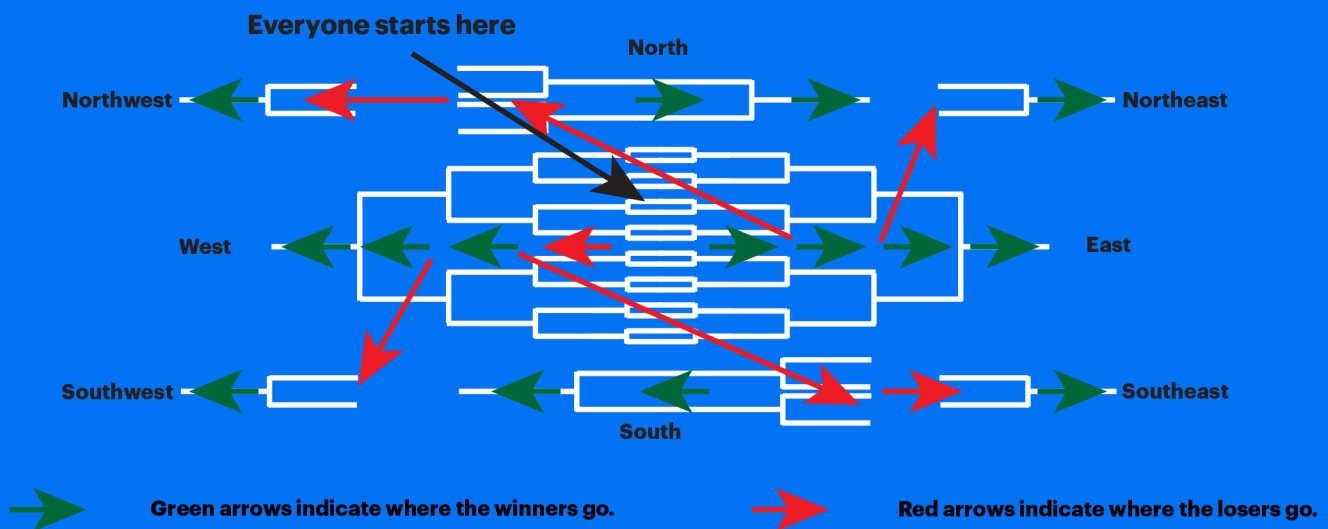


16-Player Compass Draw: General Overview

WHAT IS A COMPASS DRAW?

A compass draw is a tennis tournament draw that is divided up into brackets, with each bracket representing a point on a compass (i.e., East, West, etc.). When a player loses a match, he or she simply moves into a new bracket. This is shown in the figure below.



- All players start in the middle column of the 16-player draw shown at the center of the figure.
- In round 1, winning players move into the East bracket and losing players move into the West bracket. In round 2, winning players stay in their respective brackets. Losing players in the East bracket move into the North bracket. Losing players in the West bracket move into the South bracket.
- In round 3, winning players stay in their respective brackets. Losers of the East and South brackets move to the Southeast bracket. Losers of the West bracket move to the Southwest bracket. Losers of the North bracket move to the Northwest bracket. Round 4, Each bracket plays out its championship.
- For 32-player and 64-player compass draws, losing players in Round 4 are eliminated from the tournament.