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BASKETBALL**

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RULES & REGULATIONS MANUAL



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7.2 TIE-BREAK FORMAT

The 2024-26 Ontario Basketball Championships Tie-Break format will be as follows:

Step 1: Most wins

The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

Step 2: Two-way tie, head-to-head method

If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played between the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Step 3: Three or more-team tie, Points for and against method

If a tie exists between three or more teams, the points for and against method will be used with a cap at 20 points per game.

Example: If Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game, not +32.

The total points scored and allowed for each game is calculated for the teams involved in the tie. Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the tie are discarded.

The team with the highest points for and against value will be given priority ranking.

The team with the second highest points for and against value will be given the secondary ranking.
Example: Three pool games of three teams tied.

Game One: A 50 - B 45

Game Two: B 60 - C 38

Game Three: C 45 - A 37

Team A: Game One (+5), Game Three (-8) = -3 Points For and Against

Team B: Game One (-5), Game Two (+20) = +15 Points For and Against

Team C: Game Two (-20), Game Three (+8) = -12 Points For and Against

Team B receives the priority ranking.

Team A receives the secondary ranking

Team C receives the tertiary ranking.

Step 4: Two-Way Tie Persists, Head-to-Head Method

If a tie exists between two teams after using the three or more-team tie – Points For and Against Method (see Step 3 on the previous page), the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Example:

The winner of the game between Team A and Team B receives the priority ranking.
The loser of the game between Team A and Team B receives the secondary ranking.
Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 5: Three-Way Tie Persists, Additional Pool Play Result

If a tie persists between three teams after the Points For and Against Method is used, the game against the remaining team in the pool will be added to the calculation to determine who is given priority ranking. If a tie persists between two teams after the additional score is used, the head-to-head method will be used to determine the priority ranking.

Example:

Team B receives priority ranking.

Team C receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.
Team A is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 6: Three-Way Tie Persists, Number Draw

The numbers one, two, and three are written on individual pieces of paper and placed in a container by a neutral third party.

Each coach then draws a piece of paper from the container, beginning with the highest-seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.

The team that draws the number 1 receives the priority ranking.
The team that draws the number 2 receives the secondary ranking.
The team that draws the number 3 is eliminated from the playoffs.