

NATIONAL SMALL COLLEGE RUGBY ORGANIZATION LLC

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STANDARDS for a BETTER RUGBY EXPERIENCE

NSCRO's Standards are established for use by Conferences and Unions as a fair and consistent way for all teams competing for a league Championship and an opportunity to compete in the NSCRO Playoffs.

Standard for League Standings

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Awarding League Points

- 4 points for a win;
- 2 points for a tie;
- 1 bonus point for scoring four or more tries in a match;
- 1 bonus point for losing by seven points or fewer;
- No points for a loss by eight points or more (notwithstanding 1 bonus point for scoring 4 tries or more);
- A forfeited game will earn the winning side 4 points for a win plus a bonus point based on a score of 28-0;
- If a regular season game is tied at the end of play there is no overtime;

League Administrative Points may be awarded based on governing Conference/Union league rules.

For example:

Failure to Report Match Result within 48 hours of match = loss of 1 pt

Forfeiting Match = loss of 1 pt

Final League Standings -Tie-Breaker Rules

- a. If at the conclusion of regular season league play, two teams are tied with the same number of league points, the first tie-breaker will be the result of the head-to-head game.*
- b. If this game was tied, then the side with the better points differential** in all of the regular season games will earn the higher position. If the points differential is tied then it will be the team that scored the most tries in league play. If the teams are still tied then it will be the most total points scored in league play, and if still tied a playoff game will be arranged.

If the Conference/Union determines a playoff game cannot be arranged, then a coin flip by a league appointed unbiased representative is acceptable (weather, timing before next round of playoffs, etc. may preclude a new playoff game).
- c. In the event of three or more teams being tied, the best points differential between the teams tied will determine the order of finish.
If 2 teams are still tied, then the result of their head-to-head game will determine the order. If game was tied then most tries scored in all regular season league games will determine the standings.
If 3 or more teams are still tied then most tries scored in all regular season league games will determine the standings.

* *In cases where 2 regular season games are played if each team has a win and a loss in head-to-head competition the tie breaker shall be the points differential.*

** *Points differential is determined by taking the points scored and deducting the points conceded. Regardless of actual point totals scored in regular season matches, a maximum differential of 28 points will be allowed in determining league standings.*