Band Aggregate Prizes – Submitted by Office of Strategic Planning for Games Organizers (OSPGO)

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Rationale

This appears to be an artifact of the years when Grade 4 bands did not play MSRs. Since Grade 4 bands now play an MSR and a Time Limit Medley–just like Grade 1, 2, and 3 bands–ties in Grade 4 should be broken in the same way as they are in the other grades.

This change would also strike the reference to tie breakers in Juvenile-only contests. As WUSPBA does not have set requirements or any other rules for Juvenile-only contests, it does not make sense to designate a tie-breaker for Juvenile-only contests. This reference only serves to cause confusion, as Juvenile bands play in their numerical grade.