

Hocus Pocus 2017

Determining When a Tiebreaker Set is Necessary

Age Group: 12s

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

Pools A, B, C. All teams in these pools qualify for Gold at end of pool play, so there is no possibility of a playoff set. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all Won-Lost ties.

Pools D, E. One team from each pool qualifies for the gold bracket. If there is a 2-way tie for first place (Won-Lost record), refer to Scenario #1, below. If there is a 3-way tie (Won-Lost record) for first place, refer to Scenario #2, below. If there is a 4-way tie (a possible, but highly unlikely, result in Pools D, E) refer to Scenario #3, below. Standard tie-breaker rules to be applied to all ties for second or third place.

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. Four teams tied for one Gold-eligible position:

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.