

## **ACC WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING**

Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular season conference game results using a point system where a win is three points and a tie is one point. The following guidelines will be used:

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
  - Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
  - Common opponents are teams that have been scheduled to play by the conference.
  - If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied because teams are not common opponents, the next ordered criteria should be used.
  - If a match cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used.
- For example, if Team A and Team B are being compared to Team C and Team A beat Team C but Team B did not play Team C, then Team A and Team B would be compared to Team D.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

### **Two-Team Tie**

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Most wins in overall conference game results among common opponents.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- d. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- e. Goals allowed in overall conference game results.
- f. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- g. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

### **Three-or-More Team Tie**

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Most wins in head-to-head conference game results.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- d. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- e. Goals allowed in overall conference game results.
- f. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results

against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.

If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.