***GUIDELINES FOR MATCH SCHEDULES***

For consistency in FIH tournaments, or Continental tournaments which lead to qualification for an FIH event, the order in which matches are to be played (based upon rankings of teams) as shown below will be followed. FIH reserves an unfettered discretion to amend the order in which matches are played to accommodate external requirements.

For Invitational tournaments, the following shall be used as guidelines but may be varied with the agreement of FIH.

**Match Schedules – Order in which matches to be played**

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| Round | **4 teams in a Pool**  (if 3 teams in a pool, omit the match against team 4) | **6 teams in a Pool**  (if 5 teams in a pool, omit the match against team 6) | **8 teams in a Pool**  (if 7 teams in a pool, omit the match against team 8) |
| Round 1 | 1 v 3  2 v 4 | 1 v 6  2 v 5  3 v 4 | 1 v 8  2 v 7  3 v 6  4 v 5 |
| Round 2 | 3 v 4  2 v 1 | 1 v 5  2 v 4  6 v 3 | 1 v 7  2 v 6  3 v 5  4 v 8 |
| Round 3 | 1 v 4  3 v 2 | 6 v 2  4 v 5  3 v 1 | 1 v 6  2 v 5  3 v 4  7 v 8 |
| Round 4 |  | 4 v 6  2 v 1  5 v 3 | 1 v 5  2 v 4  3 v 8  6 v 7 |
| Round 5 |  | 1 v 4  5 v 6  3 v 2 | 1 v 3  2 v 8  4 v 7  5 v 6 |
| Round 6 |  |  | 1 v 2  3 v 7  4 v 6  8 v 5 |
| Round 7 |  |  | 1 v 4  2 v 3  5 v 7  6 v 8 |