

DETERMINING PLAYOFF POSITIONS

1. Teams shall NOT be eliminated from assignment to championship competition on a point or any other non-competition system.

2. When determining seeding for bracket play, between pools with a different number of teams, the percentage of games won will determine the highest seeded team, for further competition. For example, our four-team pools play a total of nine games, while the five-team pools play only eight games. The winner of the four-team pool finish with an 8 & 1 record, while the team from the five-team pool finished with a 7 & 1 record, the highest seed would be from the four team pool. They would have a winning percentage of 88.9, as verses the 87.5, from the five-team pool.

3. Teams qualifying for the playoffs, but tied for position only, shall not compete in a playoff game to determine position, rather, position assignment shall be determined by the below listed priority system based on point spread to the extent possible.

1st Priority: Results of the match between the tied teams, first on the won-lost record, and second on the point spread. If still tied, then:

2nd Priority: Comparison of the point spread based on the total round robin competition. If still tied, then:

3rd Priority: Flip of a coin.

NOTE: Point spread shall be determined by subtracting the points lost from the total points won. The highest plus or the lowest minus remainder shall be considered the superior team for tie breaking purposes.

4. If there are more teams tied for the playoffs than there are positions, the tied teams must compete for the position(s) in direct competition. *These games will be scored the same as a non-deciding game of a match (25 RALLY POINT).*

5. If two or more teams are tied for a single playoff position, the minimum number of one 25 point Rally game shall be played. For example:

a. Two teams tie for last position: One 25 point Rally game.

b. Three teams tie for last position: Superior team adjudged by the point spread shall be the bye team and play the winner of the match between the two remaining teams. Two 25 point Rally games total.

c. Four teams tie for last position: Following judgement by the point spread system, team 1 vs 4, and 2 vs 3, and winners playoff. Three 25 point Rally games total.

6. If three teams tie for two playoff positions, the team with the greater point spread shall be awarded first place, and the other two teams shall play one 25 point Rally game for the remaining playoff position. The same priorities as listed in para 2 shall prevail, except that if a tie shall exist after the 2nd priority, the flip of a coin shall determine the bye team and all teams must play for position as follows:

a. Team Blue wins over Team White and gains one playoff berth.

b. Team Red plays the loser, in this case Team White, for second playoff berth. Two

25 point Rally games total.

PLAYOFF OFFICIALS

1. Teams playing in the final round robin match of the day, if not otherwise a participating team will be assigned to the first level of the playoff matches. If neither team has qualified for the playoffs, the team losing the last game of the match shall be scheduled to officiate. If both teams playing the final round robin match are in the playoffs, then revert to those playing in the previous match.
2. For playoffs where certain teams are awarded a BYE, these teams will be scheduled to officiate the initial round of the playoffs.
3. Losers of the playoff matches will be required to work the next level of the playoffs. The officiating team for the finals will be the loser of the LATEST finishing semi-final match, provided both semi-final matches are played at the same location. **NORMALLY**, teams will not be moved to another gym site for the purpose of officiating.
4. Teams not fulfilling these assignments will be subject to regional discipline, as outlined in the Lone Star Region Player's Handbook.

TROPHIES

As a minimum, first and second place team trophies will be awarded.

PLAYOFFS

1. Single bracket pool - No playoff required.
2. Two bracket, round robin - Semi-Finals and Finals (top two teams in each pool).
3. More than two brackets, round robin - Quarter/Semi-Finals and Finals (top two teams in each pool).
4. Cross bracket, two pools - Semi-Finals and Finals (top four teams, regardless of pool - all teams could come from the same pool).
5. All finals (quarter and semi) will consist of two out of three Rally point games, scoring as outlined in the current USAV Rule Book. Two non-deciding 25 point Rally games, the 3rd deciding Rally game being 15 points.