

**EASTERN REGION TIEBREAKER
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BASIC CONCEPT: HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITION WILL DETERMINE TIE BREAKER IF POSSIBLE.

ORDER OF TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE:

1. Head to head competition amongst tied teams.
2. Head to head competition between the tied teams vs. the highest finisher and on down through the bottom of the order.
3. East Region tiebreaker rotation.
4. For the final post season spot **direct** head to head competition is the only tiebreaker. If this does not break the tie then we go to step 2 to determine host site for a playoff game. If step 2 still does not determine the home site then we go to step 3 to determine the home site for the playoff.

FOR ALL SPORTS WITH FOUR TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY:

1. Volleyball.
2. Softball.
3. Men's and Women's Basketball.

1ST PLACE TIEBREAKER:

- 1) **2-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 1st and 2nd place region finishers.
- 2) **3-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place region finishers.
- 3) **4-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place region finishers.
- 4) **5-way tie or more:**
 - A) Use step 1 to determine as many of the four places if possible...which is head to head competition amongst the tied teams.
 - B) Steps 2 and 3 will then be used to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, places if possible.
 - C) If we still have two teams tied for the 4th and final spot we go to steps 2 and 3 for the site of the play-in game. **IF STEP 1 DOES NOT SEPARATE THE 4TH PLACE TEAM THEN WE HAVE A PLAY-IN GAME.**

2ND PLACE TIEBREAKER:

- 1) **2-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 2nd and 3rd place region finishers.

- 2) **3-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place region finishers.
- 3) **4-way tie or more:** use step 1 to determine the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place region finishers. If step 1 separates the teams then we have out 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place region finishers. Steps 2 and 3 can be used to separate the 2nd and 3rd spots. If we still then have two teams tied for 4th we would go to steps 2 and 3 to determine site of the play-in game.

3rd Place Tie Breaker:

- 1) **2-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 of tiebreaker to determine the 3rd and 4th place region finishers.
- 2) **3-way tie:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine 3rd place region finisher. Then use step 2 and step 3 to determine the site of the 4th place play-in game.
- 3) **4-way tie or more:** use step 1, then step 2, and then step 3 to determine the 3rd place region finisher. Use steps 2 and 3 to determine site of play-in mini-tournament and bye team.

4th Place Tiebreaker:

- 1) **2-way tie:** use step 1 of tiebreaker. If this does not separate the teams then go to step 2 and then to step 3 to determine the site of the play-in game for 4th.
- 2) **3-way tie:** use step 1 to determine the 4th place region finisher if possible. If teams are still tied go to step 2 and then to step 3 to determine the site of the mini-tournament play-in and potential bye team.
- 3) **4-way tie:** use step 1 to determine the 4th place finisher if possible. If teams are still tied go to steps 2 and 3 to determine mini-tournament opponents and host site.

FOR SPORTS THAT QUALIFY TWO PARTICIPANTS>>>BASEBALL:

1st Place Tiebreaker:

- 1) **2-way tie:** use step 1 and then step 2 to determine the 1st and 2nd place teams. If this does not break the tie use step 3 to determine the host site of a play-off game between the two tied teams. Step 3 cannot determine the region champion because in the two team to NWAACC's format the 1st place team is automatically guaranteed seeding into the tournament.
- 2) **3-way tie and beyond:** use step 1 and then step 2 to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place regional teams. If this does not separate the teams we go to step 3 to determine the host site and the bye team.

TIES FOR 2ND -3RD -4TH PLACES ARE THE SAME AS ABOVE.

