

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Power Pool format is an acceptable format for Bid Events only. This format is discussed in Section III.D.2.iii.

- iii. Format: The 1st Bid Event may not use the Power Pool format. The other three Bid Events have the option of using the Power Pool format. Each tournament should disclose which format they are using at the time of tournament sanctioning each year.

The Power Pool format allows for the top group of teams in each Open (top) division to play in a Power Pool. All teams in this pool advance to the top bracket and are seeded in that bracket based on Power Pool finish. The number of teams in the Power Pools is based on the size of the division.

In divisions of 12 or less, the Power Pool format is not allowed.

In divisions of 13 to 16 teams, the Power Pool is one Pool of 3.

In divisions of 17 to 24 teams, the Power Pool is one Pool of 4.

In divisions of 25 to 32 teams, the Power Pools are two Pools of 3.

In divisions of 33 or more, the Power Pools are two Pools of 4.

The winners of the regular Pools will advance to the top bracket. The teams finishing second in the regular Pools will advance to equal ranked brackets considered to be the second highest ranked brackets. When there are ties that would eliminate a team from either of the top two brackets, those ties must be played off in accordance with the region tie-breaking procedure.