



## COMPETITIONS: TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

### RANKING OF TIED TEAMS

When two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points after completion of the round robin games, the Tournament Host Chair/designate is responsible to determine the rankings.

**The ranking of the tied teams will be determined in the following order:**

1. If one of the tied teams has beaten all other tied teams in every game between the tied teams, rank that team highest. In a split Round Robin format, all games count as Round Robin games and Team 'X' is considered an outside team and their results do not count for ranking or tie breaking.
2. If still tied and all tied teams have not played each other equally go directly to Step Seven (7).
3. If still tied, rank the teams in order of wins between only the tied teams.
4. If still tied, rank teams in order of the plus/minus (goals for minus goals against) only in games between the tied teams.
5. If still tied, rank teams using the following formula only in games between the tied teams:

#### **Goals For + Goals Against**

##### **Goals Against**

*(WITH THE HIGHEST VALUE BEING THE HIGHER RANKED TEAM)*

6. If still tied, rank teams in order of the most goals for only in games between the tied teams.
7. If still tied, rank the teams in order of wins between all teams.
8. If still tied, rank teams in order of the plus/minus (goals for minus goals against) in games between all teams.
9. If still tied, rank teams using the following formula in games between all teams:

#### **Goals For + Goals Against**

##### **Goals Against**

*(WITH THE HIGHEST VALUE BEING THE HIGHER RANKED TEAM)*

10. If still tied, rank teams in order of the most goals for in games between all teams.
11. If still tied, rank teams using the least fully served penalties in games between all teams.
12. If still tied, rank teams using least penalty minutes in games between the tied teams.
13. If still tied, rank teams using least penalty minutes in games between all teams.
14. At this point, if still tied, the following may be considered to break the tie:
  - a) Mini game
  - b) Coin Toss
  - c) Draw from a hat



**Notes:**

- The maximum goals for per game are seven (7) more than the goals against.
- If a team(s) has forfeited or abandoned a game, that team(s) will be ranked the lowest position(s) amongst the tied teams.
- The procedures will declare team(s) in individual rankings. In some cases, there will still be a tie within the rankings. i.e.: in a four (4) -way tie for first in a round robin, the procedures could place one (1) team clearly first. In these cases, start at step one (1) and follow the procedures until the tie is broken, once the tie is broken for one team start again at step one (1) and follow the procedures until the tie is broken ranking each team separately.
- Clarification on the process: As soon as a step is completed, and one team is ranked because of fully completing that step; go back to step one (1) of tied team's process to rank each tied team. For example: If four (4) teams are tied, a tie between the teams could be broken in step nine (9) ranking one team higher, rank that team. Then return to step one (1) to rank the remaining three (3) tied teams. Follow this process until all four teams are ranked accordingly.