

# TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of a pool, teams in the pool will be ranked according to their match records. If a tie in match records exists among two or more teams, tie(s) will be broken using the USA JNC National Tie Break Formats for competition in which there is an opportunity to win a bid. The following policies apply to all tie-breaking situations:

- **Divisions playing 3-out-of-5 games.** If there are more teams tied by match record for advancing positions into the Gold Level than there are available positions, advancement will be decided by the win/loss ratio for the total number of games played in the pool. If a tie still exists, the remaining tie-breaking procedures will be followed.
- All tie-breaking games will be played to 25 points, with one team winning by two points and no point cap.
- In a tie breaker situation of three teams or more, if more than one team leaves the site, the remaining teams will play for position. The teams that left will be placed lower than the team(s) that remained. The position of all teams that left the site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure for non-gold division divisions (game percentage, point w/l, and coin flip).

## Two-way Ties (two teams tied in match record)

The first place team will be the team that won the pool play match between the two tied teams (head-to-head).

This procedure will be used for *all* two-way ties, even when there is an opportunity to win a bid. The rationale is that the tied teams have already determined the better team through head-to-head competition.

## Three-way Ties (three teams tied in match record)

There are several situations in which three-ways ties can occur. The resolution for each tie-breaking situation depends on:

- The number of teams that will advance from the pool.
- Which pool placement finish is at stake for the tied teams.
- For tie breaking purposes, all ties will be broken using match % as the first criteria including those cases where a third set is played regardless of the outcome of the first two sets.

### Scenario One

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
1	First place	4-team pools: All teams have 2-1 match records 3-team pools: All teams have 1-1 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie-breaking games. The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Win/loss ratio of the total number of games played in the pool: Games won divided by total games played.
  2. Point percentage: Each team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents in that pool.
  3. Coin toss.
- Game 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Game 1 will be third

place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking game.

- Game 2: the winner of Game 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Game 1 will officiate. The winner of Game 2 will be first in the pool and the loser will be second.

If one of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site before the determination that a tie-break is necessary, that team will automatically become the third place team and the other two teams will play one tie-breaking game.

## Scenario Two

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
2	First place	4-team pools: All teams have 2-1 match records 3-team pools: All teams have 1-1 match records

- The seeds for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Win/loss ratio of the total number of games played in the pool: Games won divided by total games played.
  2. Point percentage: Each team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents in that pool.
  3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff game. The #1 seed finishes first in the pool.
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The winner will be second place in the pool and the loser of this game will be third place in the pool.

If one of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site that team will be ranked third in the pool. The remaining two teams will finish first and second in the pool based on the tie-break seeding process. No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking game is played.

## Scenario Three

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
2	Second place	4-team pools: All teams have 1-2 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie-breaking games. The seeds for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Win/loss ratio of the total number of games played in the pool: Games won divided by total games played.
  2. Point percentage: Each team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents in that pool.
  3. Coin toss.
- Game 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Game 1 will be fourth place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking game.
- Game 2: the winner of Game 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Game 1 will officiate. The winner of Game 2 will be first in the pool and the loser will be third.

If one of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site before the determination a tie-break is necessary, that team will automatically become the fourth place team and the other two teams will play one tie-breaking game.

## Scenario Four

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
3	Second place	4-team pools: All teams have 1-2 match records

- The seeds for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Win/loss ratio of the total number of games played in the pool: Games won divided by total games played.
  2. Point percentage: Each team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents in that pool.
  3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff game. The #1 seed finishes second in the pool.
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The winner will be third place in the pool and the loser of this game will be fourth place in the pool.

If one of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site and does not fulfill the officiating assignment, that team will be ranked fourth in the pool. The remaining two teams will finish second and third in the pool based on the tie-break seeding process. No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking game is played.

## Procedure for Open Division Pools

Where finish rank of the pool results in the awarding of one or more bids.

# of Bids	Pool Finish	Applications
1 - 2	First place	4-team pools: All teams have 2-1 match records 3-team pools: All teams have 1-1 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie breaking games.
- The seeds for the tie breaking playoffs will be determined by sequential application of:
  1. Won-Loss ratio for the total number of games played in the pool (wins/ total games)
  2. Point Percentage (a team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the opponents in that pool)
  3. Coin Toss
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed; the #1 seed will ref. The loser of this game will be 3rd place in the pool and will ref the next tie breaking game.
- The winner of the first game will play the #1 seed. Loser of first round refs. The winner of this game will be 1st in the pool and the loser will be 2nd.
- If one of the 3 teams in a tied pool leaves the site before the determination a tiebreak is necessary, that team will automatically become the 3rd place team and the other two teams will play one tie-breaking game.

# of Bids	Pool Finish	Applications
1 - 2	Second place	4-team pools: All teams have 1-2 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie breaking games.
- The seeds for the tie breaking playoffs will be determined by sequential application of:
  1. Won-Loss ratio for the total number of games played in the pool (wins/ total games)
  2. Point Percentage (a team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the opponents in that pool)
  3. Coin Toss
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed; the #1 seed will ref. The loser of this game will be 4th place in the pool and will ref the next tie breaking game.
- The winner of the first game will play the #1 seed. Loser of first round refs. The winner of this game will be 2nd in the pool and the loser will be 3rd.
- If one of the 3 teams in a tied pool leaves the site before the determination a tiebreak is necessary, that team will automatically become the 4th place team and the other two teams will play one tie-breaking game.

## ***Non-elimination Scenarios***

If no team is eliminated from an opportunity to win a bid, there will be *no* tie-breaking games. In three-way ties, ties will be broken, without repetition, in this order:

1. Pool match record.
2. Head-to-head results.
3. Game percentage: Games won divided by total games played.
4. Point percentage: Each team's total points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents in that pool.
5. Coin toss.

## ***Pools of Six or More Teams***

Pools of six or more teams are designed specifically for the JNC event and not for Qualifiers. Tie-breaking procedures for pools of six or more will be posted in the Pre-Tournament Information and in the Event Schedules.