

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT TIEBREAKER PARAMETERS

Below is the tiebreaker process for determining the participants in 2026-27 conference postseason tournaments.

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The following tiebreaker parameters shall be utilized for all Big Ten sponsored Olympic sports:

- Ties shall be considered separated when a team(s) emerges from the top, middle or bottom of the group and is awarded a seed(s)
- Once a seed (or seeds) is awarded, all remaining tied teams shall restart the tiebreak process at the first criteria
- The first tiebreaker criteria shall be head-to-head for all sports
 - Sports may utilize wins or points as the head-to-head criteria
- The higher winning percentage shall prevail when comparing records against a single team or group of teams, even if the number of games played against the team or group are unequal
 - i.e. 2-0 is better than 3-1, but 2-0 is not better than 1-0
- A tie may be broken if not all teams competed against each other should one team beat or lose to all other teams within the tie
 - i.e. a team is 2-0 against the other tied teams but the other two teams did not play, the 2-0 team will have won the tiebreaker regardless of the outcome of the third game

BIG TEN FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

The following tiebreaker procedure will be utilized for the 2026 Big Ten Field Hockey Tournament:

- Head-to-head results
- Point total vs. all Conference teams (3 points for a win in regulation, 2 points for an overtime win, 1 point for an overtime loss, 0 points for a loss in regulation).
- Point total vs. remaining teams in tie (3 points for a win in regulation, 2 points for an overtime win, 1 point for an overtime loss, 0 points for a loss in regulation).
- The records versus each Conference team not among the tied teams, in order of Conference finish.
- Goal differential between the teams that are tied (goals for versus goals against).
- Conference goal differential with a maximum difference of three, plus or minus.
- If a tie remains, the goal differential against Conference teams in descending order.
- The highest overall RPI ranking on the final Sunday of the regular season amongst tied teams.