

# 2026 BIG10 BANTAM

FINAL 10/08/26

## Playoff Game Format

### 1st Round

Seed 1 Bye  
Seed 2 Bye  
Seed 6 @ Seed 3  
Seed 5 @ Seed 4

### 2nd Round

Lowest Seed @ Seed 1  
Highest Seed @ Seed 2

## Helmet Count By Division/Member Community

|    | <u>Member Community</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1  | ANTIOCH                 | 30           |
| 2  | BARRINGTON              | 22           |
| 3  | BERWYN                  | 20           |
| 4  | CENTRAL                 | 35           |
| 5  | CRYSTAL LAKE            | 22           |
| 6  | EVANSTON                | 29           |
| 7  | GRANT                   | 21           |
| 8  | GRAYSLAKE               | 31           |
| 9  | HUNTLEY                 | 49           |
| 10 | KENOSHA                 | 19           |
| 11 | LAKE VILLA              | 21           |
| 12 | LAKE ZURICH             | 38           |
| 13 | LIBERTYVILLE            | 31           |
| 14 | MCHENRY                 | 29           |
| 15 | MUNDELEIN               | 19           |
| 16 | NORTH SHORE             | 17           |
| 17 | NORTH SIDE              | 18           |
| 18 | NORTHWEST               | 20           |
| 19 | PRAIRIE RIDGE           | 20           |
| 20 | RACINE                  | 21           |
| 21 | RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD    | 17           |
| 22 | SCHAUMBURG              | 19           |
| 23 | SOUTH ELGIN             | 36           |
| 24 | STEVENSON               | 15           |
| 25 | WARREN                  | 19           |
| 26 | WAUCONDA                | 30           |
| 27 | WAUKEGAN                | 20           |
| 28 | WOODSTOCK               | 15           |
| 29 | ZION                    | 25           |
| 30 | LAKE ZURICH U           | 19           |
| 31 | SOUTH ELGIN U           | 20           |

## Playoff Participation

18 of 31 Teams Qualify for Playoffs ("Qualifiers")

Tie Breakers to be used in determining the Qualifiers

### ELIMINATE 13 WORST RECORDS

#### Tie Breaking Calculator

Tie Breaking for Qualifiers, Play Off Positioning and Seeding is determined as follows, in order:

- 1 Overall record
- 2 Head to Head\*
- 3 Opponent Wins
- 4 Playoff points

*\* In cases of a tie with three or more teams, all teams must have played each other.*

### Bracket/Class Ranking Calculation

#### Two Tier Calculator System

Each Tier will rank all of the Qualifiers with an overall position based on the number of Qualifiers (ie..1-18)

Once each Tier Ranking is calculated, both Tiers Rankings are combined for one overall Playoff Ranking.

Tie Breaking Calculator is used for both Tiers, when needed.

**\*TCYFL Reserves the right to ALL FINAL BRACKET Determinations**

#### Tier One

*Helmet Count Multiplier Calculation (Old School)*

**(Total Wins)-(Total Losses)+(Helmet Count) = Tier 1 Ranking\***

*\*Highest Qualifier has a "Tier 1 Ranking" of 1, Lowest has the Lowest "Tier 1 Ranking" of 18.*

#### Tier Two

*Opponent Wins Multiplier Calculation (New School)*

**(Total Wins)-(Total Losses)+(Opponent Wins\*) = Tier 2 Ranking\***

*\*BYE teams add equal to their wins*

*\*Highest Qualifier has a "Tier 2 Ranking" of 1, Lowest has the Lowest "Tier 2 Ranking" of 18.*

**Tier 1 Ranking and Tier 2 Ranking are combined for an Overall Playoff Ranking ("OPR") (ie..1 through 31)**

Tie Breaking Calculator is used in determining OPR, when necessary.

Once the OPR has been determined, the Qualifiers will be divided into Play Off Groupings of six (6) teams, in order of OPR as follows:

- 3A\*** 6 Qualifiers with the Lowest OPR
- 2A** Next 6 Lowest OPR Qualifiers
- 1A** Next 6 Lowest OPR Qualifiers

### U TEAMS CAN ONLY BE IN BOTTOM BRACKET

**\* 3A is the Highest/Best Qualifier Class When 18 Teams Qualify**

Tie Breaking Calculator is used in determining seeding with each bracket once bracketed teams have been established via the OPR.