



## 2027 Competition Format: Age Group 2021

10 Teams | 2 Groups of 5 | Full ranking from 1st to 10th

### Group Stage

#### Group A

- A1
- A2
- A3
- A4
- A5

#### Group B

- B1
- B2
- B3
- B4
- B5

Each team plays **4 group matches**. After the group stage, teams are ranked **1st to 5th** in each group.

### Progression Overview

#### Direct Qualification to Quarterfinals

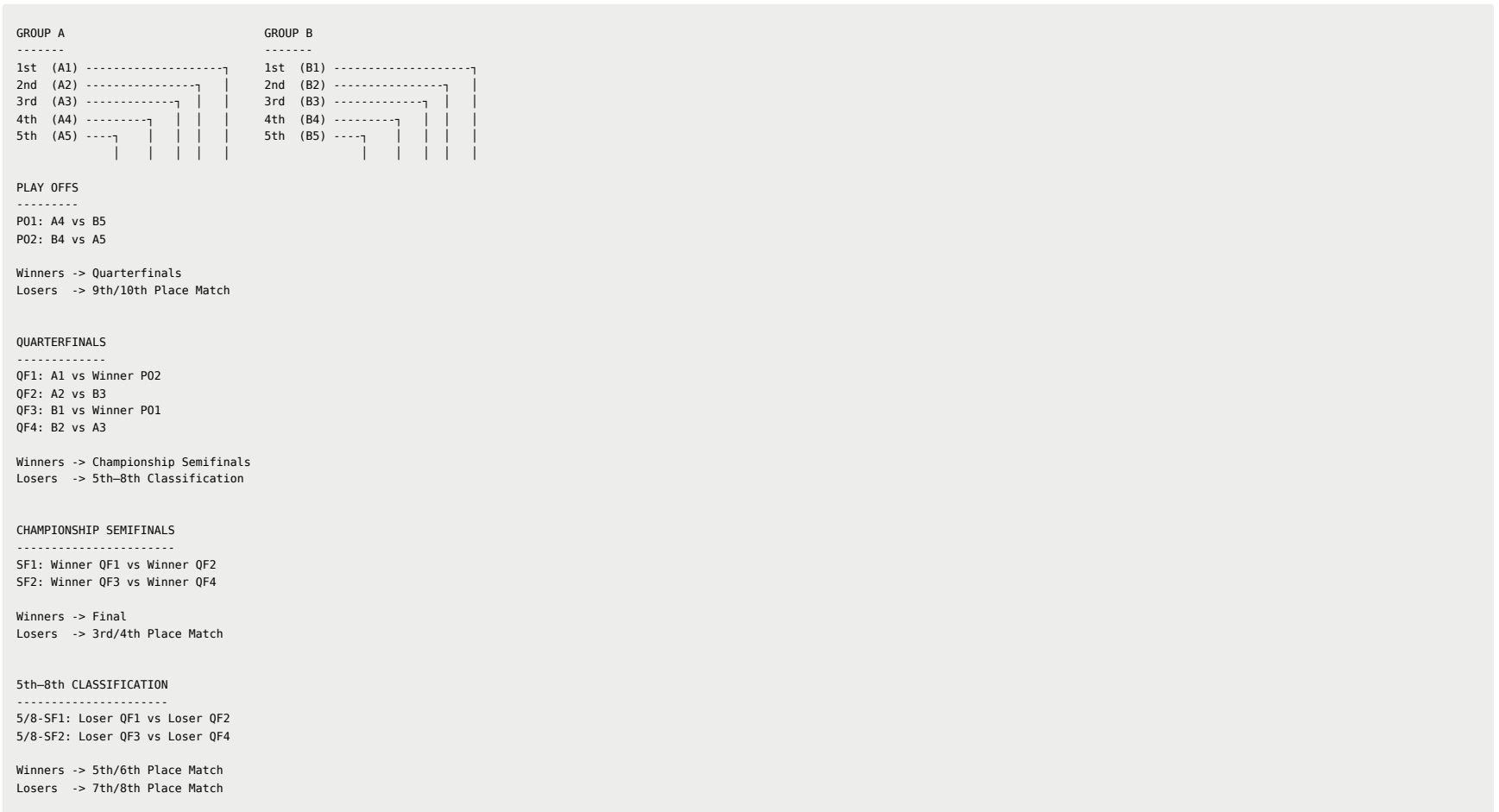
The **1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams** from each group qualify directly to the **Quarterfinals**.

#### Play Off Qualification

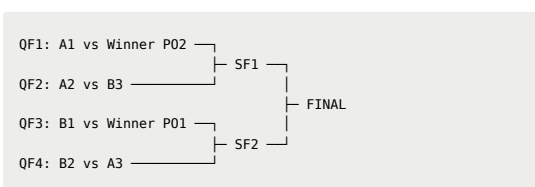
The **4th and 5th placed teams** from each group play **play off matches** to determine the final **2 teams** that will complete the **Quarterfinal line-up of 8 teams**.

#### Position Games

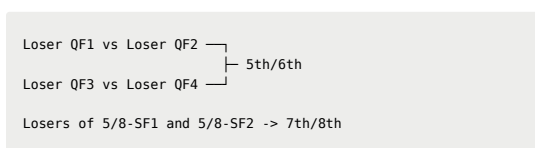
Losing teams from the knock out stages continue through **position games** so that all final places from **1st to 10th** are determined.



#### Main Bracket



#### 5th-8th Bracket



#### 9th-10th Placement



## Match Progression By Finishing Position

### If a team finishes 1st–3rd in its group

Path:

- 4 group matches
- quarterfinal
- semifinal or 5th–8th semifinal
- final placement match

Total:

- **7 matches**

### If a team finishes 4th–5th in its group and wins the play off

Path:

- 4 group matches
- play off
- quarterfinal
- semifinal or 5th–8th semifinal
- final placement match

Total:

- **8 matches**

### If a team finishes 4th–5th in its group and loses the play off

Path:

- 4 group matches
- play off
- 9th/10th place match

Total:

- **6 matches**

## Final Ranking Structure

```
1st -> Final winner
2nd -> Final loser
3rd -> 3rd/4th winner
4th -> 3rd/4th loser
5th -> 5th/6th winner
6th -> 5th/6th loser
7th -> 7th/8th winner
8th -> 7th/8th loser
9th -> 9th/10th winner
10th -> 9th/10th loser
```

## Short Overview

### 2021 Competition Format

- 10 teams divided into 2 groups of 5
- Each team plays all other teams in its group once
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams from each group qualify directly to the quarterfinals
- The 4th and 5th placed teams from each group enter play off matches to determine the final 2 teams that complete the quarterfinal line-up
- Play off pairings are arranged cross-group to avoid same-group matches
- Quarterfinal pairings are arranged so as to avoid same-group matches where possible
- Losing teams continue through placement matches so that all final positions from 1st to 10th are determined

One small practical note: because this format includes a play off round before the quarterfinals, teams coming through the play offs can play **one more match** than teams qualifying directly.