

14U Tournament Seeding Rationale

Ranking approach

The goal was to seed the nine listed tournament teams using the most predictive information available. USSSA standings, power ratings, tournament records, previous head-to-head results, and tournament scores were weighted more heavily than IPGSA league record. IPGSA league standings and scores were still used, especially where a team had little or no usable USSSA data.

Key decisions

- Impact Gold - Schmitt received the top seed because its USSSA profile was the strongest overall, with a very strong season record and power rating, plus a 6-2 IPGSA record.
- CBPA Sliders - Hoff was ranked second because it had the strongest 14C head-to-head case, including direct wins over BYBSA and Crushers, plus a 10-2 IPGSA record.
- Crushers and BYBSA were close. Crushers were placed ahead because of the stronger IPGSA result and direct league results, while BYBSA had a strong 14C USSSA profile.
- NC Sting was placed ahead of Shooting Stars because its USSSA schedule came from a higher competitive context and it had a tournament win over Impact, even though league results against Impact favored Impact.
- CO Hype, CO Divas, and CO Heat had little or no usable USSSA support in the supplied files, so their order relied mostly on league results and head-to-head context.

Recommended seed order

Seed	Team	IPGSA Record	Summary reason
1	Impact Gold - Schmitt	6-2	Best overall USSSA profile in the field; strong ranking/power and league record.
2	CBPA Sliders - Hoff	10-2	Best 14C head-to-head resume; direct wins over BYBSA and Crushers.
3	Crushers - Simmons/Viegut	4-1	Strong league and USSSA profile; kept below CBPA due to head-to-head losses.
4	BYBSA Brighton Rise - Moreno	7-3	Strong 14C tournament results, but behind CBPA and Crushers on key direct comparisons.
5	NC Sting - Miller	3-3	Rough overall USSSA record, but against stronger 14B context and owns a tournament win over Impact.
6	Shooting Stars - Peterson	7-9	Large IPGSA sample and some quality wins, but no supplied USSSA profile and swept by Crushers.
7	CO Hype - Hartt	0-0	No scored IPGSA games and no usable USSSA data; ranked above teams with substantial negative results.
8	CO Divas - Medina	1-8	Placed over Heat due to head-to-head split and better combined score across those games.
9	CO Heat - Marcellus	1-15	Lowest overall body of work; multiple lopsided league losses.

This ranking is not a pure league-standings copy. It intentionally gives extra value to USSSA performance and direct tournament results because teams played unbalanced IPGSA schedules.