PROCEDURES FOR BREAKING TIES TO DETERMINE POOL FINISH
From USAV Girls National Championship Manual
For the competition of Girls National Qualifiers, Boys Bid Tournaments, GJNC & BJNC

If there is a tie in match record among 2 or more teams in the pool, tie(s) are resolved using the Tie Break Rules, even in 3 team pools where all 3 sets are required to be played.

Ties in Matches are broken by the following steps:

1. How many teams are tied in match record?
   - 2 teams
     - Always broken head to head. No exceptions.
   - 3 or more teams

2. How many teams still tied in match percentage and set percentage?
   - 2 teams
     - The head to head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.
   - 3 or more teams
     - The team that won head to head receives the higher finish in the pool.

3. How many teams still tied in match percentage and set percentage?
   - 2 teams
   - 3 or more teams
     - Set percentage is the next level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which teams remain tied
       - Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.

4. Will any teams be eliminated from advancing to the Gold at BJNC/GJNC or earning the Qualifier Bid to BJNC/GJNC?
   - NO
   - YES
     - The remaining teams that are tied in match percentage and set percentage have Playoff Tie Breaker Set(s).
       - To determine pool finish position, tied teams are ranked by their point percentage from the pool.
       - Tie Breaker Sets, if required, are played as 1 set to 15
       - There may be brackets of 2, 3, or 4 teams

Tournament Type?

Girls National Qualifiers and Boys Bid Tournaments:
- Tie Breaker sets are only played for the last position leading to a Qualifier Bid
- It is possible that teams will be eliminated from the GOLD bracket in a National Qualifier as the Tie Breaker is played to determine the chance to play for a Qualifier Bid, NOT for the Gold Bracket.

How many pool positions are available for a team to advance to play for a bid position?

- 1 pool position available
  - All teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.
- 2 pool positions available
  - The team with the highest point percentage is ranked the highest and receives one of the advancing positions.
  - Remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.
- 3 pool positions available
  - The two teams with the highest point percentages each receive one of the advancing spots.
  - The remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets.

USAV Girls Jr National Championships (GJNCs) and USAV Boys Junior National Championships (BJNC):
- Tie Breaker sets will only be played for the last position leading to the GOLD Bracket

How many pool positions are available for a team to advance to the GOLD Bracket?

- 1 pool position available
- 2 pool positions available
- 3 pool positions available

It is possible for one or more tied teams to advance without having to play in a Tie Breaker Set, as only the last pool position (spot) is played off.

**The sequence of playoff sets is structured so flat the teams with the highest point percentages have the fewest number of Tie Breaker Sets to play.

***Tie Breaker Sets will only be played to 15 points.