

What's a Round-Robin Tournament?

It's All About the Points

Here's how it worked in 1980:

- Twelve teams were divided into two divisions.
- Each team played five games and received two points for a win and one for a tie.
- The top two teams in each division advanced to the medal round.
- The two advancing teams carried their points from the outcome of their division match against each other to the medal round.

RED DIVISION				
TEAM	WINS	LOSS	TIES	POINTS
USSR	5	0	0	10
Finland*	3	2	0	6
Canada*	3	2	0	6
Poland	2	3	0	4
Netherlands	1	3	1	3
Japan	0	4	1	1

Point System Breakdown:
 2 points are given for a **WIN**
 1 point is given for a **TIE**
 0 points are given for a **LOSS**

BLUE DIVISION				
TEAM	WINS	LOSS	TIES	POINTS
Sweden	4	0	1	9
USA	4	0	1	9
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	6
Romania	1	3	1	3
West Germany	1	4	0	2
Norway	0	4	1	1

Top two division teams advance to the medal round

* Despite Finland and Canada ending division play with an identical record, Finland advances to the medal round because it defeats Canadians.

MEDAL ROUND MATCH-UPS			
MATCH	SCORE	WINNER	POINTS AWARDED
USA vs. USSR	4 - 3	USA	USA: 2
			USSR: 0
Finland vs. Sweden	3 - 3	Tie	Finland: 1
			Sweden: 1
Sweden vs. USSR	2 - 9	USSR	Sweden: 0
			USSR: 2
USA vs. Finland	4 - 2	USA	USA: 2
			Finland: 0

MEDAL ROUND						
MEDAL	TEAM	WINS	LOSS	TIES	CARRIED OVER POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
GOLD	USA	2	0	0	1	5
SILVER	USSR	1	1	0	2	4
BRONZE	Sweden	0	1	1	1	2
	Finland	0	1	1	0	1

Confused by CARRIED OVER POINTS? Here's how it works:

The outcome from division play between the two advancing teams carried over to the medal round. The U.S. and Sweden tied, giving them one point each.

The Soviets beat Finland. Before the medal round started, the standings were:

Soviet Union - 2
Sweden - 1
United States - 1
Finland - 0