

# TCSAAL Playoff Seeding 2017-2018

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT EQUALS NEW LANGUAGE FOR 2017-2018

## Regional & Sub-Regional Playoff Seeding:

Teams will be ranked based on the following criteria in the following order:

1. All 1 seeds from divisions will be seeded higher than all 2 seeds, with the exception of situations presented by a 2 team division, in which case a 1 seed might be ranked beneath a 2 seed for the purpose of ensuring divisional opponents do not meet until the final round.
2. First TCSAAL will rank and assign the divisional #1 seeds into the top positions available on the bracket using the following criteria:
  - a. Divisional winning percentage

In cases where equitable (b) and (c) (detailed further in *Athletic Tiebreaker Procedures* below):

- b. TCSAAL-Sanctioned Non-Division winning percentage from qualifying games
  - c. TCSAAL-Sanctioned Non-Division head-to-head winning percentage from qualifying games.
- d. Number of divisional wins (not counting non-district games or tie-breaker games)
  - e. Random draw (if we still have a tie amongst teams)
3. Then TCSAAL will seed all the #2 seeds in the remaining openings on the bracket using the following criteria:
  - a. Divisional winning percentage
  - b. Number of divisional wins (not counting non-district games or tie-breaker games)
  - c. Random draw (if we still have a tie amongst teams)
4. TCSAAL will then move #2 seeds down (or up in some cases) on the bracket as necessary to move them to the opposite side of the bracket of their divisional opponent.
5. Finally, if necessary, TCSAAL will move #1 seeds advancing from 2-team divisions down as necessary to ensure that divisional opponents are placed on opposite sides of the bracket. This might result in these teams being ranked below a 2 seed.

## State Playoff Tournament Matchups:

Based on school voting at the 2017 Coaches Conference, we will have a new format for state matchups. Starting in 2017-2018, we will begin a 3-year rotation for state semi-final matchups. This option received 75% of the votes out of 3 options available.

The semi-final matchups will be pre-determined by region. See chart below:  
The winners of the semi-final games will advance to the state championship.

**Semi Final Matchups at the state tournament**  
(Flag Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball & Softball)

Semifinal Matchups	6-8 Grade and Varsity BOYS	6-8 Grade and Varsity GIRLS
2017-2018	North Texas vs. Central Texas East Texas vs. South Texas	North Texas vs. South Texas Central Texas vs. East Texas
2018-2019	North Texas vs. East Texas Central Texas vs. South Texas	North Texas vs. Central Texas East Texas vs. South Texas
2019-2020	North Texas vs. South Texas Central Texas vs. East Texas	North Texas vs. East Texas Central Texas vs. South Texas

If we only have 3 regions in an activity the matchups above will remain for the semi-finals and one team may receive a bye in the first round.

## Athletic Tie-Breaker Scenarios

- Forfeitures will be given the lowest level of ranking when being considered in tie-breaker scenarios (for example, in head-to-head matchups, if *Team A* beats *Team B* by 3 points and then forfeits their other game versus *Team B*, they will automatically lose the head-to-head tie-breaker scenario). A forfeit will be ranked as the maximum point loss for dealing with tie-breakers.
- 1. **Divisional Rankings** are determined using the overall winning percentage among division games. Please note that while it is possible to have co-division champs for ceremonial purposes, we will still use the following for regional seeding.
  - a. For all instances where 2 teams are tied for an advancing position by divisional winning percentage or as a result of tie breaker procedure detailed in subsection c below, the head-to-head winning percentage amongst tied teams will determine the advancing team.
    - i. If teams are still tied, the 2 teams will then play a tie-breaker game.
      1. **Tie breaker game details:** For tie-breaker games, each tied team is responsible for paying \$100 to TCSAAL to cover the expense of the tie-breaker game. If admission is charged, admission earnings will be applied equally to the tie-breaker fees. If there is still a balance, teams will cover the remaining expense.
      2. **Hosting opportunity for the Tie-Breaker game will be provided to the higher ranking team as determined by virtue of division ranking procedures listed above.**
        - a. **If the higher ranked team is unable to secure a facility in a reasonable time then the other team will be granted hosting opportunity.**
    - b. **For all instances where 2 teams are tied for the #1 and #2 seeds by virtue of** divisional winning percentage, the head-to-head winning percentage amongst tied teams will determine the advancing team.
      - i. **If teams are still tied, the team with the greater aggregate point differential in head-to-head matchups will be awarded the #1 seed.**
        1. **If teams are still tied, seeding will be determined by random draw.**
  - c. For all instances where 3 or more teams are tied in winning percentage rankings for an advancing playoff spot, the lowest ranking team in the following order of criteria will be ranked beneath the remaining team or teams:
    - i. If tied teams have played each other an equal amount of times, teams will initially be ranked by their winning percentage among tied teams.
    - ii. Point Differential among tied teams. (Exception, in volleyball we seed based on number of games won, not by specific scores.) Point differential is the aggregate point difference (+ or -) among teams that have competed against each other.
    - iii. If the #1 seed has been determined, and tied teams have played an equal number of games versus the #1 seed, teams will be ranked by their winning percentage versus the #1 seed.
    - iv. If the #1 seed has been determined, point differential versus #1 seed will be utilized.
    - v. Upon ranking one team in a higher position, if there are remaining teams tied for advancing spots, the procedure restarts.
      1. For all instances where multiple teams are at any point tied for the lowest ranking according to the above tiebreaker criteria and the number of tied teams is equal to or lesser than the number of remaining, non-advancing rankings, the said teams will all be ranked beneath the playoff advancing position.

2. For all instances where multiple teams are at any point tied for the lowest ranking according to the above tiebreaker criteria and the number of tied teams is greater than the number of remaining, non-advancing rankings, the said teams will be grouped together and will repeat the tiebreaker procedure among them.
2. Regional & Sub-Regional rankings are determined by seeding procedure detailed above in the section *Regional & Sub-Regional Seeding*. The following tiebreaker procedure will be used for the purposes of breaking ties for Regional & Sub-Regional seeding as necessary. This procedure is specific to breaking ties and therefore does not supersede the language detailed in the *Regional & Sub-Regional Seeding* procedure.
  - a. For all instances where no more than 2 teams are tied for a regional seed by virtue of (*a*) *Divisional winning percentage*, teams will be ranked by virtue of head-to-head winning percentage within TCSAAL-Sanctioned Non-Division games amongst tied teams.
  - b. For all instances where 3 or more teams are tied for a regional seed by virtue of (*a*) *Divisional winning percentage* and tied teams have played each other an equal number of times in TCSAAL Sanctioned Non-Division games, teams will then be ranked by virtue of winning percentage within TCSAAL-Sanctioned Non-Division games amongst tied teams.
  - c. Upon ranking one team in a lower position, if there are remaining teams tied, the procedure restarts.
    - i. For all instances where multiple teams are at any point tied for the lowest ranking according to the above tiebreaker criteria, the said teams will be grouped together and will repeat the tiebreaker procedure among them.