

CHAPTER XII – SYSTEMS & CONVENTIONS

G. SEEDING POINTS

Section 1 – Seeding of Women’s Knockout Teams

1.1 The player shall receive the greater of the two Seeding Point (SP) totals calculated by the method specified in subsections 1.1.1 through 1.1.6 or the Alternative SP Method specified in subsection 1.1.8.

1.1.1 Vanderbilt and Spingold Knockout Teams*

Years previous to current event:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st)	40.0	36.0	32.0	28.0	24.0	20.0	16.0	12.0	8.0	4.0
2nd)	28.0	25.2	22.4	19.6	16.8	14.0	11.2	8.4	5.6	2.8
3/4)	20.0	18.0	16.0	14.0	12.0	10.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
5/8)	12.0	10.8	9.6	8.4	7.2	6.0	4.8	3.6	2.4	1.2
9/16)	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4

1.1.1.1 When the team is not composed entirely of women, these SPs are reduced using the following formula:

Number of players	Number of Women	Reduce Points By
6	1	3/4
6	2	1/2
6	3	3/8
6	4	1/4
6	5	1/8
5	1	3/4
5	2	1/2
5	3	1/4
5	4	1/8
4	1	3/4
4	2	1/2
4	3	1/4

1.1.2 Reisinger BAM Teams*

Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	24.0	21.6	19.2	16.8	14.4	12.0	9.6	7.2	4.8	2.4
2nd)	16.0	14.4	12.8	11.2	9.6	8.0	6.4	4.8	3.2	1.6
3rd)	12.0	10.8	9.6	8.4	7.2	6.0	4.8	3.6	2.4	1.2
4th)	8.0	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8
q/f)**	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4

* When the team is not composed entirely of women, these SPs are reduced using the table in subsection 1.1.1.1 above.

** Qualifying for final and finishing fifth or lower

1.1.3 Wagar Women's KO Teams

Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	20.0	18.0	16.0	14.0	12.0	10.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
2nd)	14	12.6	11.2	9.8	8.4	7.0	5.6	4.2	2.8	1.4
3rd)	8.0	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8
4th)	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4

1.1.4 Women's BAM Teams

Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	11.0	9.9	8.8	7.7	6.6	5.5	4.4	3.3	2.2	1.1
2nd)	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.7
3rd)	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
4th)	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.3

1.1.5 Women's Swiss Teams

Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.7
2nd)	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
3rd)	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.3
4th)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

1.1.6 MP* Holding

- a) $SP = 1 + \ln [(.22\{MP-300\}/700) + 1] / \ln (1.22)$ for players with more than 300 MPs with a cap of 11 SPs from MPs.
- b) For players with fewer than 300 MPs, $SP = MP/300$ (zero for players with less than 150 MPs).

(SPs for ABA members will be based on their ABA MP holding where two ABA points count as one ACBL point added to their ACBL MP holding.)

* Recorded MP totals will be as of the month preceding the event being seeded.

1.1.7 **Virtual Masterpoints.** Virtual Masterpoints (VMPs) shall be awarded to foreign experts who play in the Wagar Knockout. Players who received VMPs shall have their VMPs converted into MPs. Those MPs will be added to MPs actually earned, and then the MP Log will be applied to the total.

1.1.8 Alternative SP Method

The alternative SP method is:

WBF Masterpoint total* divided by 100 plus WBF Placing Point total* multiplied by 1.75.

* The WBF Masterpoint total and the WBF Placing Point total will be updated each year in January.

1.1.9 Each player's total SPs shall be capped at 50. Any excess SPs will be used to break ties between teams that have identical team SPs.

1.1.10 **Shuffling.** The shuffling groups are 5-8, 9-12, 17-20, 21-24, 25-28, 29-32, followed by groups of eight through team 64. With 32 or fewer teams entered, teams 5-6 and 7-8 will be shuffled instead of 5-8.

Section 2 – Seeding Points for the Vanderbilt and Spingold Team Events

2.1 The player shall receive the greater of the two SP totals calculated by the method specified in subsections 2.1.1 through 2.1.5 below or the Alternative SP Method specified in subsection 2.1.6.

2.1.1 Vanderbilt and Spingold KO Teams
Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	10.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
2nd)	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.7
3/4)	4.6	4.14	3.68	3.22	2.76	2.3	1.84	1.38	0.92	0.46
5/8)	2.7	2.43	2.16	1.89	1.62	1.35	1.08	0.6	0.54	0.27
9/16)	1.2	1.08	0.96	0.84	0.72	0.6	0.48	0.36	0.24	0.12
17/32	0.5	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.05

2.1.2 Reisinger BAM Teams

Years previous to current event:

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
1st)	8.0	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.2	2.4	1.6	0.8
2nd)	5.6	5.04	4.48	3.92	3.36	2.8	2.24	1.68	1.12	0.56
3rd)	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4
4th)	2.7	2.43	2.16	1.89	1.62	1.35	1.08	0.6	0.54	0.27
5th)	1.7	1.53	1.36	1.19	1.02	0.85	0.68	0.51	0.34	0.17
6th)	1.4	1.26	1.12	0.98	0.84	0.70	0.56	0.42	0.28	0.14
7th)	1.2	1.08	0.96	0.84	0.72	0.6	0.48	0.36	0.24	0.12
8th)	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
9th)	0.9	0.81	0.72	0.63	0.54	0.45	0.36	0.27	0.18	0.9
<u>Other Finalists</u>	0.8	0.72	0.64	0.56	0.48	0.40	0.32	0.24	0.16	0.8

2.1.3 MP* Holding:

- SP = $1 + \ln [(.22\{MP-300\}/700) + 1] / \ln (1.22)$ for players with more than 300 MPs with a cap of 11 SPs from MPs.
- For players with fewer than 300 MPs, SP = MP/300 (zero for players with less than 150 MPs).

(SPs for ABA members will be based on their ABA MP holding where two ABA points count as one ACBL point added to their ACBL MP holding.)

* Recorded MP totals will be as of the month preceding the event being seeded.

2.1.4 Virtual Seeding Points (VSPs) may be awarded by the DIC to foreign experts who play in the Spingold and Vanderbilt. These SPs decay at 10% a year to zero, 10 years after initially given. These SPs are in addition to the permanent VSPs given foreign players in paragraph V below.

2.1.5 **Virtual Masterpoints.** VMPs shall be awarded to foreign experts who play in the Spingold and Vanderbilt. Players who received VMPs shall have their VMPs converted into MPs. Those MPs will be added to MPs actually earned, and then the MP Log (subsection 2.1.3 above) will be applied to the total.

2.1.6 Alternative SP Method:

The alternative SP method is:

WBF Masterpoint total* divided by 100 plus WBF Placing Point total* multiplied by 1.75.

* The WBF Masterpoint total and the WBF Placing Point total will be updated each year in January.

2.1.7 Each player's total SPs shall be capped at 50. Any excess SPs will be used to break ties between teams that have identical team SPs.

2.1.8 **Subjective Seeding.** In the Vanderbilt and Spingold, the event will be seeded objectively, then re-seeded subjectively by a Subjective Seeding Committee.

2.1.9 The subjective seeding process is summarized below:

After the DIC determines a team's average SPs in accordance with the seeding rules (subsections 2.1.1 through 2.1.7 above), and before shuffling in groups, the Subjective Seeding Committee will review the team's placement in the bracket. The committee may ask the opinions of other players, including in evaluating foreign entrants.

The committee cannot change the seeding group of teams seeded in the top 16. Teams 17-20 may be moved down one shuffling group. Teams 21 and up can be moved up or down one shuffling group. Teams in the bottom shuffling group can only be moved up one group. The shuffling groups are 17-20, 21-24, 25-28, 29-32, followed by groups of eight through team 64, then in groups of 16. For example, a team in the 29 -32 group could become seeded 33-40 or become seeded 25-28. For every team changed, another team must be moved reciprocally to replace it.

Any seeding change would be made before shuffling and require a majority vote of the Subjective Seeding Committee.

Section 3 - Seeding Points (for CNTC Placing)

3.1 No seeding points are assigned for either CNTC or GNT placing for the Vanderbilt, Spingold or Women's Knockout Team events.

Section 4 - Seeding Committees

- 4.1 The guidelines for Seeding Committees at NABCs are approved.
- 4.2 The position of NABC Seeding Committee Chairman is established.
- 4.3 The ACBL shall provide a room for the NABC Seeding Committee Chairman at all NABCs. Seeders will be given \$10 in Bridge Bucks for each session worked.
- 4.4 The President shall appoint the NABC Seeding Committee Chairman, subject to ratification by the Board.

(See Appendix 12-G *Guidelines and Procedures for Seeding at NABCs*)