

HCC 18 Teams with Pool Stages – Fall League Format

1. Format Overview

- 18 teams are seeded 1 through 18 on the most recent Spring League ranking and drawn into 4 groups.
- Groups A and B carry 5 teams each; Groups C and D carry 4 teams each.
- Every team plays exactly 4 pool-stage matches.
- Groups A and B play a full 5-team round robin (4 matches each).
- Groups C and D play a 4-team round robin (3 matches) plus 1 crossover match against the other 4-team group.
- The pool stage runs over 5 rounds and 36 matches, from Sat 22 August to Sun 18 October (Tentative dates)
- Top 2 from each group advance: from each group team 1 to the Fall League Division 1, team 2 to the Fall League Division 2.
- Teams finishing 3rd or lower in their group are eliminated.

2. Pool Stage — Group Allocation

Group A (5 Teams)	Group B (5 Teams)	Group C (4 Teams)	Group D (4 Teams)
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Team 8	Team 7	Team 6	Team 5
Team 9	Team 10	Team 11	Team 12
Team 16	Team 15	Team 14	Team 13
Team 17	Team 18		

Seeding principle: snake draw applied to the Spring League ranking. Seeds run A-B-C-D, then reverse D-C-B-A, and repeat. Groups C and D fill at 4 teams, so the last two seeds (17 and 18) go to the 5-team groups.

2.1 Match Distribution

Group	Teams	Format	Matches	Games / Team
Group A	5	Round Robin	10	4
Group B	5	Round Robin	10	4
Group C	4	Round Robin	6	3
Group D	4	Round Robin	6	3
C v D Crossover	8	1 game per team	4	1
Pool Stage Total	18	—	36	4

2.2 Crossover Matches — Groups C and D

Groups C and D only have 4 teams, so a full round robin gives each team 3 matches. One crossover match against the other 4-team group brings them level with Groups A and B at 4 matches. The four crossovers are paired by seeding position so the strength of fixture is balanced:

Crossover	Group C Team	Group D Team
X1	Team 3	Team 5
X2	Team 6	Team 4
X3	Team 11	Team 13
X4	Team 14	Team 12

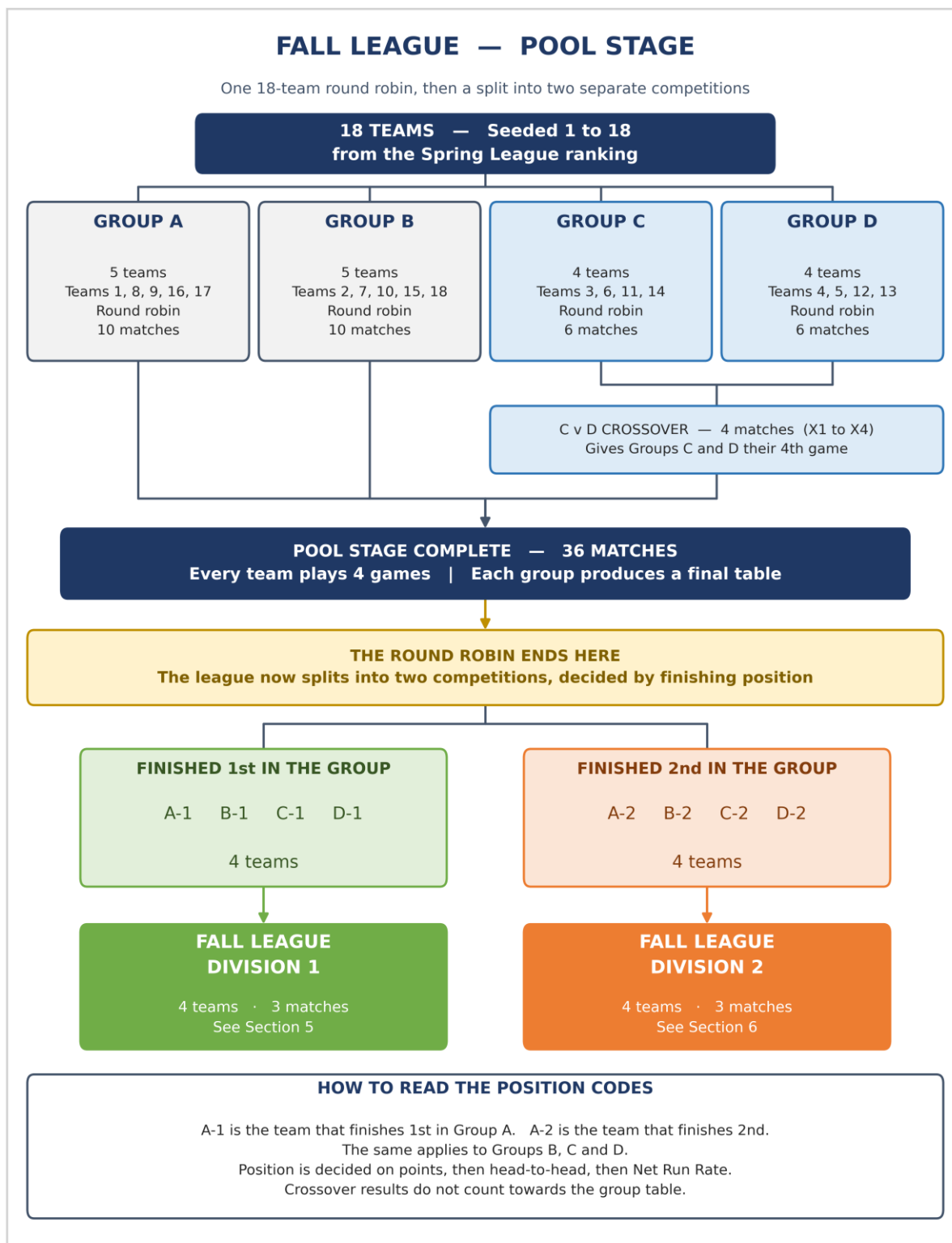
3. Full Fixture List — Pool Stage

All 36 pool matches in playing order. Match numbers M1 to M36 correspond to the Season Calendar

Match	Stage	Team A	Team B
M1	Group B	Team 10	Team 15
M2	Group A	Team 9	Team 16
M3	Group C	Team 6	Team 11
M4	Group B	Team 7	Team 18
M5	Group A	Team 8	Team 17
M6	Group D	Team 5	Team 12
M7	Group D	Team 4	Team 13
M8	Group C	Team 3	Team 14
M9	Group C	Team 14	Team 6
M10	Group B	Team 7	Team 10
M11	Group A	Team 8	Team 9
M12	Group D	Team 13	Team 5
M13	Group D	Team 4	Team 12
M14	Group C	Team 3	Team 11
M15	Group B	Team 2	Team 18
M16	Group A	Team 1	Team 17
M17	Group B	Team 2	Team 15
M18	Group B	Team 18	Team 10
M19	Group A	Team 1	Team 16
M20	Group A	Team 17	Team 9
M21	Group C	Team 3	Team 6
M22	Group C	Team 11	Team 14
M23	Group D	Team 4	Team 5
M24	Group D	Team 12	Team 13
M25	Group A	Team 1	Team 9
M26	Group A	Team 16	Team 8
M27	Group B	Team 2	Team 10
M28	Group B	Team 15	Team 7
M29	Crossover X1	Team 3 (C)	Team 5 (D)
M30	Crossover X2	Team 6 (C)	Team 4 (D)
M31	Crossover X3	Team 11 (C)	Team 13 (D)
M32	Crossover X4	Team 14 (C)	Team 12 (D)
M33	Group A	Team 1	Team 8
M34	Group A	Team 16	Team 17
M35	Group B	Team 2	Team 7
M36	Group B	Team 15	Team 18

4. Pool Stages League Flow Chart — Pool Stage

All 18 teams start in one round robin. Once the 36 pool matches are complete, each group produces a final table, and finishing position alone decides what happens next.



4.1 Position Codes

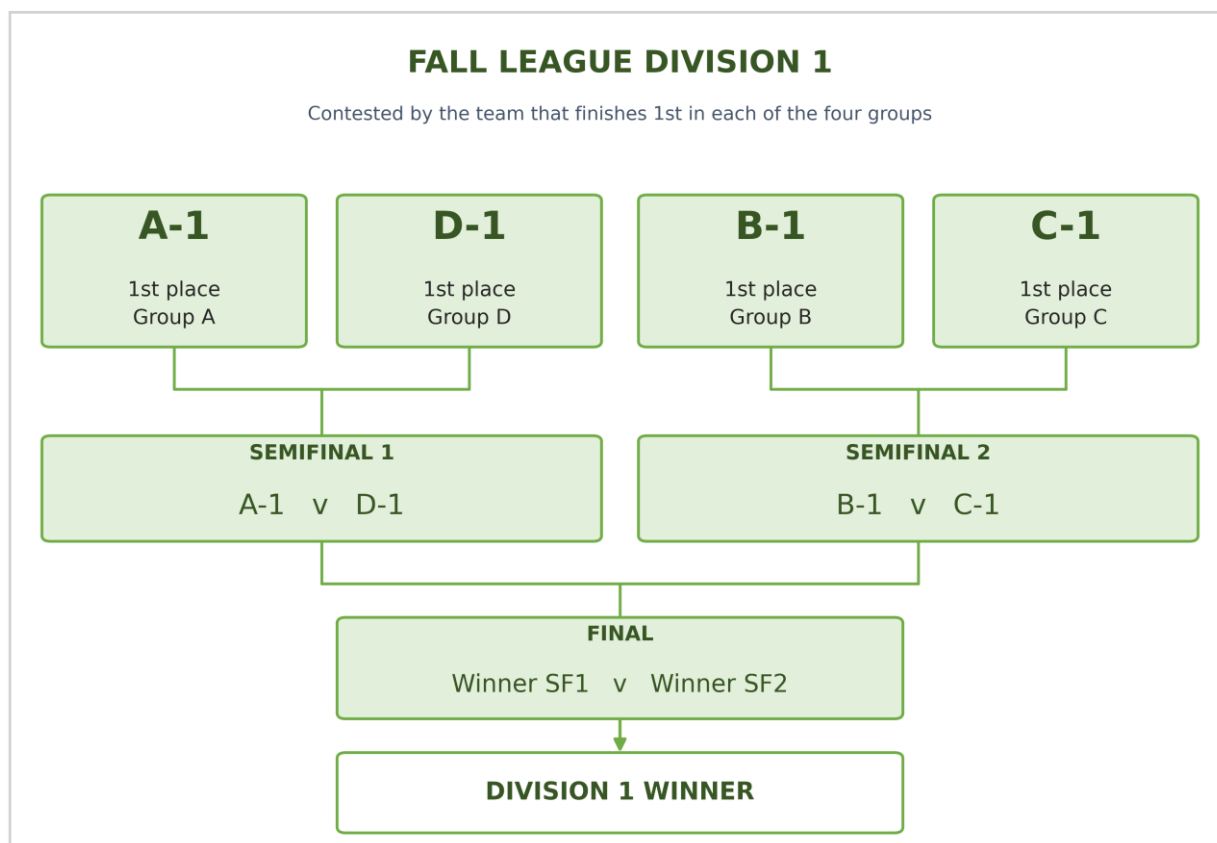
Teams are referred to by their finishing position in the group. A-1 means the team that finishes 1st in Group A, A-2 the team that finishes 2nd, and so on through Groups B, C and D.

Finishing Position	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Where the team goes
1st	A-1	B-1	C-1	D-1	Fall League Division 1
2nd	A-2	B-2	C-2	D-2	Fall League Division 2
3rd	A-3	B-3	C-3	D-3	Season complete
4th	A-4	B-4	C-4	D-4	Season complete
5th	A-5	B-5	—	—	Season complete

Groups C and D have only 4 teams, so they have no 5th position. Position is decided on points, then head-to-head, then Net Run Rate. Crossover results do not count towards the group table.

5. Fall League Division 1

The four teams that finish 1st in their group. A-1 is drawn against D-1 and B-1 against C-1, so the two five-team groups are kept apart until the final.



6. Fall League Division 2

The four teams that finish 2nd in their group. The bracket mirrors the Division 1 exactly, so both competitions run on the same shape and the same number of matches.

