

REVISED 6/24  
PLAY-OFF  
TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA

**BASIC CRITERIA USED IN ORDER THAT THEY APPEAR:**

- 1. Head to head competition (Winning percentage)**
- 2. Record above the tie (Winning percentage)**
- 3. If a tie still exists between any two places. ...use numbers drawn for place\***

If two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for the 6<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria will be used.

If more than two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for the 6<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria will be used to seed the team. Once a team is seeded, the above criteria will start over between the remaining tied teams.

**For the sports of soccer & field hockey**, all ties will be broken using points—3 for a win & 1 for a tie.

***For the final play-off spot if two teams are tied:***

***There will be a play in game to the play-offs if there is no head to head (2-0) advantage, except in single round sports, where the one head to head will be used.***

- a. host of the play in contest is the highest draw number***
- b. admission will be charged as it is a play-off contest***

***If more than two teams are tied for the last positions, 1 & 2 above will be used to break the three-way tie to qualify the first play in game team. If the tie is not broken between the three teams using 1 & 2 above, then the draw numbers will be used to place the first team into the play in game.***

***The criteria will start OVER to determine the second play in team.***

***In the case of more than three way tie for more than one spot which includes the 6<sup>th</sup> position:***

**The above criteria will be used to break the tie, seeding one team.**

***The criteria will start OVER again to complete the tournament using the criteria as stated previously.***

\* Numbers are drawn each spring for each school for each sport. Tie breaking #s are on the full league schedule for all teams in all sports. It has been determined that a low number (1,2,3...) would be the top. The top number has priority!