

NIHL TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES:

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(d) If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their positions in the standings shall be determined by the following tie-breaking formulas. In order to break the tie, the following formula will be followed until one rule determines the position of all teams that are tied.

1. The results of the games played between the teams tied in the following order:
 - a. The points acquired in these games.
 - b. Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
 - c. Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient.

Note: Forfeits – If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.

2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, or c, the tie still exists, 1b and c shall be applied using all of the games played by the teams tied. Note: The formulas shall be applied in order 1 a, b, c and 2.
3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shoot out procedure. This will involve each team selecting five (5) players who will alternate taking penalty shots. A toss of the coin will determine which team will take the first shot. If after five (5) players from both teams have completed the procedure the tie still has not been broken, it shall be repeated with five (5) different players until the standings are determined.

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