



### POOL Play Tie-Breaker Rules

- 1 Head to Head
- 2 Runs Allowed
- 3 Runs Differential
- 4 Runs Scored
- 5 Coin Flip

**NOTE:** Tie breakers within tourney machine never revert back to the top of the tie breaker list. For example, if three teams are tied and head to head is the first tie breaker and all three teams have a 1-1 record against each other, so the head to head doesn't break any ties. The system will then go to the next tie breaker. If the next tie breaker is score differential and if team 1 has a 3 score differential, and team 2 has a 2 score differential, and team 3 has a 1 score differential then team 3 will be last, team 2 second, and team 1 first, even if team 2 beat team 1 head to head. Head to head got thrown out in the first step and does not get reverted back to even after team 3 is eliminated by differential.

- **Head to Head** - This breaks ties based on the record (or points, if points are used) against the teams tied with. For example, if 3 teams have the same overall record at 4-2 and all 3 of the teams played each other an equal number of times and one team's record against the other two was 2-0 and another was 1-1 and the other was 0-2. This tie breaker would order them accordingly. If all three teams had identical 1-1 records, this tie breaker would not be used.

It should be noted that this tie breaker is completely ignored if all of the teams tied do not play each other an equal number of times. For example, if there are 3 teams tied and one team played the other two, but the other two did not play each other this tie breaker will be ignored (regardless of the outcome of the two games played by the first team)

- **Run Diff** - The differential tie breaker determines the total difference between a team's score versus their opponents. The largest differential wins the tie breaker.
- **Runs Allowed** - The total of a team's opponents score. The smallest total wins the tie breaker.
- **Runs Scored** - The total of a team's score. The higher total wins the tie breaker.