

BIG EAST Conference
MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES
2014-15

Overall Conference record, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed teams numbering 1 through 10. If an institution is ineligible for tournament competition, all tiebreaking procedures will be followed, then the ineligible team will be removed from the tournament field and seeds will be adjusted accordingly in an upward manner. The following procedures are set up to establish seeding for the championship and to break ties. Follow the appropriate steps in order.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE FOR SEEDING

TWO-TEAM TIE

1. Regular season head-to-head results .
If the tied teams split their two games, then proceed to Step 2 below.
2. Each team’s record vs. the team or group of tied teams occupying the highest position in the standings. If an advantage is not determined, proceed to the next team or group of tied teams in the standings for comparison. Continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
3. Compare the Conference road record of the tied teams.
4. Compare all tied teams Conference-games only road record vs. the team(s) occupying the highest position in the final Conference regular season standings, and then counting down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
5. RPI ranking as published by RPIratings.com as of the last day of the regular season competition.
6. **COIN FLIP**
If any ties still exist after implementing all of the above tie-breaking procedures, a coin flip is required. The procedure takes place at The BIG EAST Conference office immediately following the conclusion of the last regular season conference game. Commissioner Val Ackerman or her designee will administer this procedure. This session is open to the media and to athletic department representatives of the tied teams.

MULTIPLE-TEAM TIE (3 or more teams)

1. Teams are viewed as a “mini-conference” when comparing head-to-head results. The team with the best record vs. the other teams in the mini-conference gains the advantage. The team with the worst record vs. the other teams in the mini-conference is seeded the lowest.
 - a. If only two teams have the same best winning percentage in the mini-conference, the higher seed goes to the team winning the head-to-head series.
 - b. If the two teams split their two games, then proceed to Step 2 under Two-Team ties. To seed the remaining team(s) in this mini-conference, proceed to (e) below.
 - c. If three or more (but not all) teams have the same best winning percentage in the *original* mini-conference, then those tied teams create a new mini-conference and follow this same procedure beginning of Step 1 (Multiple Team Tie).
 - d. If all teams in the mini-conference have the same mini-conference record, proceed to Step 2 below.
 - e. After the top or bottom teams in a mini-conference are determined, the remaining teams are ranked by their record in the original mini-conference.
 - i. If there are any remaining teams tied by their record in the mini-conference, then head-to-head results will determine the higher seed.
 - ii. If the teams split two games, then proceed back to the two-way tie breaking procedure.
 - iii. If there are at least three teams remaining tied by their record in the mini-conference, they would then form a new mini-conference and follow the procedure again at the beginning of Step 1 (Multiple-Team Tie).
2. Compare each team’s record vs. the team or group of tied teams occupying the highest position in the standings. If an advantage is not determined, proceed to the next team or group of tied teams in the standings for comparison. Continue down through the standings until one or more teams gains an advantage. If two teams have the exact same advantage (i.e., having the same and better record against a compared team relative to their mini-conference), they are separated at that point by the two-way tiebreaker procedure. The next step would take you back to Step 1 (e) (Multiple-Team Tie).
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When arriving at another group of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to that group's own tie-breaking procedure), rather than the performance against individual tied teams.

If at any point the multiple-teams tie is reduced to two teams, the two-team tie-breaking procedures above will be applied. Once a team is eliminated from a multi-team comparison, it is dropped from further comparisons.

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