# ARTICLE 12

# POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

**12.1 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS** (Please see Tournament Guides for specific regulations and requirements)

12.1.1 AIA Responsibility and Authority – Final responsibility, mechanics and procedures for all tournaments is vested in the AIA Executive Board.

12.1.2 Post-Season Tournaments – Conferences may recommend that the AIA Executive Board sponsor a post-season championship tournament for any sport.

12.1.3 Championship Play-Offs – Any individual school not willing to participate in post-season tournaments in any sport must notify the AIA Executive Director in writing prior to the school's first scheduled game in that sport.

12.1.4 Tournament Signs – Signs are not permitted at any indoor tournament sponsored by the AIA.

12.1.5 Post-Season Tournament Representation/Participation – In order for a competitor to represent a school in a post-season tournament, that school must have a regularly organized program in that sport which shall include a minimum number of competitions as established by the AIA Executive Board.

12.1.6 How Region/Section Champions / Automatic Qualifiers are Determined

For purposes of determining the region/section champion/automatic qualifiers for the state tournament, it is based first on win percentage within region/section games only. Therefore, the region/section standings are sorted based on region/section win percentage.

If teams are tied on region/section win percentage, the tie breaker is as follows, and will be noted on the standings pages as such:

1. Head to Head in Region/Section Games
2. Overall Power Ranking
3. Conference/Division Win Percentage
4. Overall Win Percentage
5. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding

Seeding Tie Breaking Procedures for Team Sports

For purposes of determining the seeding in team sports for AIA related brackets, the criteria is the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps.

If teams are tied at season end in the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps, the tie breaker is as follows:

1. Head to Head
2. Conference/Division Win Percentage
3. Overall Win Percentage
4. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding
5. Mini playoff if to get into the tournament