

1. **REGIONAL QUALIFYING “BID” TOURNAMENTS: 2016**

The NTR will sanction four tournaments per year to be designated as Regional Bid Tournaments. Any club may apply to run a Region Bid Tournament.

The dates for these tournaments shall be determined by the Executive Director and made public by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August.

It is recommended that the first of these Regional Bid Tournaments be the second full weekend of January. In the case that there are only four full weekends in January, then the first Regional Bid Tournament should be scheduled for the first full weekend of January. Each subsequent Regional Bid Tournament should be scheduled with three full weekends in between Bid Tournaments.

The application fee is to be submitted at the time of applications for sanctioning. A three-person committee of unaffiliated and unbiased individuals including the Executive Director and two others of the Executive Director’s choosing shall award the tournaments. No other tournament shall be allocated officials on the weekends of Bid Tournaments. The dates of the Bid Tournaments must be assigned such that two of the Four do not conflict with National Qualifiers.

There are significant objective factors that should be considered. The **two most significant considerations** for awarding the Bid Tournament should be as follows:

- 1) History of quality – Has the club making the bid request, demonstrated a willingness to work with the region and with other clubs to make events of quality that best serve the region clientele? Dose the club have a history of bad behavior, rule(s) violations and or poor reputation within the community? Is the club successful at running events?
- 2) History of TD – Does the Tournament Director have a history of running quality events in the region? Does the TD have a history of tournament infractions or have they demonstrated a lack of willingness to follow regional guidelines and policies? Has the TD demonstrated the ability to adjust tournament in the moments when issues arise and maintain the integrity of the event?

*At the end of the day, these two factors should be primary and secondary in awarding the event.*

Other factors, whose total impact should not outweigh even one of the above criteria, but may be considered in the case of applicants being absolutely equal, are as follows:

1. Ability to secure necessary resources – A club and its TD should be able to demonstrate the ability to secure proper facilities and should have the confidence of the referees and other vendors necessary to complete a quality event. A bid should not go to a club or TD who the referees do not feel comfortable working for, or a club or TD that cannot secure facility appropriate to the event.
2. Cost of Service – All things being equal, a consideration of price should be considered. Cost of the event and willingness to overpay vendors is not in and of itself a paramount concern. Provided the cost bid is within suggested regional parameters, the quality of the event and an understanding of tournaments in this region, should take precedent. However, a club willing to do the same quality work for less cost to the consumer and/or more pay to the vendors, should be given priority.
3. The Extra Mile – While hospitality rooms and extravagant awards are not necessary for a quality event, the club that is willing to go the extra mile in presentation and production, should be rewarded, all other things being equal.
4. No (singular) club may be awarded more than one “bid” tournament in any one season.