

Men's Tie-Breaking Formula

In the event of a tie for a particular seed, the seed will be determined as follows:

If one team has defeated the other team a greater number of times, that team shall be awarded the higher seeded position;

If each team has won the same number of games against each other, the higher position will be awarded to the team that has the best won-loss record against the highest seeded team not involved in the tie (example, Team A is 1-0 against the highest seeded team not involved in the tie and Team B is 1-1, Team A receives the higher seed);

If each team has the same won-loss percentage against the highest seeded team not involved in the tie, then the won-loss percentage against the next highest seeded team not involved in the tie would be considered and so on down the line until the tie is broken;

If the won-loss percentages are the same against all teams, then the tie would be broken by comparing each team's Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) as published by RPIRatings.com after the completion of the regular season;

In the event of a three-way tie, the won-loss percentage of the tied teams against each other is first considered;

If the teams are still tied, the teams' won-loss percentage against the highest seeded team not involved in the tie would be considered and so forth until the tie is broken;

If there is still a tie, then the tie would be broken by comparing each team's RPI as published by RPIRatings.com after the completion of the regular season;

For multiple ties larger than a three-way tie, the same procedure will be applied as used to break a three-way tie;

For all multiple ties, the tie is broken by first deciding the highest seeded team involved in the tie before deciding other seeded positions.

For ties to determine the No. 1 seed from each division, the head to head records of the tied teams are first considered;

If each team has the same record against each other, the head to head records of the next highest seeded team in the division are considered, and so forth until the tie is broken;

If there is still a tie, then the tie would be broken by comparing each team's won-loss percentage against the highest seeded team in the opposite division, and so forth until the tie is broken;

If there is still a tie, then the tie would be broken by comparing each team's RPI as published by RPIRatings.com after the completion of the regular season.