

POWER LEAGUE

I. Objectives and Structure

In 2007, The Puget Sound Region initiated a linear ranking tournament series to be played at various sites within the region. This tournament series is used to rank teams within each age division and will provide qualifying and seeding methods for the PSR Junior Regional Championships & PSR Junior Bid Tournament.

The tournament series will be held on four days spread over four separate weekends with, ideally, January - March. The first date will consist of seeding rounds, while the second, third, and fourth dates will have points awarded to each team based on their finish. Thus, a total of three-point scoring dates will be included in the final league standings.

Teams will be required to enter all four days. This policy is detailed further in the manual.

Points will be awarded for each placement from top to bottom and will increase in value each subsequent date (the point system format is listed at the end of this document). The total number of points earned over the three-point scoring dates will determine overall league standings.

After the conclusion of the seeding portion on the first play day, teams will be placed into flights consisting of pool and playoff bracket play. Most of the flights will consist of 8 teams, although, based on the specific number of teams in each age division, there may be flights of 5, 6, 7 or 9 teams. In most flights, the top three finishers will move up a flight while the bottom three finishers will drop down a flight.

Teams must participate in the league in order to be accepted into the PSR Junior Bid Tournament.

II. Structural Parameters

- **Seeding Day:** Seeding day will be played in pre-seeded fields of 16 teams. The bottom 4 teams in a group of 16 will drop a flight and the top 4 will move up a flight, while finishers 5 through 12 will play a crossover match for final flight placement. Specific numbers in an age division may result in not all fields having 16 teams and the PSR Event Manager will make necessary adjustments. Regardless of the number of teams in a field, all teams will have the opportunity to move up during the seeding day. The seeding will be done by the PSR Seeding Committee.

III. Age Divisions

The tournament series will be played in six age groups, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, and U12. The U11 and U17 age groups will play up with the next older age division. All teams that apply by the deadline will be accepted into the league.

IV. Entry Fees & Refund Policy

- Entry fee covers 4 days of competition (seeding day plus 3 point scoring days).
- Refund policy:
 - Teams that pull out before the Payment Deadline date for their age division will

receive their full entry fee back minus the electronic payment service fee.

- Teams that pull out after the Payment Deadline date but at least two weeks (14 days) before the first Power League play date will receive their full entry fee minus a \$100 administrative fee and minus the electronic payment service fee.
- Teams that pull out less than two weeks (14 days) before the first play date will not receive any part of their entry fee back.

V. Consequence for Missing a Play Date

Teams that miss a play date will be considered as the bottom finishing team in the flight they were scheduled to participate in. If more than one team in a flight is missing, they will all receive the bottom place point value.

VI. Only First Two Point Scoring Dates Used for PSR Bid Tourney

PSR will host all age divisions bid tournament after the 2nd scoring play date.

APPENDIX B – POWER LEAGUE FLIGHT FORMATS AND MOVEMENT

In most cases, the top 3 teams will be moving up a flight and the bottom 3 will be moving down. There may be exceptions to this based on flights that have less than 8 teams in them.

Format For Point Scoring Playing Dates

All matches will be 2 out of 3 (25,25,15), no cap, and will start at 0-0. The **only** exception is a 3-team pool, where the 3-team pool will play 3 sets for pool play (25,25,25). When teams play “auto 3” format, there will be a 27-point cap on all three sets.

9-Team Flight Format

The 9 team flights will be in 3 pools of 3 teams, and the teams will play a round-robin schedule within their own pool that will serve to seed the playoff bracket. Pool play will be the “auto 3” format. Following pool play, second and third place teams will cross over and play each other. The winner will play the first-place team. The winners of second crossover match will move up a flight. The losers of crossover match 2 will be seeded 4th/5th/6th. The losers of crossover match 1 will be seeded 7th/8th/9th.

Since all teams are involved in every round of play, a lunch break of approximately 30 minutes must be included after round 2. A second food break may be added after the 2nd round of playoffs. The food breaks may be shortened only if all three teams involved agree.

8-Team Flight Format

Following pool play, both pool winners know that they will be moving up and are playing each other for 1st and 2nd in the flight. The two 2nd place teams will play each other with the winner moving up a flight and the loser remaining in that flight. The two 3rd place teams are playing each other with the winner remaining in the flight and the loser moving down a flight. The two fourth place teams both know that they will be moving down and will be playing for 7th and 8th.

7-Team Flight Format

All matches in the pool of 4, as well as all playoff matches, will be the best 2 out of 3 (25,25,15), no cap, score starts at 0-0. The pool of 3 will be playing 3 games guaranteed with all games starting at 0-0 and going to 25 with no cap.

The top half of the playoff bracket will be the same as in 8 team flights. In the bottom half, the last place teams from each pool will play each other and the winner will play against 3rd place from the 4-team pool.

6-Team Flight Format

The 6 team flights will be in 2 pools of 3 teams, and the teams will play a round-robin schedule within their own pool that will serve to seed the playoff bracket. Following pool play, second and third place teams will cross over and play each other. The winner of 2nd in pool A vs 3rd in pool B will then play against 1st in pool B. The winner of 2nd in pool B vs 3rd in pool A will play against 1st in pool A. Losers of the first round of playoffs will play each other for 5th /6th. Losers of the second round will play each other for 3rd/4th while the winners will play each other for 1st/2nd.

Since all teams are involved in every round of play, a lunch break of approximately 30 minutes must be included after round 3. A second food break may be added after the 2nd round of playoffs. The food breaks may be shortened only if all three teams involved agree.

5-Team Flight Format

The five team flights will be playing in a 5-team pool play round robin, using two courts. There will not be any bracket play since at the conclusion of pool play all team will have played 4 matches, all against different opponents. Standings will be based on overall pool play.

Teams in a 5-team flight will need to officiate two courts at the same time. The region will assign USAV certified officials for each court. Since all teams are involved in every round of play, two food breaks of 30 minutes are built into the schedule. The first food break is after round 2 and the second is after round 4. These breaks may not be longer than 30 minutes unless all 3 teams involved agree. Following the 30 minutes the warmup times for the next round of matches shall begin.

Pool Play Schedules

4-team pools:

Round	Play	Ref
1	1 vs 3	2
2	2 vs 4	1
3	1 vs 4	3
4	2 vs 3	1
5	3 vs 4	2
6	1 vs 2	4

5-team pool playing on two courts:

Round	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
1	2 vs 5	3	1 vs 4	3
2	3 vs 5	1	2 vs 4	1
Food Break 30 Minutes				
3	1 vs 3	2	4 vs 5	2
4	2 vs 3	4	1 vs 5	4
Food Break 30 minutes				
5	3 vs 4	5	1 vs 2	5

3-team schedule:

Round	Play	Ref
1	1 vs 3	2
2	2 vs 3	1
3	1 vs 2	3

Schedule for flight of 7 (4 teams in Pool A, 3 teams in Pool B):

Teams in pool B will provide officials for Pool A round 1

Round	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
1	A1 vs A3	B1	A2 vs A4	B3

2	A1 vs A4	A3	B1 vs B3	B2
3	A2 vs A3	A1	B2 vs B3	B1
4	A3 vs A4	A2	Food	Break
5	A1 vs A2	A4	B1 vs B2	B3

Schedule for flight of 7 (3 teams in Pool A, 4 teams in Pool B):
Teams in pool A will provide officials for Pool B round 1

Round	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
1	B1 vs B3	A1	B2 vs B4	A3
2	B1 vs B4	B3	A1 vs A3	A2
3	B2 vs B3	B1	A2 vs A3	A1
4	B3 vs B4	B2	Food	Break
5	B1 vs B2	B4	A1 vs A2	A3

Point System For Power League

There will be points awarded for each placement from top to bottom. A premium will be awarded to finishing 1st overall. Also, points will increase each subsequent league date.

Rank	Points	Points	Points
PL 1	PL 1	PL 2 (x1.25)	PL 3 (x1.5)
1	715.00	893.75	1072.50
2	700.00	875.00	1050.00
3	695.00	868.75	1042.50
4	690.00	862.50	1035.00
5	685.00	856.25	1027.50
6	680.00	850.00	1020.00
7	675.00	843.75	1012.50
8	670.00	837.50	1005.00
9	665.00	831.25	997.50
10	660.00	825.00	990.00
11	655.00	818.75	982.50
12	650.00	812.50	975.00
13	645.00	806.25	967.50
14	640.00	800.00	960.00
15	635.00	793.75	952.50
16	630.00	787.50	945.00
17	625.00	781.25	937.50
18	620.00	775.00	930.00
19	615.00	768.75	922.50
20	610.00	762.50	915.00
21	605.00	756.25	907.50

22	600.00	750.00	900.00
23	595.00	743.75	892.50
24	590.00	737.50	885.00
25	585.00	731.25	877.50
26	580.00	725.00	870.00
27	575.00	718.75	862.50
28	570.00	712.50	855.00
29	565.00	706.25	847.50
30	560.00	700.00	840.00
31	555.00	693.75	832.50
32	550.00	687.50	825.00
33	545.00	681.25	817.50
34	540.00	675.00	810.00
35	535.00	668.75	802.50
36	530.00	662.50	795.00
37	525.00	656.25	787.50
38	520.00	650.00	780.00
39	515.00	643.75	772.50
40	510.00	637.50	765.00
41	505.00	631.25	757.50
42	500.00	625.00	750.00
43	495.00	618.75	742.50
44	490.00	612.50	735.00

45	485.00	606.25	727.50
46	480.00	600.00	720.00
47	475.00	593.75	712.50
48	470.00	587.50	705.00
49	465.00	581.25	697.50
50	460.00	575.00	690.00
51	455.00	568.75	682.50
52	450.00	562.50	675.00
53	445.00	556.25	667.50
54	440.00	550.00	660.00
55	435.00	543.75	652.50
56	430.00	537.50	645.00
57	425.00	531.25	637.50
58	420.00	525.00	630.00
59	415.00	518.75	622.50
60	410.00	512.50	615.00
61	405.00	506.25	607.50
62	400.00	500.00	600.00
63	395.00	493.75	592.50
64	390.00	487.50	585.00
65	385.00	481.25	577.50
66	380.00	475.00	570.00
67	375.00	468.75	562.50
68	370.00	462.50	555.00
69	365.00	456.25	547.50
70	360.00	450.00	540.00
71	355.00	443.75	532.50
72	350.00	437.50	525.00

73	345.00	431.25	517.50
74	340.00	425.00	510.00
75	335.00	418.75	502.50
76	330.00	412.50	495.00
77	325.00	406.25	487.50
78	320.00	400.00	480.00
79	315.00	393.75	472.50
80	310.00	387.50	465.00
81	305.00	381.25	457.50
82	300.00	375.00	450.00
83	295.00	368.75	442.50
84	290.00	362.50	435.00
85	285.00	356.25	427.50
86	280.00	350.00	420.00
87	275.00	343.75	412.50
88	270.00	337.50	405.00
89	265.00	331.25	397.50
90	260.00	325.00	390.00
91	255.00	318.75	382.50
92	250.00	312.50	375.00
93	245.00	306.25	367.50
94	240.00	300.00	360.00
95	235.00	293.75	352.50
96	230.00	287.50	345.00
97	225.00	281.25	337.50
98	220.00	275.00	330.00
99	215.00	268.75	322.50
100	210.00	262.50	315.00

These points will be cumulative, and the sum of all points earned during the three play dates will determine final standings in the league.