

2024 Mountain West Softball Tiebreakers

Tournament seeding shall be based upon regular season winning percentage during Conference competition. The higher seeded team shall be designated the home team throughout the tournament.

Two Way Ties: In the case of a two-way tie in the final standings, position in the tournament bracket shall be determined as follows:

- a. Comparison of head-to-head competition in regular season Conference play;
- b. If the two teams split their games during the regular season, each tied team's record shall be compared against the team occupying the highest position in the standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains the advantage, earning the higher seed. When comparing tied teams against positions lower in the standings that are also tied, those lower-tied positions shall be considered a single position for the purposes of comparison.); or
- c. The tie shall be broken by a comparison of the two teams' NCAA RPI (as of the most recent publication). The team with the better NCAA RPI will gain the advantage; or
- d. A drawing by the Commissioner.

Multiple-Team Ties: In the case of a multiple-team tie in the final standings, position in the tournament bracket shall be determined as follows:

- a. Comparison of head-to-head competition in regular season Conference play;
- b. If a tie still exists between three or more teams, evaluation of results from games of those teams tied during regular season play against those teams finishing below the tied position (utilizing win percentage, if necessary, when evaluating results against those teams), beginning at the tied position and working through last place, until the tie is broken;
- c. If at any time during this analysis, any team(s) should have an advantage over the other team(s) tied at that position, the team(s) holding the advantage shall assume a position higher than the other team(s) and the tiebreaker continues until broken;
- d. The tie shall be broken by a comparison of the teams' NCAA RPI (as of the most recent publication). The team with the better NCAA RPI will gain the advantage.
- e. If at any time during this analysis, any team(s) should have an advantage over the other team(s) tied at that position, the team(s) holding the advantage shall assume a position higher than the other team(s). If it is reduced to a two-team tie at any point, the process shall then revert to the beginning of the tie-breaking procedures and shall be applied (in order) until the two-team tie is broken.
- f. A drawing by the Commissioner.