

## OVA Tie Breaking Procedure

If two or more teams, within a pool, are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied in order until all ties are broken, and all tied teams ranked. For example, if there is a tie among teams X, Y & Z and criteria b) can determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria is needed. However, if criteria b) determines X as first (or third) and there is still a tie between Y & Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria c) and so on, if necessary. Continue through the sequence of criteria and DO NOT start at a) again.

- It is important to note that in the above example, in a 3-way tie, moving to step c or further, does not mean looking at the head-to-head result between just the two remaining tied teams. In a 3-way tie, all three (3) originally tied teams' data is considered in each step of the tiebreaker until ALL three (3) placings are confirmed. An originally tied team's data is always included in the remaining steps to determine the placings of all originally tied teams even if one of the teams placing was solved in an earlier step.

\*Pools that play two straight sets will start at point "b" of the tiebreaking procedure as there are no matches won/lost when playing two straight sets.

- a. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches played between the original tied teams, will be ranked higher\*
- b. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the original tied teams will be ranked higher\*
- c. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher
- d. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the original tied teams, will be ranked higher \*
- e. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering ALL games played during the round robin, will be ranked higher
- f. Coin toss by the tournament director and head official in the presence of team representatives

*\*Note: Step a, b and d only take the original tied teams results into account during the tie breaking process. Do not include the results from the teams not included in the original tie.*