

Bracketing Policies and Procedures

Tournament Divisions and races are recommended by the Tournament Committee and approved by the BOD. Typically, there are divisions for Scotch Doubles, Singles and Teams. Currently Scotch Divisions are played first, then Singles Divisions and finally Team Divisions. The entries will be sent by the Tournament Registrar to the Tournament Direction Provider no later than two weeks prior to the tournament. The TR will set the date of the No Fault Refund Deadline so this can be accomplished. Western BCA expects the Scotch and Singles Divisions to be bracketed and returned to Western BCA after 5 days. That allows Western BCA officials time to review the brackets and approve the posting of the brackets online. The Team entries will be sent to the Tournament Direction Provider no later than 10 days prior to the tournament. Western BCA expects the Team Divisions to be bracketed and returned to Western BCA after 5 days. That allows Western BCA officials time to review the team brackets and approve posting of those brackets online. The Western BCA Tournament Registrar will be the head official in charge of reviewing the brackets.

The following procedures should be used when bracketing Western BCA tournaments:

1. The brackets should be random except for league members not playing a fellow league member in the first 2 rounds, unless it is impossible.
2. The Tournament Registrar will send all the entries to the Tournament Program Provider so the provider can schedule the entire tournament. For any match that will have a Calcutta, the number of entries will be sent to the Tournament Program Provider but not the player's names. Those events will be bracketed after the Calcutta to ensure no one bidding on the players knows their schedule before the bidding is complete.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Direction Provider to post the brackets online and inform Western BCA of the location of brackets.
4. The goal of the online posting of the brackets is to have the Scotch and Singles brackets posted online on the Tuesday prior to the tournament. The Team brackets should be posted by the Friday prior to the tournament.
5. The Divisional Singles Brackets will be posted on the Western BCA Website with the high and low Fargo rates in each division and the number of players in each division. This could also be included on the postings in the hallway of the event.