

## **Hocus Pocus 2017**

### **Determining When a Tiebreaker Set is Necessary**

**Age Group: 18's**

**Which pool positions are Gold-eligible in this age group?**

**Pools A, B, C, D, E.** All teams in these pools remain eligible for Gold at the end of the first round of pool play, so there is no possibility of playoff set. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all Won-Lost ties.

**Pools F, G, H, I.** The first and second place teams in each pool remain eligible for Gold. If a two-way Won-Lost tie for first, both teams remain gold eligible so no playoff is necessary. If three teams tie for first place, refer to Scenario #3, below. If there is a two-way tie for second place, refer to Scenario #1 below. If there are three teams tied for second place, refer to Scenario #2, below. If all four teams finish with the same Won-Lost record, refer to Scenario #5 below. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all to third place ties.

**Pools AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG.** The first place team in each pool remains Gold-eligible. If there is a two-way tie for first place, refer to Scenario #1, below. If there is a three-way tie for first place, refer to Scenario #2 below. If all four teams finish with the same Won-Lost record, refer to Scenario #4 below. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all second and third place ties.

**Pools HH, II.** No possibility of playoff set since all teams in these pools were previously eliminated from gold contention. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all Won-Lost ties.

**Scenarios for resolving Won-Lost ties that may require a playoff set:**

**1. Two teams tied for one Gold-eligible position:**

Did one team sweep the other in pool play? If yes, the team that swept is awarded the Gold-eligible position and no playoff is necessary.

If the teams split in pool play, one playoff game to 25 points between the two tied teams. No cap. Change sides at 13. Work team will be a team in the same pool that is NOT traveling to a different site for the next round.

**2. Three teams tied for one Gold-eligible position:**

Look to the three teams' overall pool play point differential and rank them 1, 2, and 3 accordingly. If two of the tied teams have the same point differential, rank those two teams by referring to standard two-way tie-breaker rules. If all three teams have the same point differential (extremely unlikely) rank all of them by referring to the standard three-way tiebreaker rules.

The 2d ranked team plays the 3rd ranked team one game to 25 points; no cap. Change sides at 13. The 1st ranked team works.

Then, the 1st ranked team plays the winner of the previous match one game to 25 points; no cap. Change sides at 13. The loser of the previous match works.

### **3. Three teams tied for two Gold-eligible positions:**

Look to the three teams' overall pool play point differential and rank them 1, 2, and 3 accordingly. If two of the tied teams have the same point differential, rank those two teams by referring to two-way tie-breaker rules. If all three teams have the same point differential (extremely unlikely) rank all of them by referring to three-way tiebreaker rules.

Once the ranking of the three teams has been established....

The top-ranked of the three tied teams is awarded the highest of the two Gold-eligible positions.

The other two tied teams play a 25 point playoff set for the remaining Gold-eligible position. No cap. Change sides at 15. Work team will be a team in the same pool that is NOT traveling to a different site for the next round.

### **4. Four teams tied for one Gold-eligible position:**

All four teams are involved in a playoff. Rank the four teams according to their pool play finish using standard tie-breaker rules. Top-ranked team plays 4th-ranked team, 2nd-ranked team plays 3rd-ranked team, then the winners play...all three playoff matches 1 set to 25, no cap, change sides at 13.

### **5. Four teams tied for two Gold-eligible positions:**

Look to the four teams' overall pool play point differential and rank them 1, 2, 3, and 4 accordingly. If two of the tied teams have the same point differential, rank those two teams by referring to two-way tie-breaker rules. If three teams have the same point differential rank all of them by referring to three-way tiebreaker rules.

Once the ranking of the four teams has been established....

The top ranked of the four tied teams is awarded the highest of the two Gold-eligible positions.

The 3rd ranked team plays the 4th ranked team one game to 25 points; no cap. Change sides at 13. The 2nd ranked team works.

Then, the 2nd ranked team plays the winner of the previous match one game to 25 points; no cap. Change sides at 13. The loser of the previous match works.