



## 2027 Competition Format: Age Group 2016 A

12 Teams | 2 Groups of 6 | Full ranking from 1st to 12th

### Group Stage

#### Group A

- A1
- A2
- A3
- A4
- A5
- A6

#### Group B

- B1
- B2
- B3
- B4
- B5
- B6

Each team plays **5 group matches**. After the group stage, teams are ranked **1st to 6th** in each group.

### Progression Overview

#### Quarterfinals

Top 4 teams from each group qualify to the Quarterfinals.

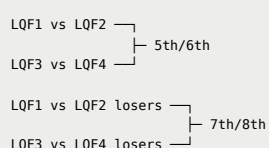
#### 9th–12th Classification

5th and 6th placed teams from each group go into the 9th–12th bracket.

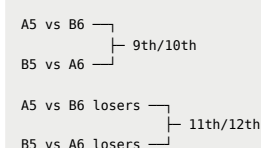
#### Quarterfinal Bracket



#### 5th–8th Bracket



#### 9th–12th Bracket



### Match Progression By Finishing Position

#### If a team finishes 1st–4th in the group

Path:

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

Total: **8 matches**

#### If a team finishes 5th–6th in the group

Path:

- 5 group matches
- 9th–12th semifinal
- final placement match

Total: **7 matches**

### Final Ranking Structure

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1st -> Final winner
2nd -> Final loser
3rd -> 3rd place winner
4th -> 3rd place 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
11th -> 11th/12th winner
12th -> 11th/12th loser
  
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### Short Overview

#### 2016 A Competition Format

- 12 teams divided into 2 groups of 6
- Each team plays all other teams in its group once
- Top 4 teams from each group qualify to the quarterfinals
- 5th and 6th placed teams enter the 9th–12th classification bracket
- Quarterfinal pairings are cross-group:
  - A1 vs B4
  - A2 vs B3
  - B1 vs A4
  - B2 vs A3
- Quarterfinal winners advance to semifinals
- Quarterfinal losers enter the 5th–8th classification bracket
- Semifinal winners advance to the final
- Semifinal losers play for 3rd and 4th place
- All teams play final placement matches to determine positions 1st through 12th