



### *Power League Dates*

<b>PL #</b>	<b>U18's</b>	<b>U16's</b>	<b>U14's</b>	<b>U12's</b>
1	January 5 & 6	January 12 & 13	January 19 & 20	January 20
2	February 2	February 3	February 2	February 3
3	March 2	March 1	March 2	March 1
4 & Prime Time	April 5	April 6	April 5	April 6

# **2008 POWER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK**

## **POWER LEAGUE OVERVIEW**

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 into Prime Time as well as seeding into the Regional Championship tournament.

The tournament series will be held on five days spread over four separate weekends with the first two days in January, a single day in February, a single day in March, and the final day in April in conjunction with the Prime Time tournament. (Please note that U12's will have one day in January and four total days in their series and entry will be less than that of all other age groups). The January weekend will consist of seeding rounds as well as the first point scoring date. The playing days in February, March, and April will also have points awarded to each team based on their finish. Thus, a total of four point scoring dates will be included in the league.

The tournament series will be played in four age groups, 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, and 12 & Under. The odd age groups will play up with the next older age division. The rankings of teams in their individual age divisions will be easily ascertained because the rankings are linear. Total entries in each age group/division will be limited to multiples of 8 teams. We will not accept more than multiples of 8 in each age group, and teams will be accepted based on date of entry, not assumed team strength. Entering before the entry deadline does not **guarantee** entry into the Power League. Teams that enter near or after the deadline, risk being excluded from the Power League based on the "multiples of 8" cut off. The region Power League Coordinator will make every effort to solicit teams into the League after the deadline so that teams "on the bubble" will be able to play – including accepting teams from neighboring regions to fill out the field.

Teams will be required to enter all five days (four for U12's), played on four separate weekends. Once accepted to the league, no refunds will be given for either dropping or no-shows.

Points will be awarded for each placement from top to bottom. A premium will be awarded to finishing 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Also, points will increase each subsequent date (points are listed in this program). These points from each session will cumulate and the total number of points awarded will be utilized in seeding the Regional Championships. In addition, only the top 8 teams in the league at each age group, **out of the teams that have applied by the Prime Time entry deadline**, will be accepted into the Prime Time tournament.

After the conclusion of the seeding portion of the first weekend, teams will be placed into 8-team flights consisting of two 4-team pools. These flights will play five matches during a single-day session. Each team will have three pool-play matches plus two crossover matches. The teams will be ranked 1-8 after those five matches. The 1-2 place finishers will move up a flight while the 7-8 place finishers will drop down a flight.

Teams that decide not to participate in the ranking league will still be allowed to enter Regionals and will be seeded by the Junior Advisory Board.

## **FORMAT**

### **Weekend 1 in January**

The first weekend will consist of a 2-day tournament in January. The first part of this weekend will consist of competition which will sort the teams into 8-team flights. The second part of the January weekend will be the first point scoring day of the league. The exact format for this first weekend will be driven by both the number of teams that enter a specific age group as well as the number of courts available and their proximity to each other. The League director reserves the right to create a format which allows for sorting into groups of 8. For divisions of 64 or more teams, the first weekend of league may be pre-seeded into two separate divisions of 32 teams each.

## **Format for Point Scoring Playing Dates**

The format will be for all teams to be seeded into 8-team flights (2 pools of 4) from top to bottom based on the previous round. For example, Gold would be teams 1-8, Silver 9-16, and so on. This is a one-day tournament -- the first round would consist of pool play; after pool play A1 would play B2 and A2 would play B1 while A3 plays B4 and A4 plays B3 in crossover matches. The winners would play each other and the losers would play each other. After these two rounds of crossover matches we will have each flight linear ranked from 1-8. The 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers would move up as the 7-8 seeds of the next higher flight for the following session and the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place teams would move into the 1-2 seeds of the next lower flight. This is known as a 'sift'. Dates for point scoring dates are listed in this handbook.

## **Prime Time in April**

The teams that are interested in qualifying to compete in the Prime Time tournament to win the right to represent our region at the national championships will need to submit their entries to the region's office by February 22nd. After the March round of the ranking league, the top 8 teams in every age group (U18, U17, U16, etc.) that have submitted entries prior to the deadline will be invited to participate in the Prime Time tournament on the April Power League weekend. The rest of the teams in the league will compete in league play beginning with Silver division. Prime Time teams will be awarded Gold Division points. For example, the top 8 U18 teams that enter the event will be in the Prime Time/Power League Gold; the top 8 U17 teams that enter will be in the Prime time/Power League Gold as well. The remaining teams will have league play, Silver division and down.

## **Regionals in May**

The final standings from the power league will be utilized to help seed the Regional Championship. Any teams that do not participate in the league will still be allowed to play in the Regional Championships and will be seeded by the Junior Advisory Board.

## **Financial Detail**

- Entry fee of \$625 per team covers 5 days of competition (Days 1-2 during weekend 1 plus Day 3 in Feb., Day 4 in March, and Day 5 in April). U12's will cost \$500 per team and covers 4 days of competition (Day 1 during weekend 1 in January, plus Day 2 in Feb., Day 3 in March, and Day 4 in April).
- Entry fee for Prime Time is included in the Power League entry fees. Entry fees for the Regional Championships are in addition to the cost for the Ranking League and will be paid in accordance with rules set forth by region.
- All teams must enter all sessions of the series in advance

## POINT SYSTEM

There will be points awarded for each place 1-64 (or beyond if necessary). Points will be awarded for each placement from top to bottom. A premium will be awarded to finishing 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Also, points will increase each subsequent league date.

PLACE	PL - 1	PL-2 (x 1.25)	PL-3 (x 1.5)	PL-4 (x 1.75)
1 <sup>st</sup>	515.00	643.75	772.50	901.25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	500.00	625.00	750.00	875.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	495.00	618.75	742.50	866.25
4 <sup>th</sup>	490.00	612.50	735.00	857.50
5 <sup>th</sup>	485.00	606.25	727.50	848.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	480.00	600.00	720.00	840.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	475.00	593.75	712.50	831.25
8 <sup>th</sup>	470.00	587.50	705.00	822.50
9 <sup>th</sup>	465.00	581.25	697.50	813.75
10 <sup>th</sup>	460.00	575.00	690.00	805.00
11 <sup>th</sup>	455.00	568.75	682.50	796.25
12 <sup>th</sup>	450.00	562.50	675.00	787.50
13 <sup>th</sup>	445.00	556.25	667.50	778.75
14 <sup>th</sup>	440.00	550.00	660.00	770.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	435.00	543.75	652.50	761.25
16 <sup>th</sup>	430.00	537.50	645.00	752.50
17 <sup>th</sup>	425.00	531.25	637.50	743.75
18 <sup>th</sup>	420.00	525.00	630.00	735.00
19 <sup>th</sup>	415.00	518.75	622.50	726.25
20 <sup>th</sup>	410.00	512.50	615.00	717.50
21 <sup>st</sup>	405.00	506.25	607.50	708.75
22 <sup>nd</sup>	400.00	500.00	600.00	700.00
23 <sup>rd</sup>	395.00	493.75	592.50	691.25
24 <sup>th</sup>	390.00	487.50	585.00	682.50
25 <sup>th</sup>	385.00	481.25	577.50	673.75
26 <sup>th</sup>	380.00	475.00	570.00	665.00
27 <sup>th</sup>	375.00	468.75	562.50	656.25
28 <sup>th</sup>	370.00	462.50	555.00	647.50
29 <sup>th</sup>	365.00	456.25	547.50	638.75
30 <sup>th</sup>	360.00	450.00	540.00	630.00
31 <sup>st</sup>	355.00	443.75	532.50	621.25
32 <sup>nd</sup>	350.00	437.50	525.00	612.50

PLACE	PL - 1	PL-2 (x 1.25)	PL-3 (x 1.5)	PL-4 (x 1.75)
33 <sup>rd</sup>	345.00	431.25	517.50	603.75
34 <sup>th</sup>	340.00	425.00	510.00	595.00
35 <sup>th</sup>	335.00	418.75	502.50	586.25
36 <sup>th</sup>	330.00	412.50	495.00	577.50
37 <sup>th</sup>	325.00	406.25	487.50	568.75
38 <sup>th</sup>	320.00	400.00	480.00	560.00
39 <sup>th</sup>	315.00	393.75	472.50	551.25
40 <sup>th</sup>	310.00	387.50	465.00	542.50
41 <sup>st</sup>	305.00	381.25	457.50	533.75
42 <sup>nd</sup>	300.00	375.00	450.00	525.00
43 <sup>rd</sup>	295.00	368.75	442.50	516.25
44 <sup>th</sup>	290.00	362.50	435.00	507.50
45 <sup>th</sup>	285.00	356.25	427.50	498.75
46 <sup>th</sup>	280.00	350.00	420.00	490.00
47 <sup>th</sup>	275.00	343.75	412.50	481.25
48 <sup>th</sup>	270.00	337.50	405.00	472.50
49 <sup>th</sup>	265.00	331.25	397.50	463.75
50 <sup>th</sup>	260.00	325.00	390.00	455.00
51 <sup>st</sup>	255.00	318.75	382.50	446.25
52 <sup>nd</sup>	250.00	312.50	375.00	437.50
53 <sup>rd</sup>	245.00	306.25	367.50	428.75
54 <sup>th</sup>	240.00	300.00	360.00	420.00
55 <sup>th</sup>	235.00	293.75	352.50	411.25
56 <sup>th</sup>	230.00	287.50	345.00	402.50
57 <sup>th</sup>	225.00	281.25	337.50	393.75
58 <sup>th</sup>	220.00	275.00	330.00	385.00
59 <sup>th</sup>	215.00	268.75	322.50	376.25
60 <sup>th</sup>	210.00	262.50	315.00	367.50
61 <sup>st</sup>	205.00	256.25	307.50	358.75
62 <sup>nd</sup>	200.00	250.00	300.00	350.00
63 <sup>rd</sup>	195.00	243.75	292.50	341.25
64 <sup>th</sup>	190.00	237.50	285.00	332.50

These points will be cumulative and be added to the previous month's point totals.