



## SEEDING FOR UTAH JUNIOR SANCTIONED DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

### Recommended steps for seeding for District tournaments.

1. Seed tournaments based on current District standing list.
2. **Exceptional player check**
3. Print current Intermountain standing list for top 20 players. (Whole Section List)
4. Analyze the top 20 list for any entrants in the district competitor list.
5. Reseed by inserting any player from the top 20 intermountain standing list. Insert the exceptional player qualified by their ranking position on the top 20 intermountain standing list in accordance with other seeds already selected from the district standing list. \*example

### Exceptional Player age up seed.

6. Print prior age group national standing list. If age-up player is in top 100, a player would qualify for exceptional player age-up in district tournaments. (Would be used if age-up player has no other points in the division the player is aging up in other wise use district standing list.) \*\*example

### Level 5 additional step.

7. For Level Five tournaments only. Check National ranking for all out of Section players. An out of section player could be considered an exceptional player if ranked in the top 100 in the nation. The player would then be compared to the seeded players and their ranking position based on the national standing list.

### Recommended additional step.

8. The Junior Competition Committee strongly encourages tournament directors to submit the seeding lists to the UTA Jr. Director for a review and check of the tournament seeds.

\* In a district tournament with a 32 player draw if the draw is filled there would be 8 seeds. 1 seed for every 4 competitors. The 8 seeds would be selected from the district standing list. (Step 1) Exceptional player check would be performed for all competitors from the top 20 intermountain standing list. If seed 3 and 5 from the district standing list are ranked 1 and 2 by way of Utah players ranked in the top 20 Intermountain standing list, then seeds 3 and 5 would be moved to 1 and 2 seeds under exceptional player qualification.

\*\*Exceptional player age-up test. If a known exceptional player is aging up, qualify the player for a seed position by printing the top 100 National standing list for the prior age group. If the player is ranked in the top 100 nationally, the player can be considered for a seed position if the player has no points in the age group of the tournament the player is entering.

Moving to this type of seeding policy will accomplish the following:

1. Take subjectivity out of the seeding as much as possible.
2. Consistency of application in all age groups.
3. Will match what is being done in Intermountain and National tournament seeding.