

Special Rules Apply For All SN'9'BTOA 1st, 2nd Place Ties

ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS!!!

Should teams finish tied for either first or second place at the conclusion of the *SN'9'BTOA* competition, the following rules will apply:

If two teams are tied for first place or second place at the end of the regular season, the team with the highest total team games won will host a race-to-13 or race-to-16 games to decide the position.

Men and women will race to 13, couples race to 16. When a team has reached 13 or 16 wins, depending upon the type of league structure, that team will be declared the winner. The match is concluded when a team reaches 13 or 16 wins.

The only exception to the above situation is as follows:

In couples (Adam & Eve) competition involving first and second place playoffs, if the match is tied after 30 games, the captains will make out secret line-ups consisting of 5 players each. In this instance the match will be the best of 3-of-5 games to decide the winner, not the first team to reach 16 games.

If three teams are tied for first or second place at the end of the season, the team with the most total games won will draw a bye and will meet the winner of the match between the teams with second and third highest total team games won.

The team with second highest total team games won will be the host to the team with the third

highest total team games won to determine which team will play for first or second place.

The team which drew the bye will host the final match.

If four teams are tied for first or second place, the team with the highest total team games won will meet the team with the fourth highest total team games won.

The second and third highest teams on the basis of total team games won also will meet. Winners of those matches will play for first or second place, with the team compiling the highest total team games won serving as host for the final match.

SN'9'BTOA playoffs will be divided into two divisions. The winners of those divisions will meet for the overall men's, women's and couples' playoff championships.

Special rules concerning the overall playoffs are as follows:

- Matches will be played on the teams' regular night of play. One match per week must be played unless otherwise agreed upon by *BOTH* team captains *AND* the *SN'9'BTOA* office.

- Matches will consist of 25 games to be held at the establishment of the team which wins the flip of the coin and decides where the match is to begin. The remaining games, including any overtime session necessary to determine the winner, will be

held at the establishment of the other team involved.

This is a home-and-home playoff match. Any deviation from the above must have the approval of *BOTH* team captains, *BOTH* sponsors, *AND* the *SN'9'BTOA* office *PRIOR* to beginning of play.

- After 24 games for couples (Adam & Eve) and 25 games for both men and women, team captains may change their line-ups with substitutes.

- A flip of the coin will decide which team will break the balls at the beginning of both the first and second halves of the match.

- Following 50 games for both men and women and 48 games for couples (Adam & Eve) should teams play to a tie, the following rules will apply:

1. Each team captain will make out a secret line-up and exchange it with the opposing team captain.
2. All 5 players on men's and women's teams will compete in a best of 3-of-5 games to determine the winner.
3. In couples (Adam & Eve) 5 players from each team will compete in a best of 3-of-5 games to determine the winner.

4. A flip of the coin will decide which team will break the balls to begin the overtime session.

- A sponsor need not be listed on the roster to be eligible to play. He or she may play on *ANY* of his or her teams if necessary, the only exception is a male sponsor may not play on a women's team.