1. If two teams are tied in the final regular season standings, the following tiebreaker shall be used to determine the automatic qualifier and/or higher seed in the conference tournament:
a. If the tied teams have not played each other as part of the conference schedule, move to the next step in the tiebreaker process. If the two teams played each other as part of the conference schedule, the winner of the game or series of the games between the two tied teams shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed.
b. If the teams are still tied, the team with the best winning percentage against Big Ten common opponents within the conference schedule shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed.
c. If the teams are still tied, the team with the best overall RPI, per warrennolan.com, shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed.
d. If the teams are still tied, automatic qualification to the tournament and/or higher seed shall be determined by a flip of the coin to be conducted by the Commissioner (or designee).
2. If three or more teams are tied in the final regular season standings, the following tiebreaker procedure shall be implemented to determine the automatic qualifier(s) and/or higher seed in the conference tournament:
a. If all of the tied teams have not played each other as part of the conference schedule, move to the next step in the tiebreaker process. If three or more teams are tied and they have all played each other as part of the conference schedule, the team(s) with the best winning percentage(s) in these head-to-head games shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed. If two teams are separated from the group at the top then those two teams will begin the tiebreaker process for two teams (Section 11.C.1) from the beginning. If three or more teams are separated from the group at the top, then those tied teams will begin the tiebreaker process for three or more teams (Section 11.C.2) from the beginning.
b. If three or more teams are still tied, the team(s) with the best winning percentage(s) against Big Ten common opponents within the conference schedule shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed. If two teams are separated from the group at the top then those two teams will begin the tiebreaker process for two teams (Section 11.C.1) from the beginning. If three or more teams are separated from the group at the top, then those tied teams will begin the tiebreaker process for three or more teams (Section 11.C.2) from the beginning.
c. If three or more teams are still tied, the team(s) with the best overall RPI shall automatically qualify for the tournament and/or earn the higher seed. If two teams are separated from the group at the top (have the same RPI) then those two teams will begin the tiebreaker process for two teams (Section 11.C.1) from the beginning. If three or more teams are separated from the group at the top (have the same RPI), then those tied teams will begin the tiebreaker process for three or more teams (Section 11.C.2) from the beginning.
d. If three or more teams are still tied, automatic qualification to the tournament and/or higher seed shall be determined by a random draw to be conducted by the Commissioner (or designee).
