

SEEDING CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL EVENTS National Doubles, National Singles

(see below for National High Schools, National Intercollegiate and Junior Olympics)

Non-US Team Qualifying

1. Results of the same event from the previous year:

Players who win their respective divisions and then return to play in the same division the following year (open age and open divisions only) will be seeded #1. Normally, players who place #2 in the same division will be seeded #2, but this may be altered depending on players who move up a division. For example, a person wins 35+ and moves to 40+. This player may be seeded #2 or #3 depending on who is returning from the same division in the previous year.

Winners of lower divisions (i.e. a player who is 35 when playing in 40+) will be seeded on the opposite side of the winner of the same division in the previous year.

Players who place 3rd and 4th in the previous year's event may or may not be seeded 3rd and 4th – depending on players who move up into the division. For example, If a person placed 3rd last year but the players who placed 1st and 2nd return and the player who wins the lower division moves up, the 3rd place player from the previous year would most probably be seeded #4.

2. Results from national events

Players who place in other national events will be given the next consideration. For example, a person plays the 35+ in the US Open and wins, but did not play in National Singles the previous year. Depending on who plays, this player would be given careful consideration to be seeded in the top 4 at National Singles in the 35+ bracket.

3. Doubles

The doubles will be seeded same as the singles for the top 4 teams. If a top 4 returning team (same partner) returns they will be seeded as in singles. If only one player from one of the top 4 teams are returning, the draw master will review results of both players and determine the team's placement.

3. Rankings:

Rankings are considered AFTER results from the previous year's events are analyzed.

SEEDING CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL EVENTS National High Schools(exception), National Intercollegiate and Junior Olympics

National Intercollegiates and Junior Olympics

1. Results of the same event from the previous year:

Players who win their respective divisions and then return to play in the same division the following year will be seeded #1. Normally, players who place #2 in the same division will be seeded #2, but this may be altered depending on players who move up a division. For example, a person wins #2 and moves to #1. This player may be seeded #2 or #3 depending on who is returning from the same division in the previous year.

Players who place 3rd and 4th in the previous year's event may or may not be seeded 3rd and 4th – depending on players who move up into the division. For example, if a person placed 3rd last year but the players who placed 1st and 2nd return and the player who wins the lower division moves up, the 3rd place player from the previous year would most probably be seeded #4.

2. Rankings:

Rankings are considered AFTER results from the previous year's events are analyzed.

3. Results from national events:

Players who place in other national events will be given the next consideration. For example, a person plays the National High Schools and wins, but did not play in Junior Olympics the previous year. Depending on who plays, this player would be given careful consideration to be seeded in the top 8 at the National event.

4. Seeding Committee Review & Recommendation:

Seeding Committee members are asked to evaluate seeding positions and may provide valuable seeding information to the event director.

National High Schools

Since 90% of the players represent two conferences (Oregon and St. Louis) these draws are done differently

Both conferences determine the seeding of their players in each division (1-6 in singles, 1-3 doubles).

In divisions where players from outside these two conferences are playing, results from other national events and rankings will be considered. If only the two conference are competing and

for seeding beyond where outside players are competing, the conference that placed higher the previous year will receive the highest seed and then the conference players are alternated according to the seeds submitted by the conference directors.

Singles:

US Team Qualifying

All National Team Singles Qualifying events except the US OPEN will be seeded according to the current USA Racquetball Rankings as of the week prior to the event.

Doubles:

A team that places in the Team Doubles Qualifying division and then return to play as the same team the following year will be seeded as they placed the prior year. First place will be the #1 seed, second place will be the #2 seed, Third place will be the 3rd seed, and the fourth place will be the 4th seed.

Ranking points could move a returning top 4 placing team up in seeding if the higher seed is not returning to the division. Example: The second-place team could move up to the top seed if the first-place team from the previous year is not returning, and they have the highest ranking in the current USA Racquetball Doubles Rankings as of the week prior to the event.

Teams that only have one player from the previous year will be evaluated as to the skill level of the replacement player. The returning players previous results and rankings will be used to determine final seedings.

All other National Team Doubles Qualifying teams will be seeded by points according to the current USA Racquetball Doubles Rankings as of the week prior to the event.