

The format of play for Group 2 and 1 is different from the traditional Pepperidge Farm round robin format. Could new players to both Group 2 and 1 please read below:

- Over the course of the 4-5 week rotation, every player should play each other at least once (with the objective of playing each other twice). Once there is time after each player has played each other once, then they should start a second rotation of play, though its unlikely they'll finish in the weeks allotted.
- There are two "rounds" of play each week. Each player plays 2 matches within the two hours every weekend. Each round or match consists of 11 no-ad games and a tiebreaker to 7 (sudden death at 6 all).
- The group coordinator will make the schedule for each week, and email a copy to the group ahead of time if possible (or just bring it on the day).
- Players should make every effort to make up their matches outside of the Pepperidge Farm time if possible so that they at least play each other twice during a rotation. Otherwise the players' "average" number of games won per match will be applied for unplayed matches. Players need to understand that the "average" number of games applied is the actual average between the two players who missed playing a match. It is not the "average" of all matches played with all players in the group.
- Standings are kept for two categories 1) total games won (out of the 11 games played) and 2) two games awarded to the tie break winner over the course of the 4-5 week rotation. The two categories are added together to give each player a TOTAL number of games won.
- The players who graduate from Group 2 to Group 1 at the end of each of the four rotations will be the top two with the highest number of TOTAL games won. Two players will move up every rotation, translating to 4 times a year.
- Players graduate out of Group 1 twice a year: at the end of the Fall rotation in January; and at the end of the Spring rotation in June. Group 1 player's standings accumulate over two fall rotations until the top two graduate in January. Then, the player's standings accumulate over the two spring rotations until the top two graduate in June. Cumulative results are kept for both rotations and players who move up from Group 2 during the middle of a fall or spring rotation start with zero points in comparison to the existing members of Group 1 who have accumulated points/games since the beginning of the rotation. This doesn't apply to group 2 who start fresh at zero points at the beginning of each rotation for all existing and new players.
- If players play some players twice and others only once (likely scenario), then the average games won (including two games awarded to the tiebreak winner) per match will be used in calculating standings.
- For this format, it is essential to give as much notice as possible if you are unable to make it so the schedule can be set.