

Puget Sound Region 2009 POWER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK



Power League Dates

PL #	U18's	U16's	U15's	U14's	U12's
1	Jan 10 & 11	Jan 24 & 25	Jan 24 & 25	Jan 17 & 18	Jan 18
2	Feb 8	Feb 7	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 8
3	Mar 1	Feb 28	Feb 28	Mar 1	Feb 28
4 & Prime Time	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 5	Apr 4	Apr 5

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 help 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 second day early in February, a third day on the last weekend in February, 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.

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 1st 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.

DIVISIONS

The tournament series will be played in five age groups, 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 15 & under, 14 & Under, and 12 & Under. The odd age groups will play up with the next older age division except for U15, which will have their own division. U15 teams may enter the U16 division, but will then be ineligible for the U15 Prime Time event, but may play in the U16 Prime Time event. 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.

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 1st-2nd place finishers would move up as the 7-8 seeds of the next higher flight for the following session and the 7th-8th 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 27th. 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 \$650 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 and Day 3 in February, 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 1st 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 st	515.00	643.75	772.50	901.25
2 nd	500.00	625.00	750.00	875.00
3 rd	495.00	618.75	742.50	866.25
4 th	490.00	612.50	735.00	857.50
5 th	485.00	606.25	727.50	848.75
6 th	480.00	600.00	720.00	840.00
7 th	475.00	593.75	712.50	831.25
8 th	470.00	587.50	705.00	822.50
9 th	465.00	581.25	697.50	813.75
10 th	460.00	575.00	690.00	805.00
11 th	455.00	568.75	682.50	796.25
12 th	450.00	562.50	675.00	787.50
13 th	445.00	556.25	667.50	778.75
14 th	440.00	550.00	660.00	770.00
15 th	435.00	543.75	652.50	761.25
16 th	430.00	537.50	645.00	752.50
17 th	425.00	531.25	637.50	743.75
18 th	420.00	525.00	630.00	735.00
19 th	415.00	518.75	622.50	726.25
20 th	410.00	512.50	615.00	717.50
21 st	405.00	506.25	607.50	708.75
22 nd	400.00	500.00	600.00	700.00
23 rd	395.00	493.75	592.50	691.25
24 th	390.00	487.50	585.00	682.50
25 th	385.00	481.25	577.50	673.75
26 th	380.00	475.00	570.00	665.00
27 th	375.00	468.75	562.50	656.25
28 th	370.00	462.50	555.00	647.50
29 th	365.00	456.25	547.50	638.75
30 th	360.00	450.00	540.00	630.00
31 st	355.00	443.75	532.50	621.25
32 nd	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 rd	345.00	431.25	517.50	603.75
34 th	340.00	425.00	510.00	595.00
35 th	335.00	418.75	502.50	586.25
36 th	330.00	412.50	495.00	577.50
37 th	325.00	406.25	487.50	568.75
38 th	320.00	400.00	480.00	560.00
39 th	315.00	393.75	472.50	551.25
40 th	310.00	387.50	465.00	542.50
41 st	305.00	381.25	457.50	533.75
42 nd	300.00	375.00	450.00	525.00
43 rd	295.00	368.75	442.50	516.25
44 th	290.00	362.50	435.00	507.50
45 th	285.00	356.25	427.50	498.75
46 th	280.00	350.00	420.00	490.00
47 th	275.00	343.75	412.50	481.25
48 th	270.00	337.50	405.00	472.50
49 th	265.00	331.25	397.50	463.75
50 th	260.00	325.00	390.00	455.00
51 st	255.00	318.75	382.50	446.25
52 nd	250.00	312.50	375.00	437.50
53 rd	245.00	306.25	367.50	428.75
54 th	240.00	300.00	360.00	420.00
55 th	235.00	293.75	352.50	411.25
56 th	230.00	287.50	345.00	402.50
57 th	225.00	281.25	337.50	393.75
58 th	220.00	275.00	330.00	385.00
59 th	215.00	268.75	322.50	376.25
60 th	210.00	262.50	315.00	367.50
61 st	205.00	256.25	307.50	358.75
62 nd	200.00	250.00	300.00	350.00
63 rd	195.00	243.75	292.50	341.25
64 th	190.00	237.50	285.00	332.50

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

2009 PSR POWER LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

www.pugetsoundvb.org

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER TEAM

Club Name: _____ Division (i.e.: U 12): _____
 Team Name: _____ Team Code (i.e. FJ7NWEST1PS.): _____
 Team Representative: _____ Contact Number: _____
 Email: _____ Entry Fee: \$650 U14 & older; \$500 U12

1. How Many Returning Players on this Team? _____
2. Where did this team finish in 2008 Regionals? _____
3. Is there anything you wish the Junior Advisory Board (JAB) to know about this team which may assist in the seeding process? _____

4. Where should this team be seeded in the PSR Ranking Qualifier (January 2-day Event)?
 (Check One) Please remember odd-aged teams (except U15) are "playing up"

	Projected Seeding Point	Check One
1.	Top 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	17-32	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	33-48	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	49-64	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	65-80	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	81 or Lower	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. **If your team is requesting a seed higher than where it finished in Regionals during the 2008 Season, please list your justification:** _____

- This entry must be completely filled out and will not be accepted without proper entry fee or deposit
- *Entry Fee is \$650 per team; \$500 for U12's*
- *A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by December 15th, 2008 with the with the balance due by December 26, 2008.*
- The Deadline for Power League Entry is: **December 15, 2008 @ 5:00pm**
- Mail Entry Form and Fee to: Puget Sound Region, USAV
 6900 220th St. SW, Suite B
 Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

 Signature of Club Director/Representative Print Name Date