



SCHL PLAYOFF TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

2025–2026 Season

The following tiebreaking procedures will apply to all teams participating in the SCHL Playoffs:

Regular season standings will be considered final on **Monday, March 2, 2026 at 12:00 PM**. Any scoresheet submitted after this deadline will not count toward the final standings or playoff seeding.

Because teams may not play an equal number of regular season games, final playoff seedings will be determined by the **average number of points earned per game (PTS/G)**:

Total Points ÷ Games Played = Points Per Game (PTS/G)

Example:

Team XYZ has earned 14 points and played 12 games.

$14 \div 12 = 1.17 \text{ PTS/G}$ (rounded to the nearest hundredth).

If teams remain tied after the PTS/G calculation, the following tiebreaking procedures will apply:

Two-Team Tiebreaker

If two teams are tied after PTS/G has been calculated, the following steps will be used in order:

1. **Head-to-Head Record** (best record in games played between the tied teams)
2. **Head-to-Head Goal Differential**
3. **Fewest Penalty Minutes in Head-to-Head Games**
4. **Team That Scored First in the Most Recent Head-to-Head Game**
5. **Coin Toss**

- The team that hosted the most recent head-to-head game will be designated as “heads.”
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Three-Team Tiebreaker

If three teams are tied after PTS/G has been calculated, the following procedure will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd seeds:

- The same tiebreaking criteria listed above will be applied among the three tied teams only (using games played exclusively between those teams).
- If at any step one team is separated from the group, that team will be assigned the highest remaining seed.
- The process will then continue among the remaining tied teams to determine the next seed.
- At no time will the procedure revert to the two-team tiebreaker format. The three-team process will continue until all seeds are determined.