

The St. Jacobs Crokinole Tournament format (also called Rotational Doubles or Individual Pairs) is a social way to play with 8 players, where everyone partners with a different person each round for 7 total rounds, rotating partners and opponents, tracking individual scores, and often ending with a playoff for the top scorers, focusing on fairness and fun by changing pairings constantly. You need a rotation map, score sheets, and boards; players get numbers, follow the map to find partners and tables for each match, and play doubles (2 vs. 2) with each player getting a turn to shoot first in the first round of each match.

## Key Principles


- Individual Competition, Team Play: You play doubles (2 vs. 2), but compete individually, tracking your own score.
- Full Rotation: Each player partners with every other player once and plays against everyone twice over the 7 matches, say the YouTube video and [BoardGameGeek forum](#).
- Social & Fair: The goal is to mix up partners and opponents to create a balanced, social experience.

## How to Run It (8 Players)

1. Assign Numbers: Give each player a number from 1 to 8.
2. Use a Rotation Map: This map dictates who plays with whom and at which table for each of the 7 rounds. (You can find printable versions online by searching "St. Jacobs Crokinole rotation map" or "Crokinole rotation schedule").
3. Set Up Tables: Set up multiple boards (you'll need 2 boards for 8 players).
4. Start: In Match 1, Players 1 & 5 sit at one end of a table, and 2 & 6 at the other, with 1 shooting first in the first round, then clockwise.
5. Play & Score: Play doubles for a set number of rounds (e.g., 4 rounds per match), track individual scores (using NCA scoring is common), and note twenties.

6. Rotate: After each match, everyone moves to their next assigned table and partner according to the map.
7. Finals (Optional): After 7 rounds, the top 4 players might play a final match, perhaps 1st & 4th vs. 2nd & 3rd.

This video provides a visual explanation of how the player rotation works:

 [Crokinole Tournament – How to Set Up 8-Player Battle Explained](#)

## Tips for Success

- Pre-registration: Helps you plan boards and tables.
- Quality Boards: Have good boards available; players often enjoy bringing their own.
- Scorekeeping: Keep clear individual score sheets.