

District 6

*MD, DC, VA & the
Outer Banks of NC*

WEEKDAY KOs

The Williamsburg, Reston and Hunt Valley Regionals have 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.



Throughout each regional, we will be drawing natural MP break lines for the top brackets, so those brackets may have fewer teams (5 – 8) than usual, 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 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 2nd & 3rd brackets**
- * **Teams may have four, five or six players**

~The goal is to keep everyone playing where they really want to play~

*Successful trials may encourage ACBL to allow this format in the future.
So.... try the TRIAL KO and **please** give us your feedback!*

Trial Format 3-Session Knockout

Saturday 10 & 2 & 7



The Williamsburg Regional is enthusiastic about continuing the ACBL's 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.

The first session of 18 boards starts at 10 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. Plus this new event will finish on Saturday so everyone can play in Sunday Swiss.

Here is the timing:

- 10 am: 18 boards; prompt play gets you done before 1 pm so you can start a new event if you do not advance
- 2 pm: 20 boards (plenty of time for dinner)
- 7 pm: 22 boards (head start on tonight's hospitality)

~Entry Fee for each session is just \$10 per 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*

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The Saturday 3-session KO will also be featured in Reston and Hunt Valley but starting times will vary.

