PROCEDURES FOR BREAKING TIES TO DETERMINE POOL FINISH

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If there is a tie in match record among 2 or more teams in the pool, tie(s) are resolved using the Tie Break Rules, even in 3 team pools where all 3 sets are required to be played.

Ties in Matches are broken by the following steps:

**Head to head results are used to determine pool finishes for teams that are tied in Match Record**
1. A team that beats all the other teams with which it is tied in Match Record will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.
2. A team that has lost to all of the other teams with which it is tied in Match Record is placed behind the other teams in pool finish.

**How many teams are tied in match record?**
- 2 teams: Always broken head to head. No exceptions.
- 3 or more teams:
  - The head to head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.

**How many teams still tied in match percentage and set percentage?**
- 2 teams: The team that won head to head receives the higher finish in the pool.
- 3 or more teams:
  - Set percentage is the next level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which teams remain tied.
  - Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.

**Will any teams be eliminated from advancing to the Gold at BJNC/GJNC or earning the Qualifier Bid to BJNC/GJNC?**
- NO
- YES
  - The remaining teams that are tied in match percentage and set percentage have Playoff Tie Breaker Set(s). 
    - To determine pool finish position, tied teams are ranked by their point percentage from the pool.
    - Tie Breakers Sets, if required, are played as 1 set to 25, switch sides at 13.
    - There may be brackets of 2, 3, or 4 teams

**Tournament Type?**
- Girls National Qualifiers and Boys Bid Tournaments:
  - Tie Breaker sets are only played for the last spot leading to a Qualifier Bid.
- USAV Girls Jr National Championships (GJNCs) and USAV Boys Junior National Championships (BJNC):
  - Tie Breaker sets will only be played for the last spot leading to the GOLD Bracket.

**How many pool positions are available for a team to advance to play for a bid position?**
- **1 pool position avail.**
  - All teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.
- **2 pool positions available**
  - The team with the highest point percentage is ranked the highest and receives one of the advancing positions.
  - Remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.
- **3 pool positions available**
  - The two teams with the highest point percentages each receive one of the advancing spots.
  - The remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.

* It is possible for one or more tied teams to advance without having to play in a Tie Breaker Set, as only the last pool position (spot) is played off
** The sequence of playoff sets is structured so that the teams with the highest point percentages have the fewest number of Tie Breaker Sets to play