

# AMERICAN SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

## Article IX: TIE-BREAKING AND SEEDING

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9.1 In the event of a tie for first place and/or other places in the regular-season division or conference standings, the tie-breaking procedures for ASC Championship Tournament seeding shall be as follows. This formula is only used for tournament seeding and is not used to break position ties in the standings (ties stand). In Division sports, the tie-breaking procedure is done only among Division opponents unless otherwise specified in the tie-breaking criteria.

9.1.1 Two-Way Ties: In the event of a two-way tie, the seed positions are determined by:

- a. Record against each other.
- b. Record against other Division opponents in descending order starting with the highest seeded team
- c. Point-Run Differential between tied teams. If the tie remains, Point-Run Differential in descending order starting with the highest seeded team within the Division. There will be a maximum cap in designated sports used for each game in the Point-Run Differential:
  - Baseball: Fewest runs allowed against tied teams per game
  - Basketball: 10 points per game
  - Football: 21 points per game
  - Softball: six runs per game
  - Volleyball: match games won-lost, followed by a cap of six points per game
  - Soccer: goal differential between tied teams, followed by a cap of four goals per match
- d. Record against mutual opponents in the opposite Division in descending order starting with the highest seeded team in the opposite Division.
- e. If the above formula is not conclusive, the Commissioner shall conduct a coin flip to determine the highest seeded team(s).

9.1.2 Multiple Ties: In the event of a tie with three or more teams, the seed positions are determined by (for all sports except football and tennis):

- a. The team with the most games/matches won against other tied teams collectively will be awarded the highest seeded position. The remaining teams are placed at the beginning of the appropriate formula for "Multiple Ties" or "Two-Way Ties" until all ties have been broken.
- b. If one team does not have a winning record (more games/matches won) against the other tied teams collectively, the individual records against the other Conference opponents in descending order starting with the top-seeded team are compared. When one team is awarded the higher seeded position by this method, the remaining teams are placed at the beginning of the appropriate formula for "Multiple Ties" or "Two-Way Ties" until all ties have been broken.

9.1.3 Multiple Ties / Tennis:

Men

1. Head-to-head vs. tied teams.
2. Dual match Division team scores between tied teams.
3. Number of individual matches won-lost between tied teams. [Singles/doubles treated equally. Seven-point match system will go to nine-point match score system.]
4. Sets won-lost. [Default, retired, incomplete matches count singles (2-0, W) and doubles (1-0, W).]
5. Steps 1-2-3-4 vs. division teams in descending order.
6. Coin toss by conference commissioner.

Women

1. Head-to-head vs. tied teams.
2. Dual match Division team scores between tied teams.
3. Sets won-lost. [Default, retired, incomplete matches count singles (2-0, W) and doubles (1-0, W).]
4. Use steps 1-2-3 vs. Division teams in descending order.
5. Coin toss by conference commissioner.

9.1.4 Multiple Ties / Football: In the event of a three-way or more tie that cannot be broken by the record against the tied teams followed by record against other conference opponents in descending order, the Commissioner shall conduct a draw with the tied teams to determine the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division III Football Championship.