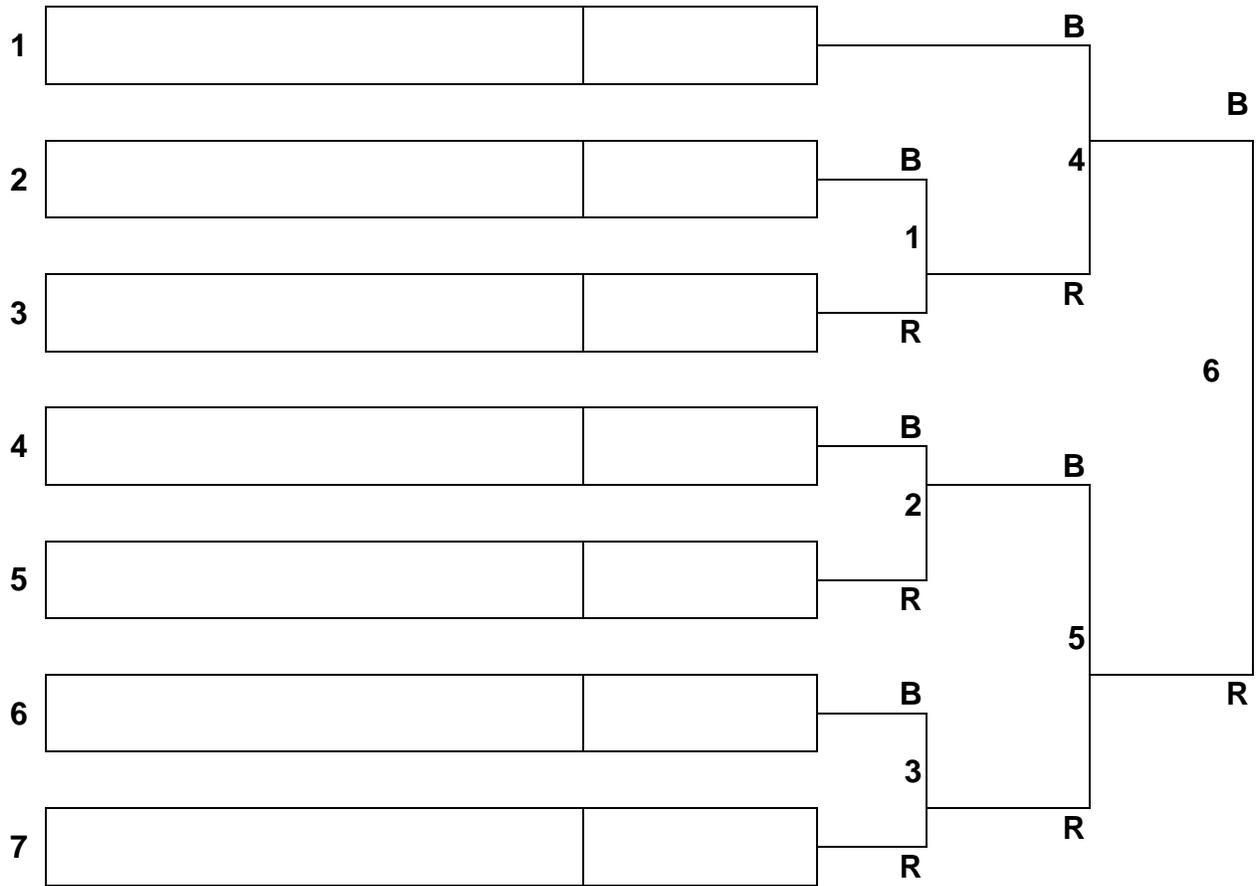
Rank determine by Last Year result.

Knock-Out System

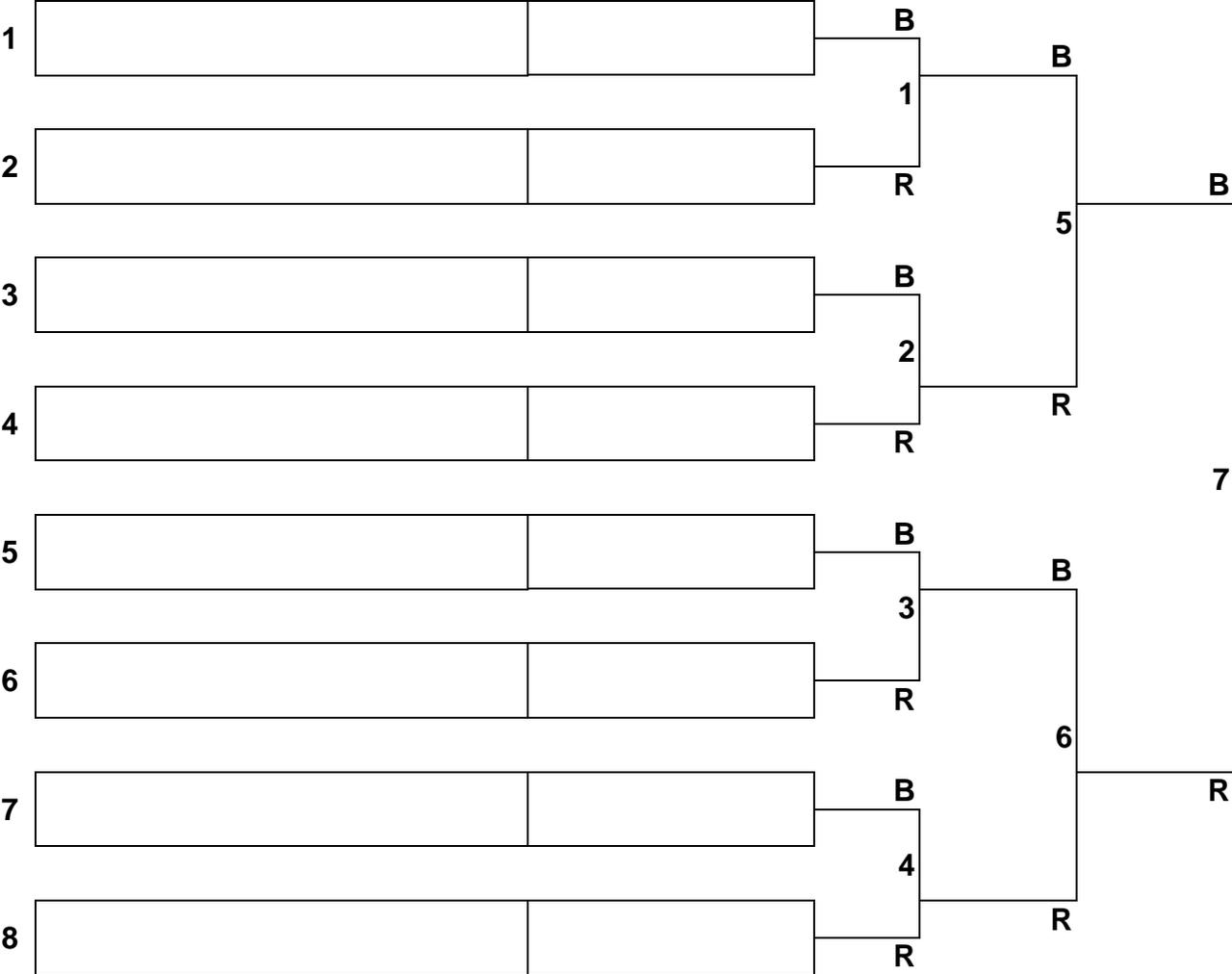


Knockout System for Individual

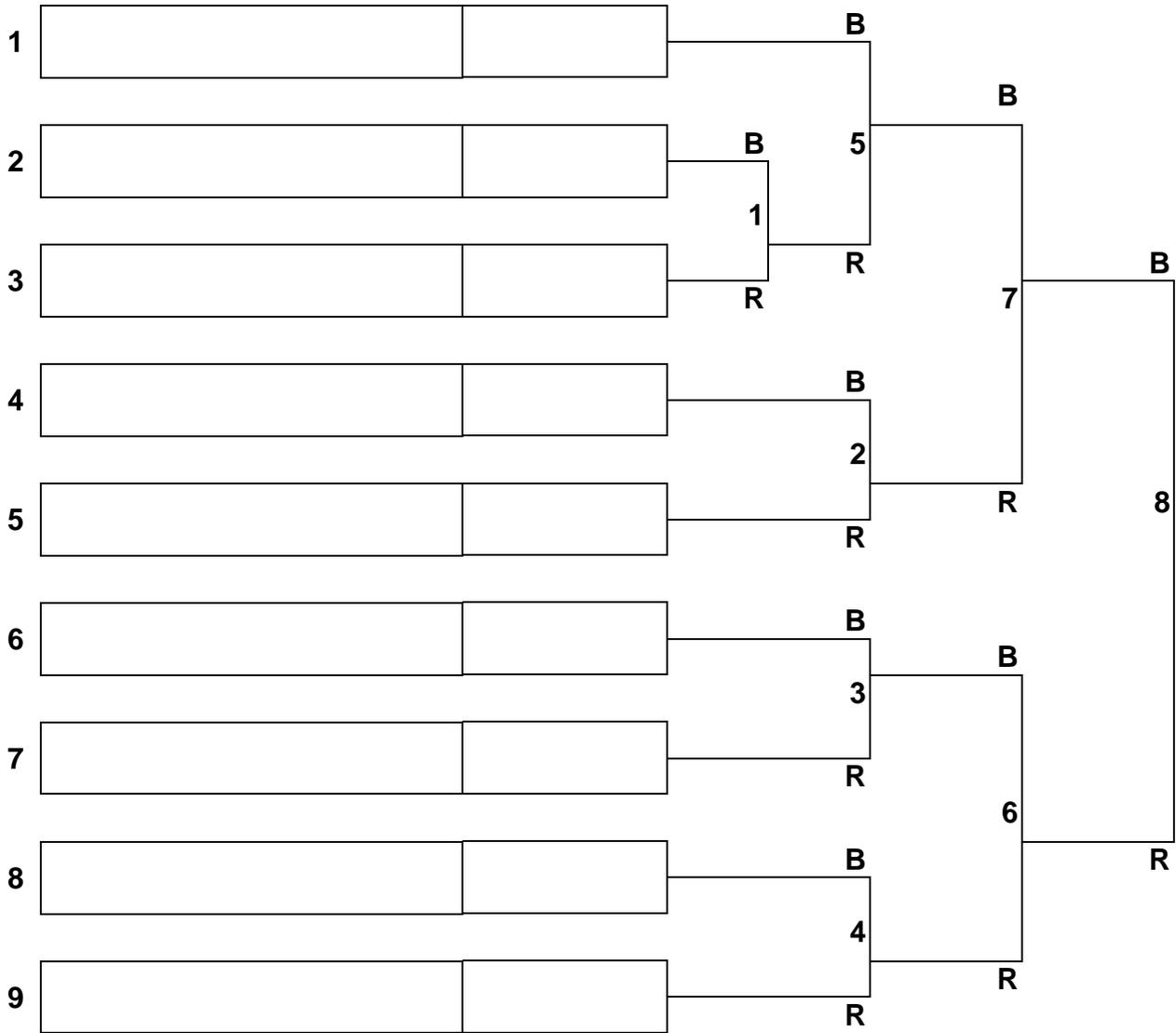
For 7 Player's



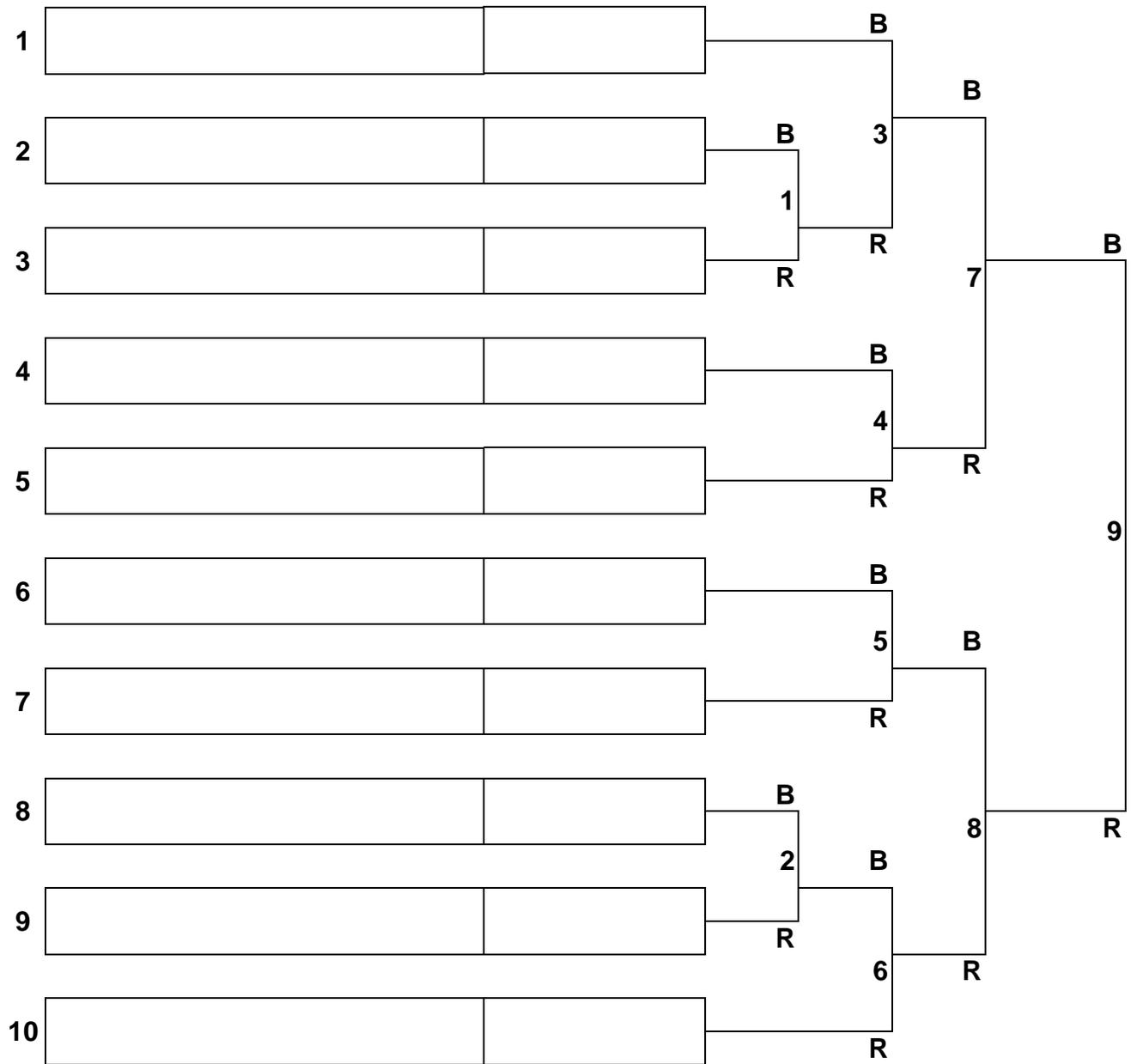
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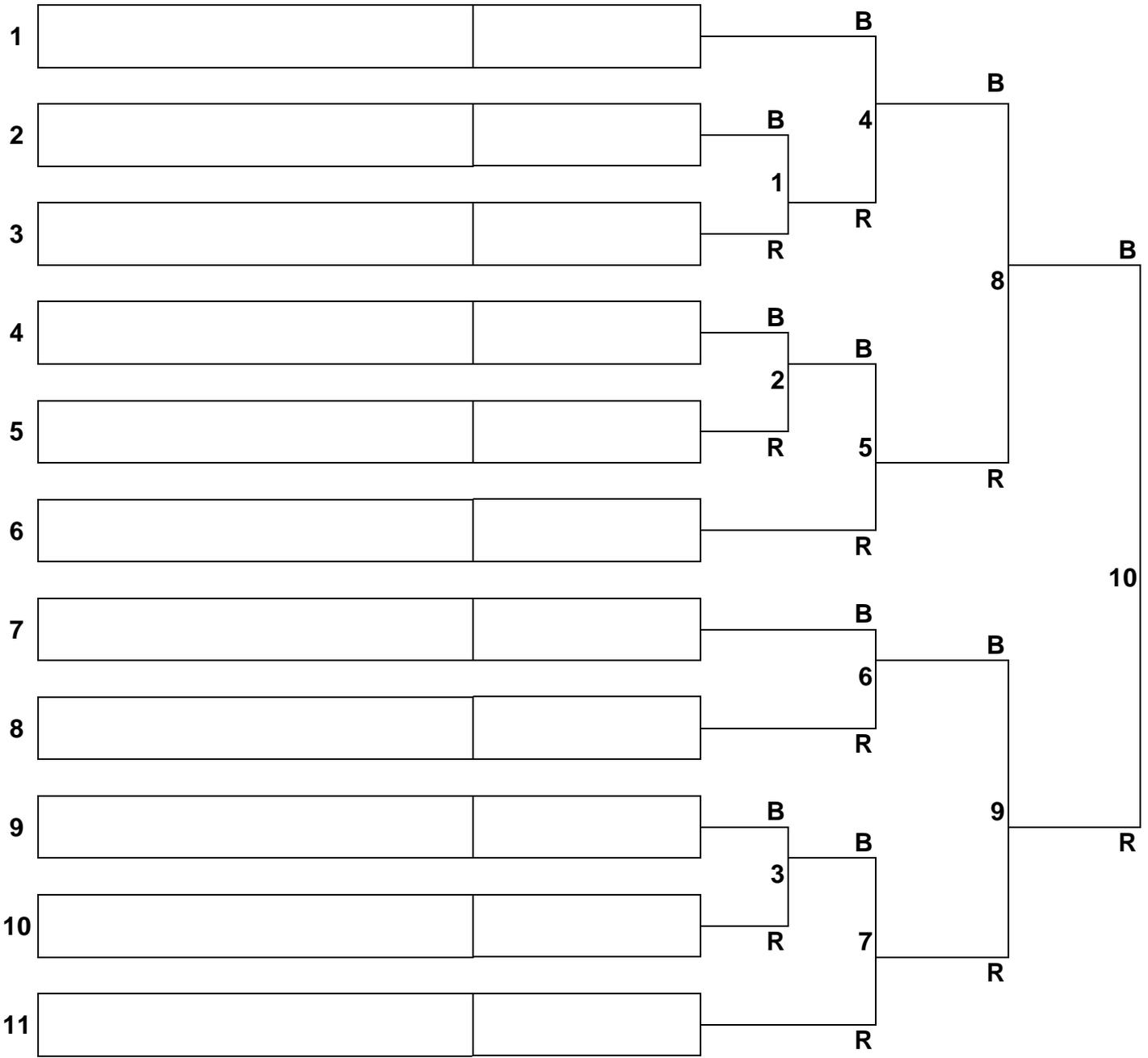
For 9 Player's



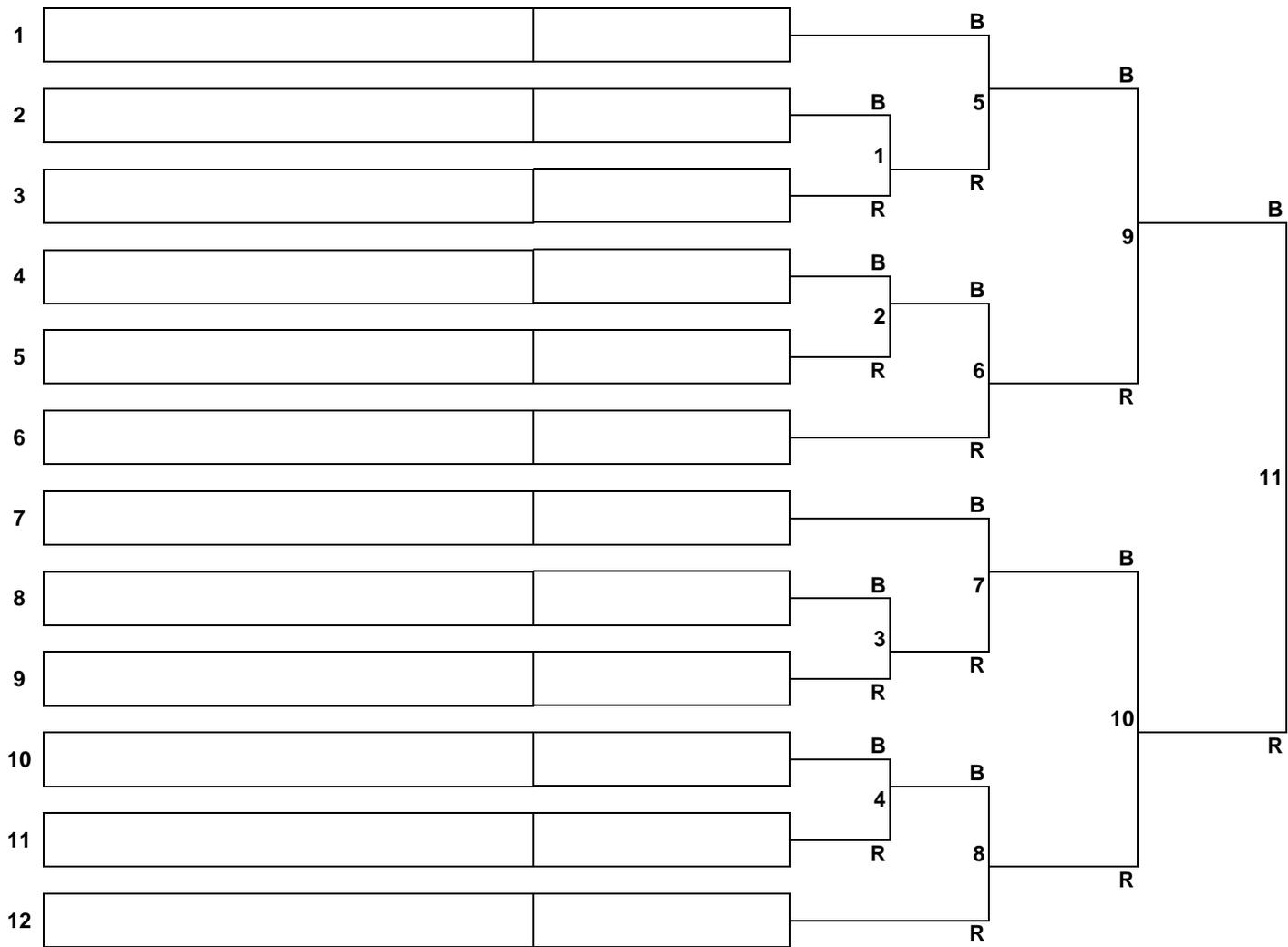
For 10 Player's



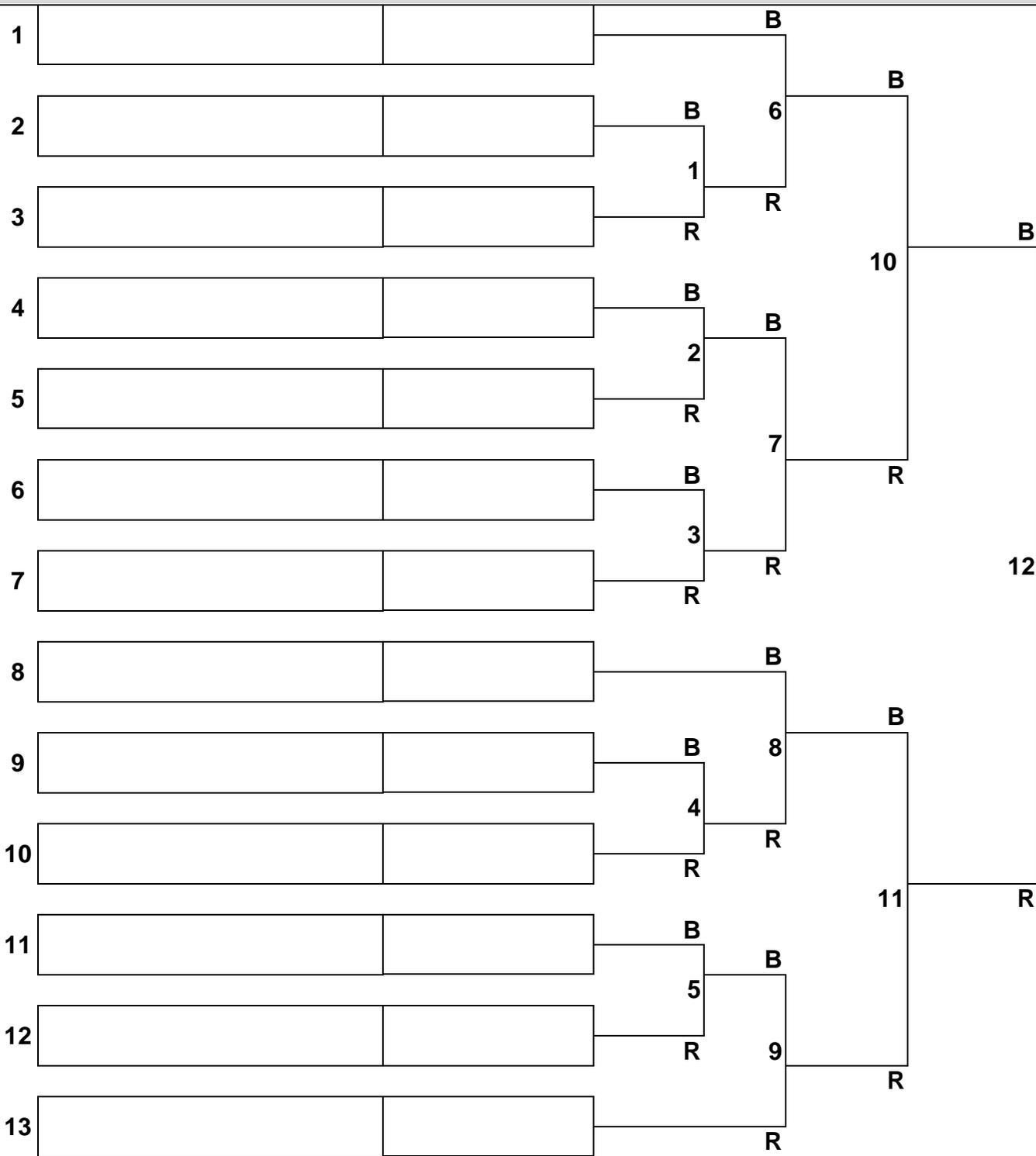
For 11 Player's



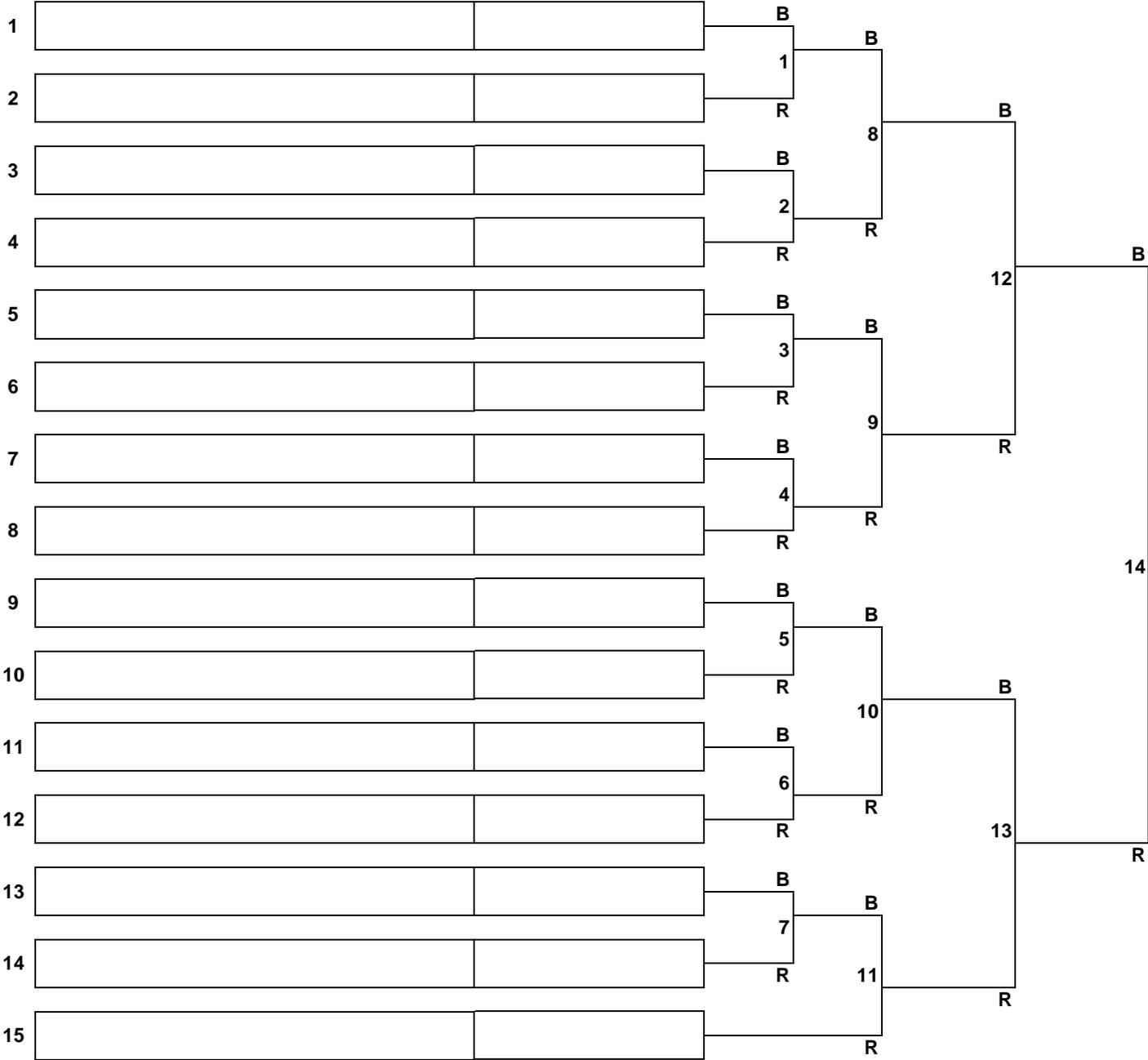
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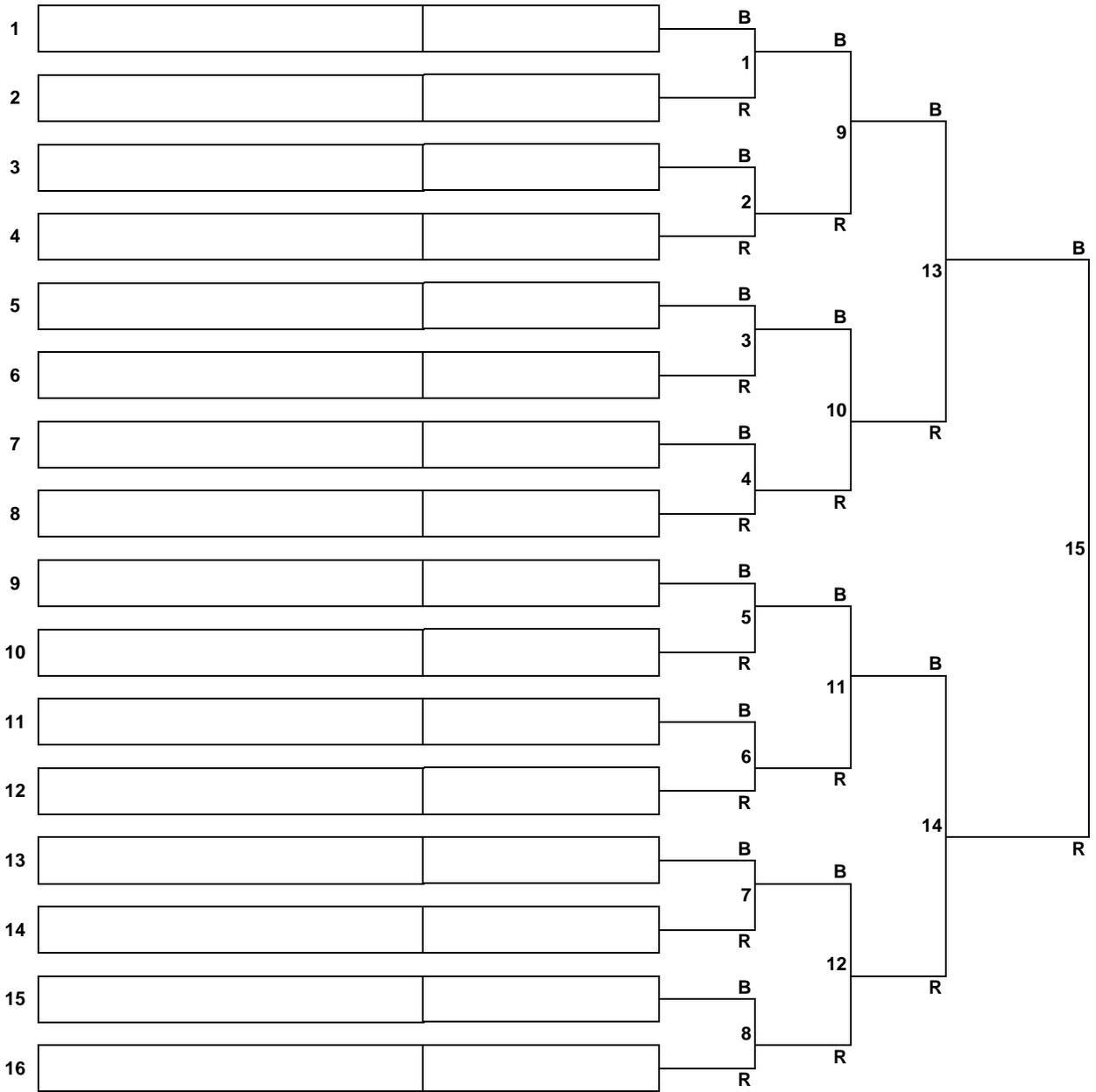
For 13 Player's



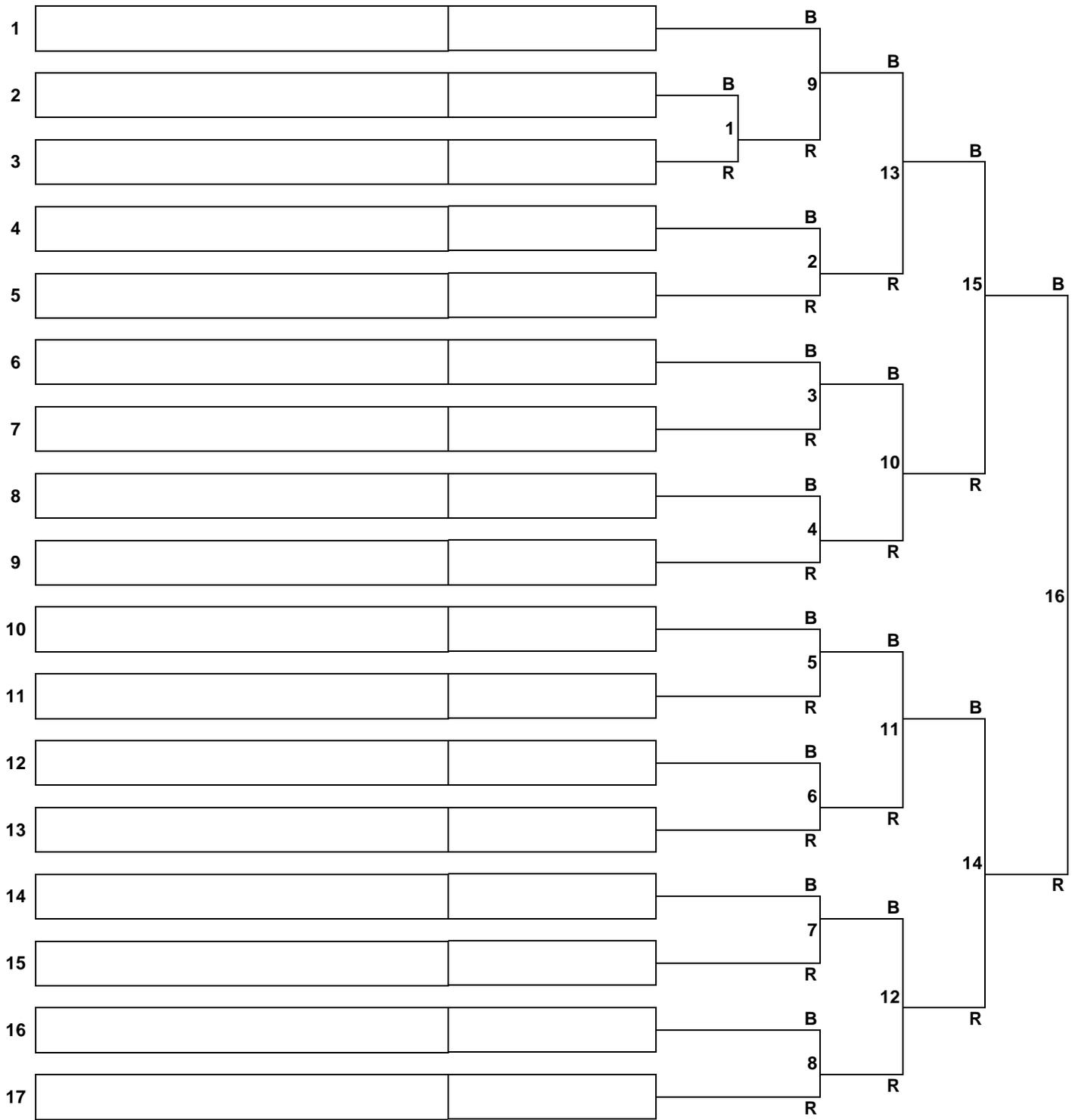
For 15 Player's



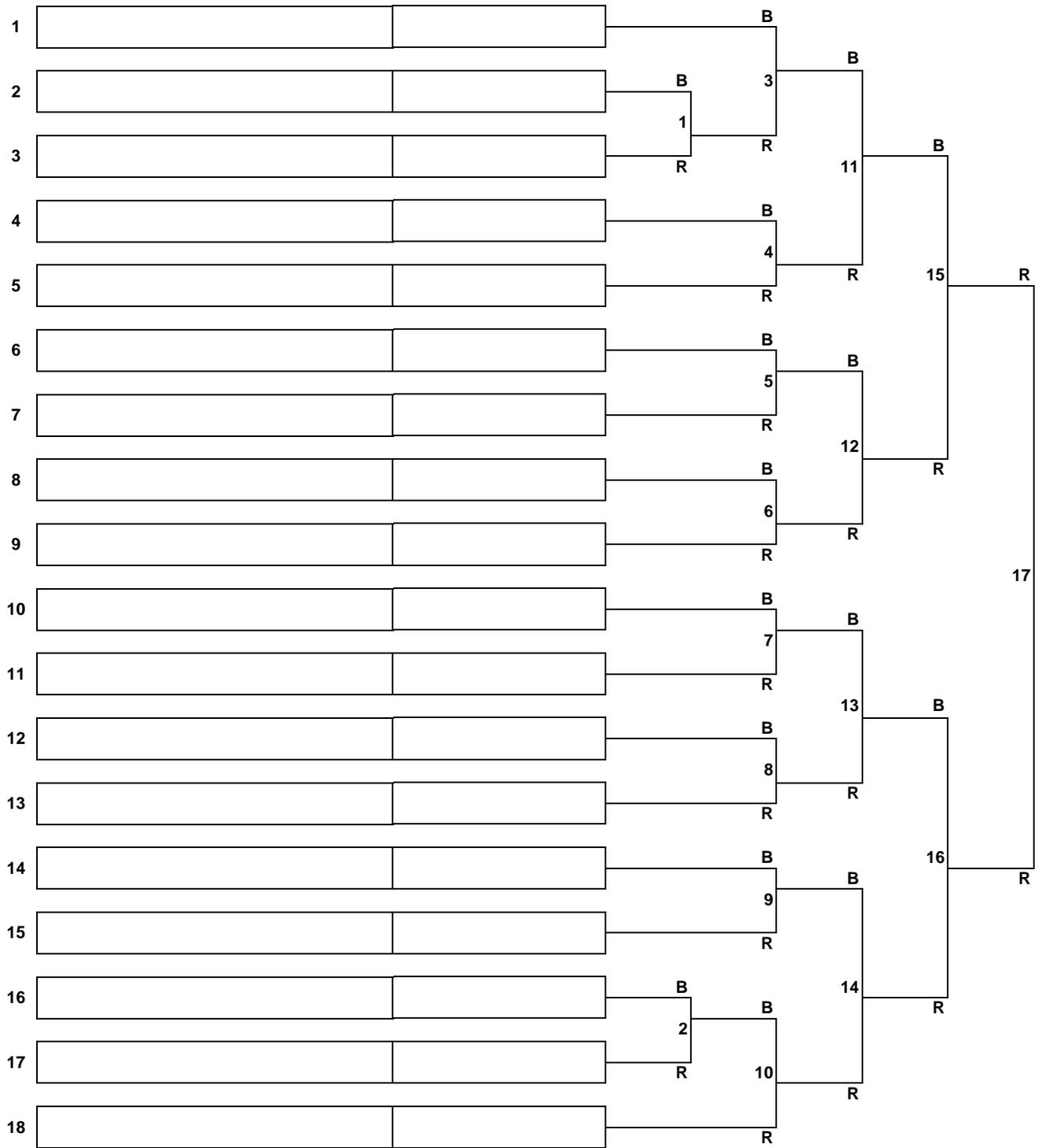
For 16 Player's



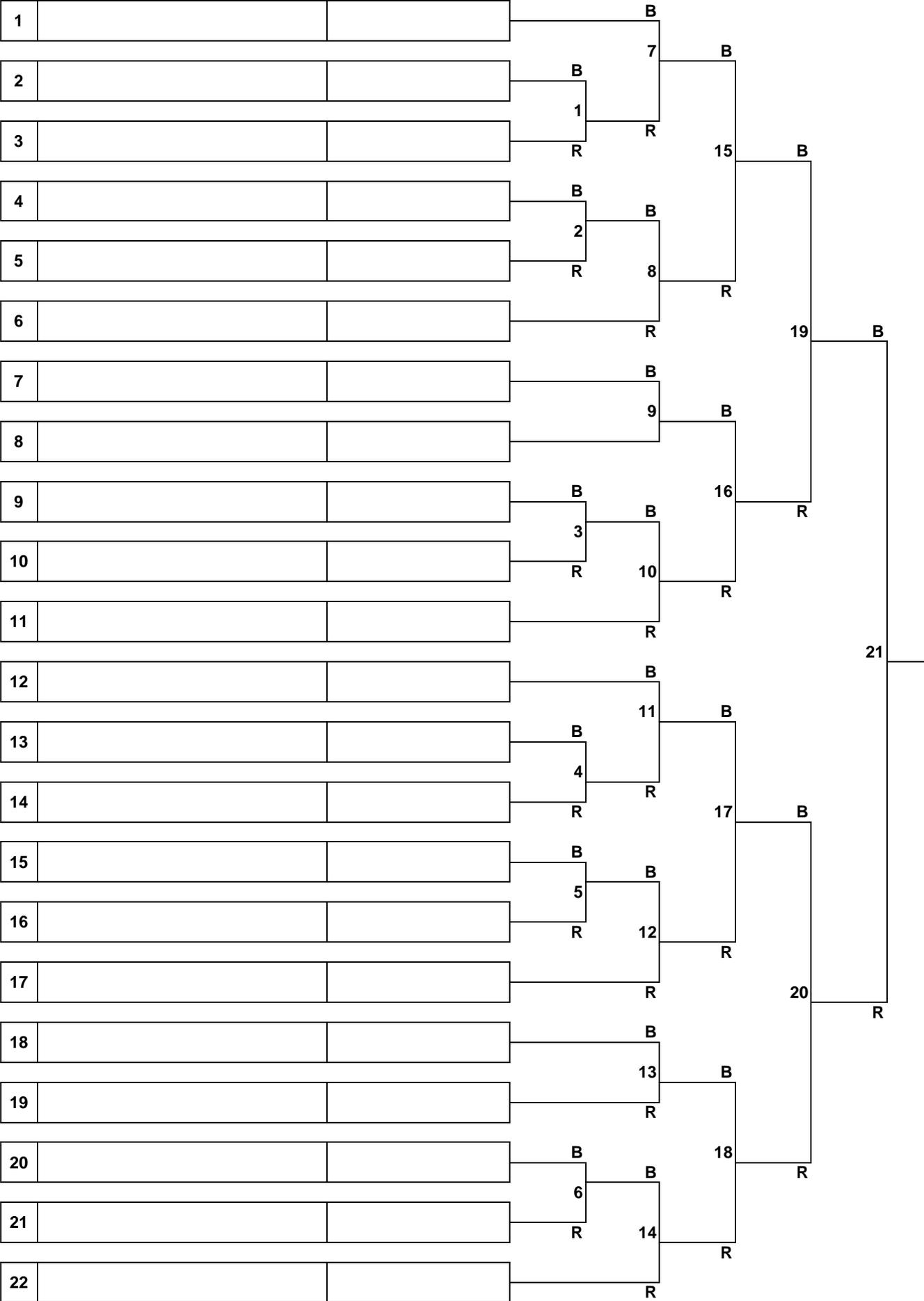
For 17 Player's



For 18 Player's



For 22 Player's



(g) Adverse Condition

In case of adverse weather or any other obstacle in final match or hard line match S.G.F.I. will have the right to declare both the teams joint winners or joint third winners.

Penalty & Indiscipline cases in the National School Games:

- (i) Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, organising secretary recommendation of Disciplinary Committee of tournament the organizing committee shall impose additional action, including the suspension of the team concerned from subsequent S.G.F.I. competitions / match.
- (ii) If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the Organising Committee – or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost current match. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents team.
- (iii) If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, on recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee, the organizing secretary shall also take whatever additional action is appropriate.
- (iv) All the participant teams shall play only according to the match scheduled by the Technical Committee.
- (v) If any team does not present in the match destined for it for any reason, the match referee will call the team by whistling three times with the duration of 2-2 minutes. Even after, the team does not appear, the opposite team will be declared the winner by providing score-3 and the absent team will be marked with zero. The technical committee will send this case to the disciplinary committee.
- (vi) During National School tournament the mutual conflicts, abusing referee or conflicts, abusing organiser or conflicts, violence, walk-out, withdrawal, not following the rules during tournament, leaving playground before time, etc. all these cases will come under indiscipline. On all said cases the disciplinary committee shall examine / discuss each & every case and recommend penalty. Once the charge of indiscipline act is proved, then the player/team/coach/manager involved shall be expelled from that current national school tournament / next two national tournaments. Disciplinary committee will recommend the penalty on the basis of merit & de-merit. The authority of debarring from the current tournament will be of Secretary, organising committee. Secretary General S.G.F.I. will have the authority of removing the concern involved in the indisciplinary act on the report by disciplinary committee for debarring for next one / two national school tournaments shall be decided. All such cases shall as proposed be sent to S.G.F.I. office by the organising committee. Secretary General S.G.F.I. will issue the expel orders and the information shall be sent to all the states / units. Only the concern who is been expelled shall have the right to appeal. For appeal against expelling from the current tournament should be made with Chairman organising committee. The Chairman organizing committee will decide on the appeal and inform all the parties of the case. The decision of the chairman organizing committee shall be the final decision on such case. For appeal against expelling for next one / two tournaments should be made to president S.G.F.I. The decision of President, S.G.F.I. would be the final decision on said appeal.

- (vii) The organising secretary will have the right to expel the player from current tournament who disqualify in the criteria of age-related or eligibility by the Jury of Appeal. If any player disqualifies in age related documents or in medical examination, then jury of appeal shall held a hearing from all the concerning parties and after discussion recommend the disqualifying of that concerned player. On the basis of recommendations given by jury of appeal the organising Committee will issue the orders as mentioned in chapter (XV) and the information related to this shall be given to player / coach / manager & concerning unit. For appeal against disqualifying shall be made to the chairman organizing committee. The decision of chairman organizing committee shall be the final decision on such appeal.

Awards & Certificate

- (i) In team games the championship trophies shall be awarded to the First, Second and Third position which will be provided by the organizer.
- (ii) In individual events players of the First, Second and Third position shall receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively provided by organizer. In case in following games like kick boxing, sqay martial arts, taekwondo, boxing, wrestling, judo, fencing the third place is won by two contestants then in such case two bronze medals would be awarded.
- (iii) Both (team & individual) first, second & third position shall be awarded with merit certificate & participation certificate of all participation players will be provided by S.G.F.I.
- (iv) All other members of the delegations (coaches, managers & chief de missions) shall receive the Certificate of Participation which will be provided by the organizer.
- (v) The fair play trophy will be given only one team by the S.G.F.I.
- (vi) Merit Certificates shall be signed by the President and Secretary General of S.G.F.I.
- (vii) The participant certificate shall be signed by chairman organizing committee,organizing secretary & S.G.F.I. observer/Deputed representative of S.G.F.I.

(k) Final Results of the National Competitions

- (1) Final results of the National Competitions should be sent to the S.G.F.I. Office just after the competition.
- (2) Care should be taken, while sending the final results, Final results of different age groups and different games must be prepared separately. It is necessary to mention the 1st, 2nd. 3rd and 4th position teams in these final results.
- (3) While sending the results of individual events, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & upto 8th position players should be clearly mentioned in the final results.
- (4) After the competitions all the judges of different games should sign on the result sheet. Signature should also be taken of the Captain of the team and participating at least one or two players.

(l) Measures against Age Fraud in sports.

1. The Official Entry Form will be filled online by the affiliated units. On the base of said online entry form, S.G.F.I. will issue an Identity Card to players on the venue of tournament subject to confirmation of player's attendance at the venue of tournament, which will contain Name, Father's Name, Mother's Name, Photograph, Signature, Date of birth, Discipline, Date of issue of ID & its validity. During match only those players having ID cards will be allowed in the play ground.
2. The following attested copies of documents is to be submitted with the printed online official entry form at control room situated at venue of tournament :
 - i) The original Eligibility Certificate issued & Signed by the school principal/Head Master having countersign by competent authority of affiliated unit.
 - ii) Certified copy of Birth Certificate issued by state Govt. statistics department/ Local Municipal Corporation or certified copy of Passport.
 - iii) Certified copy of previous years examination mark sheet.
3. S.G.F.I. shall conduct the Age Verification of any player during the National School Tournament.
4. The organiser has all the rights to conduct Medical Tests of an athlete participating in the tournament. Whenever any doubt arises with regard the age of an athlete on account of his or her physical appearance/ receipt of any complaint or any other valid ground, which should be duly communicated to the athlete and team management as mentioned is chapter XIV & method apply only as mentioned in chapter XXIV
5. The medical tests relating to age verification and medical procedures adopted for this purpose should be duly notified by the organiser and made known to all athletes. The organiser should ensure that the medical tests

include **physical examination, dental examination and radiological examination** as mentioned in chapter XXIV

6. The organiser should notify in advance the hospital for conduct of age related medical test. The hospital should be chosen on the basis of highest standards and credibility. Preference should be given to Government Hospitals.
7. If an athlete protests the findings of the medical test in question, it shall be responsibility of organiser to arrange for a re-examination, preferably at a reputed Government hospital. All the expenses of re-examination shall be borne by the applicant.
8. In the event of conclusive proof that an athlete has committed age fraud, he or she should be debarred from participating in any sport activity i.e. championship/tournament/national coaching camp/international tour conducted by School Games Federation of India for 2 years on the first detection and for 5 years on any subsequent detection.

(m) Prevention of Sexual Harassment of women in sports.

1. The organisers should notify, publish and circulate in appropriate ways, express prohibition of sexual harassment. Include rules / regulations prohibiting sexual harassment in their rules and regulations and provide for appropriate penalties in such rules against the offender.
2. Provide appropriate conditions in respect of work, leisure, health and hygiene to further ensure that there is no hostile environment towards women and no employee women should have reasonable grounds to believe that she is disadvantaged in connection with her carrier.
3. Women should be allowed to raise issues of sexual harassment in appropriate forums and it should be affirmatively discussed.
4. **Complaint Mechanism / Disciplinary Committee:** During the National School Tournament the organiser should set up a Disciplinary Committee for redressal of the complaint made by the victim. Such disciplinary committee should ensure time bound treatment of complaints. Disciplinary committee shall take Evidence from both the parties. A special counsellor shall be appointed by the disciplinary committee and maintain the confidentiality. The disciplinary committee should be headed by a woman and not less than half of its member should be women. To prevent the possibility of any undue pressure or influence from senior levels, such complaints committee should involve a third party, either NGO or other body who is familiar with the issue of sexual harassment.
5. **Disciplinary action:** where such conduct amount to misconduct, appropriate disciplinary action should be initiated in accordance with rules.
6. **Criminal proceedings:** in special cases where it is found that the case is under the Indian penal code or under any other law, then the organiser shall forward the case to concerning department to initiate appropriate action in accordance with law by making a complaint with the appropriate authority.
7. **Third party harassment:** where sexual harassment occurs as a result of an act or omission by any third party or outsider, the organiser will take all steps necessary and reasonable to assist the affected person in terms of support and preventive action.
8. If case any coach, manager, referee found involved in sexual harassment, then such case should be forwarded to the concerning department for its further necessary action. If the allegations are found true, then the delinquent person would be expelled from all the activities of S.G.F.I. In case of players involved in sexual harassment the player should be warned / debarred seeing the severity of the case.

(n) Provisions / Guidelines of dope testing procedures: NADA / WADA

Sample Collection of Athletes:

1. A Doping Control Officer (DCO) or Chaperone will notify the athlete of selection for doping control. The DCO or Chaperone will inform the athlete his/her rights and responsibilities, including the right to have a representative present throughout the entire process. Athlete will be asked to sign a form confirming that they have been notified for doping control. For a minor or an athlete with a disability, a third party may be notified as well.
2. The athlete should report to the doping control station as soon as possible. The DCO may allow him to delay reporting to the station for activities such as a press conference or the completion of a training session; however the athlete will be accompanied by a DCO or chaperone from the time of notification until the completion of the sample collection process.
3. Athletes will be given a choice of individually sealed collection vessels and the athlete may select one. Athlete should verify that the equipment is intact and has not been tampered with. The athlete should maintain control of the collection vessel at all times.
4. The athlete and a DCO of the same gender will be permitted in the washroom during the same provision. Minors and athletes with a disability may also have their representative present; however this representative is not permitted to view the sample provision. The objective is to ensure that the DCO is observing the sample provision correctly.

5. The DCO shall use the relevant laboratory specification to verify, in full view of the athlete, that the volume of the urine sample satisfies requirements for analysis.
6. After verifying that the equipment is intact and has not been tampered with the athlete will open the kit and confirm that the sample code numbers on the bottles, the lids, and the container all match.
7. The athletes will divide the sample, pouring the urine himself / herself, unless assistance is required due to disability. Pour the required volume of urine into the 'B' bottle and pour the remaining urine into the 'A' bottle. The athlete will be asked to leave a small amount in the collection vessel so that the DCO can measure the specific gravity and / or pH.
8. The athlete should seal the 'A' and 'B' bottles. The athlete's representative and the DCO should verify that the bottles are sealed properly.
9. If the samples does not meet the specific gravity or pH requirements, athlete may be asked to provide additional samples.
10. The athlete should provide information on the doping control form about any prescription or non-prescription medication or supplements they have taken recently. Athlete also have the right to note comments on the form regarding the conduct of the doping control session. The athlete should confirm that all the information is correct, including the sample code number. The athlete should receive a copy of the doping control form. The laboratory copy of the form does not contain any information that could identify athlete.

Analysis of Samples:

1. Samples are packaged for transportation to the testing laboratory to ensure that the security is tracked. The testing laboratory will adhere to the international standard for laboratories when processing samples ensuring that the chain of custody is maintained at all times.
2. 'A' samples will be analysed and the 'B' samples will be securely stored and may be used to confirm an adverse analytical findings from the 'A' sample.
3. The laboratory will complete the analysis of the samples in the time stipulated under the international standard for laboratory. In case at any point of time there are a very large number of samples to be analysed and the laboratory is not in a position to complete the analysis within the stipulated time then the samples should be sent to some other laboratory so that the analyses result is available within the stipulated time.
4. The report of the laboratory will be sent to the SAI within 24 hours after the analyses is completed.
5. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) will, after the procedures for decoding etc. ensure that the results 'negative' or 'positive' or "where further investigations are required" in respect of athletes are communicated to the concerned National Federation within 48 hours of receipt of report from the laboratory. The National Sports Federation, after receipt of the report from S.A.I. will ensure that the concerned athlete is communicated in writing the results within 48 hours of receipt of the report by the federation from S.A.I.
6. In case of adverse analytical finding the National Federation will, as per the rules also notify the athlete inter-alia the Anti-doping rule asserted to be violated or whether further investigation is necessary and a description of additional investigation, the athlete's right to promptly request the analysis of the 'B' sample, the right of the athlete or the athletes representative to attend the 'B' sample opening and analysis.
7. Once the athlete has received the notification and before the National Sports Federation imposes a provisional suspension the athlete must be given a provisional hearing prior to the imposition of the provisional suspension or a provisional hearing as soon as possible within 10 days after the imposition of the provisional suspension.
8. In case where a provisional suspension has been imposed and thereafter the federation determines (as per the rules governing this process) that following the submission by the athlete there has been no anti-doping rule violation then the provisional suspension shall be rescinded immediately.
9. The rules in respect of adverse analytical findings for the sanctions to be imposed would be followed in cases where adverse analytical findings are fully confirmed.

It is also clarified that till the time the anti-doping rules of national anti doping agency (NADA) comes into force and the NADA becomes fully operational, the S.A.I. will continue to work of collection of samples and initial processing for submission to the laboratory and thereafter the process related to decoding of results and sending them to the National Federation. The result management and the imposition of sanctions etc. will continue to be done by the National sports federations as per their rules and the rules of international federation which are in compliance with the WADA code.

It is once again emphasized that in this entire process the athlete must be treated with utmost dignity by all the agencies concerned respecting the athletes right to know the results of his/her test and giving him / her full opportunities to present his / her version before any provisional or final sanction is imposed.