

## 13. Tiebreaking Procedures

### **13.1 All Draws (except twelve team)**

#### **Step 1: Most Wins**

- The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

#### **Step 2: Two-Way Tie – Head-to-Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

#### **Step 3: Three-Way Tie – Points For and Against Method**

- If a tie exists between three or more teams, the points for and against method will be used with a cap at 20 points per game. Example – Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game not a +32.
  - Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the three-way tie are discarded.
  - The total points scored and allowed for each game is calculated of the teams involved in the three-way tie.
  - The team with the highest points for and against value will be given priority ranking.
  - The team with the second highest points for and against value will be given the secondary ranking.

Example: three pool games of the three teams tied:

Game 1 - A 50 - B 45    Game 2 - B 60 - C 38    Game 3 - C 45 - A 37

Team A – Game 1 (+5), Game 3 (-8) = -3 Points For and Against

Team B -- Game 1 (-5), Game 2 (+20) = +15 Points For and Against

Team C -- Game 2 (-20), Game 3 (+8) = -12 Points For and Against

Team B receives the priority ranking.

Team A receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.

Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 4: Two-Way Tie Persists – Head-to-Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams after using the three-way tie – points for and against method, (see method “three” on the previous page) the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points For and Against</u>
A	90	80	+10
B	100	90	+10
C	80	100	-20

- The winner of the game between Team A and Team B receives the priority ranking.
- The loser of the game between Team A and Team B receives the secondary ranking.
- Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 5: Three-Way Tie Persists – Additional Pool Play Result**

- If a tie persists between three teams after the points for and against method is used, the game against the remaining team in the pool will be added to the calculation to determine who is given priority ranking. If a tie persists between two teams after the additional score is used the head-to-head method will be used to determine the priority ranking.

Example:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points For and Against of Teams Involved</u>	<u>Additional Pool Play Game Result</u>	<u>Total Points For and Against</u>
A	0	50 – 55 = -5	-5
B	0	68 – 60 = +8	+8
C	0	55 – 52 = -3	-3

- Team B receives priority ranking.
- Team C receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.
- Team A is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 6: Three-Way Tie Persists – Number Draw**

- The numbers 1, 2 and 3 are written on a piece of paper by a neutral third party.
- The coaches then draw a number from the container, beginning with the highest-seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.

- Number 1 shall represent the priority ranking, number 2 the secondary ranking and number 3 will be eliminated from the playoffs.
- The team that draws the number 1 receives the priority ranking.
- The team that draws the number 2 receives the secondary ranking.
- The team that draws the number 3 is eliminated from the playoffs.

### **13.2 Twelve-Team Draw**

#### **Step 1: Most Wins**

- The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

#### **Step 2: Two-Way Tie – Head to Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

#### **Step 3: Three-Way Tie – Points For and Against Method (Cap 20 points per game)**

- Once the two teams with the best record in each pool have been determined, if two or more of the remaining teams in the three pools are tied in wins, ranking of those teams to determine the wildcard teams is based on the team with best points for and against record using the scores from all the round-robin games of each team. (With a maximum plus 20 score per game.)

#### **Step 4: Three-Way Tie persists – Points For and Against Method**

- If ranking based on points for and against results a tie remaining between two teams in different pools, or among more than two teams, ranking of those teams to determine the wildcard teams is based on the (highest) difference between total points scored and total points allowed for each team using the scores from all the round-robin games of each team.

#### **Step 5: Two-Way Tie Persists – Head-to-Head Method**

- If ranking based on points for and against or points allowed results in a tie remaining between two teams that are in the same pool, the winner of the head-to-head game has priority ranking.

#### **Step 6: Tie Persists – Number Draw**

- Any remaining ties are broken by ranking numbers drawn by the affected coaches.