



Participation – Competition for Competitive Players - Elimination Formats

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Knock out with consolation – Presented by James Newman ITF

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What is a knock-out with consolation competition?

TIME	PLAYERS / COURTS	SINGLES / DOUBLES
1 Week	8-128 Players	Singles or Doubles
AGES	TEAM / INDIVIDUAL	OBJECTIVE
10 years or above	Individual	Competitive

Knock Out with Consolation is exactly the same as a normal knockouts, only when players lose a match they go into a consolation knockout, guaranteeing all players at least 2 matches.

Organiser tips

COURTS AND PLAYERS: Minimum 16 players is best in a knockout, though byes can be given if you don't have enough. Aim to have enough courts for the first round so that all or most first round matches are completed in 1 day

SCORING: Choose a scoring format. Best of 3 tiebreak sets works well. For younger players or if you have less time, play best of 3 tiebreak sets to 4 (44tb). Players score their own matches.

SCORESHEETS: Display and update 2 drawsheets - one for the knock out and one for the consolation event (see page 2) so players can see the draw and keep up with who wins and loses.

Activity

ORDER OF PLAY: Conduct the draw, if seeding players, keep them separate for the first round (see page 2). Once you have drawn your matches, give players a time to arrive and sign-in and play their matches. You may give different times to different players so that 50% of players arrive at 10.00hours and 50% arrive at 12.00 hours, allowing time for the first 50% of matches to be played and out of the way before the other 50% are ready to start.

AT THE END: 2 winners are the winner of the knockout final and the winner of the consolation final.

NOTE: Knock out formats are not recommended for starter players or those under 10 years of age.

Themes

Many competitions are more fun and easier to promote if they have a theme such as Davis Cup, Olympics or Family Day attached.

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