

## Rye Closed Padel Tournament Guide and Rules

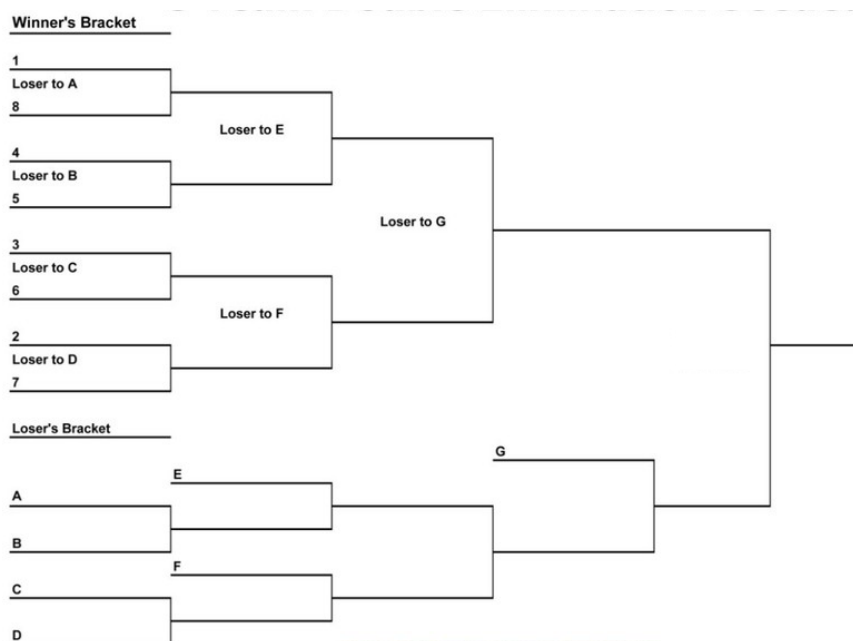
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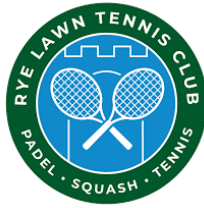
A double-elimination bracket is a tournament format that requires participants to lose twice before being eliminated from competition. Unlike single-elimination where one loss ends your tournament, double-elimination provides a safety net that rewards consistency and gives competitors a chance to recover from a bad match or unlucky draw.

This format operates through two parallel brackets: the winners bracket (also called the upper bracket) for undefeated teams, and the losers bracket (or lower bracket) for teams that have lost once.

The tournament begins with all participants in the winner's bracket, competing in standard knockout matches. Winners continue advancing through the winner's bracket, while losers drop down to the loser's bracket where they get a second opportunity to compete for the championship. The loser's bracket functions as its own single-elimination tournament, but with a crucial difference: one more loss means complete elimination from the event. This dual-bracket structure creates a dynamic where teams can lose early, fight their way through the entire loser's bracket, and still claim the championship.

### An example of the tournament bracket:





## **Rules for the Closed Tournaments**

1. Best of 3 set match, first to 6 games in each set, a tie break to 7 points at 6-6 in games.
2. If one set all, players to judge whether there is time for a full third set. If there is not time, play at 10 point championship tie break to decide the match.
3. Each round of matches must be completed within the allotted time, failure to complete the match will result in a coin toss to determine the result.
4. Only 1 entry per member in each section.
5. Pairings must remain the same throughout.
6. All matches to be played at RLTC padel courts.
7. Players to agree on balls to use, it is not compulsory to use new balls.
8. Please submit your results to Arthur Mynott on 07540 472 918 via text or WhatsApp.
9. Tournament bracket posters will be up in the 'bus shelter' shed by the padel courts so you can keep up-to-date with results.
10. From the semi-final stage, the tournament will be a straight knockout tournament (single loss elimination) no matter what has taken place previously in the tournament.
11. Finals Day will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026. The remaining 4 teams in each section will play semi-finals and finals. Put this date in your diary now!

Good luck and enjoy.