



TIE BREAKER

POLICIES and PROCEDURES

[7/31/09]

FOOTBALL

12.1 Conference Champion

12.1.1 The team with the highest winning percentage in conference play will be named the Empire 8 Champion and will earn the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. In the event of a tie, all tied teams will be named co or tri-champions and all schools will receive an Empire 8 Champion crystal. The following criteria will be used to determine the E8's NCAA automatic qualifier:

(If a tie exists among three or more teams and one of the tied teams is eliminated by this process, the process will begin anew at No. 1 of the tie-breaking criteria among the remaining tied teams).

1. Head-to-Head results.
2. Results vs. lowest ranked conference teams (6th, 5th, etc) based on final season standings.
3. Results versus common non-league opponents (All teams must have played the same opponent).
4. Fewest overall losses. (Will revisit "cap" at 2009 meeting)
5. The team's overall strength of schedule (as determined by the NCAA Overall OWP, opponents' winning percentage; not OOWP, the opponents' opponents' winning percentage).