

Tournament

GENERAL INFORMATION

Every Roundnet Club in Belgium is eligible to organize a tournament independently. Depending if the tournament meets the requirements these get a prefix RBSL/RBWL and will start with a multiplier of 1 instead of 0,1.

Roundnet Belgium supports the recognized associations with the following services:

- ✔ Advertising (social media, website)
- ✔ Start up of tournament page (on Fwango)
- ✔ Creating balanced pools
- ✔ Formatting brackets
- ✔ Calculating points for the OPR
- ✔ Assistance in organizing tournaments (Balls/sets/...)
- ✔ Coordination of the calendar among the clubs
- ✔ Streaming of games
- ✔ Prediction of the tournament (yt-video)

HOW TO GET THE PREFIX RBSL/RBWL?

To get the prefix for hosting a sanctioned event and letting your tournament count for more points towards the OPR, the tournament needs to meet the following requirements:

- Co-hosted by Roundnet Belgium
- Played on grass or in an indoor hall.
- "Fair" registration process
- Fwango tournament created by Roundnet Belgium
- Teams from at least 3 different clubs
- Categories: Open + Women
 - Women will only take place if 8 women teams are participating.
- Divisions: Pro division of max 16 teams in the open category with usage of power pools (will be made after the registration process)
- Registrations closes the last Wednesday before the tournament date.
- Tournament must be played with the current Roundnet Belgium rules.
- Following Roundnet Belgium Format type
- Foreseen a streaming field
- Work with paid observers

The ranking can be updated once the results have been received and verified. The results of a tournament must be reported to Roundnet Belgium within 48 hours after the tournament closes.

Roundnet Belgium asks a fee per participating team. We opted for a fixed amount (per team) instead of a percentage of the total earnings. Again, we hope this encourages you to be creative and to put more effort in the organisation. Everything you put extra in the tournament, will be redirected 100% to your club or organisation.

€5 in RBSL and €2,5 in RBWL per participating team.

Tournament format

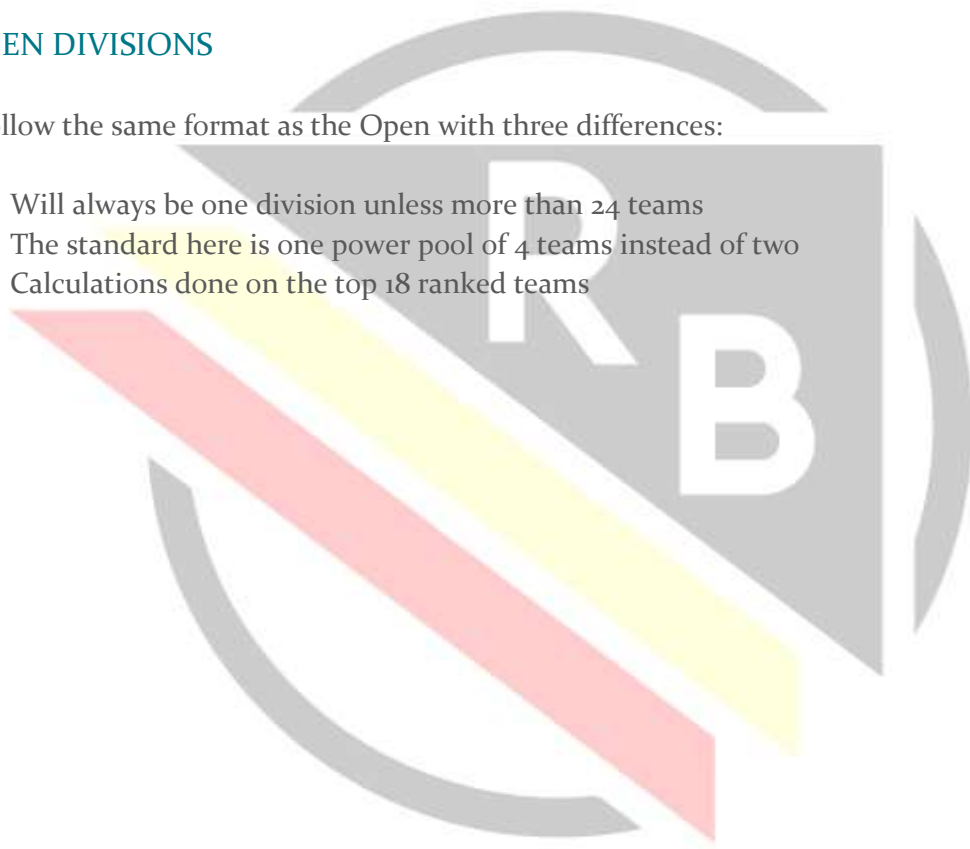
In essence, the tournament starts with a group phase in the morning, dividing teams into different groups to compete. In the afternoon there will be a bracket phase with single elimination.

An open (min 24 teams, open to men's, women's, or mixed teams) and women (min 8 teams) division is necessary. The divisions will later be split into different levels based on the OPR/WPR and the amount of teams participating. If the women's division doesn't have 8 teams signed up it will be added to the open division.

WOMEN DIVISIONS

Will follow the same format as the Open with three differences:

1. Will always be one division unless more than 24 teams
2. The standard here is one power pool of 4 teams instead of two
3. Calculations done on the top 18 ranked teams



GROUP PHASE

Pro division

Group Formation: the teams will be divided into four pools of four. Two of these pools will be special and are known as "power pool groups." The power pool groups include the top 8 teams and will battle for seed 1 to 8.

To make the pools fair and exciting, the teams are divided into different "Buckets". The distribution of teams into the "hats" will be done according to the OPR and will be divided like this:

Bucket 1 = seed 1-8
Bucket 2 = Seed 9-16

Then the teams of Hat 1 will be drawn after each other randomly and divided over the two power pools. Yes indeed, it is possible to have seed 1-4 in the same pool. The same process will be followed for dividing seed 9-16 into two pools.

Advanced division

Group Formation: the teams will be divided into different pools. The number of pools depends on the number of teams registered. And will be done according to the structure as detailed below with the aim of having at least pools of 4 teams and a maximum of pools of 5 teams:

8 teams 11 → 2 pools
12 teams 15 → 3 pools
16 teams 19 → 4 pools
20 teams 23 → 5 pools
24 teams 27 → 6 pools
28 teams 31 → 7 pools
Etc.

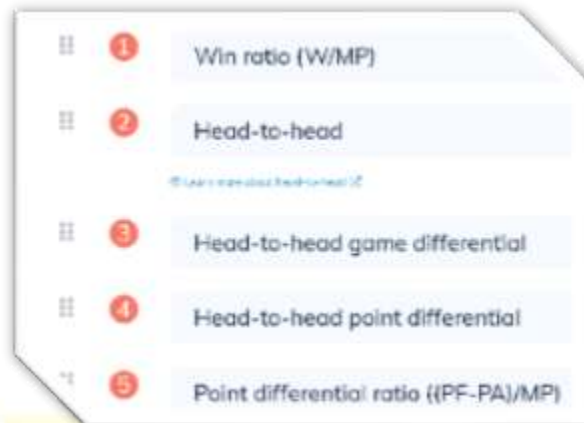
The teams will be put through snake seeding (see picture below) into the different pools according to their ranking on the OPR.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Rank 01	Rank 02	Rank 03	Rank 04
Rank 08	Rank 07	Rank 06	Rank 05
Rank 09	Rank 10	Rank 11	Rank 12
Rank 16	Rank 15	Rank 14	Rank 13
Rank 17	Rank 18	Rank 19	Rank 20

*Participating of foreign teams which are not ranked in the OPR will be critically examined and placed at a realistic rank and hat

BRACKET PHASE

After the group stage, the tournament format changes as we move into the "bracket play" stage. This will be a knock-out phase with single elimination, but with placement games. Meaning you keep playing till your final place is determined. The seeding of the bracket will be done through Fwango with the following criteria:



Joining the Pro Division:

The top 8 Advanced division teams seeded through overall seeding have performed well enough in the morning to advance to the next level of competition and will now join the Pro division teams in the bracket play to make a bracket totalling 24 teams. They get the opportunity to compete against the top teams, which can be very challenging and exciting.

While seed 9-24 are playing their first round of the bracket. Instead of having a bye, the two power pools will determine their final seeding for the bracket by playing one more game to the opponent on the same place of the different pool meaning:

- 1st place Power pool 1 vs 1st place Power pool 2 → Seed 1-2
- 2nd place Power pool 1 vs 2nd place Power pool 2 → Seed 3-4
- 3rd place Power pool 1 vs 3rd place Power pool 2 → Seed 5-6
- 4th place Power pool 1 vs 4th place Power pool 2 → Seed 7-8

After this they will join the bracket with the rest according to their seeding.

If there are less than 32 participating teams, depending on what would still make a decent bracket there can be chosen to move more than 8 teams up to the top bracket and see if a second bracket is possible besides the Pro bracket of 24 teams. If more teams move up, depending on the amount there will be less byes and seeding games happening.

National Championship

The National Championship represents the pinnacle event of the year, and the ranking system is meticulously constructed to establish optimal seedings for this prestigious competition.

FORMAT

The tournament format aligns with the structure upheld throughout the entire year, ensuring continuity and fairness in competition. However, noteworthy distinctions are observed exclusively within the National Championship proceedings.

1. Absence of Power Pools:

- Unlike regular tournaments, the National Championship does not incorporate power pools within the top 16 teams. This departure aims to streamline the competition and intensify the challenges faced by all participating teams.

2. Half-Snake Seeding System:

- Instead of traditional buckets and a random draw, the National Championship employs a half-snake seeding system(see picture below). This system strategically places teams based on their positions in the Open Power Ranking.
- This method ensures a more deliberate seeding process, acknowledging and rewarding teams for their consistent performance in the OPR in the lead-up to the National Championship.

3. Afternoon Integration of Advanced Teams:

- Following the morning session, where the initial matches transpire, the afternoon session sees the integration of an additional 8 advanced teams into the competition.
- The bracket for the National Championship is fixed and determined by each team's seeding before the tournament, adding an element of strategic planning and anticipation for both participants and spectators.

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DIVISIONS

Mens:

- The OPR will be used to determine your rank.

Women's:

- This can be adjusted if there have been few women's tournaments, and the WPR is not representative. In such cases, RB conducts an assessment and divides the teams accordingly.

Mixed:

- The individual points of the men and women will be counted up. However, the points of the National Championship the day before will be also taken into account during this process.

In essence, the National Championship stands as the culmination of the year's competitive endeavours, with a thoughtfully designed ranking system and a unique tournament format that emphasizes fairness, competition, and the celebration of outstanding achievements within the league.

