# 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:

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|---|---|
| **1. Conference record** | Best record in conference games.<br>(If teams have played a different number of total conference games, seeding will be determined by conference win percentage.) |
| **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:

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|---|---|
| **1. Conference record** | Best record in conference games. (If teams have played a different number of total conference games, seeding will be determined by conference win percentage.) |
| **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. |

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

## PLAYOFF BRACKET




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

# Divisions with 4 Conferences

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

## WHO QUALIFIES

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

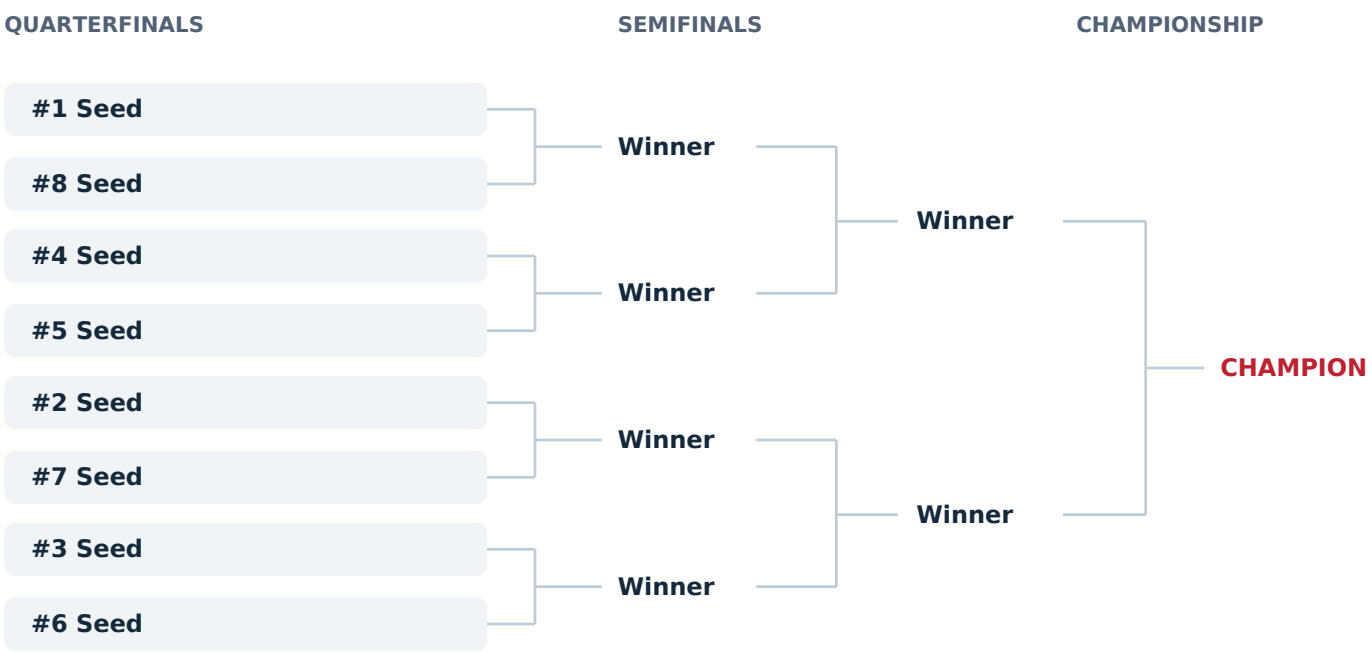
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Use these criteria in order for conference standings and playoff seeding:

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| **1. Conference record** | Best record in conference games. (If teams have played a different number of total conference games, seeding will be determined by conference win percentage.) |
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| **4. Points for** | Most points scored in conference games only. |

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

## PLAYOFF BRACKET




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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.