

# WIN! Tournament Conference Call

1/12/2007

6:30-7:30 pm

Call in number - (712) 432-3000

Reason for Call: Tournament Levels of Play discussion

## Call Participants

- Steve Fuhrman
- Bill Reedy
- Lori Ellsworth
- George Schneider (joined late)

Steve emphasized that the Open and Advanced players cannot move down a level in any tournament. Players may be moved up a level by the Tournament Director to help fill in gaps when needed. The Tournament Director also has the right to allow Round Robin levels of play between different levels, if there are not enough members of a particular playing level available for its own class.

There was general agreement among everyone on the call this is the best way to approach handling a tournament where there are too few entries at a particular playing level.

## Questions:

1. What happens when there is only 1 team at the Open level and 5 teams at the Advanced level? Do the 5 Advanced move up to Open or the Open move down to Advanced?
  - The Tournament Director may move the 1 team down to Advanced for the Round Robin play only. If they are truly an Open team and have no formidable competition at the Advanced level, they may be declared the winner of the Open level as the only entry.
  - This needs to be advertised up front before teams sign up, so they know if they are truly the only one in their level of play, they would be playing lesser teams in the Round Robin and maybe have no competition in the Play-off rounds.

## Next Steps

1. Steve asked that the remainder of us discuss this issue off line while he's out of town the next week on a business trip
2. Each Tournament Director will have their own power to alter rules of Divisional Play in their own tournaments.
3. George to fill in Scott Fuhrman on the details of the call