

REGIONAL BID EVENT TOURNAMENTS:

The NTR will sanction 4 tournaments per year to be designated as Regional Bid Events. These tournaments are different from other sanctioned tournaments in several ways.

- i. **Schedule:** It is recommended that the first of these Regional Bid Tournaments be the second full weekend of January. Each subsequent Regional Bid Tournament should be scheduled with three full weekends in between Bid Tournaments. The dates of the Bid Tournaments must be assigned such that two of the four do not conflict with National Qualifiers. The Executive Director should take into account the calendar and regional concerns when deciding the schedule.
- ii. **Bid Process:** The host clubs for the NTR Bid Events are awarded through a bid process. The application for a Bid Event is to be submitted by the first Tuesday in August. A three-person committee of unaffiliated and unbiased individuals including the Executive Director and two others of the Executive Director's choosing shall be formed to evaluate the applicants. The Executive Director will then award the events to the appropriate host clubs. Bid Events will be awarded each year on a 4-year rotating basis. Each year the bid process will include any bid event whose contract has expired; any event who will have a different Tournament Director/Club Director; as well as any bid event that violated the rules and policies of the NTR to the level of the tournament being sanctioned. Such notice of sanction will be given to the bid event within 60 days of the conclusion of the offending bid event.

Any CD in good standing may apply to run a Region Bid Tournament. No (singular) club may be awarded more than one Bid Event in any one season. The criteria used to determine who is awarded these tournaments should be based on several factors. Two factors should be considered to have the most weight: History of Event and History of the TD.

The History of the Event takes into account the performance of the applying club in previously hosting tournaments. The following is a list of items to be considered:

- Willingness to work with the region and other clubs
- History of rules violations or poor reputation
- Success in running multi-day and multi-team events
- Ability to secure necessary gym space and equipment

With each application, the host club must name its TD. The reputation and ability of the TD must also be heavily considered.

- The quality of events run by this TD
- History of rules violations
- Knowledge of NTR rules and policies
- Ability to adjust to unforeseen circumstances
- Ability to work with region members and staff

Other factors that may influence the awarding of the event may include:

- Entry fee
- Reputation within the region
- Commitment to extra items (hospitality rooms, awards, etc.)

- 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. Page 18

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.