

Barely Legal Tiebreaking Procedures

The six postseason participants from each division are seeded as follows:

1. The division champion with the best record.
2. The division champion with the second-best record.
3. The Wild Card club with the best record.
4. The Wild Card club with the second-best record.
5. The Wild Card club with the third-best record.
6. The Wild Card club with the fourth-best record.

The following procedures will be used to break standings ties for postseason playoffs.

TO BREAK A TIE FOR DIVISION CHAMPION

If, at the end of the regular season, two or more clubs in the same division finish with identical won-lost records, the following steps will be taken until a champion is determined.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost percentage in games between the clubs).
2. Best won-lost percentage in games played within the division.
3. Highest total points scored (double header weeks only count for one game)
4. Coin toss

Three or More Clubs

(Note: If two clubs remain tied after third or other clubs are eliminated during any step, tie breaker reverts to step 1 of the two-club format).

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost percentage in games among the clubs).
2. Best won-lost percentage in games played within the division.
3. Highest total points scored (double header weeks only count for one game)
4. Coin toss

TO BREAK A TIE FOR THE WILD-CARD TEAM

If it is necessary to break ties to determine the four Wild-Card teams, the following steps will be taken.

If the tied teams are from the same division, apply division champion tie breaker.

If the tied teams are from different divisions, apply the following steps.

Two Clubs

1. Head-to-head (best won-lost percentage in games among the clubs)
2. Highest total points scored (double header weeks only count for one game)
3. Coin toss.

Three or More Clubs

(Note: If two clubs remain tied after third or other clubs are eliminated, tie breaker reverts to step 1 of applicable two-club format.)

1. Apply division tie breaker to eliminate all but the highest ranked club in each division prior to proceeding to step 2.
2. Head-to-head (best won-lost percentage in games among the clubs)
3. Highest total points scored (double header weeks only count for one game)
4. Coin toss

When the first Wild-Card team has been identified, the procedure is repeated to name the each of the Wild-Card teams, i.e., eliminate all but the highest-ranked club in each division prior to proceeding to step 2. In situations where three or more teams from the same division are involved in the procedure, the original seeding of the teams remains the same for subsequent applications of the tie breaker if the top-ranked team in that division qualifies for a Wild-Card berth.

OTHER TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Only one club advances to the playoffs in any tie-breaking step. Remaining tied clubs revert to the first step of the applicable division or Wild Card tie-breakers. As an example, if two clubs remain tied in any tie-breaker step after all other clubs have been eliminated, the procedure reverts to Step 1 of the two-club format to determine the winner. When one club wins the tiebreaker, all other clubs revert to Step 1 of the applicable two-club or three-club format.