



Bracket Advancement Explanations

As a result of giving every team a guaranteed minimum of 3 meaningful games, certain age groups will have unique structures and advancement protocols for this year's event. The brief descriptions below have been created to help explain the structure and playoff systems in place for this year's Far West Region Regional Championship.

Tie Breakers: In the event that teams are tied on the basis of points, the following tiebreakers will be considered in order until the tie is broken:

- a. Winner of head-to-head competition (This criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied).
- b. Winner of most games.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of **five goals** per game. The team with the highest goal differential advances.
- d. Fewest goals allowed. The team with the fewest goals allowed advances.
- e. Kicks from penalty mark per IFAB Laws of the Game (as described in National Championships Rule 242 Section 2 (c)).

* NOTE: **If more than two teams are tied**, the sequence will be followed from the Point "b" until a team is eliminated/advanced. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "b" above until the tie is broken, if needed.

10 Team Bracket

(13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 18U/19U Girls and 14U Boys)

1 Group of 4 + 2 Groups of 3

1 Group of 4 – Each team will play each other in their group (round robin).

2 Groups of 3 – Groups will play three cross bracket games.

Winner of each group and the next best 5 teams (wild card teams) will advance to the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Tuesday – Quarterfinals Wednesday – Semi Finals Thursday – Finals

12 Team Bracket

(17U Girls)

3 Groups of 4 Teams

Each team will play each other in their group (round robin).

Group Winners and 2nd place teams advance to the quarterfinals.

NEXT BEST 2 TEAMS advance as the remaining 2 teams for quarterfinals (Regardless of Group).

Tuesday – Quarterfinals Wednesday – Semi Finals Thursday – Finals

13 Team Bracket

(16U Boys)

1 Group of 5 + 2 Groups of 4

Group of 5 plays Round Robin – Potential 2 Games in 1 day (Rest Times Factored into Schedule).

Groups of 4 play 4 games against the four teams from the opposite group of four (cross bracket). Potential 2 Games in 1 day (Rest Times Factored into Schedule).

The top 8 teams will advance to the quarterfinals, regardless of their group, using the tie breaker sequence.

Tuesday – Quarterfinals Wednesday – Semi Finals Thursday – Finals

14 Team Bracket

(13U, 15U, 17U Boys)

2 Group of 4 + 2 Groups of 3

2 Group of 4 – Each team will play each other in their group (round robin).

2 Groups of 3 – Groups will play three cross bracket games.

The top 2 teams from each group will advance to the quarterfinals.

Tuesday – Quarterfinals Wednesday – Semi Finals Thursday – Finals

16 Team Bracket

(18/19U Boys)

4 Groups of 4

4 Group of 4 – Each team will play each other in their group (round robin).

The top 2 teams from each group will advance to the quarterfinals.

Tuesday – Quarterfinals Wednesday – Semi Finals Thursday – Finals