



General Information regarding the Head to Head Round

The Head to Head Round is a new format included in the 1 January 2026 edition of the World Cube Association (WCA) Regulations. The new Head to Head format uses a Single Elimination Tournament as the main structure. Qualified competitors will be matched with other qualified competitors using traditional seeding rules; the competitor who loses the match will be eliminated from the round.

The organization team has decided to host this unofficial round as part of the competition to simulate the format based on the new WCA Regulations.

Summary of Head to Head Regulations*

*Based on Article I of WCA Regulations (1 January 2026)

Qualifications The top 8 competitors based on Ao5 results from the previous round (Official 3x3x3 Final) qualify for this round. (Lower times are ranked higher).

Format This round uses a Single Elimination Tournament format consisting of 3 stages:

- Quarterfinals (8 competitors, 4 matches): First to win a set wins the match.
- Semifinals (4 competitors, 2 matches): First to win 2 sets wins the match.
- Final Round (4 competitors, 2 matches):
 - Final Match: First to win 3 sets wins the match.
 - 3rd Place Match: First to win 2 sets wins the match.

Matching In the first stage, competitors are paired based on their rankings from the previous round using standard seeding rules (e.g., 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, etc.).

Scoring Matches consist of sets, as defined above. Competitors begin inspection and solving simultaneously. The competitor with the faster time awards 1 point. The first competitor to reach 3 points wins the set. If a winner is not decided after 7 solves, the competitor with the highest score wins. If scores are tied, the competitor with the single best solve in that set wins.



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3x3x3 Cube Head to Head Single Elimination

