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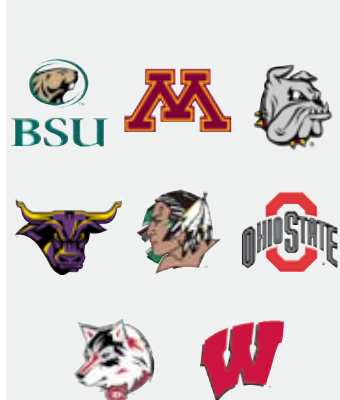
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Memo to: WCHA Member Teams, Media
from: Sara R. Martin, Associate Commissioner, WCHA
Doug Spencer, Associate Commissioner for Public Relations, WCHA
re: WCHA Tie-Breaking Procedures

WCHA TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES FOR PLAYOFF SEEDING PURPOSES ONLY

At the conclusion of the regular season, teams will be ranked by the number of points accumulated. If two teams are tied for first place, they will be declared co-WCHA champions.

The first round of the WCHA's post-season tournament will be a best-of-three games format at the home site of the teams ranked higher in the final regular season standings. All eight teams participate in the first round of the tournament. First round WCHA Playoff pairings will be as follows:

No. 1 rank vs No. 8 rank, No. 2 rank vs No. 7 rank, No. 3 vs No. 6, No. 4 vs No. 5.

Following the four first round series, the four winning teams will be re-seeded No. 1 thru No. 4 according to their standings in the final WCHA in-season competition, and will then advance to the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF.

At the WCHA FINAL FACE-OFF, there will be two semi-final games on the first day of the tournament and then the championship game on the second day.

In the event that ties are encountered in the determination of WCHA ranking or designation of home teams for playoff purposes, the following procedures will be used in the order given to break the ties:

a) If two or more teams are tied, head-to-head competition during the regular (conference) season will be used to break the tie.

b) If two or more teams are still tied after (a), the highest seed will go to the team with the most WCHA (conference) wins during the regular season.

c) If two or more teams played a four-game series during the regular season and the teams have the same win-loss records for those series and the same number of WCHA wins, the team having the least number of goals scored against it in the four-game series shall have the higher rank.

d) If two or more teams are still tied after applying the provisions of (a), (b) and (c), the team having the greatest 'winning margin' during the regular season will have the higher rank. Winning margin = WCHA goals for during the regular season minus WCHA goals against.

e) Games played against WCHA opponents in holiday tournaments will not be counted in the determinations.

f) Shootout wins used during the WCHA regular season will not be counted in the determinations. Shootout games will be recorded as a tie in the determinations.