

# 12U Tournament Gold/Silver Seeding Rationale

Postable summary for team seeding decisions

## Methodology

- USSSA tournament data was weighted more heavily than IPGSA league record because the league schedule was unbalanced.
- Head-to-head games in both USSSA and IPGSA were considered. USSSA head-to-head was weighted more heavily because it generally reflected tournament competition.
- IPGSA record mattered, but strength of schedule was reviewed. A strong league record against mostly lower-half opponents did not automatically create a top Gold seed.
- The bracket structure is Gold with 13 teams and Silver with 12 teams.
- The full resume was used when teams were otherwise very close.

## Gold Bracket - 13 Teams

| Seed | Team                             | Location   | IPGSA Record | Seeding Rationale   |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|---|
| 1    | Carbon Valley Fury - Michel      | Firestone  | 1-0-0        | Strongest overall tournament profile among the field. The broader USSSA body of work and performance against strong opponents supports the top seed.                                      |
| 2    | CO Firecrackers - Devlin/Fordham | Thornton   | 10-3-1       | Excellent league record and strong tournament evidence. Key head-to-head result against Carbon Valley was heavily considered; Carbon Valley stayed slightly ahead on the complete resume. |
| 3    | CBPA Sliders - Nerstad           | Broomfield | 6-5-1        | One of the best tournament resumes in the field, including a very strong in-class/overall record and important head-to-head results. League record was secondary.                         |
| 4    | RoughRiders 12U - Pietras        | Thornton   | 17-4-0       | Top league finish and a strong overall profile. Tournament data was not quite as strong as the top three, so they slot fourth.  |
| 5    | Louisville Miners 12U - DeCola   | Louisville | 17-7-4       | Very strong league record with tournament support. Narrowly behind CBPA due to tournament head-to-head and overall tournament strength.   |
| 6    | CO Angels - Becker               | Aurora     | 3-6-2        | League record was not as strong, but tournament performance was much better than the league standing suggests, so they remain safely in Gold.   |
| 7    | Team Steel Pink - Sterkel        | Windsor    | 8-9-0        | Played a difficult tournament schedule and had meaningful head-to-head results against quality opponents. Strength of opposition was important here.                                      |
| 8    | Louisville Mustangs - McCall     | Louisville | 10-8-0       | Solid league record and overall placement in the stronger half of the field. Limited tournament evidence kept them behind teams with stronger USSSA support.                              |
| 9    | Shooting Stars - Peterson        | Boulder    | 15-3-2       | Very strong league record, but the schedule was mostly against lower-half league teams. That supports Gold inclusion, but not a top Gold seed.  |
| 10   | CO Angels - Riofrio              | Greeley    | 5-3-0        | Good league percentage with a limited sample. Kept in Gold, but below teams with larger or stronger tournament resumes.   |
| 11   | Lady Warriors - Kent             | Strasburg  | 12-6-0       | Strong league record, but the schedule was favorable and included losses to middle/lower bracket teams. Gold placement is based on record, but seed is moderated by schedule strength.    |
| 12   | Green Machine Athletics - Willis | Firestone  | 2-6-0        | League record was weak, but tournament results were strong enough to justify a Gold position.   |
| 13   | CSA 12U NOCO - Minjarez          | Windsor    | 6-6-0        | A .500 league record and competitive profile support placement as the final Gold seed.  |

## Silver Bracket - 12 Teams

| Seed | Team                                 | Location    | IPGSA Record | Seeding Rationale   |
|------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 1    | CSA 12U NOCO - Monty                 | Windsor     | 3-8-1        | Best Silver resume overall. Strong tournament results put them at the top of Silver, but the league record kept them below the Gold line. |
| 2    | CO Invasion - Hunter/Dineen          | Arvada      | 5-7-0        | Solid tournament profile with useful head-to-head results. Edges other Silver teams on tournament strength.                               |
| 3    | BYBSA Colorado Lady Ravens - Chavez  | Brighton    | 6-5-0        | Good combination of league and tournament performance. Close to the Silver #2 spot but slightly behind on head-to-head comparison.        |
| 4    | Prodigy - Lasater                    | Aurora      | 1-1-0        | Limited league sample, but a larger tournament sample and quality wins support a high Silver seed.  |
| 5    | BYBSA Battitudes - Anderson          | Brighton    | 8-8-1        | Respectable league record, including important head-to-head results, but tournament record was not strong enough for Gold.                |
| 6    | BYBSA Colorado Cubs - Barashkoff     | Brighton    | 2-6-1        | Competitive tournament results and some head-to-head wins, but league record kept them in the middle of Silver.                           |
| 7    | CO Vandals - Kroskob                 | Fort Morgan | 1-8-0        | Tournament record was better than the league record. Poor league performance prevents a higher Silver seed.                               |
| 8    | Rocky Mountain Rebels - Neagle/Franz | Longmont    | 2-11-0       | Had some competitive head-to-head results, but the total record profile places them in the lower half of Silver.                          |
| 9    | Firestone Frost - Cooper             | Firestone   | Not listed   | Tournament data was available, but the overall results were below the teams seeded above.   |
| 10   | CO Divas - Medina                    | Westminster | 3-8-0        | Low league finish and limited positive tournament evidence compared with the teams above.   |
| 11   | Berthoud Spartans - Rodriguez        | Berthoud    | 2-11-0       | Low league record and limited supporting tournament evidence.   |
| 12   | Parker United - Alvidrez             | Parker      | 0-4-0        | Small and winless league sample with limited supporting tournament evidence, so they land as the final Silver seed.                       |

### Summary Notes

- Shooting Stars and Lady Warriors were placed in Gold because their league records were strong enough to merit inclusion, but both were seeded lower within Gold because their schedules were favorable relative to the top Gold teams.
- Green Machine entered Gold on tournament evidence despite a weaker IPGSA record.
- CSA 12U NOCO - Monty was the top Silver seed because the tournament resume was strong, but the IPGSA record did not support moving them above the Gold line.
- Silver teams were ordered primarily by tournament evidence, then IPGSA head-to-head, overall IPGSA record, and schedule strength.