

TIE BREAKER

Ties are broken based on head to head competition. If, after using head to head competition to break a tie there still remains a tie among all or some of the originally tied teams that head to head results do not break, total points scored will be used to break that tie. Once that tie is broken head to head results will be used to break the tie between any remaining tied teams. If there still remains a tie at this point, least points scored against the tied teams will be used to break that tie. Once that tie is broken, head to head results will once again be used to break the remaining tie.

In punto, raffle, volo competition, the winners will be based on match wins. Head to head match results will be used as the tie breaker. The next tie breaker will be total games won, then match wins head to head. After this test the tie breaker format in the above paragraph will be applied (points scored, match wins head to head, least points scored, match wins head to head).

TIE BREAKER EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE # 1	Team	W	L		
	A	6	1		
	B	6	1		
	C	5	2		
	D	4	3		
	E	x	x		
	F	x	x		
	G	x	x		
	H	x	x		

RESULT: A & B advance to the playoffs. During preliminary rounds A beat B, so A gets the top seed from their division. B gets the second seed. Total points are not a consideration.

EXAMPLE # 2	Team	W	L	Points	
	A	5	2	79	
	B	5	2	73	
	C	5	2	75	
	D	4	3		
	E	x	x		
	F	x	x		
	G	x	x		
	H	x	x		

RESULT: During the preliminary rounds A beat both B and C so A gets the top seed, leaving B and C. During the preliminary rounds B beat C head to head. B gets the second seed even though C has more points. C is eliminated.

EXAMPLE # 3	Team	W	L	Points	
	A	5	2	79	
	B	5	2	73	
	C	5	2	75	
	D	4	3		
	E	x	x		
	F	x	x		
	G	x	x		
	H	x	x		

RESULT: During the preliminary rounds A beat B, B beat C and C beat A, so after looking at head to head results a tie still exists. Points scored are now used to break the tie. A, with the most points gets the top seed. Head to head results are now used to break the tie between B and C. B beat C head to head, so B gets the remaining seed, even though C had more points. C is eliminated.

EXAMPLE # 4	Team	W	L		
	A	4	3		
	B	4	3		
	C	4	3		
	D	4	3		
	E	x	x		
	F	x	x		
	G	x	x		
	H	x	x		

RESULT: Take the top four teams and their record against each other. If A won all three, A is top seed and the B,C,D tie is broken using example #2 or #3 above. If A and B have a record of 2-1 against the top four tied teams, while C and D are 1-2, A and B advance With A getting top seed because A beat B head to head.

EXAMPLE # 5	Team	W	L		
	A	4	3		
	B	4	3		
	C	4	3		
	D	4	3		
	E	4	3		
	F	x	x		
	G	x	x		
	H	x	x		

RESULT: Among the top five teams A, B, and C are 3-1 in competition against each other, while D and E are 1-3. D and E are eliminated. The remaining tie among A, B, and C is broken as in example #2 or #3 using head to head results among the remaining three teams.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

All conflict resolution and final interpretation of the rules will be done by the National Tournament Committee. Decisions made by the committee will be final.