

## **Section 4: Local League Playoffs and Tournaments**

### **Session Playoffs**

During the last two weeks of a session's regular weekly play, a team cannot forfeit more than three individual matches. Teams who do not adhere to this rule will forfeit their eligibility in the Playoffs.

**During each session, the 1st round of Playoffs will be scheduled on the same day of the week as your regular League play.**

In accordance with Official Team Manual, **Session Playoff site selection** will be made at, or prior to, the Team Captain meeting at the beginning of the session. Teams that qualify for Playoffs will be notified of the site selection. It is possible a Playoff match will be at a neutral location, or it is possible the Playoff site might be at the home of either or both teams involved.

**Player Eligibility:** Players must have played at least 5 times with the team during the session to be eligible to play in the Session Playoffs.

### **Tri-Cups**

Tri-Cups will be held 2-3 weeks after completion of Playoffs.

Upon completion of playoffs, teams that qualified automatically & teams that won their playoff match will play in Tri-cups. Tri-Cups will be single elimination and consist of 4-team brackets that are randomly drawn from all qualified teams. Teams that win their 4-team bracket will become qualified for the World Qualifiers tournament in held each June.

Tri-Cup byes, if any, will be distributed to the team(s) with the highest point total from the session. If divisions played a different # of weeks, then points earned for the tiebreaker will stop at the lower # of weeks played. Ties will be broken by total weekly matches won, if still tied teams will be drawn like wild card teams during playoffs.

**Player Eligibility:** Players must have played at least 5 times with the team during the session to be eligible to play in the Tri-Cups.

**Playoff Structure Based on Division Size**

Number of Teams in the Division (at Week 6)	Playoff Structure
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>4-5</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Team qualifies to the Tri-Cup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Playoffs:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs. Wild Card Winner advances to the Tri-Cup</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>6-7</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Teams qualify to the Tri-Cup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Playoffs:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs Wild Card 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners advance to the Tri-Cup</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>8-10</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Teams qualify to the Tri-Cup</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Place team from the session will earn automatic qualification to the Tri-Cup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Playoffs:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. Wild Card 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs 4<sup>th</sup> Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners advance to the Tri-Cup</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11-13</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Teams qualify to the Tri-Cup</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Place team from the session will earn automatic qualification to the Tri-Cup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Playoffs:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs. Wild Card 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs 6<sup>th</sup> Place 4<sup>th</sup> Place vs 5<sup>th</sup> Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners advance to the Tri-Cup</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>14-16</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Teams qualify to the Tri-Cup</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place from the session will earn automatic qualification to the Tri-Cup</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Playoffs:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs Wild Card 4<sup>th</sup> Place vs Wild Card 5<sup>th</sup> Place VS 6<sup>th</sup> Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners advance to the Tri-Cup</p>