

## **For immediate posting Detail on Bracketed Round Robin Teams**

### **Days and times to play Bracketed Round Robin Teams at the Arizona Senior Regional:**

Monday, February 26 -- 2:30 pm and 7 pm

Wednesday, February 28 -- 9:30 am and 2:30 pm

Friday, March 2 -- 9:30 am and 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 4 -- 9 am and approx. 2 pm

### **Who can participate?**

Players with less than 3,000 master points may participate as outlined on the flyer.

### **What are the key advantages to playing Bracketed Round Robin Teams?**

- **More opportunity to earn GOLD!**

The top three teams in every bracket earn GOLD points. If the bracket has 9 or more teams, the top four teams earn gold.

- **Less intimidating!**

Bracketed Round Robin Teams are less intimidating for many new players because teams only play against others within their bracket.

During a stratified team game, teams play against everyone who has signed up. Teams may play against

those with many points, with similar points and/or against those with fewer points. However, teams are compared against those within their stratification when it comes time to assign master points.

. **Less pressure!**

Teams can count on playing all day. No one is “knocked out.” This means players will not have to decide or think about where else to play, i.e., a single session Swiss or a side/pair game.

**Is bracketed gold teams on Sunday the same as Bracketed Round Robin Teams?**

Yes, it is the same and is called Bracketed Gold Teams (Swiss) when there is an A/X/Y Swiss for those with more than 3,000 master points running at the same time.

**How many players can be on a team?**

It is possible to have four, five or six player teams. However, for the lower brackets, it's very uncommon to have five or six person teams. (Players need to be aware of how master points are awarded for teams of five or six.)

Each player will receive match awards (a small amount of red points) for each match they play and win. If the team is in the overalls, the players receive a percentage of the overall points based on how much they have played. However, they cannot earn ANY gold unless they have played in at least half the matches.

Sometimes a team has five or six players because one person can only play in the morning/afternoon. The stronger teams may often have a client and they adjust the playing time based on how they are doing or what the client wants.

### **Are teams averaged by point count?**

Yes, the total number of points are divided by the number of players on the team to achieve an average. Using an average keeps the playing field even. Remember, it is possible to have a four, five or six player team. The total includes points from all players on the team, regardless of how many.

### **How are brackets formed?**

Once all entries have been sold, all teams are listed by total points. The top X number of teams are placed in the first bracket. Then the next X number of teams form bracket two. This continues until all teams are assigned. The number of teams per bracket vary by tournament and are determined by how many teams sign up. Generally, there are eight or nine teams in each bracket.