

## 9.2 Tournament Seeding/Tie Breakers

Seeding for the Big Ten Men's Ice Hockey Tournament shall be determined by points accumulated in conference games. A team shall receive three points for a win in regulation, two points for a win in overtime or a shootout, and one point for a loss in overtime or a shootout. When two teams are tied, ties shall be broken according to the following procedure.

Ties shall be considered separated when a team(s) emerges from the top, middle or bottom of the group and is awarded a seed(s). Once a seed is awarded, all remaining tied teams shall restart the tiebreak process at the first criteria

NOTE: In the event of an unbalanced schedule due to the cancellation of games, the conference champion and seeding for the Big Ten Men's Ice Hockey Tournament shall be determined by using regular-season points percentage in all Big Ten games instead of points accumulated in conference games.

- a) Seeding amongst tied teams shall be determined by the team with the best regular-season points percentage against the other tied team(s);
- b) If not determined by (a), seeding amongst tied teams shall be determined by the greater number of Big Ten regular-season regulation wins;
- c) If not determined by (a) or (b), seeding amongst tied teams shall be determined by the team with the fewest number of Big Ten regular season regulation losses;
- d) If not determined by (a) or (b) or (c), seeding amongst tied teams shall be determined by comparison of the points percentages of the tied team(s) against the remaining highest ranked Big Ten teams in conference games, successively, until the determination is accomplished or all Big Ten regular-season contests have been considered;
- e) If not determined by (a) or (b) or (c) or (d), seeding amongst tied teams shall be determined by comparison of total goals for and against each team in contests between (among) tied team(s) in conference games. For sake of clarity, a team's goals-against shall be subtracted from its goals-for, in order to compare;
- f) If not determined by (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) or (e), the team with the best overall PairWise Rating at the conclusion of NCAA Men's Division I competition on the Saturday prior to the start of the conference tournament shall earn the higher seed.