

# **ENYTB Tournament Format - 12 Team Bracket**

Format consists of two phases:

## PHASE I - Pool Play

Teams are grouped into four pools of three teams each. Each team plays two games and is guaranteed one BYE.

## PHASE II – Single Elimination Play

1. Teams are seeded into PHASE II play based on the results of PHASE I play (tie-breakers are provided separately).

- Team with the best record from each pool is a #1 seed;
- Team with 2<sup>nd</sup> best record from each pool is a #2 seed;
- Team with 3<sup>rd</sup> best record from each pool is a #3 seed.

In a 12 team bracket, the top two finishing teams in each pool advance to Phase II (8 teams). The four #3 seeds play each other in consolation games.

2. Round 4 Pairings (6 Games):

- #1 seeds play #2 seeds from a different pool i.e., A1 v C2, B1 v D2, C1 v A2 and D1 v B2 where A1 denotes the #1 seed in pool A; and,
- #3 seeds play each other in consolation games i.e., A3 v B3, C3 or D3 where A3 denotes the #3 seed in pool A.

3. Round 5 Pairings (2 Games):

The four Round 4 winners advance into Round 5 and play each other such that no team plays the same team a 2nd time.

4. Round 6 – CHAMPIONSHIP Game

## 5. Scheduling

- TH/FR – Round 1
- SAT – Rounds 2 & 3
- SUN – Rounds 4 & 5
- Mon – Round 6

NOTE: Teams that play in Round 1 have the flexibility of choosing Th or Fr play, when necessary, ***if the request is made before the tournament is scheduled.***

NOTE: Preference is given to more distant, non-local teams for round 1 byes. In addition, at the discretion of the tournament director, preference for a 1st round BYE also can be given to local teams that are not available to play on TH/FR ***if the request is made before the tournament is scheduled.***