

## ROUND ROBIN FORMAT / TIE BREAKER RULES / MUST PLAY RULES

The purpose of the round robin games is to rank and to qualify the teams for the playoffs. Once the teams are qualified, they are "SEEDED" by their ranking.

No team can qualify for the playoffs if they are NOT willing to play all of their round robin games. The exception is "FORFEITS" or schedule changes made by the Tournament Director.

**RANKING:** Teams are "RATED" by their won ~ loss record.

**"HEAD TO HEAD":** The record of a team against each other. The "HEAD TO HEAD" comparison is the ultimate or highest method of breaking the tie.

**RUN DIFFERENTIAL:** The total number offensive runs scored for a team LESS the total number of runs given up to the opposing team. The teams will be ranked by who has the highest to the lowest "RUN DIFFERENTIAL"

### TIEBREAKER RULES:

(1) If two teams are tied with the same record, then the result of their game against each other (Head to Head) will be used to break the tie.

(2) If two teams are tied and they DID NOT play each other, then the team with the best 'RUN DIFFERENTIAL' wins the tiebreaker.

(3a) If three (3) teams are tied and one team has won the "HEAD TO HEAD" competition against the other two tied teams, then the team that has beaten the other two teams has won the tie breaker. The remaining two (2) teams will be compared using the "HEAD TO HEAD" rule.

(3b) If three (3) teams are tied and no team has beaten the other two tied teams "HEAD TO HEAD", then rank the teams by the RUN DIFFERENTIAL, then drop the bottom team and compare the two (2) remaining teams by using the "HEAD TO HEAD" rule to break the tie and determine the ranking.

(4a) If four (4) teams are tied and one team has beaten the other three (3) teams, in "HEAD TO HEAD" competition, then that team wins the tie breaker. Rank the remaining three (3) teams by "RUN DIFFERENTIAL" Then drop the bottom team and compare the top two (2) remaining teams by using the "HEAD TO HEAD" rule break the tie and determine the ranking.

(4b) If four (4) teams are tied and none of the teams has beaten the other three (3) teams, then rank the four (4) teams using the "RUN DIFFERENTIAL" Rule. Then drop the bottom two (2) teams and compare the top two (2) teams using the "HEAD TO HEAD" Rule. The bottom two (2) teams will be ranked by the "RUN DIFFERENTIAL"

(5a) If two (2) teams are tied but HAVE NOT played each other or they played twice with each team winning one and losing one, then use the "RUN DIFFERENTIAL" of all games played in the round robin to break the tie.

(5b) If both teams have the same "RUN DIFFERENTIAL" then the following rules apply: The team with the most runs scored wins the tiebreaker and if still tied, the team with the least runs scored against then wins the tiebreaker. If still tied, then the winner of a "COIN TOSS" wins the tie.