5.22 Tie Breaking Procedure

In the event Teams are tied for a playoff position after a Round Robin series is completed, the following procedure shall be utilized to determine the placing of the tied teams:

- a) The result of the Round Robin game or games involving the tied teams will apply. If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the Round Robin game between those two (2) teams will receive the higher placing. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the team which has accumulated the most points in games against the tied teams will receive the highest placing, the team with the next most points in games against the tied teams will receive the next highest placing, and so on.
- b) If Teams are still tied after (a) then the Team with the most wins will receive the higher placing,
- c) If Teams are still tied after (a) and (b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average will receive the higher placing. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of goals for and against into the total number of goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage winning the higher position. (Example: Goals for 10, goals against 4; percentage is 10/14 = .714). The goal ratio shall be for games amongst the tied teams only.
- d) If Teams are still tied after (a), (b) and (c), the team to qualify would be the team that received the least minutes in penalties during the preliminary round robin series.
- e) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied, 'then the winner of the playoff position will be decided by the toss of the coin.