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`add_stage`                    *Add a stage to a tournament specification*

**Description**

Add a stage to a tournament specification

**Usage**

```
add_stage(spec, stage_id, stage)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <code>spec</code>     | A <code>tournament_spec</code> object. |
| <code>stage_id</code> | Unique stage identifier.               |
| <code>stage</code>    | Stage definition object.               |

**Value**

Updated `tournament_spec`.

`add_transition`            *Add a transition between stages*

**Description**

Add a transition between stages

**Usage**

```
add_transition(
  spec,
  from,
  to,
  rule = NULL,
  seeding = "by_source_rank",
  take = NULL,
  priority = 1L,
  consume = TRUE,
  allow_overlap = FALSE,
  transition_id = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| spec          | A tournament_spec object.                               |
| from          | Source stage ID, or from_previous().                    |
| to            | Destination stage ID.                                   |
| rule          | Transition rule object (optional for MVP graph wiring). |
| seeding       | Seeding policy label.                                   |
| take          | Selector object for transition participant selection.   |
| priority      | Transition resolution priority.                         |
| consume       | Whether selected participants are consumed.             |
| allow_overlap | Whether overlap is allowed across transitions.          |
| transition_id | Transition ID. If NULL, deterministic auto-ID is used.  |

**Value**

Updated tournament\_spec.

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|         |   |
|---------|---|
| advance | <i>Advance tournament to next round</i> |
|---------|---|

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**Description**

Check if current round is complete and update bracket state.

**Usage**

```

advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bracket'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'double_elim_bracket'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'group_stage_knockout'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'single_elim_bracket'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'swiss_bracket'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tournament'
advance(x, stage = NULL, ...)

```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| x     | A bracket object.                                 |
| stage | Optional stage identifier for tournament methods. |
| ...   | Additional method-specific arguments.             |

**Value**

Updated bracket object

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|          |  |
|----------|--|
| bottom_n | <i>Select bottom ranked participants from source standings</i> |
|----------|--|

---

**Description**

Select bottom ranked participants from source standings

**Usage**

bottom\_n(n)

**Arguments**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| n | Positive integer count. |
|---|-------------------------|

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| bottom_per_group | <i>Select bottom ranked participants per group</i> |
|------------------|--|

---

**Description**

Select bottom ranked participants per group

**Usage**

bottom\_per\_group(n)

**Arguments**

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| n | Positive integer count per group. |
|---|-----------------------------------|

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|       |   |
|-------|---|
| build | <i>Build a live tournament runtime from a specification</i> |
|-------|---|

---

**Description**

Build a live tournament runtime from a specification

**Usage**

```
build(x, participants)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A bracketeer\_spec or tournament\_spec object.  
participants        Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a name column.

**Value**

A tournament runtime object.

**Examples**

```
my_spec <- spec() |>  
  swiss("open", rounds = 3) |>  
  single_elim("playoffs", take = top_n(4))  
  
# Materialize with participants  
trn <- build(my_spec, paste("Team", LETTERS[1:8]))
```

---

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| build_tournament | <i>Build a tournament runtime from a tournament specification</i> |
|------------------|---|

---

**Description**

Build a tournament runtime from a tournament specification

**Usage**

```
build_tournament(spec, participants)
```

**Arguments**

spec                A tournament\_spec object.  
participants        Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a name column.

**Value**

A tournament runtime object.

---

compute\_tournament\_rankings  
*Compute tournament rankings*

---

**Description**

Compute tournament rankings

**Usage**

compute\_tournament\_rankings(tournament)

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

Data frame with rank and participant, or NULL when unavailable.

---

double\_elim      *Create a double elimination bracket*

---

**Description**

Double elimination tournament with winners and losers brackets.

**Usage**

double\_elim(participants, ...)

**Arguments**

participants      Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a 'name' column and optional 'seed' column.

...                  Additional arguments passed to bracket constructors or tournament stage-verb dispatch methods.

**Value**

A double\_elim\_bracket object

**Examples**

```
# Double elimination bracket (two losses to be eliminated)
trn <- tournament(paste("Team", LETTERS[1:8])) |>
  double_elim("bracket")

# After Swiss rounds
trn <- tournament(paste("Team", LETTERS[1:16])) |>
  swiss("open", rounds = 4) |>
  double_elim("playoffs", take = top_n(8))
```

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|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| export_matches | <i>Export tournament matches across materialized stages</i> |
|----------------|---|

---

**Description**

Export tournament matches across materialized stages

**Usage**

```
export_matches(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

Data frame with stage-tagged matches and compound match IDs.

---

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| export_standings | <i>Export tournament standings across materialized stages</i> |
|------------------|---|

---

**Description**

Export tournament standings across materialized stages

**Usage**

```
export_standings(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

Data frame with stage-tagged standings.

---

export\_tournament\_log *Export tournament routing log entries*

---

**Description**

Export tournament routing log entries

**Usage**

```
export_tournament_log(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

Data frame with one row per routing log entry.

---

filter\_by                      *Select participants using a custom predicate function*

---

**Description**

Select participants using a custom predicate function

**Usage**

```
filter_by(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                      A transition predicate function.

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| from_previous | <i>Resolve source stage from most recently defined stage order</i> |
|---------------|--|

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**Description**

Resolve source stage from most recently defined stage order

**Usage**

```
from_previous()
```

**Value**

Sentinel object to be resolved by `add_transition()`.

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| get_ready_stages | <i>Get stage IDs currently ready to advance</i> |
|------------------|---|

---

**Description**

Get stage IDs currently ready to advance

**Usage**

```
get_ready_stages(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament     A tournament object.

**Value**

Character vector of stage IDs in deterministic order.

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| get_routing_log | <i>Get transition routing log entries</i> |
|-----------------|---|

---

**Description**

Get transition routing log entries

**Usage**

```
get_routing_log(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

List of routing log entries in append order.

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|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| group_stage_knockout | <i>Create a group stage followed by knockout bracket</i> |
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---

**Description**

Create a group stage followed by knockout bracket

**Usage**

```
group_stage_knockout(participants, ...)
```

**Arguments**

participants      Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a 'name' column and optional 'seed' column.

...                Additional arguments passed to bracket constructors or tournament stage-verb dispatch methods.

**Value**

A group\_stage\_knockout object

---

`is_stage_complete`      *Check whether a stage is complete*

---

**Description**

Check whether a stage is complete

**Usage**

```
is_stage_complete(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`x`                      A stage bracket object or tournament.  
`...`                    Additional method-specific arguments.

**Value**

Logical scalar.

---

`losers`                      *Select losers from a source stage by elimination round*

---

**Description**

Select losers from a source stage by elimination round

**Usage**

```
losers(round = "all", stage = NULL, ordering = "elimination_round")
```

**Arguments**

`round`                    One of "all", "latest", or an integer vector of rounds.  
`stage`                    Optional stage selector (reserved for future use).  
`ordering`                Ordering mode: "elimination\_round", "source\_seed", or "as\_recorded".

**Value**

A `bracketeer_selector` object.

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|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| matches | <i>Inspect tournament matches</i> |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Inspect tournament matches

**Usage**

```
matches(x, stage = NULL, status = "pending")

## S3 method for class 'tournament'
matches(x, stage = NULL, status = "pending")
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | A tournament object.                    |
| stage  | Optional stage identifier.              |
| status | One of "pending", "complete", or "all". |

**Value**

Data frame of matches.

**Examples**

```
trn <- tournament(c("A", "B", "C", "D")) |>
  round_robin("groups")

# Get pending matches
matches(trn, "groups")

# Get all matches across stages
matches(trn, status = "all")
```

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|--------------|--|
| new_selector | <i>Construct a selector object for transition take = routing</i> |
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**Description**

Construct a selector object for transition take = routing

**Usage**

```
new_selector(kind, params = list(), evaluator)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| kind      | Selector kind label.                   |
| params    | Selector parameters list.              |
| evaluator | Function implementing selection logic. |

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| previous_stage | <i>Resolve source stage from the immediately preceding stage</i> |
|----------------|--|

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**Description**

Alias for from\_previous() used by the rewritten stage-verb API.

**Usage**

```
previous_stage()
```

**Value**

Sentinel object to be resolved by transition wiring.

**Examples**

```
teams <- paste("Team", LETTERS[1:8])

# Implicit: defaults to previous_stage()
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  swiss("open", rounds = 3) |>
  single_elim("playoffs", take = top_n(4))

# Explicit: useful for branching
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups") |>
  single_elim("finals", from = previous_stage(), take = top_n(2))
```

---

```
print.group_stage_knockout
    Print bracketeer objects
```

---

**Description**

Print bracketeer objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'group_stage_knockout'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bracket_match'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bracket'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'double_elim_bracket'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tournament'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A bracket or match object.  
 ...                  Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

The object, invisibly.

---

```
qualify_losers            Select losers from a source stage by elimination round
```

---

**Description**

Returns a transition rule function intended for use with `add_transition()`.

**Usage**

```
qualify_losers(round = "all", stage = NULL, ordering = "elimination_round")
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| round    | One of "all", "latest", or an integer vector of elimination rounds to include. |
| stage    | Optional stage selector (reserved for future use).                             |
| ordering | Ordering mode: "elimination_round", "source_seed", or "as_recorded".           |

**Value**

A transition rule function.

---

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| qualify_remaining | <i>Select all entrants remaining in the transition source pool</i> |
|-------------------|--|

---

**Description**

Returns a transition rule function intended for use with `add_transition()`. During `advance()`, this selects all participants still available from the source stage after higher-priority consuming transitions have resolved.

**Usage**

```
qualify_remaining()
```

**Value**

A transition rule function.

---

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| rankings | <i>Get tournament rankings</i> |
|----------|--------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Get tournament rankings

**Usage**

```
rankings(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| tournament | A tournament object. |
|------------|----------------------|

**Value**

Data frame of rankings.

---

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| remaining | <i>Select entrants remaining in the current transition source pool</i> |
|-----------|--|

---

**Description**

Select entrants remaining in the current transition source pool

**Usage**

```
remaining()
```

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|        |  |
|--------|--|
| result | <i>Fluent tournament result entry helper</i> |
|--------|--|

---

**Description**

Convenience wrapper around `set_result()` for tournament workflows.

**Usage**

```
result(tournament, stage, match, score, overwrite = FALSE, auto_advance = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| tournament   | A tournament object.   |
| stage        | Stage identifier containing the match.   |
| match        | Match identifier inside stage.   |
| score        | Numeric vector score payload. For a single match, pass <code>c(score1, score2)</code> .                          |
| overwrite    | Logical; forwards to <code>set_result(..., overwrite = ...)</code> .   |
| auto_advance | Optional logical override. If NULL, defaults to the tournament's <code>auto_advance</code> setting when present. |

**Value**

Updated tournament object.

**Examples**

```
teams <- c("A", "B", "C", "D")
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups")

# Enter a single result
trn <- result(trn, "groups", match = 1, score = c(2, 1))
```

---

 results

*Fluent tournament batch result entry helper*


---

**Description**

Convenience wrapper for entering multiple match results for one stage.

**Usage**

```
results(tournament, stage, df, overwrite = FALSE, auto_advance = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| tournament   | A tournament object.   |
| stage        | Stage identifier containing the matches.   |
| df           | Data frame with required columns: match, score1, score2.   |
| overwrite    | Logical; forwards to <code>result(..., overwrite = ...)</code> .   |
| auto_advance | Optional logical override for the final row. If NULL, defaults to the tournament's <code>auto_advance</code> setting when present. |

**Value**

Updated tournament object.

**Examples**

```
teams <- c("A", "B", "C", "D")
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups")

m <- matches(trn, "groups")
trn <- results(trn, "groups", data.frame(
  match = m$match_id,
  score1 = c(2, 1, 3),
  score2 = c(1, 2, 0)
))
```

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| round_robin | <i>Create a round robin tournament</i> |
|-------------|--|

---

**Description**

Round robin tournament where each participant plays every other participant.

**Usage**

```
round_robin(participants, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| participants | Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a 'name' column and optional 'seed' column. |
| ...          | Additional arguments passed to bracket constructors or tournament stage-verb dispatch methods.          |

**Value**

A round\_robin\_bracket object

**Examples**

```
# Simple round robin
trn <- tournament(c("A", "B", "C", "D")) |>
  round_robin("groups")

# Multiple groups (World Cup style)
teams <- paste("Team", sprintf("%02d", 1:32))
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups", groups = 8)
```

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|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| routing_log | <i>Get transition routing log</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Get transition routing log

**Usage**

```
routing_log(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| tournament | A tournament object. |
|------------|----------------------|

**Value**

Data frame audit trail.

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|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| set_outcome | <i>Configure tournament outcome depth</i> |
|-------------|---|

---

**Description**

Configure tournament outcome depth

**Usage**

```
set_outcome(spec, track_placements = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| spec             | A tournament_spec object.      |
| track_placements | Number of placements to track. |

**Value**

Updated tournament\_spec.

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| single_elim | <i>Create a single elimination bracket</i> |
|-------------|--|

---

**Description**

Single elimination (knockout) tournament where losing a match eliminates the participant from the tournament.

**Usage**

```
single_elim(participants, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| participants | Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a 'name' column and optional 'seed' column. |
| ...          | Additional arguments passed to bracket constructors or tournament stage-verb dispatch methods.          |

**Value**

A single\_elim\_bracket object

**Examples**

```
# Simple knockout bracket
trn <- tournament(paste("Team", LETTERS[1:8])) |>
  single_elim("bracket")

# Chain after group stage
trn <- tournament(c("A", "B", "C", "D")) |>
  round_robin("groups") |>
  single_elim("finals", take = top_n(2))
```

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|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| single_elim_stage | <i>Create a stage specification</i> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Stage specifications describe how to materialize a stage bracket from a participant set inside a `tournament_spec` graph.

**Usage**

```
single_elim_stage(
  seed = TRUE,
  third_place = FALSE,
  best_of = NULL,
  reseed = FALSE
)

double_elim_stage(
  seed = TRUE,
  grand_final_reset = TRUE,
  best_of = NULL,
  reseed = FALSE
)

round_robin_stage(
  home_away = FALSE,
  n_rounds = NULL,
  best_of = NULL,
  tiebreakers = NULL,
  groups = NULL
)

swiss_stage(
  rounds = NULL,
  seed = TRUE,
  allow_ties = TRUE,
  bye_points = 1,
```

```

    best_of = NULL,
    tiebreakers = NULL
)

group_stage_knockout_stage(
    groups = 2,
    advance_per_group = 2,
    seed = TRUE,
    group_home_away = FALSE,
    group_best_of = NULL,
    group_tiebreakers = NULL,
    knockout_type = "single_elim",
    knockout_seed = TRUE,
    third_place = FALSE,
    grand_final_reset = TRUE,
    knockout_best_of = NULL
)

two_leg_stage(
    seed = TRUE,
    third_place = FALSE,
    away_goals = TRUE,
    reseed = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| seed              | Logical or character seed method.                       |
| third_place       | Logical; include third-place match.                     |
| best_of           | Optional best-of value (must be odd).                   |
| reseed            | Logical; reseed between rounds for supported formats.   |
| grand_final_reset | Logical; allow grand-final reset.                       |
| home_away         | Logical; whether repeated pairings alternate home/away. |
| n_rounds          | Number of round-robin cycles.                           |
| tiebreakers       | Ordered tiebreakers.                                    |
| groups            | Number of groups.                                       |
| rounds            | Number of Swiss rounds.                                 |
| allow_ties        | Logical; whether ties are allowed.                      |
| bye_points        | Points awarded for a bye.                               |
| advance_per_group | Number of qualifiers per group.                         |
| group_home_away   | Logical; home/away behavior in groups.                  |
| group_best_of     | Optional best-of in groups.                             |

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| group_tiebreakers | Ordered group-stage tiebreakers.                 |
| knockout_type     | Knockout format: "single_elim" or "double_elim". |
| knockout_seed     | Logical or character seed method for knockout.   |
| knockout_best_of  | Optional knockout best-of value.                 |
| away_goals        | Logical; enable away-goals tiebreaker.           |

**Value**

A stage\_spec object.

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|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| slice_per_group | <i>Select an inclusive standings slice per group</i> |
|-----------------|--|

---

**Description**

Select an inclusive standings slice per group

**Usage**

slice\_per\_group(from, to)

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| from | Positive integer starting position.                 |
| to   | Positive integer ending position (must be >= from). |

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| slice_range | <i>Select an inclusive standings slice</i> |
|-------------|--|

---

**Description**

Select an inclusive standings slice

**Usage**

slice\_range(from, to)

**Arguments**

from            Positive integer starting position.  
to                Positive integer ending position (must be  $\geq$  from).

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

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| spec | <i>Create a bracketeer tournament specification</i> |
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**Description**

Create a bracketeer tournament specification

**Usage**

```
spec()
```

**Value**

A bracketeer\_spec object.

**Examples**

```
# Create a reusable tournament blueprint
my_spec <- spec() |>
  round_robin("groups") |>
  single_elim("finals", take = top_n(2))

# Build with different participant lists
trn1 <- build(my_spec, c("A", "B", "C", "D"))
trn2 <- build(my_spec, c("W", "X", "Y", "Z"))
```

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| split_stage | <i>Add multiple transitions from one source stage</i> |
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**Description**

Convenience sugar for branching stage fan-out. Compiles into deterministic add\_transition() calls.

**Usage**

```
split_stage(
  spec,
  from,
  into,
  priority_start = 1L,
  consume = TRUE,
  allow_overlap = FALSE,
  seeding = "by_source_rank"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| spec           | A tournament_spec object.   |
| from           | Source stage ID, or from_previous().  |
| into           | Named list mapping destination stage IDs to transition rules, or branch configs with a required rule field. |
| priority_start | Starting priority for branch transitions when a branch does not explicitly provide priority.                |
| consume        | Default consume value for branches.   |
| allow_overlap  | Default allow_overlap value for branches.   |
| seeding        | Default seeding policy for branches.  |

**Value**

Updated tournament\_spec.

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| stage_status | <i>Inspect tournament stage status</i> |
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**Description**

Inspect tournament stage status

**Usage**

```
stage_status(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                      |
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| tournament | A tournament object. |
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**Value**

Data frame with one row per stage.

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| standings | <i>Inspect tournament standings</i> |
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**Description**

Inspect tournament standings

**Usage**

```
standings(x, stage = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'tournament'
standings(x, stage = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                            |
|-------|----------------------------|
| x     | A tournament object.       |
| stage | Optional stage identifier. |

**Value**

Data frame of standings.

**Examples**

```
trn <- tournament(c("A", "B", "C", "D")) |>
  round_robin("groups")

# Enter some results
m <- matches(trn, "groups")
trn <- result(trn, "groups", m$match_id[1], score = c(2, 1))

# View current standings
standings(trn, "groups")
```

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| summary | <i>Summarize bracketeer objects</i> |
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**Description**

Summarize bracketeer objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'bracket'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            A bracket object.  
 ...              Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

The object, invisibly.

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| swiss | <i>Create a Swiss-system tournament</i> |
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**Description**

Swiss system pairs participants by similar records each round.

**Usage**

```
swiss(participants, ...)
```

**Arguments**

participants    Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a 'name' column and optional 'seed' column.  
 ...            Additional arguments passed to bracket constructors or tournament stage-verb dispatch methods.

**Value**

A `swiss_bracket` object

**Examples**

```
# Swiss system followed by top-cut playoffs
teams <- paste("Team", LETTERS[1:16])
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  swiss("open", rounds = 5) |>
  single_elim("playoffs", take = top_n(8))
```

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| teardown | <i>Teardown tournament state</i> |
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**Description**

For tournament runtimes, this un-materializes a stage and its downstream dependents so upstream results can be corrected and replayed.

**Usage**

```
teardown(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bracket'
teardown(x, stage = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tournament'
teardown(x, stage = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| x     | A bracket or tournament object.                   |
| stage | Stage identifier to teardown (tournament method). |
| ...   | Additional method-specific arguments.             |

**Value**

Updated object.

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| top_n | <i>Select top ranked participants from source standings</i> |
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**Description**

Select top ranked participants from source standings

**Usage**

```
top_n(n)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| n | Positive integer count. |
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**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

**Examples**

```
# Route top 4 to playoffs
trn <- tournament(paste("Team", LETTERS[1:8])) |>
  swiss("open", rounds = 3) |>
  single_elim("playoffs", take = top_n(4))
```

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| top_per_group | <i>Select top ranked participants per group</i> |
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**Description**

Select top ranked participants per group

**Usage**

```
top_per_group(n)
```

**Arguments**

n                    Positive integer count per group.

**Value**

A bracketeer\_selector object.

**Examples**

```
# World Cup style: 8 groups, top 2 per group advance
teams <- paste("Team", sprintf("%02d", 1:32))
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups", groups = 8) |>
  single_elim("knockout", take = top_per_group(2))
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| tournament | <i>Create an empty live tournament pipeline</i> |
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**Description**

Create an empty live tournament pipeline

**Usage**

```
tournament(participants, auto_advance = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`participants` Character vector of participant names, or a data.frame with a name column.  
`auto_advance` Logical scalar. Stored as the runtime default for future result-entry helpers.

**Value**

A tournament runtime object with no stages materialized yet.

**Examples**

```
# Simple tournament with auto-advance
teams <- c("Lions", "Bears", "Eagles", "Wolves")
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups") |>
  single_elim("finals", take = top_n(2))

# Manual advance mode
trn_manual <- tournament(teams, auto_advance = FALSE) |>
  swiss("open", rounds = 3)
```

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| <code>tournament_spec</code> | <i>Create a tournament specification graph</i> |
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**Description**

Construct a multi-stage tournament specification object.

**Usage**

```
tournament_spec()
```

**Value**

A `tournament_spec` object.

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| <code>two_leg</code> | <i>Create a two-leg stage or bracket</i> |
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**Description**

Alias for `two_leg_knockout()` used by the tournament stage-verb API.

**Usage**

```
two_leg(participants, ...)
```

**Arguments**

participants Participants, a spec object, or a tournament object.  
 ... Additional arguments forwarded to `two_leg_knockout()`.

**Value**

A bracket, spec, or tournament depending on participants.

**Examples**

```
# Two-leg knockout (Champions League style)
teams <- paste("Club", sprintf("%02d", 1:16))
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups", groups = 4) |>
  two_leg("knockouts", take = top_per_group(2))
```

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| validate | <i>Validate a tournament spec preflight</i> |
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**Description**

Validate a tournament spec preflight

**Usage**

```
validate(x, n)
```

**Arguments**

x A bracketeer\_spec or tournament\_spec object.  
 n Participant count for feasibility checks.

**Value**

A preflight validation summary.

**Examples**

```
my_spec <- spec() |>
  round_robin("groups", groups = 4) |>
  single_elim("knockout", take = top_per_group(2))

# Check if 16 participants can work
validate(my_spec, n = 16)
```

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validate\_tournament     *Dry-run preflight validation for tournament flow feasibility*

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**Description**

Validates a tournament\_spec against a participant count without running a live tournament. This preflight catches infeasible routing paths and stage size mismatches early.

**Usage**

```
validate_tournament(spec, n_participants)
```

**Arguments**

spec                    A tournament\_spec object.  
n\_participants     Positive integer participant count.

**Value**

A tournament\_validation summary list.

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validate\_tournament\_spec  
                          *Validate a tournament specification*

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**Description**

Validate a tournament specification

**Usage**

```
validate_tournament_spec(spec)
```

**Arguments**

spec                    A tournament\_spec object.

**Value**

The validated tournament\_spec.

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| winner | <i>Get tournament winner</i> |
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**Description**

Get tournament winner

**Usage**

```
winner(tournament)
```

**Arguments**

tournament      A tournament object.

**Value**

Winner name or NA\_character\_.

**Examples**

```
teams <- c("A", "B", "C", "D")
trn <- tournament(teams) |>
  round_robin("groups") |>
  single_elim("finals", take = top_n(2))

# ... enter all results ...

# Get the champion
winner(trn)
```

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