

***Tournament Coordinating Instructions  
and  
Interpretation of Tie Breaker Rules in determining pool play winners.***

**Pool/Division Champions:**

Each team will play three pool games (unless otherwise stipulated for a particular age bracket) in determining which teams advance to the single elimination bracketed playoffs to a division (age group) champion.

Pool winners will be determined by the teams with the best records of wins and losses.

Teams with the best record in their respective pool, i.e. "pool winners" will advance to the championship brackets. If two or more teams have identical records...the tie breakers listed below ...will be employed to determine the pool winner.

In those age divisions with only one pool, the top two teams will advance to the championship brackets.

In an age bracket where there are three pools...one bracket winner will draw a bye in to the championship brackets, other pool winner will advance to a semi final playoff game first....those pools receiving a bye have been determined by random draw.

**Tie Breaker Rules**

Should more than one team have comparable wins and losses...then the following tie breakers will apply:

1. Head to head competition
2. Best + , - 13 points awarded for each game.
3. Best Defensive average
4. Coin Flip

**Note:** If more than two teams are tied in a single pool, and if there is no head to head competition between those two teams (such as in a 5 team pool), then the first tie breaker of head to head competition gets thrown out, for the entire pool and we then proceed down the list of tie breakers in succession to determine a pool winner.

There may be some brackets that do not have an even number of teams. In this instance, in order to ensure that all teams compete in the minimum of three games, one of the other teams in the pool may be awarded a fourth (pool) game. In this instance, (only) the first three games for the team so awarded the fourth game...will count for determining that team's record in pool play. In addition , that fourth game, cannot be used in a head to head tie breaker, since the team playing the fourth game is doing so to benefit the overall tournament flow...they will not be penalized for competing in a fourth pool game.