

Tournament Trail Pools

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Propose: Define the process to determine Pool Structure used as the first phase for CT Cal Ripken Tournaments. The Pool Phase should be defined as a part of the State Tournament. This allows participants that are hosting a Regional Tournament to participate. Otherwise, they would be excluded from Pool Play.

Step 1: Identify the number of teams that will participate at each age group. Do this by communicating to all chartered towns the schedule for committing to the Tournament. Recommend process is to have the Tournament Fee set at the annual CT Babe Ruth mtg and a schedule to commit by mid-May.

Step 2: Determine the Team Strength Index (TSI) for each team that participated in the prior year Tournament Trail. The formula to be used is:

Pool Play	Double Elimination
1 point for each loss	1 point for each loss
2 points for each win	3 points for each win
	3 points for Tournament Champion

Step 3: Between the commitment date and the end of May identify Hosts for the number of Pools required according to the formula in Table 1. For 14 teams configuration determined by number of Hosts.

Table 1							
	Total	Pools					
	Teams	A	B	C	D		
Teams in the Tournament	8	4	4			Play 1 team twice	All teams advance
	9	5	4			4 Team play 1 team twice 5 Team play in pool all once	All teams advance
	10	5	5			Play in pool all once	4 Adv to St DE from each pool
	11	4	4	3		3 Team play each team twice 4 Team play 1 team twice	3 Adv from 4 team 2 from 3 team
	12	4	4	4		Play 1 team twice	3 Adv to St DE from each pool
	13	4	3	3	3	3 Team play each team twice 4 Team play 1 team twice	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	14	4	4	3	3	3 Team play each team twice 4 Team play 1 team twice	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	14	5	5	4		4 Team play 1 team twice 5 Team play in pool all once	2 Adv from 4 team 3 from 5 team
	15	5	5	5		5 Team play each team once	3 Adv to St DE from each pool
	16	4	4	4	4	Play 1 team twice	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	17	5	4	4	4	4 Team play 1 team twice 5 Team play in pool all once	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	18	5	5	4	4	4 Team play 1 team twice 5 Team play in pool all once	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	19	5	5	5	4	4 Team play 1 team twice 5 Team play in pool all once	2 Adv to St DE from each pool
	20	5	5	5	5	5 Team play each team once	2 Adv to St DE from each pool

Step 4: Assign teams to Pools based on the following process. Complete as close to June 1 as possible.

1. Assign the Hosts and give the Pool an initial TSI total based on previous year's performance
2. Rank the Pools lowest to highest by TSI
3. Assign the Team with the highest TSI (alphabetic if same TSI) to the lowest ranked Pool. If one or more Pool has the same total TSI ranking assign the Team to the Pool closest to the Team's Town. Continue until each Pool has added a Team. Calculate new TSI total for each Pool.
4. Resort the list of Pools by total TSI lowest to highest and return to Step 2. Repeat this process until all teams are assigned.
5. Review the Pools to determine if any team will have "excessive" travel during Pool Play. At the discretion of the State Commissioner exchange teams to reduce the commute distance.