

# WSAGW PLAYOFF GUIDELINES

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I. Seeds for the playoffs are based on the final regular season standings.

A. If teams are tied in regular season standings the tie breaker is as follow for playoffs:

1. Head-to-head
2. Divisional standing-how they did in their league
3. Crossover-how they did against the other league
4. Coin flip-this becomes the last tiebreaker

COIN FLIP PROCEDURE (if used)

\* For 2 teams: Heads/tails will be assigned by alphabetical order (A=heads; Z=tails).

\* For 3 teams: All 3 will have a simultaneous coin flip, with the non-matching result winning the higher seed (ex. 2 heads/1 tails=tails wins; 2 tails/1 heads=heads wins). If all three coins match, the flip is repeated.

II. All games will be as a regular season game and per the operational guidelines:

A. If the end of a game is suspended, the 2 teams will return on the next playing night at 6:15pm, same field, to finish the game.

B. The mercy rule is still in effect for any game with a team leading by:

1. 20 runs after 3 1/2 or 4 innings
2. 12 runs after 4 1/2 or 5 innings.

III. The higher seed will ALWAYS be the home team throughout the playoffs.

A. For championship night, the winners' bracket winner is the home team for the first game.

B. For the "if necessary" game, the losers' bracket winner will be the home team.

C. The home team will supply the back-up ball.

IV. There will be a 10 minute grace period for the first game of the night only on each field for the playoffs. All teams are expected to be ready to play at the time scheduled without delay!

V. Any team playing a double header shall have a 15 minute break between games.

VI. Any dispute must be settled on the field at that time. The Executive Board will be available either via phone or in person at Rec Park during the playoffs. REMINDER: Judgement calls by the umpire are not available for appeal. Only rule violations are incidents that are eligible for appeal.

VII. USASoftball rules will govern playoffs, except where the WSAGW guidelines overrule. Make sure you have both the USASoftball rulebook and the newest set (dated 08/2018) WSAGW Operational Guidelines with you during the playoffs!!!!!!