

# 2011-2012 POWER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK



## *Power League Dates*

<b>PL #</b>	<b>U18's</b>	<b>U16's</b>	<b>U15's</b>	<b>U14's</b>	<b>U12's</b>
1	Jan 8 & 22	Jan 8 & 29	Jan 8 & 29	Jan 7 & 22	Jan 21
2	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 5	Feb 4	Feb 5
3	March 4	March 3	March 3	March 4	March 3
4	April 7	April 14	April 14	April 7	April 14

## *Power League Platinum Dates*

<b>Platinum #</b>	<b>U18's</b>	<b>U16's</b>
1	Feb 5	Feb 5
2	March 11	March 11
3	April 7	April 7

## ***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 the Regional Championship as well as the PSR National Bid Tournament.

The tournament series will be held on five days spread over five separate weekends with the first two days in January, two additional dates in February and March and the final day in April. Please note that U12's will have one day in January and four total days in their series and the entry fee will be less than that of all other age groups. The first January date will consist of seeding rounds, while the second January date will be 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 final league standings.

Teams will be required to enter all five days (four for U12's). 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 to help seed the Regional Championship as well as the PSR National Bid Tournament.

After the conclusion of the seeding portion on the first play day, teams will be placed into flights consisting of pool and playoff bracket play. The majority of the flights will consist of 8 teams, although, since the region has decided to accept all teams that enter the league, there may be flights of 5, 6 and 7 teams. Different flight structures are listed below. The teams will be ranked from 1<sup>st</sup> on down after flight play has concluded. In the majority of flights, the top two finishers will move up a flight while the bottom two finishers will drop down a flight. The one exception is in the U16's and U18's flight # 1 where only the top team will move into the Inter-Regional Platinum League while the bottom team from the Inter-Regional Platinum League will move down into flight # 1.

Teams that decide not to participate in the league will still be allowed to enter the Regional Championships and will be seeded by a seeding committee created by the PSR Operations Director. For specific details on the PSR National Bid Tournament, please access the 2012 PSR Girls Division Manual.

## ***DIVISIONS***

The tournament series will be played in five age groups, U18, U16, U15, U14 and U12. The U13 and U17 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 not be limited to multiples of 8 as in previous years.** All teams that apply by the deadline will be accepted into the league. The League Director will develop a suitable format for any flight with an odd number of teams in it.

## **FORMAT**

### **First January Play Day**

The first play day will consist of competition which will sort the teams into flights. The second play day in January will be the first point scoring day of the league. The exact format for the first play day 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.

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

The format will be for all teams to be seeded into flights from top to bottom based on the previous round. These will be a one-day tournament. The first round would consist of pool play and the second round would consist of playoff bracket competition. After these two rounds of play we will have each flight linear ranked from 1<sup>st</sup> on down.

### **8 Team Flight Format**

Pool play will consist of the best 2/3 (25,25,15), no cap, with the score for games 1 and 2 starting at 4-4. Starting score for game 3 will be 0-0..

Following pool play, teams will cross over with 1<sup>st</sup> place in pool A playing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in pool B, 1<sup>st</sup> in pool B playing 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool A, 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool A playing 4<sup>th</sup> in pool B and 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool A playing 4<sup>th</sup> in pool B. All these matches are the best 2/3 (25,25,15), no cap, scores begin at 0-0 for all games.

The winners of the 1 vs 2 seeds will play off for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the losers for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The winners of the 3 vs 4 seeds will play for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and the losers for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Since all teams after the first round of playoffs will know whether they are moving up or down, subsequent playoff matches will be one set to 25, no cap, switch at 13 and the score starting at 0-0. The only exception is the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> match in the top flight in each division, which will be a full 2/3, all sets starting at 0-0.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers would move up as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> seeds of the next higher flight for the following session and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers would move down as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seeds of the next lower flight. This is known as a 'sift'.

### **7 Team Flight Format**

The pool of 4 will be playing the best 2 out of 3 (25,25,15), no cap, score starts at 0-0. The pool of 3 will be playing 3 games guaranteed with all games starting at 0-0 and going to 25 with no cap. While there will not be a coin flip for game 3, the teams should switch sides at 13. Standings for the pool of 3 will be based on games.

In order to keep the two pool schedules on a similar time structure, the first two matches of the 4 team pool will be played in round 1 using both courts with the 3 team pool providing the officiating teams. The 3 team pool will then begin their scheduled play in the second round of the day.

The top half of the playoff bracket will be the same as in 8 team flights. In the bottom half, the 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 4 team pool will play against 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 3 team pool and the winner will play against 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 4 team pool. Only the first match in the bottom half of the playoff bracket will be a full 2/3 match, score starts at 0-0 in all sets. The second match in the bottom half of the playoff bracket will be 1 game to 25.

## 6 Team Flight Format

The 6 team flights will be in 2 pools of 3 teams, and the teams will play a round-robin schedule within their own pool. Following pool play, second and third place teams will cross over and play each other. The winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool B will then play against 1<sup>st</sup> in pool B. The winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool A will play against 1<sup>st</sup> in pool A. Losers of the first round of playoffs will play each other for 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup>. Losers of the second round will play each other for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> while the winners will play each other for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

All matches, both in pool play and bracket play, will be the best 2/3, no cap, start at 0-0. Since all teams are involved in every round of play, a lunch break of approximately 45 minutes should be included after round 3. The lunch break may be shortened only if all coaches agree.

## 5 Team Flight Format

The five team flights will be playing in a 5 team pool play round robin, using two courts. There will not be any bracket play since at the conclusion of pool play all team will have played 4 matches, all against different opponents. Standings will only be based on overall pool play. All matches in the flight will be the best 2/3 (25,25,15), no cap, score begins at 0-0.

Teams in a five team flight need to be prepared to officiate two courts at the same time. Since all teams are involved in every round of play, a lunch break of approximately 45 minutes should be included after round 3. The lunch break may be shortened only if all coaches agree.

## Pool Play Schedules

4 team pools:

Round	Play	Ref
1	1 vs 3	2
2	2 vs 4	1
3	1 vs 4	3
4	2 vs 3	1
5	3 vs 4	2
6	1 vs 2	4

5 team pool playing on two courts:

Round	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
1	1 vs 5	2	3 vs 4	2
2	2 vs 3	1	4 vs 5	1
3	1 vs 4	3	2 vs 5	3
Lunch Break 45 minutes				
4	1 vs 3	5	2 vs 4	5
5	1 vs 2	4	3 vs 5	4

3 team schedule:

Round	Play	Ref
1	1 vs 3	2
2	2 vs 3	1
3	1 vs 2	3

Schedule for flight of 7:

Teams in pool B will provide officials for Pool A round 1

Round	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
1	A1 vs A3	B1	A2 vs A4	B3
2	A1 vs A4	A3	B1 vs B3	B2
3	A2 vs A3	A1	B2 vs B3	B1
4	A3 vs A4	A2	B1 vs B2	B3
5	A1 vs A2	A4		

### **Tie Breaking Procedures**

There will not be any playoff games to break ties in pool play. The following are tie-breaking procedures for the league:

#### **Two teams tied for a position:**

1. Tie breaker will be their head to head match up.

#### **Three teams tied for a position:**

If 3 teams are tied in match record, the ties are broken by applying the following steps, in order, **without repeating any step**. Head to head results will not be used at any time in breaking a three way tie.

1. Determine each team's set percentage (divide each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest set percentage is first.
2. If some, or all, of the teams have the same set percentage, then determine the point percentage of the teams that are still tied (divide each team's total points scored by the total points scored against them by all opponents played). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest point percentage has the next highest finish in the pool (finishes first or second, depending on the outcome of the set

- percentage).
3. If two or more teams are still tied, then a coin toss.

## **Regionals**

The final standings from the Power League will be utilized to help seed the Regional Championship. In the league age divisions where two ages are competing, the odd ages will have their own tournament. Any teams that play up an age division in the league (not including U13's or U17's) and any teams that do not participate in the league will still be allowed to play in the Regional Championships and will be seeded by a seeding committee created by the PSR Operations Director.

Format for the Regional Championships will be driven by the number of teams that enter an age group and the number of courts available within proximity of each other.

## **Financial Detail**

- Entry fee of \$715 per team covers 5 days of competition (Days 1-2 during Jan., plus Day 3 in Feb., Day 4 in March, and Day 5 in April). U12's will cost \$550 per team and covers 4 days of competition (Day 1 in January, plus Day 2 in Feb., Day 3 in March, and Day 4 in April).
- Entry fees for the Regional Championships are in addition to the cost for the Power League and will be paid in accordance with rules set forth by region.
- All teams must enter all sessions of the series in advance.

## ***Inter-Regional (Platinum Division)***

The Region is also expanding the inter-regional division (Platinum) to add U16 to the division this year. The top four teams in the U16's and U18's division will play teams from Columbia Empire, with the bottom team in that Platinum Division moving back into the Gold Division and the top team in the Gold Division moving up to the Platinum Division for each subsequent Power League date.

## **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.

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>PL - 1</b>	<b>PL-2 (x 1.25)</b>	<b>PL-3 (x 1.5)</b>	<b>PL-4 (x 1.75)</b>		<b>PLACE</b>	<b>PL - 1</b>	<b>PL-2 (x 1.25)</b>	<b>PL-3 (x 1.5)</b>	<b>PL-4 (x 1.75)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	515.00	643.75	772.50	901.25		33 <sup>rd</sup>	345.00	431.25	517.50	603.75
2 <sup>nd</sup>	500.00	625.00	750.00	875.00		34 <sup>th</sup>	340.00	425.00	510.00	595.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	495.00	618.75	742.50	866.25		35 <sup>th</sup>	335.00	418.75	502.50	586.25
4 <sup>th</sup>	490.00	612.50	735.00	857.50		36 <sup>th</sup>	330.00	412.50	495.00	577.50
5 <sup>th</sup>	485.00	606.25	727.50	848.75		37 <sup>th</sup>	325.00	406.25	487.50	568.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	480.00	600.00	720.00	840.00		38 <sup>th</sup>	320.00	400.00	480.00	560.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	475.00	593.75	712.50	831.25		39 <sup>th</sup>	315.00	393.75	472.50	551.25
8 <sup>th</sup>	470.00	587.50	705.00	822.50		40 <sup>th</sup>	310.00	387.50	465.00	542.50
9 <sup>th</sup>	465.00	581.25	697.50	813.75		41 <sup>st</sup>	305.00	381.25	457.50	533.75
10 <sup>th</sup>	460.00	575.00	690.00	805.00		42 <sup>nd</sup>	300.00	375.00	450.00	525.00
11 <sup>th</sup>	455.00	568.75	682.50	796.25		43 <sup>rd</sup>	295.00	368.75	442.50	516.25
12 <sup>th</sup>	450.00	562.50	675.00	787.50		44 <sup>th</sup>	290.00	362.50	435.00	507.50
13 <sup>th</sup>	445.00	556.25	667.50	778.75		45 <sup>th</sup>	285.00	356.25	427.50	498.75
14 <sup>th</sup>	440.00	550.00	660.00	770.00		46 <sup>th</sup>	280.00	350.00	420.00	490.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	435.00	543.75	652.50	761.25		47 <sup>th</sup>	275.00	343.75	412.50	481.25
16 <sup>th</sup>	430.00	537.50	645.00	752.50		48 <sup>th</sup>	270.00	337.50	405.00	472.50
17 <sup>th</sup>	425.00	531.25	637.50	743.75		49 <sup>th</sup>	265.00	331.25	397.50	463.75
18 <sup>th</sup>	420.00	525.00	630.00	735.00		50 <sup>th</sup>	260.00	325.00	390.00	455.00
19 <sup>th</sup>	415.00	518.75	622.50	726.25		51 <sup>st</sup>	255.00	318.75	382.50	446.25
20 <sup>th</sup>	410.00	512.50	615.00	717.50		52 <sup>nd</sup>	250.00	312.50	375.00	437.50
21 <sup>st</sup>	405.00	506.25	607.50	708.75		53 <sup>rd</sup>	245.00	306.25	367.50	428.75
22 <sup>nd</sup>	400.00	500.00	600.00	700.00		54 <sup>th</sup>	240.00	300.00	360.00	420.00
23 <sup>rd</sup>	395.00	493.75	592.50	691.25		55 <sup>th</sup>	235.00	293.75	352.50	411.25
24 <sup>th</sup>	390.00	487.50	585.00	682.50		56 <sup>th</sup>	230.00	287.50	345.00	402.50
25 <sup>th</sup>	385.00	481.25	577.50	673.75		57 <sup>th</sup>	225.00	281.25	337.50	393.75
26 <sup>th</sup>	380.00	475.00	570.00	665.00		58 <sup>th</sup>	220.00	275.00	330.00	385.00
27 <sup>th</sup>	375.00	468.75	562.50	656.25		59 <sup>th</sup>	215.00	268.75	322.50	376.25
28 <sup>th</sup>	370.00	462.50	555.00	647.50		60 <sup>th</sup>	210.00	262.50	315.00	367.50
29 <sup>th</sup>	365.00	456.25	547.50	638.75		61 <sup>st</sup>	205.00	256.25	307.50	358.75
30 <sup>th</sup>	360.00	450.00	540.00	630.00		62 <sup>nd</sup>	200.00	250.00	300.00	350.00
31 <sup>st</sup>	355.00	443.75	532.50	621.25		63 <sup>rd</sup>	195.00	243.75	292.50	341.25
32 <sup>nd</sup>	350.00	437.50	525.00	612.50		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.