

PENINSULA PARISHES/SCHOOLS LEAGUE

SECTION 7: PLAYOFF RULES

- 7.1 DIVISION PLAYOFFS:** Division playoffs will be held for the Varsity, Junior Varsity, Sharks, Eagles and Sixth (6th) Grade Lions leagues. A 5th grader currently participating in a sport is eligible to be “pulled up” for playoff or championship games.
- 7.2 HOME TEAMS:** The team with the highest league standing will be designated as the home team for all division playoff games.
- 7.3 FORMAT:** There will be no “point system” utilized in the playoff format. In the playoff format, the first place team plays the fourth place team and the second place team plays the third place team. The winners of these games advance to the division championships. The winners of the division championships advance to the North/South Championship. The South will be the home team on even numbered years and the North will be the home team on odd numbered years.
- 7.4 NORTH/SOUTH DIVISIONS:** When there is a combined North/South division, the team with the highest league standing will be the designated home team in each playoff game. In combined North/South divisions with twelve (12) or more teams, the top six (6) teams will advance to the playoffs. Playoff games will then be played as follows:
- First:* The third place team will play the sixth place team, and;
The fourth place team will play the fifth place team.
 - Then:* The first place team will play the lowest seed team winner, and;
The second place team will play the highest seed team winner.
 - Then:* The two (2) remaining teams will play for the North/South Championship.
- 7.5 FORFEIT SCORES:** A forfeit score will be recorded as plus (6) points for the winning team and minus (6) points for the team who forfeited.
- 7.6 TIE BREAKING FORMULA:** The following formula will be used to break ties of two (2) or more teams. As soon as one (1) team has broken the tie, (with three or more teams tied) the tie breaking formula will restart at #1 for the remaining teams. Ties will be broken in the order listed below:
1. By the head to head record among the teams tied
 2. By the best record against the top team in the standings
 3. By the best record against the next team in descending order in the standings
 4. By the highest total net scores (margin of runs/points in a win minus the margin of runs/points allowed in a loss) among the teams tied. (**Only six (6) points/runs allowed for any single game**)
 5. By the highest total net scores (margin of runs/points in a win minus the margin of runs/points allowed in a loss) against the next team in descending order in the league standings. (**Only six (6) points/runs allowed for any single game**)
 6. By a coin flip
- FOR UNBALANCED DIVISIONS:** The tie braking formula will begin with #4 when:
- Any team in a division plays a team within that division twice.
 - Any team in a division does not play every other team within that division.
 - As soon as one (1) team has broken the tie, (with three or more teams tied) the tie breaking formula will restart at #4 for the remaining teams.

Appendix

Table Reflecting Pull-Up Order for all PPSL Volleyball and Basketball League, Playoff & Championship Games

The following table reflects the order in which a student athlete may be pulled up to prevent a forfeit in accordance with the PPSL rules.

		Order in which a student athlete may be pulled up from one of the following teams.							
		8 th Varsity	8 th Sharks	7 th Jr. Var.	7 th Sharks	6 th Eagles	6 th Lions	5 th Cubs	5 th Lions
Team requiring a pulled up player to prevent a forfeit.	8 th Varsity	1	2	3	4				
	8 th Sharks		1	3 (a)	2				
	7 th Jr. Var			1	2	3	4		
	7 th Sharks				1	3 (a)	2		
	6 th Eagles					1	2	3	4
	6 th Lions						1	3 (a)	2

(a) A student athlete pulled up from this team may only play one full quarter, and may not participate in any other part of the game. (Basketball games only).

For the sake of clarity, as an example, if a 7th Grade Sharks team requires one additional player, they must use:

1. A player from another 7th Grade Sharks team.
2. If there is no other 7th Grade Sharks team or if there are no players on the other 7th Grade Sharks team (only likely if the other 7th Grade Sharks team is also in the playoffs AND is playing at approximately the same time), then you MUST pull up from the 6th Grade Lions.
3. If there is no 6th Grade Lions team or if there are no players on the 6th Grade Lions team (only likely if the 6th Grade Lions team is also in the playoffs AND is playing at approximately the same time), then you MUST pull up from the 6th Grade Eagles.

Any pull-up for playoffs and/or championship games must be reviewed with and approved by the League Commissioner or the Conference Director at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of the game.

As a general comment, it is expected that it will be a HIGHLY UNUSUAL situation for a student-athlete to be pulled up from the teams designated as "3 (a)" in the table above.