

McKinney Soccer Association Tie Breaker Rules

At the end of season play, ties naturally occur with any sport. Different associations may have slight variances to determine their own "tie breakers." MSA guidelines are as follows to determine a team's standing overall in the event that a tie occurs.

1. First guideline is the seasons **POINT SYSTEM**. Three points are given for a win, one point for a tie, and no points awarded for a loss. The team with the most points is the winner. Keep in mind, unlike other sports – a loss is already factored in and is not used as a later determining factor.
2. If teams remain tied, then **HEAD TO HEAD** competition play during the season is factored in to determine the team's standings. *For example, If two teams finish in a tie – the winner of the game played against one another during the regular season determines the winner outright. If three or more teams tie, the point system is applied to the teams head to head games only.*
3. If teams remain tied after applying 1 and 2...the winner will be determined by **Goal Differential** (With a maximum of a 3 goal differential allowed per game.) The goal differential is determined by the numbers of goals scored minus the number of goals allowed during play. The highest goal differential is the winner. *For example, a 6-0 game win is recorded as 3-0, and a 6-3 win goes down as 6-3 win. Running up a score does not help the goal differential.*
4. If a tie remains after applying 1, 2 and 3. ...the winner will be determined by the **Fewest Goals Allowed** during the season.
5. If a tie remains after applying 1, 2, 3 and 4...the winner will be determined by the **Highest Number of Shutouts** during the season..
6. If a tie remains after applying 1,2,3,4 and 5...the winner will be determined by the **Fewest Number of Cards** during the current season (red or yellow cards) .
7. If a tie remains after applying 1,2, 3,4,5 and 6. Then a TBD (to be determined) **playoff game** will decide the winner of the tie breaker. Playing time and rules to be discussed with both coaches prior to playoff game.

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Point System

Head-to-Head Record

Goal Differential (Max.of 3 goal differential)

Fewest goals allowed

Highest Number of Shutouts

Fewest Caution Points (red and yellow cards)

Playoff Game / Penalty Kicks