

Playoff Format

Schools must play all other participating schools in its region to qualify for the championship program.

If a school in a given region fails to qualify for the playoff program, a game with that school will be treated as a non-region game. The first four places in each region will be determined by the won-loss percentage against qualified region opponents. Only games added and reported to the State Office before the first contest date will count in the championship program.

In case of ties by two or more teams for a certain place in the final region standings, follow the tie-breaking procedure and apply the tiebreakers in the order listed, beginning with (a).

Tie-Breaking Procedure

1. Resolve all two-team ties first, using tiebreaking factor (a).
2. If two or more teams are tied for one of the qualifying places in a sport, first resolve the tie for the highest of those places in the standings, then the next highest place in the standings, etc.
3. To resolve the team rankings if more than two teams are tied, determine the highest-ranked team by applying the tiebreakers in the order listed, beginning with (b). Until the highest-ranked team has been determined, no consideration will be given to determining the ranking of the other teams involved in that tie.

After the highest ranked team has been resolved, then the next highest-ranked team will be determined by applying the same tiebreakers, beginning with (a) or (b) as necessary.
4. If a certain tiebreaker does not apply to the tie being resolved, apply the next tiebreaker in the order listed for that sport.
5. Forfeited contests count as losses. A team that intentionally forfeits a required game becomes ineligible for championship competition for the remainder of that classification period plus the next classification period in that sport.
6. If two area, region or section teams elect to play each other more than the required number of contests during the same season, the first contest played (or first at each site if two are required in a sport) will be used in computing standings unless the State Office is otherwise notified in writing by both schools prior to the season. The other contest(s) will be treated as non-required contest(s).
7. Contests against teams that are not eligible for the championship program are not used in figuring any tiebreakers

IF TWO TEAMS TIE . . .

- a) If two teams are tied for any place, the team that defeated the other in the required regular season game will be placed above the other tied team. The team that lost its head-to-head contest will qualify for the next highest place.

IF MORE THAN TWO TEAMS TIE ...

- b) **If more than two teams** are tied for any place, the team that defeated all the other tied teams in the required regular season games will be placed ahead of all the other tied teams. If one of the teams did not defeat all the other tied teams, the tie cannot be resolved by this factor.
- c) **If more than two teams** are tied for any place, the team (or teams) that had the highest winning percentage against the No. 1 ranked team will be ranked ahead of all the other tied teams. If there is a three-way tie for first place, apply (f) and the remaining tiebreakers in the order as needed.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.

- d. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 2 ranked team.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- e. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 3 ranked team.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- f. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 4 ranked team.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- g. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 5 ranked team.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- h. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 6 ranked team.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other

teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.

- i. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 7 ranked team.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- j. Apply (c) using percentage against the No. 8 ranked team.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- k) The team with the best winning percentage against non-required common opponents.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- l) The team whose defeated non-region opponents in class, any class above and no more than two classes below have the most victories if all teams involved in the tie play an equal number of games.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- m) The team whose defeated opponents have the most victories if all teams involved in the tie play an equal number of games.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- n) The team whose defeated opponents have the most victories.
If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.
- o) The team with the most victories if all teams involved in the tie play an equal number of games.
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teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.

p) The team with the most victories.

If two teams tie for the highest winning percentage ahead of all the other teams involved in the tie, the team that defeated the other in their required regular season game will be placed ahead of all tied teams. Then, if necessary, apply (a) or (b) as applicable for the remaining teams in the tie.

q) By flip of a coin.

The coin flip will be administered by the State Office. The first flip resulting in an odd coin will place the team represented by that coin ahead of all the other tied teams.