

## CFA Tie Breaker and Playoff Positions

### SCENARIO #1 – this is *only* if we have more than one division

If there is a two-way tie for first place, then the first-place team would be decided by points allowed against all other teams that would make playoffs. In a four-team playoff system, you would add the points allowed against the other three teams that are in the playoffs. Team with fewest cumulative points against other three teams would be first place.

The only way we could have a two-way tie for first place is that we have enough teams in conference that one team may not play against another team (no head to head matchup of team tied for first place.)

**Example:** School A, School B, School C, and School D are the four teams that we know will make the playoffs.

School B and School D are tied for first place (both undefeated) and there was not head to head matchup.

#### Scores of games

School D 40 School C 20

School D 38 School A 16

School D did not play School B during regular season

School B 55 School C 19

School B 48 School A 26

School B did not play School D during regular season

#### Total points allowed (TPA) against playoff teams:

School D:  $20+16 = 36$

School B:  $19 + 26 = 45$

School D would be in first place because of Total Points Allowed.

### SCENARIO #2

If there is a three-way tie for first place, School A beats School B, School B beats School C, School C beats School A, so they all have identical records with one loss each. Tie breaker would be decided by points allowed against the other two opponents.

#### Example:

School A, School B, and School C are all tied with identical 9-1 conference records. School A defeated School B, School B defeated School C, and School C defeated School A.

#### Scores of games

School A 46 School B 36 School B 36 School A 46 School C 28 School B 52

School A 35 School C 37 School B 52 School C 28 School C 37 School A 35

#### Total points allowed against playoff teams

School A 73 School B 74 School C 87

School A would be in first place, School B in second, and School C in third.

### SCENARIO #3

If there was a tie in points allowed against the teams that were tied for first place, then the 4<sup>th</sup> place teams points would be added into the equation.

**Example:** School A, School B, and School C are all tied with identical 9-1 conference records. School A defeated School B, School B defeated School C. School C defeated School A, School A and School B are both tied with total points allowed of 73 against the three teams tied for first place. School D would be the fourth-place team, so the scores against them would be added in to the equation.

#### Total points allowed (TPA) against playoff teams

School A – 73                  School B – 73                  School C – 87

Scores of games against School D (fourth place team). If both School A and School B did not play School D, then we would then fall to the next place team where there was a common opponent – again, only applicable if the league had more than 10 teams.

School A – 45                  School D – 13                  School B – 38                  School D – 18

Updated TPA with School D scores added:

School A –  $73 + 13 = 86$                   School B –  $73 + 18 = 91$

School A would be first place, and School B would be in second place

#### Footnote:

If teams tied for first place did not have all common opponents (in case we have more than 10 teams in league) and tie breaker was not able to be decided on total points allowed against teams that are eligible for playoffs (top four teams), then next place team who is common to teams involved in tie breaker would be added to the equation for total points allowed.