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Introduction and General Information

Welcome to the Tenth Annual No Dinx / NCVA Junior Far Western Boys' Bid Tournament. The rules, regulations and guidelines for all the Boys Bid Tournaments were developed by USA Volleyball to ensure that all Boys Bid Tournaments are standardized in all areas. The following information is reprinted, reviewed and approved by USA Volleyball's Competition Committee whose role is to develop, standardize, implement and oversee the qualification process for the USA Volleyball Junior National Championship (JNC).

Bid Tournaments – Stepping Stones to the BJNC

The primary purpose of the Bid Tournaments is to determine, through Tournament competition, which teams in various age groups will qualify to play in the Open Division at the BJNC. Tournament play at the Bid Tournaments is divided into Open divisions and Club divisions.

Note: This Manual applies only to the qualifying process for the junior boys' Open Divisions of USAV. Although not all Open Division teams that participate in the BJNC are chosen through the Bid Tournaments, the Bid Tournaments are the first rounds of the BJNC. As such, they are governed by USAV, with sanctioning by USAV rather than by the regions where they occur.

The secondary purposes of the Bid Tournaments are to:

- Promote inter-regional play.
- Provide a high level of competition for teams.
- Showcase junior talent for college recruiters and National Team programs.
- Promote the growth and development of volleyball in a particular geographic area.
- Provide a training ground for officials.

Currently, there are ten (10) Bid Tournaments: East Coast Championships, Florida Fest, Gateway Boys' Festival, Great Lakes Festival, Nittany Ninvitational, Northeastern Boys' Bid Tournament (formerly Nittany II), No Dinx Boys' Far Western, Rochester Can Am, SCVA Junior Boys' Invitational, and Wisconsin Boys' Festival.

Open Divisions

The goal of the Open divisions at the BJNC is to identify the best team in the country through rigorous competition in a particular age classification from among the top 36 teams. The Open divisions of the Bid Tournaments are designed to identify and select those top 36 teams.

To compete in an Open division of the Boy's JNC, all teams, including foreign federation teams must either win a bid at a Bid Tournament or be awarded a bid through the Open at-large bid process. Participation in a Boy's Bid Tournament is a requirement. (At-Large consideration requirements can be found under the section "Open Division Bids".) For a team to be eligible for a bid, that team must have completed all

entry requirements for the Boy's JNC. If a team has not met the Boy's JNC entry requirements by the deadline date and has previously accepted the bid, that team is no longer eligible for entry and may be subject to additional sanctions. No leniency will be given on the JNC entry deadlines! Missed entry deadlines will result in the loss of the bid.

Age Divisions

At the present time, there is a BJNC Tournament in each of the following age divisions:

18 & Under	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under	14 & Under	13 & Under	12 & Under
Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		
Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club	Club

The USAV Events Department may add other age divisions to the BJNC from time to time. The dates determining player eligibility for each age group can be found on the USAV website:

<http://usavolleyball.org/juniors/indoor>.

Note: Not all Bid Tournaments host all age divisions. Some Bid Tournaments host competition in age divisions that do not currently have a Junior National Championship (for example, 10 & Under).

Bid Tournaments and Bids

Each of the following Bid Tournaments will be allocated a specific number of bids to award based on the number of teams entered in each age division. In order to award open bids, the Bid Tournament must offer single age group divisions in all divisions that are offered at the Boy's JNC. In addition, open bids will only be awarded at bid events in age divisions that are held over a minimum of two days. The following grid explains the total number of bids allocated for each event based on total number of teams attending in a field:

Bid Tournament	Max # of Bids	Bid Tournament	Max # of Bids
East Coast Championships	3	Northeastern Boys' Bid Tournament (formerly Nittany II) (140, 150, 160)	3
Florida Fest	3	No Dinx Boys' Far Western	3
Gateway Boys' Festival	3	Rochester Can Am	3
Great Lakes Festival	3	SCVA Junior Boys' Invitational	10
Nittany Ninvitational (170 & 180)	3	Wisconsin Boys' Festival	3

The number of teams entered in an age division at the entry deadline or the number of teams in an age division at the start of the event, whichever is greater, will be the number used to determine how many bids a Boys' Bid Tournament will receive up to the maximum allocated to that event, according to the following table:

Max # of Bids Awarded	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Min # of Teams in Field	8	12	16	20	22	26	28	32	36	42

The above is subject to annual review and modification by the USA Volleyball Events Department.

Open Division Bids

In the Bid Tournaments, Open bids will be offered to the teams that finish the competition in a bid award position. See Table below for the furthest a bid may trickle down based on number of Open teams entered in the division (NOTE: Combining Open and Club Divisions does not apply to this table):

Max Awarded Bids	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
# Teams > 5-7	2nd									
# Teams > 7-10		3rd								
# Teams > 10-12		4th	3rd							
# Teams > 12-15		5th	4th	5th	6th					
# Teams > 15-20		6th	6th	6th		8th				
# Teams > 20-24		8th	8th	8th			10th			
# Teams > 24-28		10th	10th	10th				12th		
# Teams > 28-31		12th	12th	12th					14th	
# Teams > 31-41		14th	14th	14th						16th
# Teams > 41		16th	16th	16th						18th

Bids must be accepted or denied at the time the bid is awarded by the tournament director. Bids not awarded at the Bid Tournament will revert to the Open At-large pool.

- If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at large consideration.
- To compete in an Open division at the Boy's JNC a team must earn a bid at a Bid Tournament or be awarded a bid through the at-large process. To be considered for an at-large bid to the Boy's JNC, a team must enter the event through the approved USAV online registration system as an open team, and submit complete and accurate results. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available, and reason(s) why the team should be considered for an at-large bid. The letter is to be submitted to the USAV Events Department by the entry deadline. The teams awarded the at-large bids will be selected by the BCC with final approval of the USAVED using the following criteria:
 1. Must have competed in at least one (1) bid tournament.
 2. Selecting the Open At-Large consideration statement listed on the USAV Official Entry Form.

3. Strength
 4. Record against Qualified teams
 5. Record against At Large applicants
 6. Past year's BJNC finish of the rostered players
 7. Date of entry
- At-Large Bids to Open Divisions of the BJNC must be announced no later than 5 days after the Boys JNC entry deadline date.

Sanctions for Not Using Bids

Teams that earn bids must use their bids or be subject to sanctions according to these policies:

If a team that earns and accepts an Open bid or an at-large Open bid but does not participate in the BJNC in the division in which it was awarded the bid, that team, its coaches, its club director and all its club's teams will be suspended from participating in Boys' JNC and bid tournaments for the following season.

BJNC Entry Deadlines

All Entry Forms and Fees **MUST** be sent directly to USAV by the established deadline. Please make copies of ALL materials sent and bring them with you to the event.

OPEN DIVISION	
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	March 28th East Coast Championships bid earners must submit by June 4th
Entry Form and Fee	March 29th East Coast Championships bid earners must have entry & check in by June 5th .
Results Reporting	June 17th

OPEN AT-LARGE	
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	May 9th
Entry Form and Fee	May 10th
Results Reporting	May 10th

CLUB DIVISION	
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	June 4th
Entry Form and Fee	June 5th
Results Reporting	June 17th

Match Format

All matches, including bid playoff matches, will be the best 2-out-of-3 sets. The first two sets will be played to 25 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. If a third game is necessary, the third game will be played to 15 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. USAV rules apply. (Note: Round 1 3-team pools may play 3 sets to 25.)

3 Team Pool Format

In a 3-team pool, where 3 sets to 25 are played and the final finish in the pool is determined by game percentage, there will be a coin flip between sets two and three to determine side, serve, and receive and teams switch sides at 13.

Warm-up Protocol

The warm-up schedule (2-4-4) for all matches will consist of:

- Two (2) minutes of shared court time for ball handling;
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the serving team; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving team.
- There will be no shared hitting time.
- Officials should inform spectators to leave the end lines during warm-ups to reduce injuries to spectators.
- By rule, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must be at their bench; they may not use balls or be in spectator areas.
 - Note, helping to shag balls for the other team during their warm-up period is permitted and encouraged.

Team Forfeitures

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in that Bid Tournament. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Bid Tournament Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists. The Bid Tournament will report any team that intentionally forfeits a match to the USAV Events Department.

If a team intentionally forfeits a match in the Gold Level during the third round of pool play in an Open division the team's sanction will be the same as the sanction for rejecting a bid:

That team, its coaches, its club director and all its club's teams will be suspended from participating in all national qualifying events for the following season.

Team Officiating Duties

- A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult for that team—available and on time for an officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first game of its next match.
- For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent in the first game of the next match for up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The time that determines how many penalty points are assessed begins at the start of the receiving team's warm-up.
- A team will forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.
- A rostered adult must be present at the score table while any members of the team are officiating.

Missed Officiating Penalties with Regards to Three-Way Tie Breakers

Scenario 1: After the determination of a tie breaker and all three teams are present for the first tie break. If a team misses an officiating assignment for the match following the tie-break, then all penalties for missing an officiating assignment apply.

Scenario 2: If one or two team(s) are missing for the tie break matches. The team(s) that does not show up will not be penalized any further than the lost opportunity by not being present for the tie-breaker. No further penalties will be applied.

Waived Players

Teams **MAY NOT** use players who have a waiver from their region for age requirements in the 15 & Under through 18 & Under age divisions. Exception for Boys 14 & Under Division: Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 & under age group will be allowed to participate by following the USAV age/grade definition (see below).

Regionally-waived boys' teams in the 14 and under age groups will be allowed to participate at a Bid Tournament using the following age/grade definition: *Players who were born on or after September 1st, 1997, or students who are 15 years of age or younger (born on or after September 1, 1996) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year.*

Team Rosters

All coaches listed on the roster (Head and Assistants) will possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level). An IMPACT certified coach, listed on the roster, must be present and on the bench at all times.

It is strongly recommended that teams have additional IMPACT certified adults verified on their roster and present at all times. In the event a Coach(es) is not present (late, sick, ejected or disqualified), the team must have another IMPACT certified adult verified on their roster and on the team bench for play to begin or continue without forfeit. No additional time will be allowed to comply with the certified personnel requirement to continue play except for unused time outs and/or time allowed between sets.

A team may have a maximum of 15 players and five (5) additional personnel on their roster, one of which must be listed as the Head Coach. The other four roster positions may be any combination of the following:

1. Assistant Coach
2. 2nd Assistant Coach
3. Chaperone One
4. Chaperone Two
5. Team Representative
6. Team Manager

In the event the team elects not to designate a Team Representative, the Head Coach will fill that role. The Team Manager position is primarily reserved for, but not restricted to, junior level members (members who are registered in a junior level membership category or are under the age of 18) participating with a junior team in a non-player capacity. These members cannot be placed in any team staff position other than "Team Manager". Junior level staff members must be at least 10 years of age. USA Volleyball and the event arbitrators reserve the right to conduct random ID checks on any staff person listed on the roster at any time.

All roster personnel (non-players) must have completed their regions registration process and cleared the background screening if applicable. Junior level members under the age of 18 do not need to be background screened. Junior members 18 years old and above, serving in non-player capacity on a junior team, must apply for and "clear" a background screening within 30 days of their 18th Birthday."

Frozen Players

At the time the team earns a bid in a Bid Tournament, or applies (meaning registers for the BJNC in AES and submits the entry form and check to USAV) for a bid in an at-large process, the players on that team's roster are frozen to that team. A frozen player cannot play for another team in a qualifying event or the BJNC. Obtaining a bid defines the team as "qualified" for the BJNC.

Note: A bid is the only opportunity to play in the Open Division of the BJNC. In order to be eligible for the BJNC, a team must meet all posted entry deadlines.

Switching a player from the roster of a qualified team to the roster of a team attempting to qualify will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved.

Likewise, no player may switch from one qualified team to another qualified team, even within the same club.

Frozen Player Terms and Conditions

- There are no restrictions on additions to the roster (up until the limit of 15 players) of new players or players from non-qualified teams. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region. All players added to a roster must be on the roster submitted for at-large bid consideration. The roster is then frozen as of submission for bid consideration.

Submission is defined as entering the BJNC in AES and submitting the entry form and payment to USAV.

- Violations of the Frozen Player Rule will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved, including the player, the coach and the club director.
- USAVED will determine sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule. For a first or subsequent offense, the sanctions may be a warning, probation, suspension or expulsion.

Officials for Matches

Participating teams will provide second referees for all matches not requiring a certified official as second referee, as well as line judges, a scorer (scorekeeper), and an assistant scorer (visual scorer and libero tracker) according to a published referee assignment schedule. A rostered adult must be present at the scorer table while any members of the team are officiating.

- Non-rostered personnel may be allowed to work on the officiating team; provided they can provide documentation that they are registered with a region of USAV and have any required certifications at BJNC events.

Awards

Each Bid Tournament will give a team plaque or trophy to each first, second, and third place team in the Gold level of each Open and Club division. In addition, the Bid Tournament will give an individual award of minimal value (non-merchandise such as a plaque, trophy or medal) to each player on each first and second place team in the Gold level of each Open Division. Third place individual awards will be given at the tournament director's discretion (they are not required). The Bid Tournament may give additional awards.

Bid Tournaments will not select All-Tournament teams.

Trainers

Each Bid Tournament will provide athletic trainers during all hours of competition and for at least 45 minutes prior to the beginning of competition each day.

Protest Committee

Each Bid Tournament will have an on-site Protest Committee consisting of the head official, the Bid Tournament director and another qualified person. No committee member can be coaching a team in the Tournament. The Protest Committee will rule on protests lodged by teams regarding officiating.

Ethics and Eligibility

Event Arbitrators

Event Arbitrators shall serve as the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific USA Volleyball event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and/or

eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and/or championship events shall meet with the Event Arbitrator(s).

The authority for the Event Arbitrator begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the event's city or forty-eight (48) hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier, and shall continue through the duration of the event through its conclusion.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for each qualifying and/or championship event of USA Volleyball.

Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee

An Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be formed for each qualifying and championship event sponsored by USA Volleyball. Each committee shall be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall meet the definition of USA Volleyball as a domestic player.

Each committee shall act on appeals of the ethics and eligibility decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of the event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier, and shall conclude with the departure of the individual and/or team from the city in which the event has been held.

If the committee is of the opinion that a violation is of such a nature that requires further review or more serious discipline, they may file a recommendation with the Member Organization that the team/participant represents and/or with the USAV Corporation Ethics and Eligibility Committee for extended disciplinary measures.

USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy

For all USAV corporation events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age or identity of a participant, or falsifies any statement that lists the age or identity of a participant, will be sanctioned as follows:

- Any team representative, coach, program director or responsible adult found to be party to such action shall be:
 1. Immediately suspended from registration with USAV and barred from further participation in the event; and
 2. Barred from participation in any USAV events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
 3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively with the suspension.

- A junior player who knowingly plays in a lower age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or an adult player who knowingly plays in a higher age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or any player who knowingly misrepresents his or her identity shall be:
 1. Immediately suspended from registration with the USAV and barred from further participation in the event; and
 2. Barred from participation in any USAV events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and
 3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively with the suspension.

When age or identity falsification is discovered and confirmed during an event, these penalties shall be the required minimum penalty imposed by the Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee.

Note: Any player in question must provide proof of identity and age eligibility if requested.

The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall file a report of any age or identity violation, along with a recommendation, with the USAV Events Department and with the registering Member Organization.

Announcement of At-large Bids

At-large bids must be announced by the USAVED no later than five (5) days after the Boys' JNC entry deadline date. Teams awarded Open division at-large bids will be notified via email from the USAV Events Department to the club director and coach who are listed on the Official Entry form.

In order to be eligible for an at-large bid in the Open divisions, teams applying for at-large consideration must provide complete, accurate, and up-to-date results through the last day of the last Bid Tournament, by the Tuesday following the last Bid Tournament.

Any team that declines an Open bid at a bid tournament will be ineligible for an at-large bid.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of all rounds of play in 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. 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 of 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:
 - 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 of the teams have the same percentage, then:
 - 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:
 - 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:
 - 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 of the teams have the same percentage, then:
 - 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:
 - 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 of 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 of 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 Flip). The remaining teams are to be seeded by Point% then Coin Flip 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:

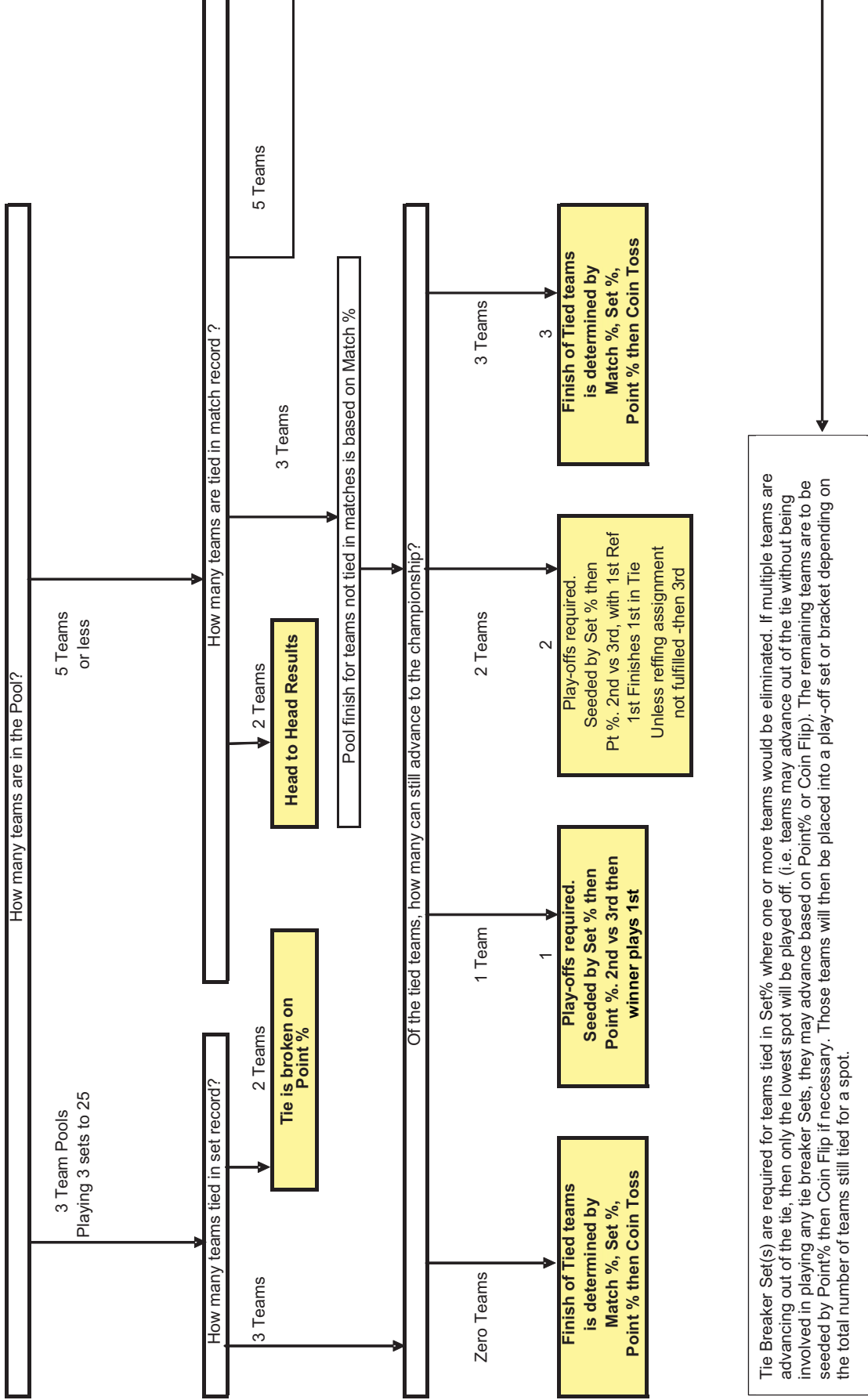
1. If two teams are tied in match record, the team winning the Head-to-Head match wins the tie and finishes in the higher position in the pool.
2. If three or more teams are tied in match record, the tie will be broken using the following steps in order, without repeating any step (Head-to-Head results 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 of the teams have the same percentage, then:

- d) 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:
- e) 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 Information and in the Event Schedules.

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All tie-breaking sets (games) will be played to 25 points, with one team winning by two points and no point cap.