

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES and GENERAL INFORMATION

Who Goes to Playoff Rounds and Playoff Format:

Flights with one (1) Division: The top four teams compete. The first place team plays the fourth place team and the second and third place teams play. The winners of these two matches play for the Championship.

Flights with two (2) Divisions: The top two teams in each division compete (4 teams). The Division 1 winner plays the Division 2 runner-up; the Division 2 winner plays the Division 1 runner-up. The winners of these two matches play for the Championship.

Flights with three (3) Divisions: The top two teams in each division automatically make the playoffs (6 teams); two third place teams also go to the playoffs to give a total of 8 teams. Pairings are as follows:

- 1st Round: Pair 1 - Division 1 winner vs. Division 3 runner-up
 Pair 2 - Division 2 winner vs. A Third place team
 Pair 3 - Division 3 winner vs. A Third place team
 Pair 4 - Division 2 runner-up vs. Division 1 runner-up
- 2nd Round: Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other
 Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other
- 3rd Round: Winners compete in finals

Flights with four (4) Divisions: The top two teams in each division compete (8 teams)

- 1st Round: Pair 1 - Division 1 winner vs. Division 3 runner-up
 Pair 2 - Division 2 winner vs. Division 4 runner-up
 Pair 3 - Division 3 winner vs. Division 1 runner-up
 Pair 4 - Division 4 winner vs. Division 2 runner-up
- 2nd & 3rd Rounds: Same as flight with 3 Divisions above

Flights with five (5) Divisions: The top two teams in each division compete (10 teams)

- 1st Round: Pair 1 - Division 4 runner-up vs. Division 3 runner-up 3rd Round: Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 5 winner
 Pair 2 - Division 2 runner-up vs. Division 1 runner-up Pair 4 winner vs. Pair 6 winner
- 2nd Round: Pair 3 -Pair 1 winner vs. Division 2 winner 4th Round: Winners compete in finals
 Pair 4 – Pair 2 winner vs. Division 3 winner
 Pair 5 – Division 1 winner vs. Division 5 winner
 Pair 6 – Division 4 winner vs. Division 5 runner-up

Flights with six (6) Divisions:

Section A		Section B	
1 st Round:	Pair 1 - Div. 1 winner vs. Div. 3 runner-up Pair 2 - Div. 2 winner vs. A 3 rd place team Pair 3 - Div. 3 winner vs. A 3 rd place team Pair 4 - Div. 2 runner-up vs. Div. 1 runner-up	1 st Round:	Pair 1 - Div. 4 winner vs. Div. 6 runner-up Pair 2 - Div. 5 winner vs. A 3 rd place team Pair 3 - Div. 6 winner vs. A 3 rd place team Pair 4 - Div. 5 runner-up vs. Div. 4 runner-up
2 nd Round:	Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other	2 nd Round:	Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other
3 rd Round:	Second round winners play	3 rd Round:	Second round winners play
4 th Round:	Section A winner vs. Section B winner	4 th Round:	Section A winner vs. Section B winner

Flights with seven (7) Divisions:

Section A

1st Round: Pair 1 – Div. 1 winner vs. Div. 3 runner-up
Pair 2 – Div. 2 winner vs. Div. 4 runner-up
Pair 3 – Div. 3 winner vs. Div. 1 runner-up
Pair 4 – Div. 4 winner vs. Div. 2 runner-up

2nd Round: Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other
Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other

3rd Round: Second round winners play

4th Round: Winner of 3rd round plays winner of Section B
in City Finals

Section B

1st Round: Pair 1 – Div. 5 winner vs. Div. 7 runner-up
Pair 2 – Div. 6 winner vs. A 3rd place team
in entire level/flight
Pair 3 – Div. 7 winner vs A 3rd place team
In entire level/flight

2nd Round: Pair 1 and Pair 2 winners play each other
Pair 3 and Pair 4 winners play each other

3rd Round: Second round winners play

4th Round: Winner of 3rd round plays winner of Section A
in City Finals

Flights with eight (8) Divisions:

Divisions 1, 2, 3, & 4

1st Round:

Pair 1 Division 1 winner vs. Division 3 runner-up
Pair 2 Division 2 winner vs. Division 4 runner-up
Pair 3 Division 3 winner vs. Division 1 runner-up
Pair 4 Division 4 winner vs. Division 2 runner-up

2nd Round:

Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

Semi-Finals:

Round 2 winners meet: winner advancing to the finals vs.
Division 5, 6, 7, & 8 semi-final winner

Divisions 5, 6, 7, & 8

1st Round:

Pair 1 Division 5 winner vs. Division 7 runner-up
Pair 2 Division 6 winner vs. Division 8 runner-up
Pair 3 Division 7 winner vs. Division 5 runner-up
Pair 4 Division 8 winner vs. Division 6 runner-up

2nd Round:

Pair 1 winner vs. Pair 2 winner
Pair 3 winner vs. Pair 4 winner

Semi-Finals:

Round 2 winners meet: winner advancing to the finals vs.
Division 1, 2, 3, & 4 semi-final winner

For all Playoff Rounds:

The Division Winner will have home court advantage over a second place team; a second place team will have home court advantage over a third place team. In the event two division winners are playing, the team with the best regular season record is the home team. The same procedure holds for two second place teams, or two third place teams playing - the team with the best regular season record will have home court advantage.

Ties:

Ties will be broken in the following manner in determining which team(s) make the playoffs:

- A. In the event of a two-way tie, the team winning the regular season dual meet is the winner and goes to the playoffs.
- B. In the event of a multiple tie, ALTA will determine playoff teams as follows:
 1. Head to head competition will be considered first. If one team has beaten the others during the regular season it will be declared the winner and go to the playoffs.
 2. If the tied teams have split regular season meets, ALTA will determine, for each team, the percentage of sets won to sets played for the regular season. These percentages taken to three decimal places will be used to determine position. The higher percentage will determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc. to break the tie.
 3. In the event teams are still tied after exercising option #2 above, ALTA will determine for each team the percentage of games won to games played for the regular season. These percentages, taken to three decimal places, will be used to determine positions. The higher percentage will determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc. to break the tie.
 4. In the unlikely event that there is still a tie, the system will randomly decide positions.
Each successive tiebreak will be used only if the preceding one(s) fail to break the tie.

Note: The preceding tiebreak procedure will also be used to break any ties encountered during the playoffs.

Other Playoff Information:

For all playoff rounds, the flight level coordinator must approve line-ups before the match is played.
City Finals **must** be played in normal rotation, positions 1-5—see Senior League Rules for exceptions.

For Flights of 3 Divisions, Third place teams should **NOT** play teams from their own division in the first round. If this situation occurs, positioning of the third place teams will be exchanged.

For Flights of 6 or 7 Divisions, A third place team from one half of the draw may qualify to be included in the other half of the draw. Third place teams should **NOT** play teams from their own division in the first round. If this occurs, positioning of the 3rd place teams will be exchanged.