

2026 BIG10 VARSITY

FINAL 10/08/25

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	BARRINGTON	23
2	BENSENVILLE	14
3	BERWYN	29
4	CARY	20
5	CRYSTAL LAKE	15
6	ELK GROVE	23
7	EVANSTON	31
8	GLENVIEW	23
9	GRANT	30
10	GRAYSLAKE	17
11	HIGHLAND PARK	19
12	HUNTLEY	23
13	LAKE FOREST	27
14	LAKE VILLA	26
15	LAKE ZURICH	21
16	LIBERTYVILLE	32
17	MCHENRY	27
18	MOUNT PROSPECT	21
19	MUNDELEIN	31
20	NORTH SHORE	22
21	NORTH SIDE	16
22	NORTHWEST	19
23	PARK RIDGE	25
24	PRAIRIE RIDGE	18
25	RIVERSIDE BROOKFIELD	24
26	ROLLING MEADOWS	24
27	ROUND LAKE	25
28	STEVENSON	18
29	WARREN	20
30	WAUCONDA	30
31	WAUKEGAN	14
32	ZION	22
33		
34		
35		

Playoff Participation

18 of 32 Teams Qualify for Playoffs ("Qualifiers")

Tie Breakers to be used in determining the Qualifiers

ELIMINATE 14 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 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** Next 6 Lowest OPR Qualifiers

*** 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.