

TOURNAMENT FORMAT (NHL'94)

(Formats are subject to change to ensure the best competition based on the number of participants and amount of equipment available)

1. Round Robin ("RR") groups will be determined by the tournament organizers. Every effort will be made to balance groups between new and veteran tournament players.

2. **NEW** - A Super Group will be created and will be guaranteed the top 5 seeds in the King of 94 bracket. A player's highest placing in the 2023 tournament will determine the Super Group. If there is a tie for the last spot; their overall win game percentage is a tiebreaker. An exception is allowed for previous King of 94 tournament winners that didn't play in the in 2023 AND they won their last tournament. ****There is no Super Group for the Auto Goalie Tournament.**

3. Players will play 6 RR and at least 2 playoff games. "Super Group" players will play 4 RR games and at least 3 playoff games. Each player will play an equal number of home and away games in their round-robin group.

4. Once the Round Robin is completed, players will be seeded for the playoffs.

Seeding for all brackets will be determined in the following order:

- Wins
- Total Goal Differential
- Fewest allowed goals
- The player who registered for the tournament the earliest. (Hey, it's better than a coin flip!)

5. **NEW** - A maximum of 16 players will qualify for the King of 94 bracket.

- The Super Group will be seeded 1-5.
- The next best 9 RR records will be seeded 6-14.
- The remaining players with 4 RR wins or more will play single game playin tournament for the 15th and 16th seeds. Players that lose their game will drop to the Duke of 94 playoff bracket.
- The King of '94 is a double-elimination format. Series are best-of-3, until you lose a series and move to the "loser's-side" of the bracket. The loser's-side series are single games.
- The loser's-side final will be a Best-of-3.
- The Championship Final will be a best-of-5 series with the winner's side finalist starting with a 1-0 series lead vs. the loser's side finalist.

6. **NEW** The Puke of 94 bracket will be players with 0-2 RR wins. The Duke of 94 bracket will consist of players with 3 RR wins plus any remain players that did not qualify for the King of 94 bracket. Both brackets will be a Best of 3, single elimination format.

7. **NEW** All players in the **Auto Goalie** tournament will move to their own playoffs in Best of 3, single elimination format.