



## Women's Division 1: Addendum to National Tournament Format

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Beginning with the 2024-25 season, W1 has approved the following new format for the National Tournament by extended the number of qualifying teams from 10 to 12.

### **New Format:**

- This is a **Pool Play format of 4 Pools of 3 Teams.**
- 2 game minimum as every team plays 1 game against each team in their respective pool.
- Pools are determined by final season ranking seedings - see below.
- Pool Play Overtimes and Tie Breaker system is listed below.
- Each team will have one day off within the first 3 days of pool play competition. That day will be determined by the schedule format below.
- Highest seed team of each game will be designated as the HOME team.
- Top Team in each Pool advances to Semi-Final Round.
- Semi-Finals are on **DAY 4** and Championship game on **DAY 5**
- ALL teams are required to attend the pre-tournament coaches meeting including those teams that have a bye on Day 1 of pool play.

### **New Format Pools and Game Schedule:**

|              | <b><u>Pool A</u></b>   | <b><u>Pool B</u></b> | <b><u>Pool C</u></b> | <b><u>Pool D</u></b> | <b><u>Day Off</u></b> |
|--------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>seeds</b> | 1  | 2                    | 3                    | 4                    | X                     |
| <b>seeds</b> | 8  | 7                    | 6                    | 5                    | X                     |
| <b>seeds</b> | 12   | 11                   | 10                   | 9                    | X                     |
| <b>DAY 1</b> | 1v12   | 2v11                 | 3v10                 | 4v9                  | 5, 6, 7, 8<br>9, 10,  |
| <b>DAY 2</b> | 1v8  | 2v7                  | 3v6                  | 4v5                  | 11,12                 |
| <b>DAY 3</b> | 8 v12  | 7v11                 | 6v10                 | 5v9                  | 1, 2, 3, 4            |
| <b>DAY 4</b> | <b><i>Semi Finals: 1st H seed vs. Lowest seed / 2nd H seed vs 2nd L seed</i></b> |                      |                      |                      |                       |
| <b>DAY 5</b> | <b><i>Championship Game</i></b>  |                      |                      |                      |                       |

### **Pool Play Overtime Format and Tiebreakers:**

- Pool Play games will use a point system consisting of 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; and 0 points for a loss.
- If a Pool Play game is tied after regulation, we will have a one 10-minute overtime sudden death period. If pool play game is still tied after one 10-minute period, the pool play point system will be used as stated.

- After all Pool Play games are complete and there is a tie in a pool(s) for the top spot, the following tiebreaker system will be implemented to determine the Top Team that will advance to the semi-finals:
  - Tie Breakers:
  - 1 - Head-to-head
  - 2 - Goal differential
  - 3 - Goals against
  - 4 - Even strength goals (team with the most)
  - 5 - Most periods won in pool play, determined by plus minus in goals
  - 6 - Earliest goal scored in the tournament
  - 7 - Highest seed
- Semi-Final games and Championship game will play until there is a winner. If game is tied after regulation, an ice cut will take place followed by 20-minute sudden death periods until we have a winner.