

This is an NABF sanctioned tournament and will be played as a **double elimination format** according to official NABF brackets and rules.

NOTE: The NABF bracket system is NOT equivalent to a Babe Ruth type bracket system. Although defeated teams play defeated teams and undefeated teams play undefeated teams whenever possible, there is no winner's bracket or loser's bracket..

The rules for pairings and byes in an NABF bracket system are shown next.

(1) Whenever there is an even number of remaining teams, every team will play in that round.

(2) Draws: When the drawing of the BYE or the conditions of play produce an uneven number of both defeated and undefeated teams, pairings of all remaining teams must be drawn.

(A) A BYE is the first consideration at all times.`

(i) Eligibility for a BYE (by draw) does not depend on the team's tournament won/lost record i.e., all once defeated and undefeated teams will participate when a BYE is drawn except for (ii).

(ii) No team shall get a 2nd BYE until all teams have had one BYE.

(B) Pairings

(i) Defeated teams play defeated teams and undefeated teams play undefeated teams whenever possible.

(ii) If any of the remaining teams have played each other in a previous round, whenever possible the same teams do not play each other a second time. Otherwise draw to see who plays whom. If Team A has played team B and B has played C and D, but A has not, team A would draw its opponent from C and D and team B would play the remaining team for a 2nd time.

(iii) Three teams are remaining: If all three teams have the same number of Byes and two of the teams have not played each other, then those two teams are to be paired to play and the third teams gets the bye. If a natural two teams have not played each other pairing is not possible, then a draw is to be made to determine who gets the bye.

