

IHSA Football Playoffs

Conference Automatic Qualifier Tiebreaker

The conference representative to the IHSA playoffs shall be determined by applying the following steps until only one team remains.

1. The team with the most wins [highest winning percentage in the event teams have not played equal number of games] in conference games is the conference champion. If two or more teams are tied, go to step 2.
2. If exactly two teams are tied, the team that won the head-to-head conference game is the conference champion. If three or more teams are tied, any team that defeated all the other tied teams in conference play is the champion. If this step does not resolve the tie, go to step 3.
3. If all of the tied teams played a conference game against each other, sum the points allowed by each team in each of these games. The team with the lowest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 4.
4. If all of the tied teams played a conference game against each other, sum the point differential for each team in each of these games. The point differential is the points scored minus the points allowed in each game, from a minimum of -14 points to a maximum of +14 points. (Forfeited games count as +14 or -14.) The team with the highest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 5.
5. Sum the points allowed by each tied team in every conference game. The team with the lowest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 6.
6. Sum the point differential for each tied team in every conference game. The point differential is the points scored minus the points allowed in each game, from a minimum of -14 points to a maximum of +14 points. (Forfeited games count as +14 or -14.) The team with the highest total is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 7.
7. The team with the most wins in all games (conference and non-conference) is the conference champion. If two teams remain tied after this step, go to step 2. If three or more teams remain tied after this step, go to step 8.
8. A random drawing by the IHSA Office will determine the conference champion