



Tie Breaking Rules

In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following tie-breaking procedure will apply. *(As approved at the 2001 Annual General Meeting)*

Tie Breaking Sequence

Two Teams Tied

If two or more teams are tied at the conclusion of a round robin series, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking before the semi-final and final games are played.

In the event that teams are tied for a playoff position, the following procedure will apply:

1. If two teams are tied:

1.1 The winner of the round robin game between the two tied teams gains the higher position.

1.2 The team with the most wins in the round robin gains the higher position.

1.3 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1 and 1.2 have been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the higher position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner:

Total number of goals for divided by the total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are included.

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Percentage 10

$10 \div 4 = .714$

NOTE: The higher percentage gains the higher position

1.4 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 have been applied, the team with the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all of the round robin games, gains the higher position.

1.5 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 have been applied, then the team which scored the first goal in the game between the tied teams gains the higher position.

1.6 If the two teams are still tied after 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 1.4, and 1.5 have been applied, a single coin toss will determine which team gains the higher position.

Three or More Teams Tied

Note: The three-team tiebreaker is used to determine the seeding of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd seed. If any step in the tiebreaker only seeds one team, that team assumes that position. The three-team tiebreaker will continue to determine the seeding of the two remaining teams. At no time will teams using this formula go back to the two-team tiebreaker

2. If three teams or more are tied, the point record established in the games among the tied teams only will be used as the first tie breaking formula in deciding which team(s) shall advance.

2.1 The team with the most wins (among tied teams) would gain the highest position.

2.2 If teams are still tied after 2.1 has been applied, then the team with the best goal average gains the highest position. The goal average of a team is to be determined in the following manner: total number of goals for divided by total number of goals for and against.

NOTE: All round robin games are included

Example: For = 10 goals Against = 4 goals

Percentage 10

10+4 = .714

NOTE: The highest percentage gains the highest position(s).

The exercise of 2.2 establishes the team or teams with the highest position(s) by percentage. These teams will advance. If there are still teams tied, they go to the next step. They do not go back to the "Two Team Tiebreaker".

Example;

A. Team A - .714 = 1 seed - Advances

Team B - .500 = 3 seed – Does not advance

Team C - .650 = 2 seed – Advances

B. Team A - .714 = 1 seed – Advances

Team B - .500 = Still tied with team C – go to next step 2.3.

Team C- .500 = Still tied with team B – go to next step 2.3.

C. Team A – .650 = Still tied with team B – go to next step 2.3.

Team B - .650 = Still tied with team A – go to next step 2.3.

Team C - .500 = Does not advance

2.3 If teams are still tied after 2.1 and 2.2. The team with the fewest goals against (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

2.4 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. The team with the most goals for (all round robin games played) will gain the highest position.

2.5 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 have been applied, the team to qualify would be the team that received the least number of minutes in penalties throughout all the round robin games.

2.6 If teams are still tied after 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 have been applied, a coin toss shall determine the winner. In a 3 team coin toss, the odd team gains the highest position.

13. (a) A suspended player shall not be eligible to take part in the opening or closing ceremonies of a tournament.

(b) If a player or team official is ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game, he/she shall be subject to any further disciplinary action deemed necessary by the Tournament Directorate.

(c) A player or team official ordered to the dressing room for the balance of the game or for receiving a penalty that would require a suspension shall not take part in any closing ceremonies following the game. Should this take place during the final game of the tournament, the player or team official shall not take part in the closing ceremonies for the tournament.

14. Unless participating in a game or by special permission of the Tournament Directorate, all players

will have a curfew of 11:00 P.M.

15. The team official's headquarters hotel is out of bounds to all participating players unless special permission is granted by the Tournament Directorate.

16. The Tournament Directorate will rule on all grievances resulting from any of the championship games. The members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- The Vice-Chairman at Large in charge of Minor Hockey or the Hockey Canada Minor Council Representative who shall act as the Committee Chairman.

- The Branch Minor Council members from each of the participating Branches

In the event that both the Hockey Canada Vice-Chairman at Large in charge of Minor Hockey and the Minor Council Representative are in attendance at the championship, both shall be on the Committee with the Minor Council Representative as Committee Chairman (unless otherwise determined by the Vice-Chairman at Large).

The Tournament Directorate rulings shall be final and for the duration of the championship only.

A written report of any disciplinary action by the Tournament Directorate will be forwarded to the President of the Branch concerned.

All press releases or public statements related to disciplinary action shall be made only by the Chairman of the Tournament Directorate.

Any player who is listed on the declared team roster for a team which is participating in a regional championship will not be allowed to depart from the site of the competition without the permission of the Hockey Canada person in charge of the competition.

17. Protests will **NOT** be entertained on the outcome of any final championship game.
