

## New in 2014 – Double Elimination Hybrid Playoffs

1. **Qualifying Final** (Games 1 and 2)
  - a. Game 1: Division winner with better record hosts 2nd wild card
  - b. Game 2: Remaining division winner hosts 1st wild card
  - c. Winning teams advance to **Upper Bracket Championship** (Game 5)
  - d. Losing teams continue to the **Lower Bracket Quarter-finals** (Games 6, 7)
2. **Elimination Final** (Games 3 and 4)
  - a. Game 3: 4th wild card hosts 5th wild card
  - b. Game 4: 3rd wild card hosts 6th wild card
  - c. Winning teams advancing to the **Lower Bracket Quarter-finals** (Games 6, 7)
  - d. Losing teams continue to the **Crossover** (Game 12)
3. **Upper Bracket Championship** (Game 5)
  - a. Winning team from Game 1 hosts winning team from Game 2
  - b. Winning team advances to the **TMBL Championship Finals** (Games 10, 13, 14\*) as the Upper Bracket Champion
  - c. Losing team continues to the **Lower Bracket Finals** (Game 9) as the Upper Bracket Runner-up
4. **Lower Bracket Quarter-finals** (Games 6 and 7)
  - a. Games 6, 7: Losing teams from Games 2 and 1 host winning teams from Games 3 and 4, respectively
  - b. Winning teams advance to **Lower Bracket Semi-finals** (Game 8)
  - c. Losing teams continue to the **Crossover** Game (Game 11)
5. **Lower Bracket Semi-finals** (Game 8)
  - a. Game 8: Winning team from Game 6 hosts winning team from Game 7
  - b. Winning team advances to the **Lower Bracket Finals** (Game 9) as Lower Bracket Challenger
  - c. Losing team finishes fourth in playoffs
6. **Crossover** (Games 11 and 12)
  - a. Games 11, 12: Losing team from Games 6 and 3 hosts losing team from Games 7 and 4, respectively
  - b. Winning teams finish fifth and seventh in playoffs, respectively
  - c. Losing teams finish sixth and eighth in playoffs, respectively
7. **Lower Bracket Finals** (Game 9)
  - a. Game 9: Upper Bracket Runner-up hosts Lower Bracket Challenger
  - b. Winning team advances to **TMBL Championship Finals** (Games 10, 13, 14\*) as Lower Bracket Champion
  - c. Losing team finishes third in playoffs
8. **TMBL Championship Finals** (Games 10, 13, 14\*)
  - a. Game 10, 13, 14: Upper Bracket Champion hosts Lower Bracket Champion in all odd-numbered games in best-of-three series
  - b. Winning team declared TMBL Champion
  - c. Losing team finishes second in playoffs

\* if necessary