

SHYBA Playoff Information – General Info

Who?

- All Leagues 9/10 and up have single elimination playoffs

How?

- The standard playoff format is single elimination for all SHYBA leagues. The playoff bracket is not re-seeded between rounds.
- All teams make the playoffs ensuring all teams have a chance to be the league champion.
- Standard single elimination brackets are used to the playoff scheduling
- Note: the SHYBA Bylaws stated the top team plays the lowest team, however in a standard bracket this is not always true. There may be situations where the bracket supports a different matchup.
- A Perfect bracket is a multiple of 4 leagues (4,8,16) except for 12 – meaning that no team will get a bye in the first round. Most other team counts will have some number of byes in the first round. This creates the concept of “play-in” games.
- SHYBA has tried to maintain the use the term “playoffs” for all games played in this format even though some people call some initial games “play-in” games.
- Pre 2019, brackets were done in Excel by hand and schedules done in Excel as well. Since the 2019 adoption of the TeamSideline web site tools, all scheduling and bracketing is automatically done within the TeamSideline tool.

League Standings Note:

- As the season unfolds and regular season games are played, the league Standing page shows all teams listed in winning percentage and tie breaker order.
- Tie Breakers are normally thought about for playoff seeding but TeamSideline applied them after every game is scored. So the league standing are always accurate.

More How details:

- The playoffs are determined once the regular season has ended based on the regular season standings.
- SHYBA has configured TeamSideline to automatically seed the playoff schedule/bracket according to the Tie Breaker rules.
- IMPORTANT: When the last game in the regular season is scored, the playoff schedule is populated with the seedings based on the final regular season standings automatically and the bracket updated as well.
- Seeds are spoken in terms of low seed and high seed. For consistency within this document, the #1 seed corresponds to the 1st place team in the standings and is a low seed and the #8 seed corresponds to the 8th place team in the standings and is a higher seed. If you like to use the opposite terminology just remember the opposite going forward.
- Tie Breakers are continually applied to the league standings throughout the season.
- There are only 3 tie breakers used in SHYBA: Winning Percentage, Head-to-Head results, and Coin toss. The final one – coin toss – is done automatically within the system. Briefly – each team is assigned a random number and if that tie breaker is needed these random number are compared to break the tie. The higher the number the lower the seed. For example – if 2 teams

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are tied and team 1 has a number of 6000 and team 2 has a number of 7000. Team 2 becomes the higher position in the standings but a lower seed.

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When?

- Normally the playoff season starts as close to March 1 and runs for 2 weeks culminating in a Championship Saturday at SAHS where all league championship games are played back to back-to-back with a DJ spinning tunes, National anthem played for each game and teams announced, and trophies handed out after each game.
- The initial date for Championship Saturday is determined in August/September.
- An attempt is made to not conflict with Spring sports starting up in March timeframe.
- Enough time is built into the playoff schedules to accommodate weather cancellations
- Approximately 8 weeks prior to the start of the playoffs, playoff planning begins (roughly January 1). Gym time is reviewed and if additional time is needed, requests are submitted to the gym vendors as needed.
- A preliminary complete plan is determined back planning from the Championship Saturday date and including Travel program needs as well. The preliminary plan includes the start and end dates and any anomalies that are known. This preliminary plan is reviewed at the January board meeting and approval given to do the detailed level of planning to meet the goal of Championship Saturday.
- Once the preliminary plan is agreed-to, the scheduler works on filling in the various needs of each league. The general bracket rounds needed, and gym allocations are created.
- As soon as possible a playoff schedule is created in TeamSideline with TBD dates showing the rounds needed. This allows the discussions to proceed.
- Discussions begins with the commissioners and ultimately a playoff schedule is approved at a minimum 2 weeks before the playoffs begin.
- Once approved, the playoff schedule is delivered to the Referee Coordinator for referee scheduling.

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TeamSideline Screen Shots:

Standing page:

Standings *see tie breaker list*

Place	Team	W	L	T	PCT	GB	GP	F	Streak	Coach
1	Midshipmen (4)	9	1	1	0.864	--	11	0	Won 3	John Kearns
2	Shockers (1)	6	3	0	0.667	2.5	9	0	Won 3	Jason Melchior
3	Wolverines (6)	7	4	0	0.636	2.5	11	0	Lost 1	Sid Small
4	Dragons (7)	6	5	0	0.545	3.5	11	0	Lost 3	Jeremy Steglik
5	Sixers (2)	5	6	1	0.458	4.5	12	0	Won 3	Dana Luscombe
6	Nittany Lions (3)	3	7	0	0.300	6	10	0	Lost 3	Trevor Harrison
7	Hamburgers (8)	3	7	0	0.300	6	10	0	Lost 1	Dan McCausland
8	Jayhawks (5)	3	9	0	0.250	7	12	0	Won 1	Ed Valentine

Standings page: with Tie Breakers:

Standings *see tie breaker list*

Place	Team	T	PCT	GB		
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3	Wolverines	0	0.636	2.5		
4	Dragons (7)	6	5	0	0.545	3.5
5	Sixers (2)	5	6	1	0.458	4.5
6	Nittany Lions (3)	3	7	0	0.300	6
7	Hamburgers (8)	3	7	0	0.300	6
8	Jayhawks (5)	3	9	0	0.250	7

Tie Breaker List

1> Winning Percentage
 2> Head-To-Head
 3> Coin Toss

For tie breaker questions, use the "Contact Us" link.

The tie breaker info appears on the league page, in Administration mode the Tie Breaker Analysis is available to view and show any coach who complains about the seeding. If you want to see that info – ask your commissioner for help.

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Playoff Schedule Example:

Playoff Schedule

Date	Time	Game	Home Team	Away Team	Location
Playoff Round 1					
Mon 3/8	6:30 PM 11080	R1-G1	1st Place	8th Place	ICMS-CT1
Mon 3/8	7:40 PM 11083	R1-G4	2nd Place	7th Place	ICMS-CT1
Mon 3/8	8:50 PM 11081	R1-G2	4th Place	5th Place	DMA-EC8-CT1
Mon 3/8	8:50 PM 11082	R1-G3	3rd Place	6th Place	ICMS-CT1
Playoff Round 2					
Thu 3/11	6:30 PM 11084	R2-G1	R1-G1 Winner	R1-G2 Winner	ICMS-CT1
Thu 3/11	7:40 PM 11085	R2-G2	R1-G4 Winner	R1-G3 Winner	ICMS-CT1
Playoff Round 3 - Championship Round					
Mon 3/15	7:40 PM 11086	R3-G1	R2-G1 Winner	R2-G2 Winner	DMA-EC8-CT1

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Playoff Schedule Example:

Playoff Brackets

