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DIY Cornhole Tournament Guide

A Step-by-Step Guide to Running a Successful Tournament

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Includes:

- Equipment Checklist
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Equipment Checklist

Having the right equipment is crucial for a smooth and enjoyable tournament experience. You might already own the needed things, buy from Triangle Lawn Games, or rent for a single event. This checklist covers everything you'll need to run a regulation-compliant and professional-looking tournament. Don't skimp on quality – reliable equipment ensures fair play and reduces frustrating delays.

Boards & Bags

Measuring Tools

Electronics

PA System

- **Cornhole Boards (Set of 2 per game, 1 set every 4-6 teams)**
- **Cornhole Bags (Set of 8, 4 of each color, plus extras)**
- **Tape Measure (to ensure regulation distance)**
- **Set Markers (Velcro numbers for board identification)**
- **TV Monitor, HDMI Cable, Computer + Power Cable**
- **Scorholio Mobile App (with QR codes to download)**
- **Power Strip, Extension Cord**
- **PA System for Announcements**
- **Table & Chair**
- **Tablecloth (for a professional setup)**
- **Paper Brackets (Backup in case of software issues)**

Tip: Always bring extra sets of bags and a backup power source!
Tip: We recommend 1 set of boards for every 4-6 teams.

Pre-Tournament Setup

1. Confirm tournament format (Round Robin + Single Elimination recommended). Other types of tournaments might be single elimination or double elimination.

2. Determine number of teams & duration - this is a major factor, and Scoreholio has a calculator in it’s app to tell you how long a tournament will last. An average game is about 15 minutes, and an average tournament is about 2-3 hours.

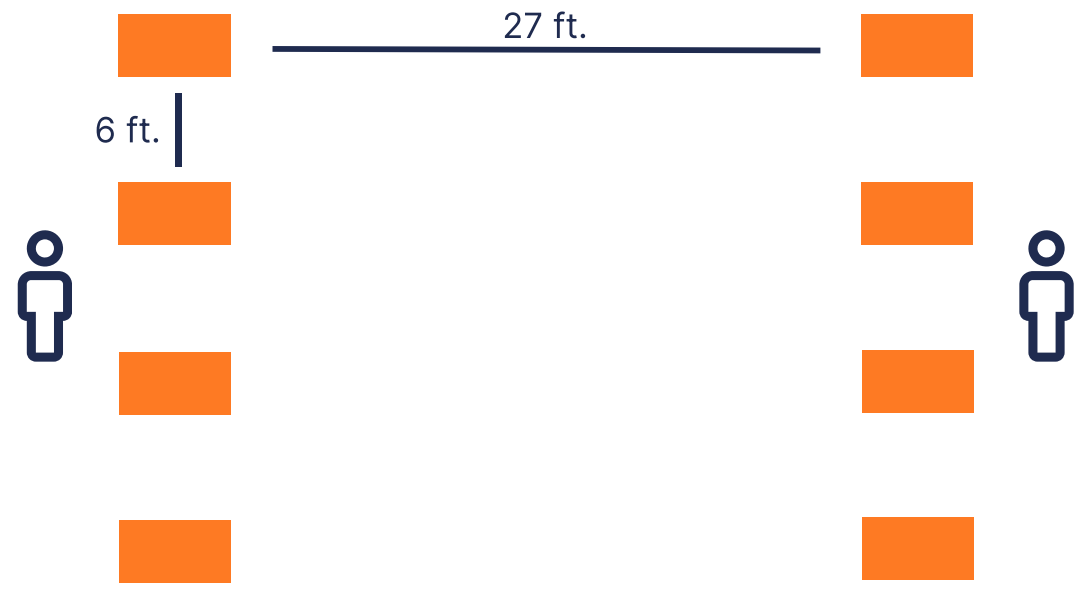
3. Build a spreadsheet with the teams. You will want to have a spreadsheet with three columns “Team Name”, “Player 1 Name”, and “Player 2 Name”

4. Confirm venue logistics (power, WiFi, client type) - for using software you will need to have power and wifi/hotspot.

Tip: "Use the Tournament Time Calculator to estimate game length."

Setup Instructions

1. Arrive 60 minutes before tournament start
2. Unload & arrange cornhole boards (27 feet apart front-edge to front-edge, adjust if needed for speed) 60 minutes before tournament start
3. Place set markers behind each board
4. Set up tournament table near power & WiFi
5. Connect TV, computer, and PA system



Tip: "Maintain 6 feet between boards for player comfort."

Choosing the Right Tournament Format

Software (Scorholio)

- Live updates, mobile check-ins, automatic bracket updates
- Requires WiFi and tech-savvy organizer
- Variable Game Modes (Round Robin, Single, & Double Elimination)
- Automatically assigns games to sets

Paper Brackets

- Low-tech, simple for small tournaments
- Requires manual tracking & announcing
- Doesn’t Require Power or Internet

Tip: "For large tournaments, always use Scorholio for efficiency." If you have a limitation on power and internet, paper can be a good option.

Check-In & Welcome Announcements

Open Check-In

60 minutes before tournament start

Announce Last Call

10 minutes before start, last call for sign-ups

Conduct Welcome Announcement

Introduce yourself & Triangle Lawn Games
Explain tournament format & rules

Tip: "Use a PA system to ensure everyone hears the announcements."

Read Aloud: Game Rules & Fair Play Guidelines

Welcome everyone! I'm [NAME], and I'll be facilitating today's Cornhole Tournament, brought to you by Triangle Lawn Games.

Our format is Round Robin followed by Single Elimination for the top teams. Let me quickly go over the official rules:

- Teams consist of 2 players, alternating throws with 4 throws each.
- Players must stand opposite of their partner.
- Scoring is 1 point for bags on the board, 3 points for bags in the hole.
- We use cancellation scoring - meaning if you have 6 points and your opponent has 4, you end the inning with 2 points.
- Games are played to 21, and you must win by 2 if tied at 21.
- If a team is absent for 5 minutes after their game is called, they will forfeit.

We'll announce games via the PA system and display them on the monitor. Our first matches will begin in 5 minutes.

Remember, this is about having fun and friendly competition. Good luck to everyone!

Scorholio Setup Guide (overview)

Begin by logging in - you can set up your own free login at scoreholio.com

Create a tournament (select format & input teams):

1. Name the Tournament
2. Set Date, Time and Location
3. Select Tournament Type - We recommend **Round Robin**, with a **Single Elimination Final Bracket**. Select “Round Robin” here.
4. “Team Generation” means how the teams are created. We almost always use “**set teams**” and provide a list of team names.
5. Rank By: we typically leave at **Record then Points**
6. # of Courts - this is the number of Cornhole sets you will be using. Typically between 4-10 sets in a tourney.
7. # of Rounds - this is the number of games in the round robin portion of the tournament that each team will play. 3 rounds means each team will play 3 times in the first portion of the tourney. You can play more or less depending on the amount of time you want the tournament to last and the number of teams you have.
8. RR Timer is a timer for the games in the Round Robin section. We typically make these **15 minutes** - you will have to keep track of game times and announce when games should be ending, and sometimes games will not completely finish if you want to keep the tournament moving along.
9. Bracket Timer, this is the timer for the single elimination portion. We don’t always use this timer, but **20 minutes** is typically enough time per game especially if you want to keep things moving.

Check-in teams & start bracket!

Tip: "Use the import function to add pre-registered teams quickly."

Tournament Structures

Single Elimination

One loss and out.

Double Elimination

Teams have to lose twice to be out.

Round Robin

Everyone plays multiple games before playoffs.

Tip: "Use Switcholio for casual events where partners rotate each round."

How to Keep Things Running Smoothly

Announce each game via PA system.

Use Scorholio dashboard on TV for visibility.

Keep track of forfeits and ensure smooth transitions.

Tip: "Encourage teams to check their game status on Scorholio’s app."

Finalizing the Tournament & Cleanup

- Ensure all scores are recorded correctly.
- Announce winners & distribute prizes.
- Pack up equipment neatly for transport.

Tip: "Take event photos for social media promotion!"

Additional Resources

Thank you for using this guide! We hope your tournament is a success.

Scoreholio App

scoreholio.com

Triangle Lawn Games Website

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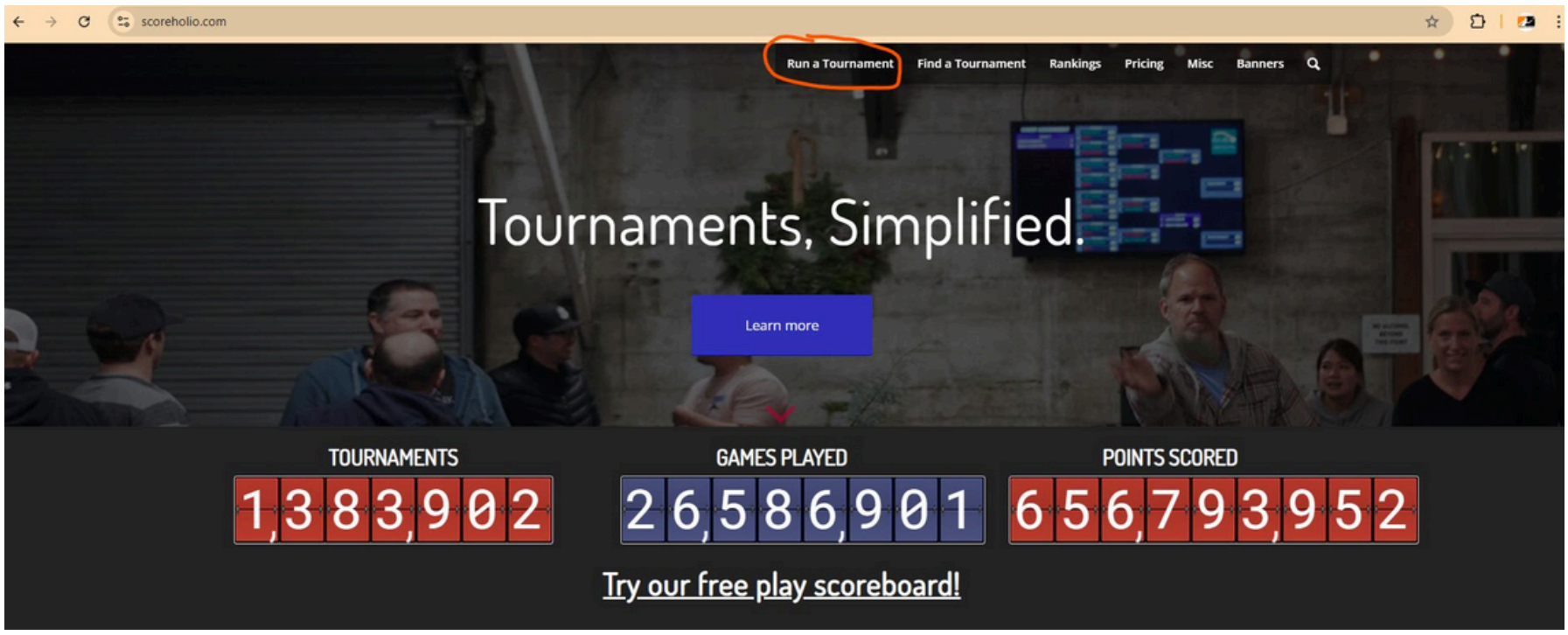
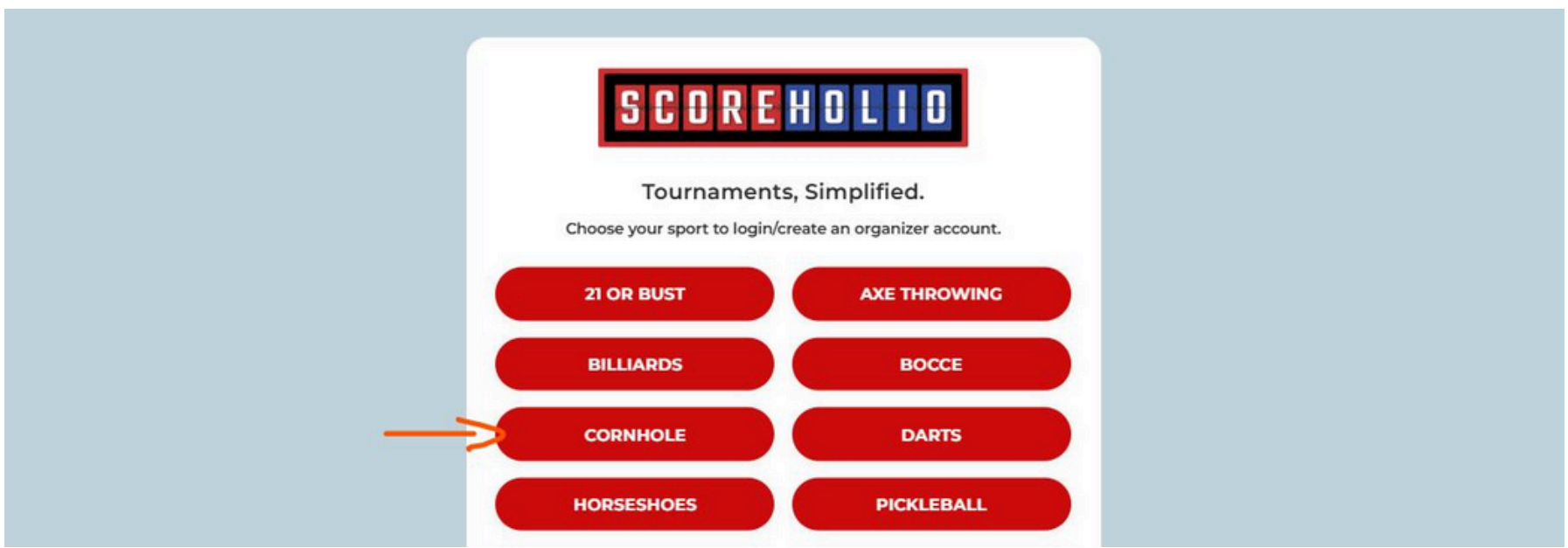
Scorholio Setup Guide (extended)

Begin by logging in - you can set up your own free login at scoreholio.com

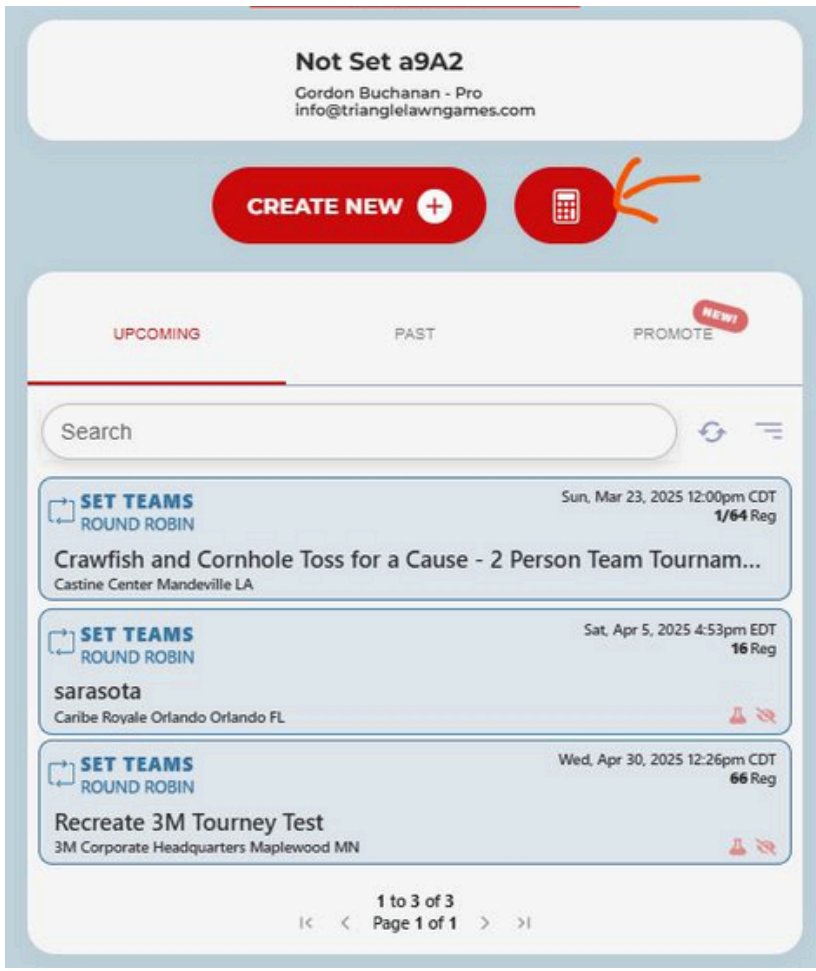
Create a tournament and select Cornhole:

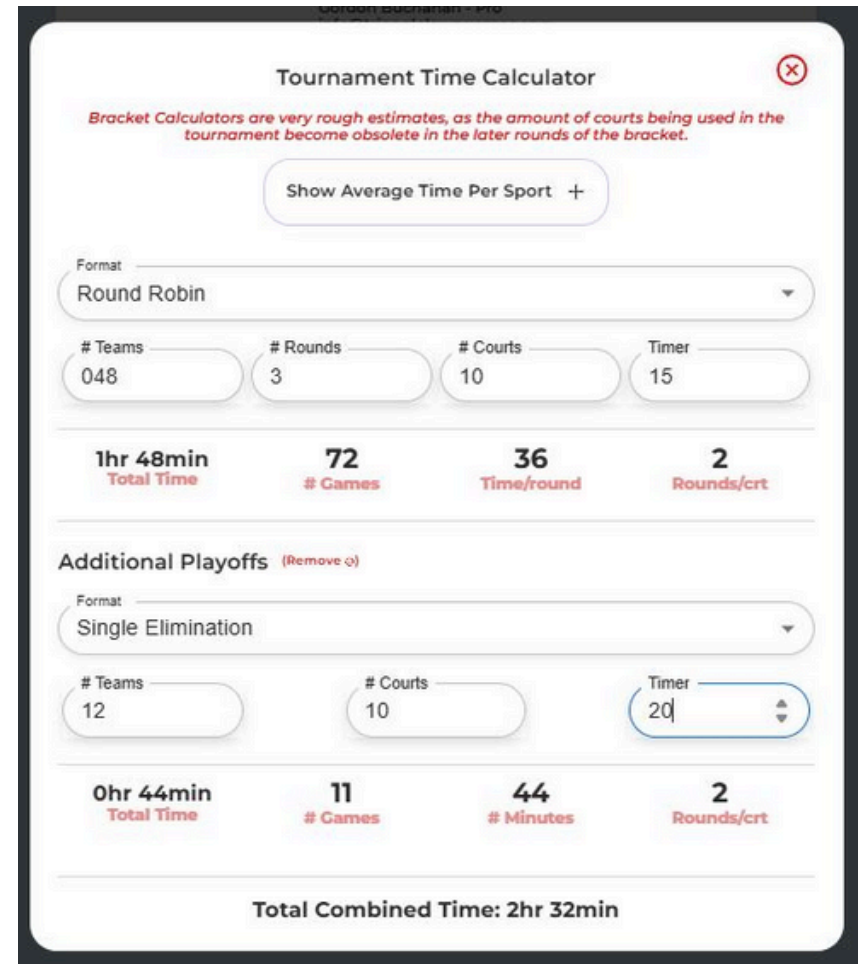




Scorholio Setup Guide (extended)

Select Calculator and Determine Time & Teams:





Tip: "Pay particular attention to the timer in the bottom right."

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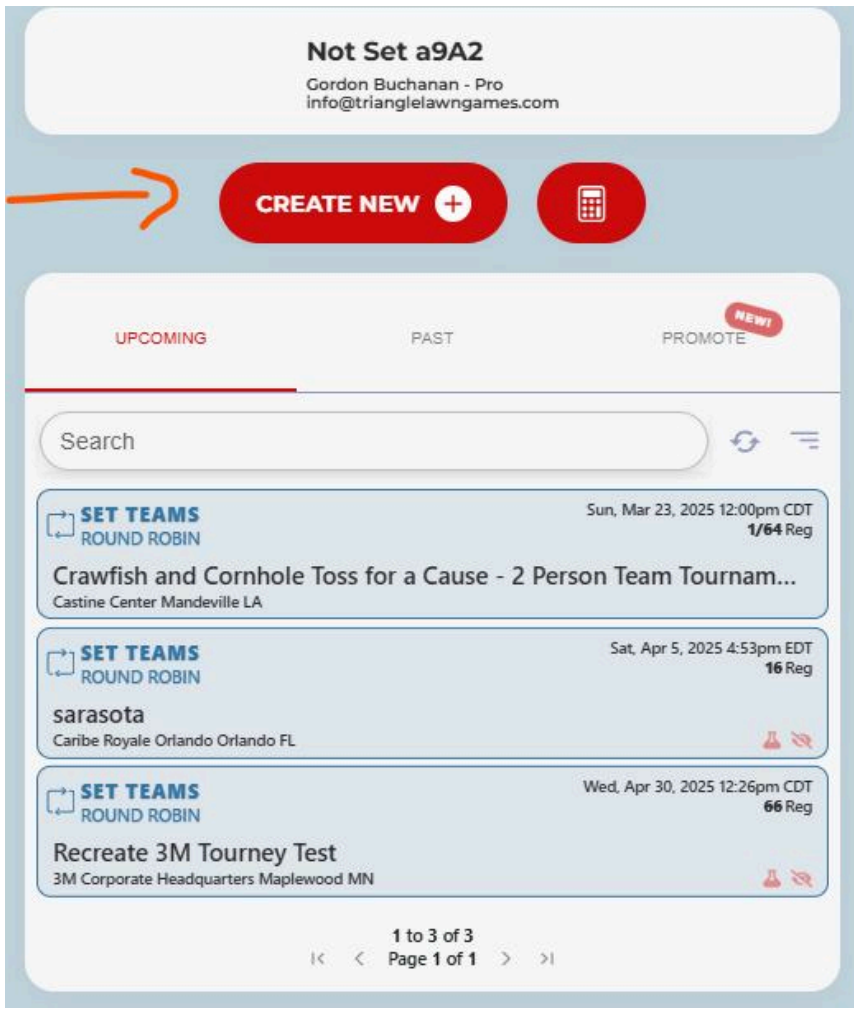

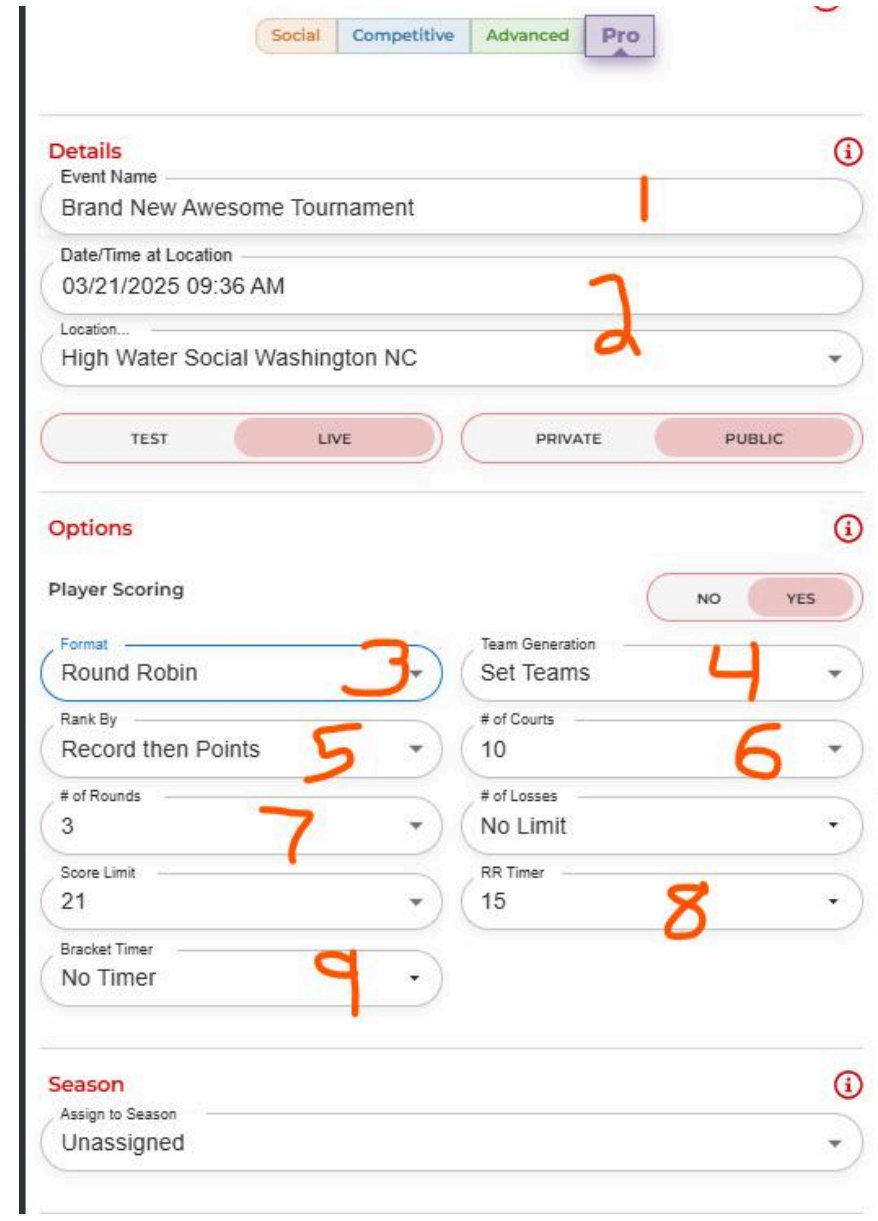

Tip: "Fill in times, rounds, counts, and limits based off the calculator."

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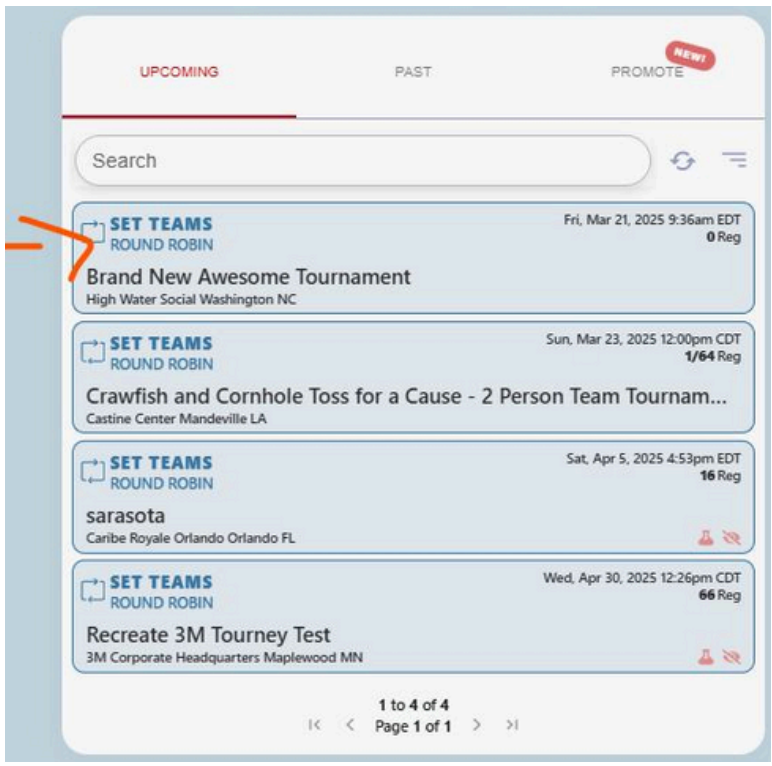
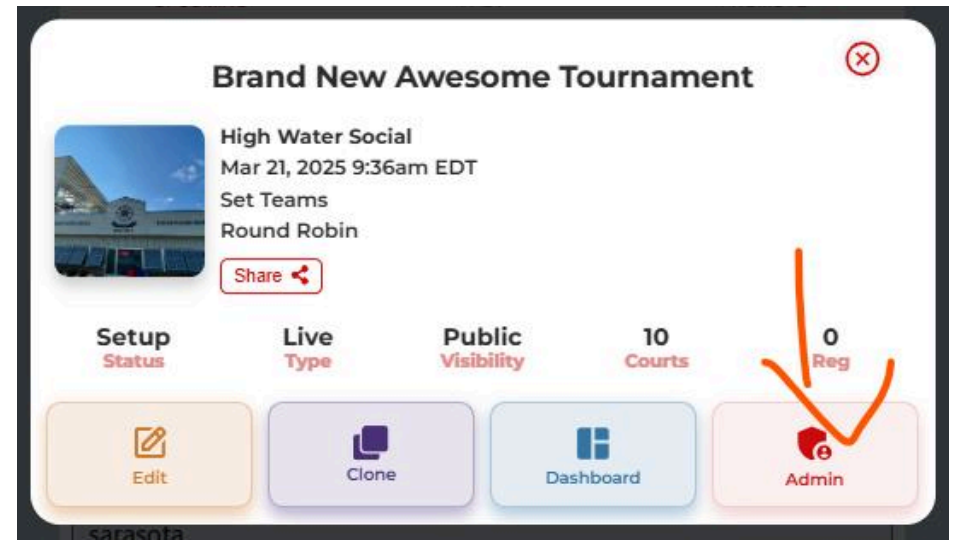
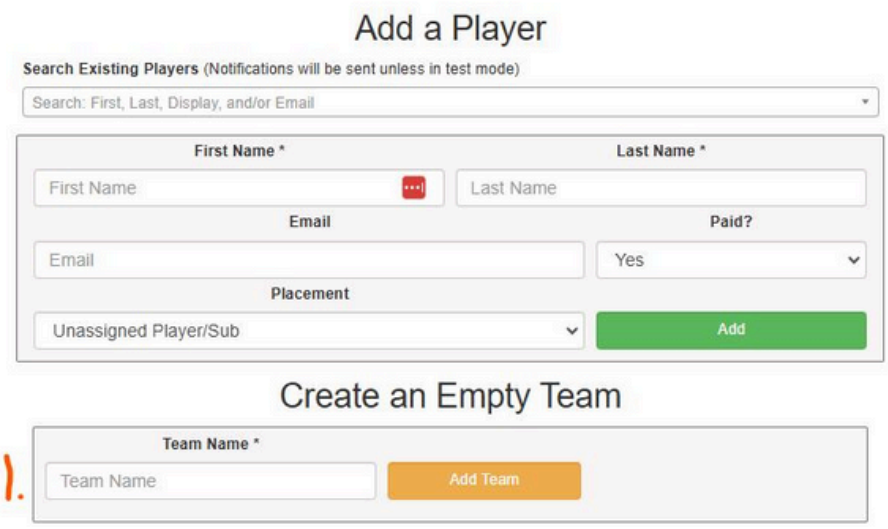
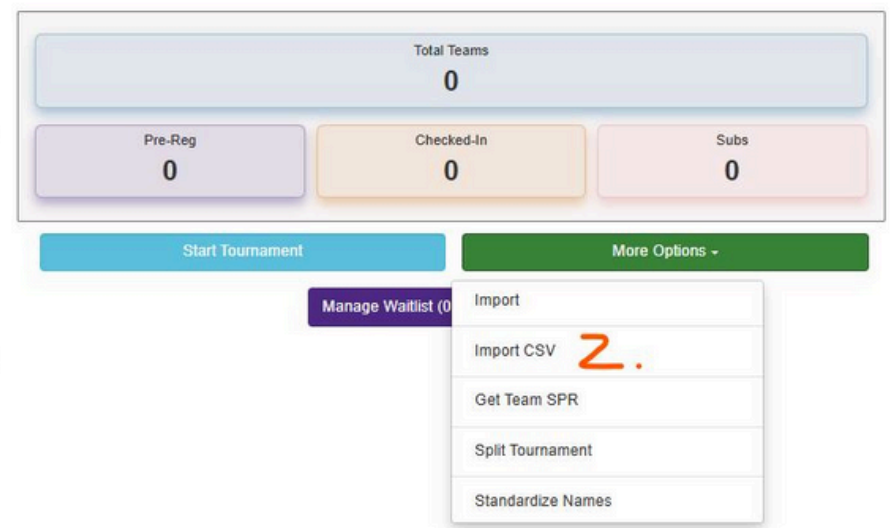
Select your tourney and add teams.









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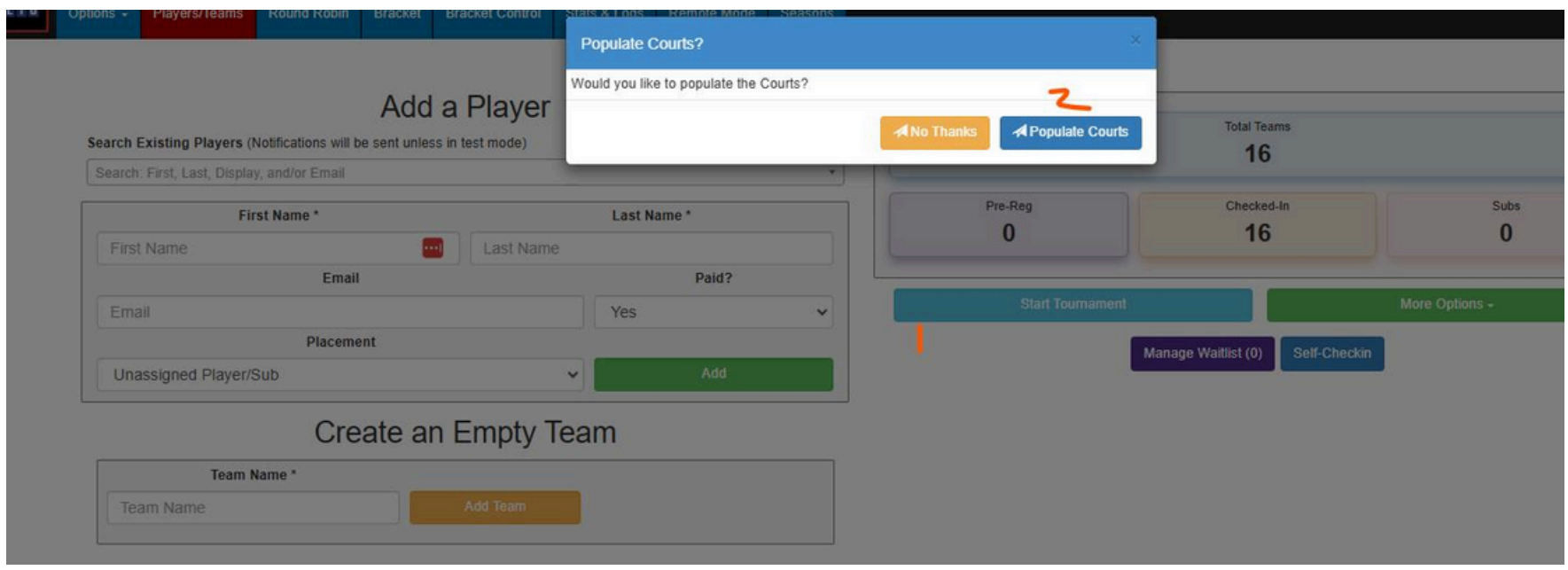
Check-in teams and start tourney!



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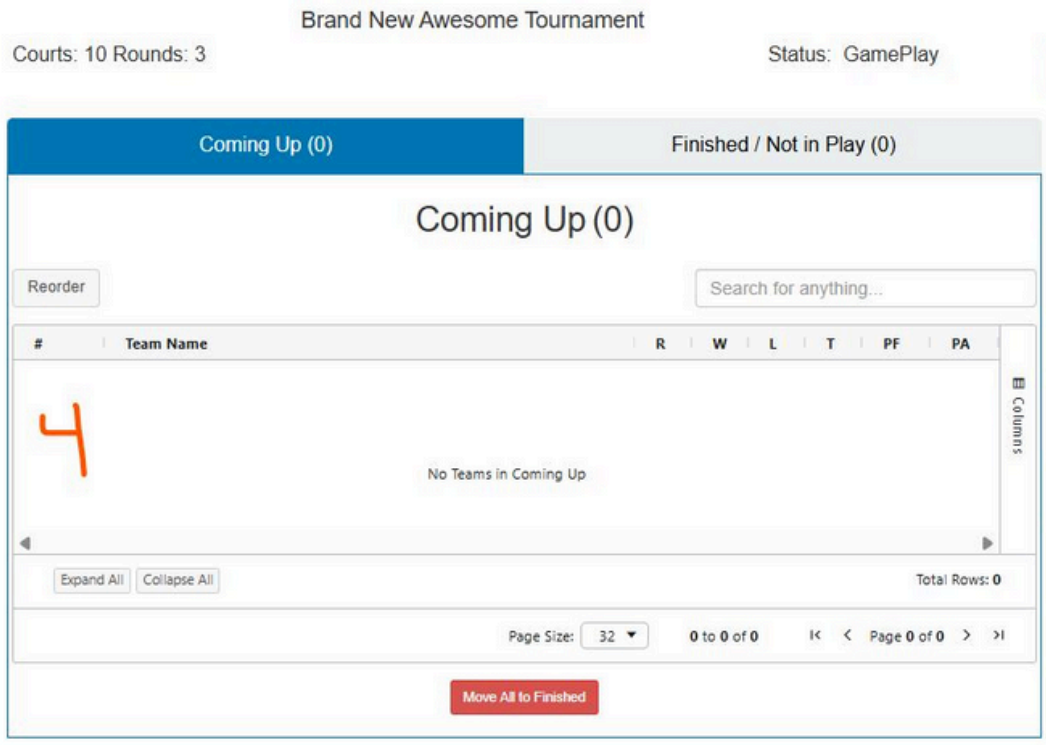
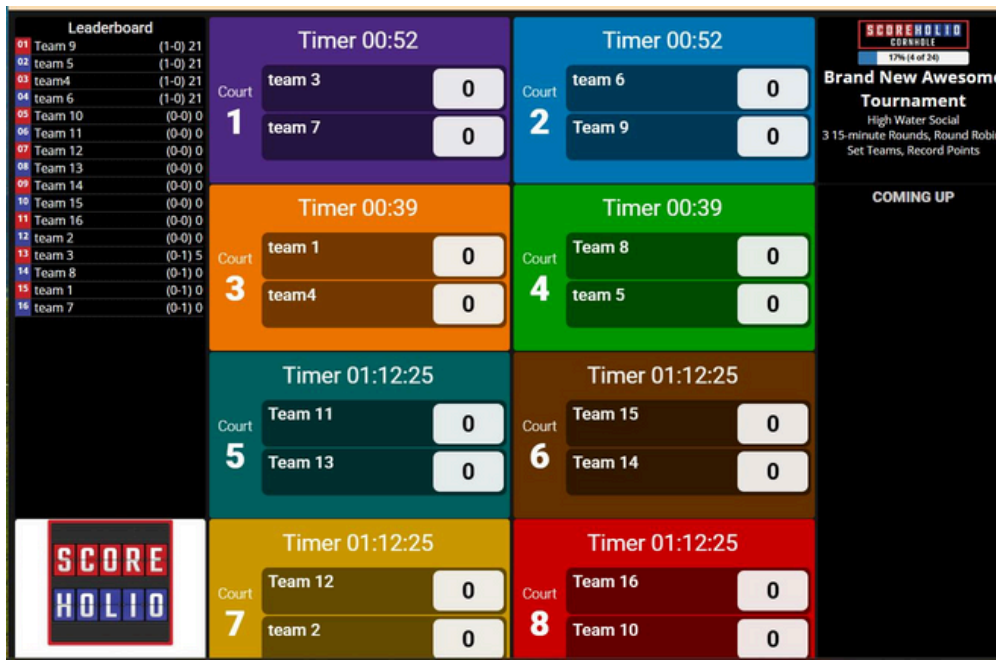
Admin & Dashboard Views





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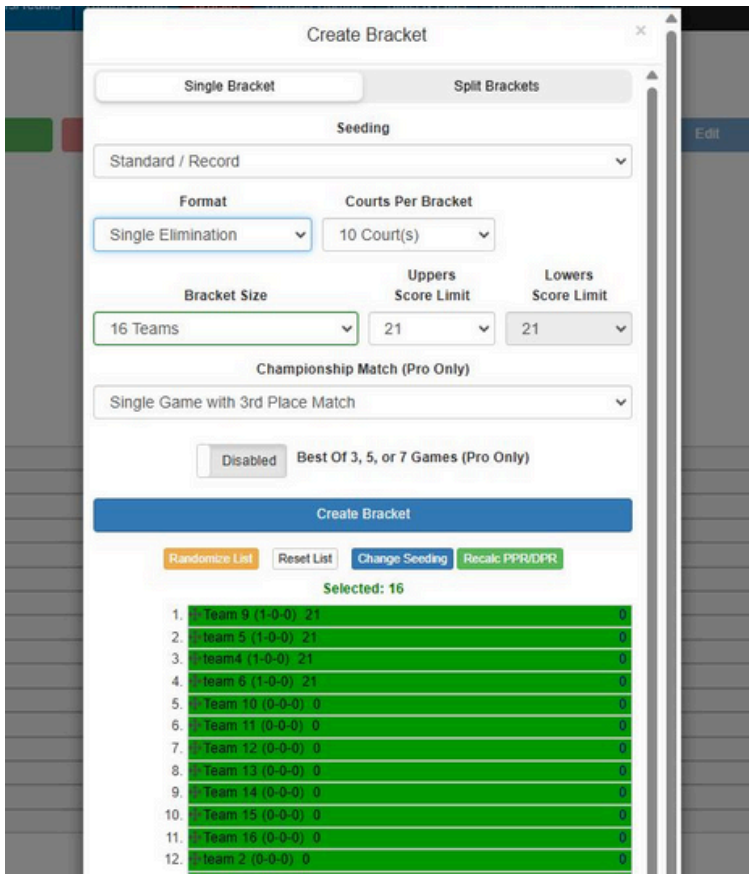
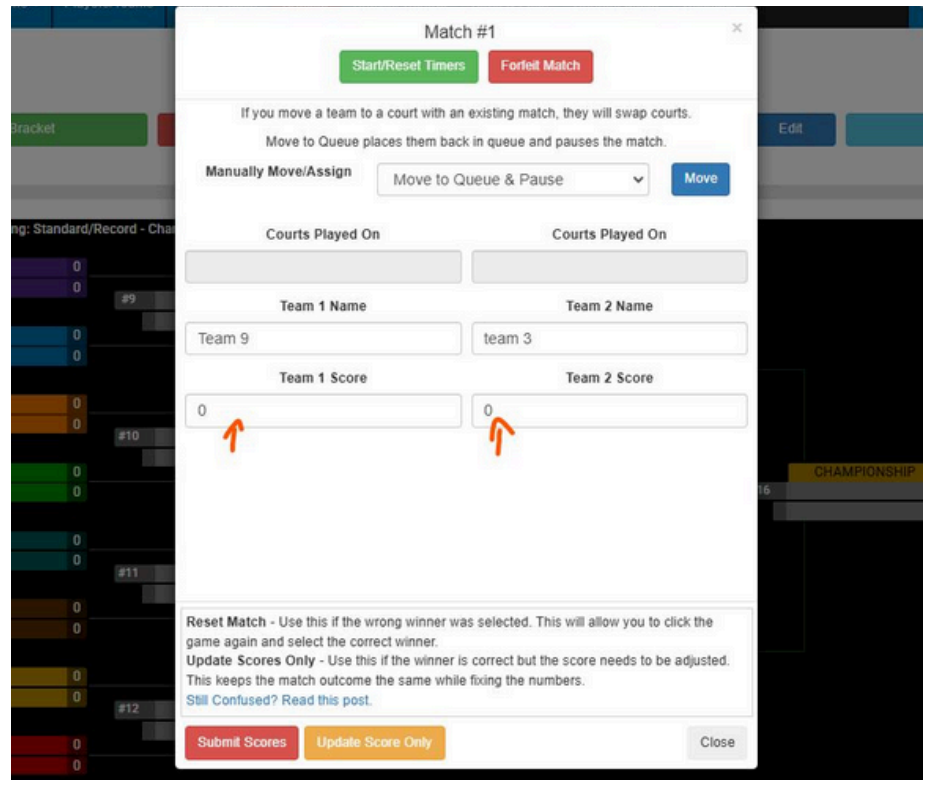
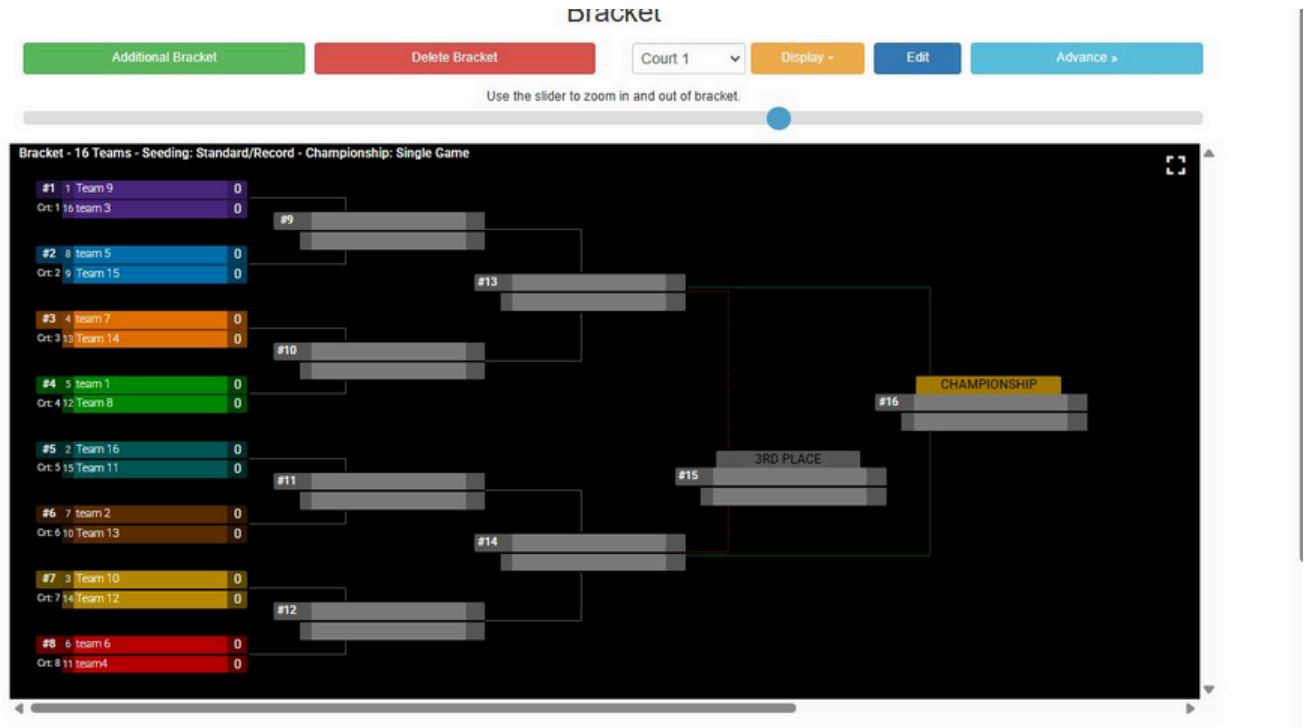
Creating & Scoring Brackets







Printable Board Cards

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SINGLE ELIMINATION

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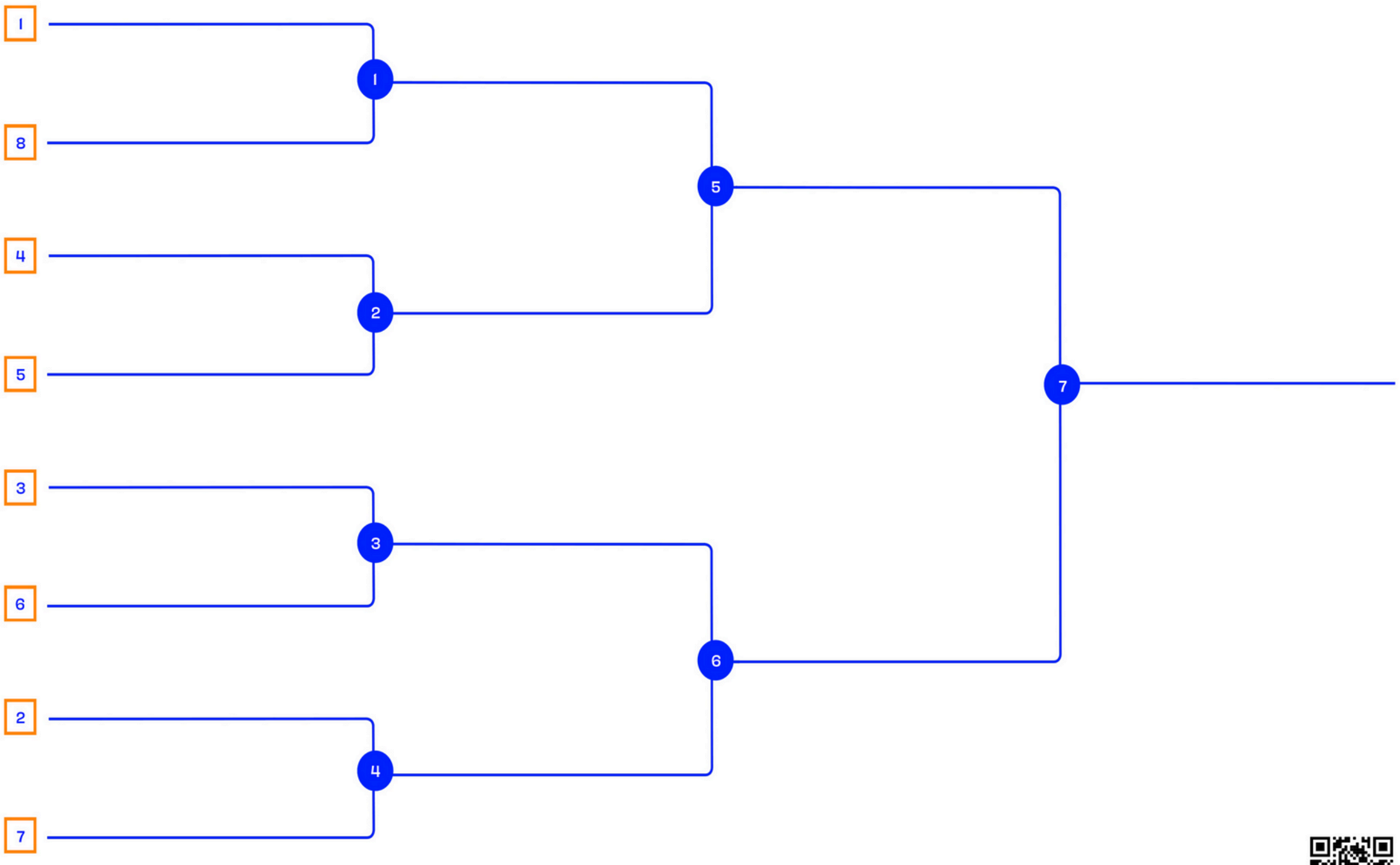

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8 TEAM
DOUBLE ELIMINATION

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WINNERS BRACKET

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LOSERS BRACKET

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16 TEAM
SINGLE ELIMINATION

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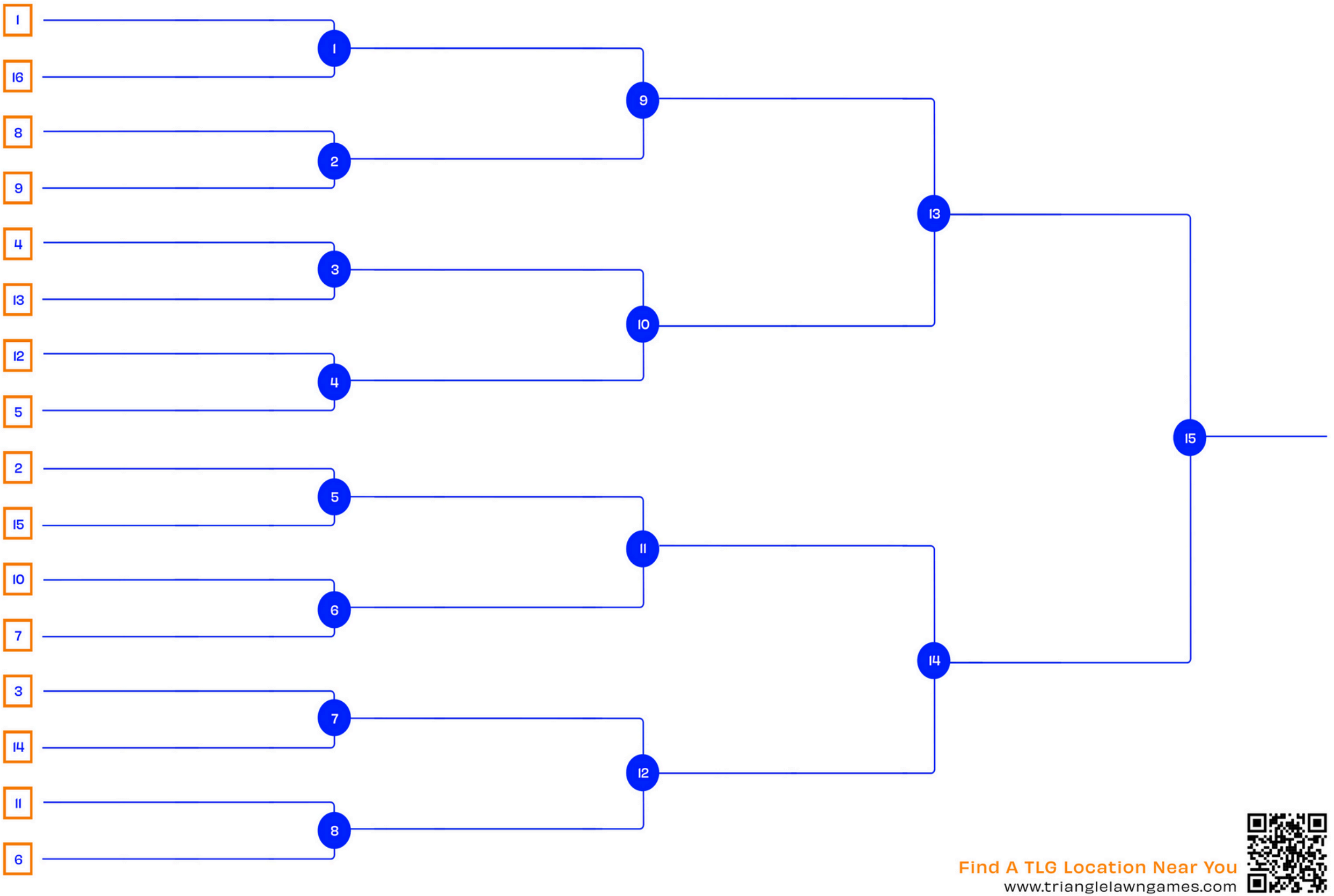

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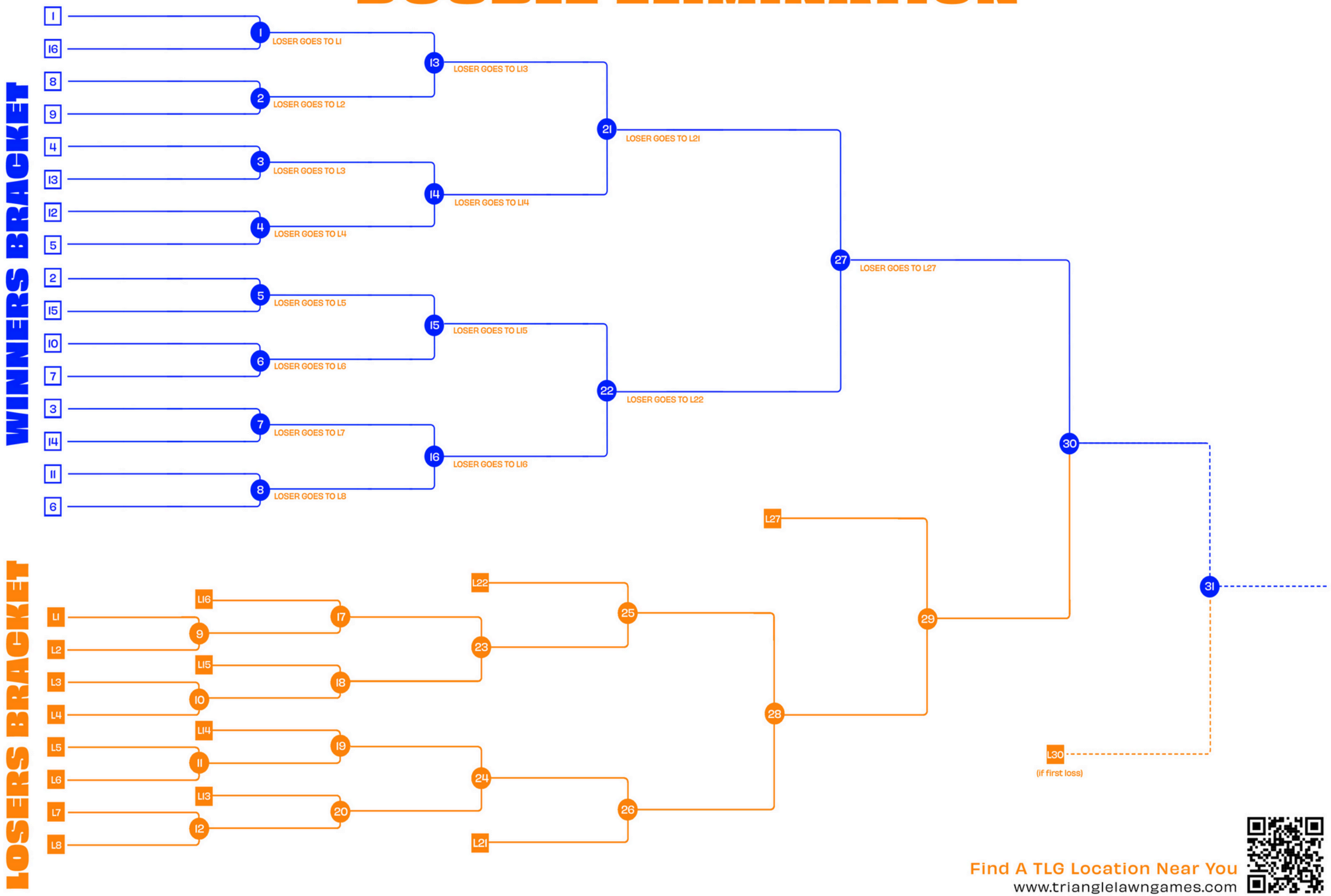

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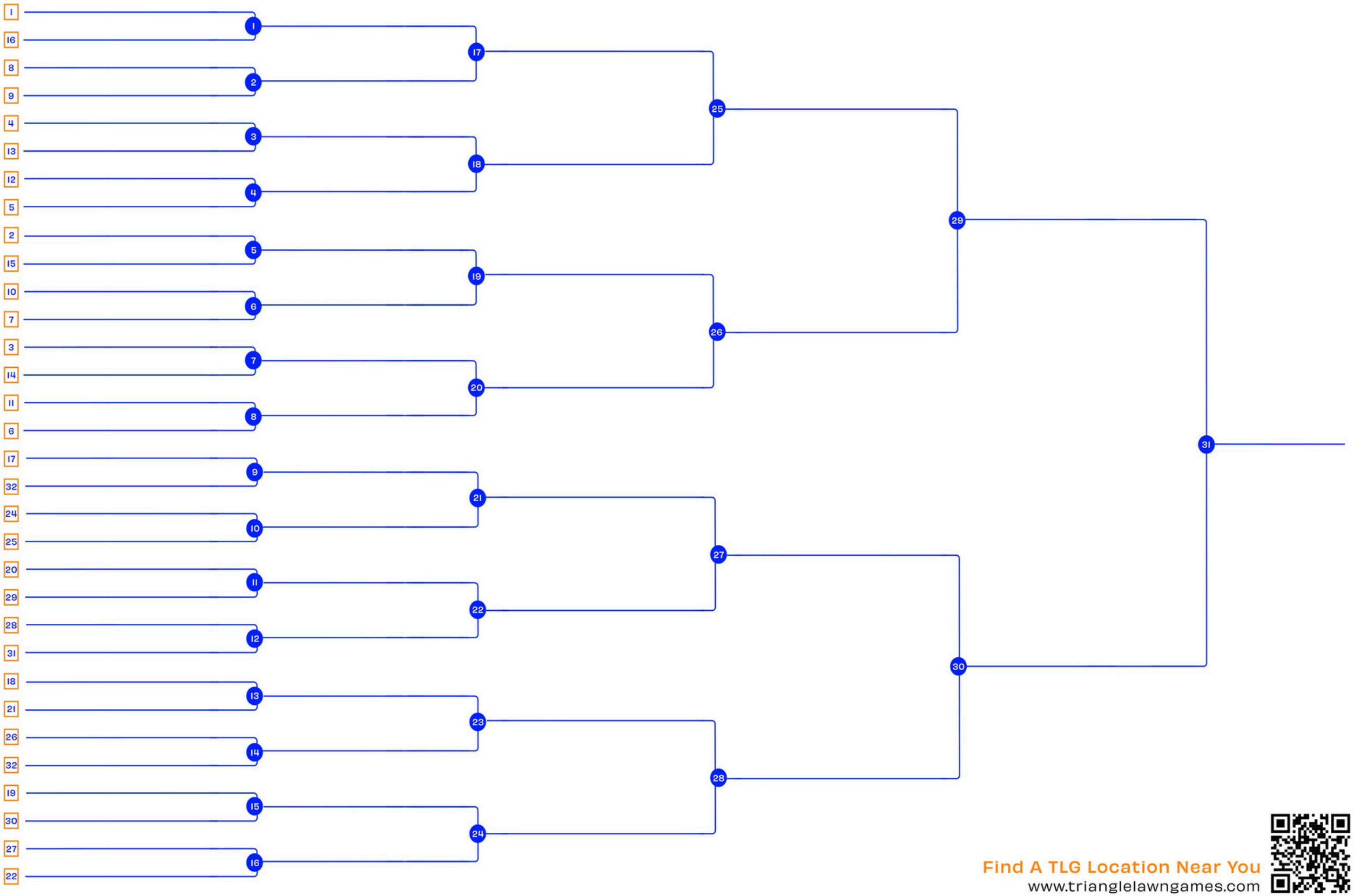

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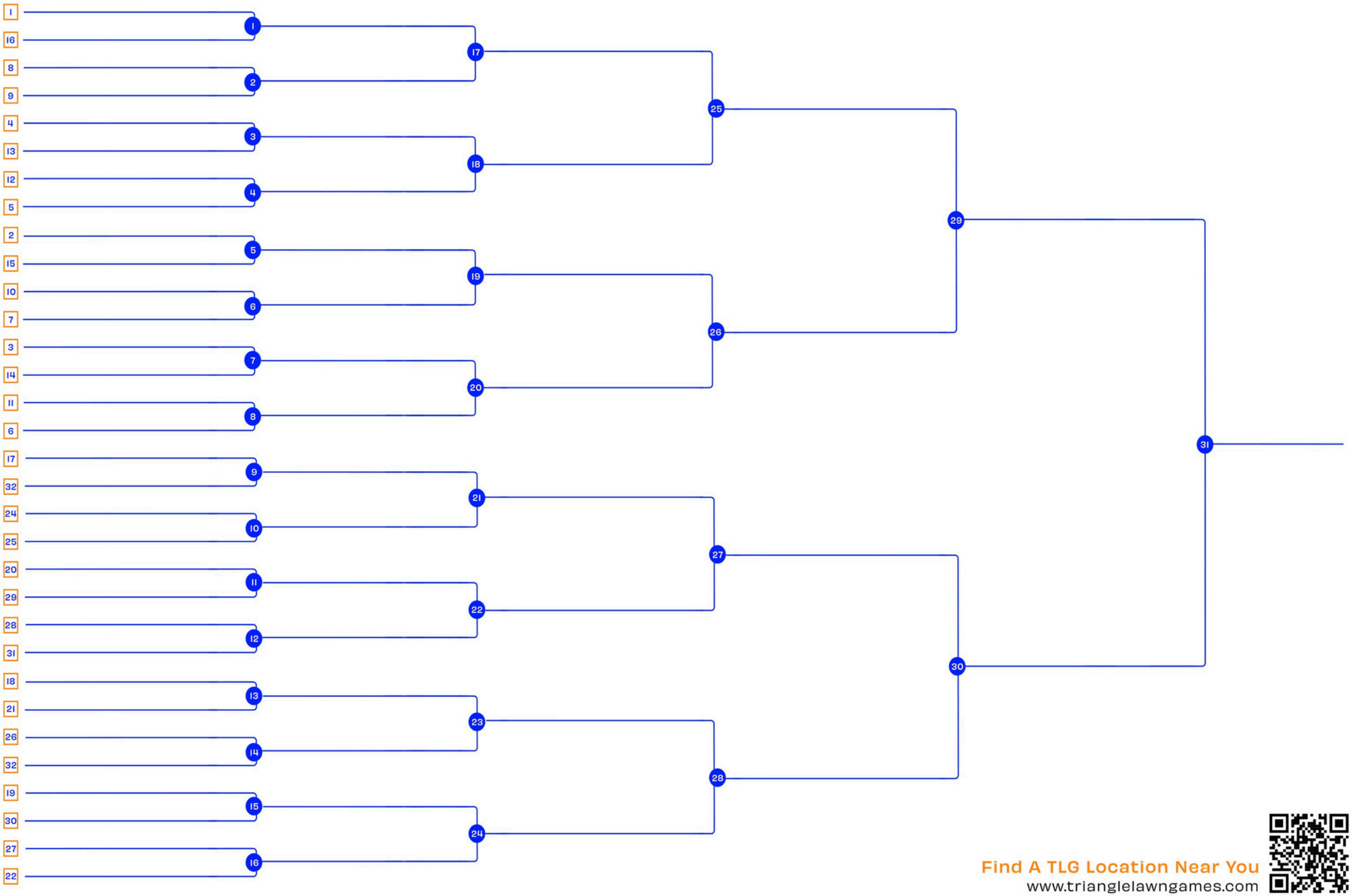

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