

## Seeding Guidelines for the AAA Girls:

### Step #1 –Regional Seeding - Playoffs

Seeding will be done by league coordinators and the appointed member of the Executive (a vice president). The coordinators will meet and discuss the relative merits of their **leagues** from 3rd to 6th place. They will then rank the **leagues** 1 to 4 in order of strength by a show of hands with the Coordinator breaking any ties. The sudden death playoffs will consist of the following:

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| #1 League 3rd Place versus #4 League 6th Place | #2 League 3rd Place versus #3 League 6th Place |
| #1 League 4th Place versus #4 League 5th Place | #2 League 4th Place versus #3 League 5th Place |
| #1 League 5th Place versus #4 League 4th Place | #2 League 5th Place versus #3 League 4th Place |
| #1 League 6th Place versus #4 League 3rd Place | #2 League 6th Place versus #3 League 3rd Place |

The winners of the above games will advance to the FV Playoffs.

### Step #2 –Identifying the 24 teams

The **coaches** of all the qualifying teams will be invited to attend a Fraser Valley playoff seeding meeting. The teams that qualified will be identified by league and in the order they finished in their league. Teams that lost in the Regional will be excluded. A 4th place team in your league does not jump to 3rd place if 3rd place loses in the Regional. That team is still identified as 4th place.

### Step #3 - Seeding the 16 teams: 1 –16

To determine seeding, teams from different leagues will compare their results of the year. Only **SCORES** will be considered when comparing results. Other reasons such as “Our best player was sick or injured”, etc. will not be accepted. **A first place league finisher must be seeded ahead of a second place finisher from the same league; a second place finisher ahead of a third place finisher from the same league, etc.** Process: Nominations for 1st place in the rankings are received from the floor. This will be followed by a short period of discussion and then a vote of all present. Each school will have only one vote. The Meeting Chairman breaks all ties. The process continues until all 24 spots have been filled.

**Step #4** –The 16 teams will then be placed in the tournament brackets and the meeting will be given one last chance to change any seed. Arguments, such as having teams from the same league play each other, need to be dealt with. Teams from the same league should, ideally, not be playing each other in Round 1 and every opportunity should be given to change that (but only if possible)

**Step #5** –The draw is then turned over to the tournament chairman who will determine the Tournament Schedule. He/she will decide which quarters will be played in the 4 gyms for Monday and Tuesday of the FV Championships. The criteria are to get the #1 team from a league playing in a gym from their league. It is possible for 2 #1 league winners or more to be in the same quarter. In that case, the Tournament Chairman will make the decision.