

## Breaking Round Robin Ties

FAC II. B. 6. Pg 73 – 74 **Round robin.**

a. When authorized. Unless prohibited by an applicable National, sectional, or district regulation, round robin draws may be used in any tournament for which the entry form states that the tournament will be played using a round robin format and in any division in any tournament in which there are eight or fewer players or teams entered.

b. Procedure. Each player in the round robin shall play every other player in the round robin.

c. **Determining order of finish.** The player who wins the most matches is the winner. If two players are tied, then the winner of their head-to-head match is the winner. If three or more players are tied, the Referee shall use the following steps in the order listed to break all ties.

The Referee shall break as many ties as possible using a given step before using the next step. These steps are:

- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving just the tied players.
- The player with the highest percentage of sets won of all sets completed in the round robin.
- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.
- The player with the highest percentage of games won of all games completed in the round robin.
- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.
- The player with the highest percentage of sets won of sets completed among players in the group under consideration.
- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.
- The player with the highest percentage of games won of games completed among the players under consideration; and
- The head-to-head win-loss record in matches involving the players who remain tied.

If the Referee has applied all the steps and a tie still cannot be broken, the Referee shall use a random drawing among the remaining tied players to determine their order of finish.

**FAC Comment II.B-6:** A Match Tiebreak played in lieu of a deciding final set counts as both one set and one game for the purpose of determining the order of finish. If the players inadvertently play out the third set or any portion thereof, it will still count as only one set and one game.