Playoffs

* All teams will be seeded by overall RECORD
  + No Divisions used
  + Tiebreaker will be used to break record ties or scenarios of different number of games played
* Major Division
  + Top 4 seeds qualify for the playoffs
  + First Playoff round
    - 3 game series – best seed is home team 1st and 3rd games
    - 1st seed plays 4th seed
    - 2nd seed plays 3rd seed
  + Championship Round
    - 3 game series – best seed is home team 1st and 3rd games
* Intermediate Division
  + Top 6 seeds qualify for the playoffs
  + First Playoff round - best seed is home team
    - Single elimination
    - 1st and 2nd seeds get a bye
    - 3rd seed plays 6th seed
    - 4th seed plays 5th seed
  + Semi-Final Round - best seed is home team
    - Single elimination
    - 1st seed plays worst seed remaining
    - 2nd seed plays 2nd worst seed remaining
  + Championship Round
    - 3 game series – best seed is home team 1st and 3rd games
* Minor Division
  + All teams qualify for playoffs
  + First Playoff round - best seed is home team
    - Single elimination
    - Matchups to be determined once number of teams in minor division is finalized
  + Quarter-Final Round - best seed is home team
    - Single elimination
    - Matchups to be determined once number of teams in minor division is finalized
  + Semi-Final Round – best seed is home team
    - Single elimination
    - Best seed plays worst seed remaining after quarter final round games
    - 2nd best seed plays 2nd worst seed remaining after quarter final round games
  + Championship Round - best seed is home team
    - Single elimination

Tiebreaker Process

* When is tiebreaker used?
  + Two or more teams have the same record at the end of the regular season
  + Two or more teams end up with a different number of games played at the end of the regular season AND unplayed games impact team record standings. For example:
    - Scenario 1
      * 15 game schedule
      * Team 1 - 13 games/11-2 record
      * Team 2 - 14 games/9-5 record
      * NO TIEBREAKER NEEDED
        + Team 1 better seed as Team 2 cannot end up with better record even with games played
    - Scenario 2
      * 15 game regular season
      * Team 1 - 13 games/10-3 record
      * Team 2 - 14 games/10-4 record
      * TIEBREAKER MUST BE USED
        + No team has a clear record advantage as playing final games could impact which team has the better record
* Tiebreaker Process (2 Teams)
  + 1st Tiebreaker: Head-to-Head
  + 2nd Tiebreaker: Runs against (RA)/Number of Games Played
    - lowest number gets the better seed
  + 3rd Tiebreaker: Runs for (RF)/Number games played
    - highest number gets the better seed
  + 4th Tiebreaker: Coin toss
    - LLoJ Board will determine coin toss process
* Tiebreaker Process (3 or more teams)
  + Tiebreaker Process used iteratively to determine seeds when 3 or more teams are tied
  + See following 3 examples to show how Tiebreaker Process is used in 3 or more team scenarios

**Example #1**

* **3 team scenario**
* **Same number of games**
* **18 game schedule**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 1-2 vs Reds / 2-1 vs Twins |
| Reds | 18 | 10-8 | 112 | 82 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 2-1 vs Cubs / 1-2 vs Twins |
| Twins | 18 | 10-8 | 115 | 100 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Reds |

* Reds #1 seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: No team has Head to head advantage
  + 2nd Tiebreaker: Reds have lowest RA/Games played

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| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head | | |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 1-2 vs Reds / 2-1 vs Twins | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Twins | 18 | 10-8 | 115 | 100 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Reds | | |

* Cubs #2 Seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: Head to head advantage over Twins
* Twins #3 seed

**Example #2**

* **3 team scenario**
* **Different number of games**
* **18 game schedule**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 2-1 vs Reds / 2-1 vs Twins |
| Reds | 17 | 9-8 | 112 | 69 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Twins |
| Twins | 16 | 11-5 | 98 | 97 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 1-2 vs Reds |

* Twins #1 seed
  + No Tiebreaker needed to determine #1 seed
    - No team can match Twins record even if all games played
    - EVEN THOUGH CUBS HAVE A HEAD TO HEAD ADVANTAGE

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| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 2-1 vs Reds / 2-1 vs Twins |
| Reds | 17 | 9-8 | 112 | 69 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Twins |
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* Cubs #2 Seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: Head to head advantage over Reds
* Reds #3 seed

**Example #3**

* **4 team scenario**
* **Different number of games**
* **18 game schedule**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 2-1 vs Reds / 1-2 vs Twins / 2-1 vs Mets |
| Reds | 16 | 9-7 | 98 | 97 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Twins / 1-1 vs Mets |
| Twins | 16 | 10-6 | 112 | 69 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 2-1 vs Cubs / 1-2 vs Reds / 1-1 vs Mets |
| Mets | 17 | 9-8 | 106 | 112 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 1-1 vs Reds / 1-1 vs Twins |

* Twins #1 seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: No head to head advantage for any of the 4 teams
  + 2nd Tiebreaker: Twins have lowest RA/Games played

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| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
| Cubs | 18 | 10-8 | 130 | 125 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 2-1 vs Reds / 1-2 vs Twins / 2-1 vs Mets |
| Reds | 16 | 9-7 | 98 | 97 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Twins / 3-0 vs Mets |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mets | 17 | 9-8 | 106 | 112 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 0-3 vs Reds / 1-1 vs Twins |

* Cubs #2 Seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: Head to head advantage over Reds and Mets

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| Team | Games Played | Record | Runs For | Runs Against | RA/  Games | RF/  Games | Head to Head |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reds | 16 | 9-7 | 98 | 97 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 2-1 vs Twins / 1-1 vs Mets |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mets | 17 | 9-8 | 106 | 112 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 1-2 vs Cubs / 1-1 vs Reds / 1-1 vs Twins |

* Reds #3 seed
  + 1st Tiebreaker: No head to head advantage for either team
  + 2nd Tiebreaker: Reds have lowest RA/Games played
* Mets #4 seed