

2026 BIG10 LIGHTWEIGHT

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	19
2	AURORA CHRISTIAN	20
3	BARRINGTON	55
4	BUFFALO GROVE	19
5	CARY	26
6	CRYSTAL LAKE	14
7	EVANSTON	29
8	GRAYSLAKE	20
9	HIGHLAND PARK	19
10	HUNTLEY	43
11	LAKE FOREST	24
12	LAKE ZURICH	35
13	LIBERTYVILLE	54
14	MCHENRY	25
15	MT PROSPECT	21
16	NORTHBROOK	24
17	NORTH SHORE	49
18	NORTH SIDE	38
19	NORTHWEST	23
20	PRAIRIE RIDGE	17
21	RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD	25
22	WARREN	17
23	WOODSTOCK	17
24	BARRINGTON BU	18
25	BARRINGTON RU	18
26	HUNTLEY U	24
27	LAKE ZURICH U	18
28	LIBERTYVILLE U	28
29	NORTH SHORE U	26
30	NORTH SIDE U	19

Playoff Participation

18 of 30 Teams Qualify for Playoffs ("Qualifiers")

Tie Breakers to be used in determining the Qualifiers

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.*

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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 18)

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 6 Qualifiers with the Highest OPR

U Teams can only be 1A

**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.