

2006 World Team Championships

System of play for scheduling purposes

1st Division (Championship Division)

Details	Number of matches
24 teams	
4 Groups of 6 teams each (A, B, C, D)	
Full round robin in each group	15 matches per group 15 x 4 = 60 matches
Play-off stage:	
Top team from each group moves directly to quarter finals	
2 nd and 3 rd from each group move to Round of 16	4 matches
Losers play off for positions 9-12 in progressive knock-out	2 + 1 +1 = 4 matches
Winners play off for Championships (1-8): Quarter finals	4 matches
Quarter finals losers play-off for 5-8 place	2+1+1 = 4 matches
Semi-finals	2 matches
Final	1 match
No play-off for 3 rd and 4 th (2 Bronze)	
4 th , 5 th and 6 th from each group play-off for positions 13-24 using same system as top 12 teams	4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 1 + position 9-10 = 20 matches
Total	99 matches

2nd Division (25 – 48)

Details	Number of matches
24 teams	
4 Groups of 6 teams each (E, F, G, H)	
Full round robin in each group	15 matches per group 15 x 4 = 60 matches
Play-off stage:	
Top team from each group moves directly to quarter finals	
2 nd and 3 rd from each group move to Round of 16	4 matches
Losers play off for positions 33-36 in progressive knock-out	2 + 1 +1 = 4 matches
Winners play off for Division Championship (25-32): Quarter finals	4 matches
Quarter finals losers play-off for 29-32 place	2+1+1 = 4 matches

Semi-finals	2 matches
Play-off for 26 ^d and 27 th place	1 match
Final	1 match
4 th , 5 th and 6 th from each group play-off for positions 37-48 using same system as top 12 teams	$4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 20$ matches
Total	100 matches

3rd Division (49 – 72)

Details	Number of matches
24 teams	
4 Groups of 6 teams each (I, J, K, L)	
Full round robin in each group	15 matches per group $15 \times 4 = 60$ matches
Play-off stage:	
Top team from each group moves directly to quarter finals	
2 nd and 3 rd from each group move to Round of 16	4 matches
Losers play off for positions 57-60 in progressive knock-out	$2 + 1 + 1 = 4$ matches
Winners play off for Division Championship (49-56): Quarter finals	4 matches
Quarter finals losers play-off for 53-56 place	$2+1+1 = 4$ matches
Semi-finals	2 matches
Play-off for 51 and 52 place	1 match
Final	1 match
4 th , 5 th and 6 th from each group play-off for positions 61-72 using same system as top 12 teams	$4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 20$ matches
Total	100 matches

4th Division

Schedule and system of play to be determined after entry is closed.
Groups (M, N, O, P,,, etc.)