



## Weekday KOs

The Chesapeake Regional has gotten the green light from ACBL to offer *an experimental variation of the usual Knockout format*. This format is being called a Round Robin KO and may be used if brackets are smaller than the usual 9-16.

Throughout the week, we will be drawing *natural MP break lines for all brackets*, so those brackets may have fewer (5 – 8) teams, but without the severe reduction in MP's currently governing "small brackets."

*All KOs will retain the four-session format* — with round robins played the first day in the smaller brackets and three or four teams advancing to Day 2. The BIG positive is that teams are not pulled into uncomfortable brackets. Teams will like this experimental format because it provides:

- \* **Four full sessions**
- \* **All teams in a round robin play two sessions the first day**
- \* **Increased MP awards for small top brackets**
- \* **More competitively balanced brackets**
- \* **Teams may have four, five or six players**

*~The goal is to help teams play  
where they really want to play~*



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completing the survey and dropping it in the crab pot!*

# **“Start for Free! Play for Three”**

## **Saturday Knockout**

**10:30 & 2 & 7**



The Chesapeake Regional is enthusiastic about this first **TRIAL of a three-session KO featuring fewer boards and shorter sessions**. This KO replaces the Saturday-Sunday KO and is a creative alternative to running a small Compact KO or another Swiss on Saturday. Unlike a CKO, it allows participation by 5- and 6-person teams, just like a “regular” KO.

The first session of 18 boards starts at 10:30 am - late enough that you can get some extra sleep. And, with fewer boards in play, non-advancers will finish in time to start the 1 pm events. We have named this the **“Start for Free! Play for Three” KO -- your first session is on the house**. So you have nothing to lose! Plus, this new event will finish on Saturday so everyone can play in Sunday Swiss.

### **Here is the timing:**

10:30      18 boards – you can be done before 1pm and start a new event if not advancing

***NO ENTRY fee for this first session***

2 pm      20 boards - plenty of time for dinner    ***Entry Fee just \$10/person***

7 pm      22 boards – finish a bit early    ***Entry fee just \$10/person***

### **Key details:**

***~Teams may have four, five or six players***

***~Trial Event allows masterpoint bump for smaller top brackets***

***~More teams can play Sunday making Swiss a fun and strong challenge***

***~Start for Free!***



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