



Divisions with 2 Conferences

8-team single-elimination playoff | top four teams from each conference

WHO QUALIFIES

- **Eight automatic qualifiers**
The top four teams from each of the two conferences qualify.
- **No wild-card positions**
All eight playoff spots are earned through conference placement.

HOW TEAMS ARE RANKED

Use these criteria in order for conference standings and playoff seeding:

- 1. Conference record** Best record in conference games.
- 2. Points against** Fewest points allowed in conference games only.
- 3. Head-to-head** Result between tied teams, when applicable.
- 4. Points for** Most points scored in conference games only.

SEEDING

Conference finish sets seed groups: 1st place #1-#2; 2nd #3-#4; 3rd #5-#6; 4th #7-#8. Rank teams within each group by criteria above.

PLAYOFF BRACKET



Winners advance each round. Four quarterfinals, two semifinals, one championship.



Divisions with 3 Conferences

8-team single-elimination playoff | 6 automatic qualifiers + 2 wild cards

WHO QUALIFIES

- **Six automatic qualifiers**
The top two teams in each of the three conferences qualify.
- **Two wild cards**
The next two highest-ranked eligible teams across all conferences qualify.

HOW TEAMS ARE RANKED

Use these criteria in order for conference standings, wild cards, and seeding:

- 1. Conference record** Best record in conference games.
- 2. Points against** Fewest points allowed in conference games only.
- 3. Head-to-head** Result between tied teams, when applicable.
- 4. Points for** Most points scored in conference games only.

SEEDING Conference winners take #1-#3; runners-up #4-#6; wild cards #7-#8. Rank teams within each group by criteria above.

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Divisions with 4 Conferences

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SEEDING Conference winners take #1-#4; runners-up #5-#8.
Rank teams within each group by criteria above. See example on next page.

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Four-Conference Seeding Example

Conference standing determines the seed group before records are compared.

STEP 1 IDENTIFY EACH CONFERENCE FINISH

Conference	Winner	Runner-up
Conference 1	A 3-1	B 3-1
Conference 2	C 3-1	D 3-1
Conference 3	E 2-2	F 2-2
Conference 4	G 2-2	H 2-2

Example assumes the teams listed first win any conference-standing tiebreaker.

STEP 2 RANK TEAMS WITHIN EACH SEED GROUP

Seeds #1-#4: conference winners

#1 A (3-1) #2 C (3-1) #3 E (2-2) #4 G (2-2)

Seeds #5-#8: conference runners-up

#5 B (3-1) #6 D (3-1) #7 F (2-2) #8 H (2-2)

Conference placement takes priority over cross-conference record.

B and D are 3-1, but they finished second in their conferences. They remain below E and G, who won their conferences at 2-2.

Within each group, apply the listed criteria in order: conference record, conference-game points against, head-to-head, then conference-game points for.

The A/C, E/G, B/D, and F/H ordering shown is illustrative; actual ties within a seed group are resolved by the remaining listed criteria.

Conference Record Clarification

Applies to divisions with uneven conference schedules

SEEDING CONFERENCE WINNERS

When two conference winners are undefeated, the team with more conference wins gets the higher seed unless they played each other. If they did, the head-to-head winner gets the higher seed.

Example: 5-0 ranks above 4-0 unless they played each other.

If the 4-0 team won that matchup, the 4-0 team ranks higher.

This applies to Senior this year and to future divisions with an odd number of teams.