

# TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of all rounds of pool play, 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. The following rules apply to all tie-breaking situations:

- All tie-breaking sets will be played to 25 points, with one team winning by two points and no point cap.
- Teams will switch sides at point 13.
- In a tie breaker situation of three teams or more, if any team leaves the site, the remaining teams will play for position, if necessary. The team(s) that left will be placed lower than the team(s) that remained.
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- In pools where no team can advance to win a bid, there will be *no* tie-breaking sets. Ties among teams will be broken as follows:
  - 1) If two teams are tied in match record, the team winning the Head-to-Head match wins the tie and finishes in the higher position in the pool.
  - 2) If three or more teams are tied in match record, the tie will be broken using the following steps in order, without repeating any step (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):
    - a. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:

- b) Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
- c) Coin toss.

## 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 (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):

- The number of teams that will advance from the pool.
- Which pool placement finish is at stake for the tied teams?

### 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 sets. The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team’s total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
  2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
  3. Coin toss.
- Set 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Set 1 will be third place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking set.
- Set 2: the winner of Set 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Set 1 will officiate. The winner of Set 2 will be first in the pool and the loser will be second.
- If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

## 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. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
  2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
  3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff set. 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 set will be third place in the pool.

If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:

- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set 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 sets. The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
  1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
  2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
  3. Coin toss.
- Set 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Set 1 will be fourth place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking set.
- Set 2: the winner of Set 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Set 1 will officiate. The winner of Set 2 will be second in the pool and the loser will be third.
- If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams

administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.

- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

### 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. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team’s total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
  2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
  3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff set. 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 set will be fourth place in the pool.
- If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

### Tie Breaking Procedure for 5 Team Pools

In an event where five (5) team pools are necessary and a multiple team Match tie occurs the following process will be followed:

Tie Breaker Set(s) are required for teams tied in Set% where one or more teams would be eliminated. If multiple teams are advancing out of the tie, then only the lowest spot will be played off. (i.e. teams may advance out of the tie without being involved in playing any tie breaker Sets, they may advance based on Point% or Coin Toss). The remaining teams are to be seeded by Point% then Coin Toss if necessary. Those teams will then be placed into a play-off set or bracket depending on the total number of teams still tied for a spot.

If one or more of the teams in a tied pool leaves the site:

- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

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

In pools where no team can advance to win a bid, there will be *no* tie-breaking sets. Ties among teams will be broken as follows:

1. If two teams are tied in match record, the team winning the Head-to-Head match wins the tie and finishes in the higher position in the pool.
2. If three or more teams are tied in match record, the tie will be broken using the following steps in order, without repeating any step (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):
  - a. Compare Set percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
  - b. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1)
3. If two or more teams are still tied, then:
  - a. Coin toss.

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

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