

## **Football Power Point System**

### **To qualify for the tournament teams must have the following:**

1. At least a fifty percent (50%) winning percentage regardless of the strength of schedule based on the first eight games at the time of the cut-off.
2. Seventy percent (70%) of your games must be played against in-state schools at time of cut-off. Due to the 70% requirement, a team must have played six (6) games against New Jersey schools by the cutoff date.

### **Power Ranking Procedure:**

1. The qualifying schools in each Group in each Section for the Public Schools, and in each Group for the Non-Public Schools will be seeded according to the power rankings based on the calculations of the Power Point System.
2. The eight (8) highest ranked schools will participate in the playoffs in each Group in each Section.

### **Tie-Breaker Procedure** (in the following order):

1. **Head-to-head** - If two schools have met on the field of play, the school that won shall be considered stronger. If more than two schools have the same power ranking, and all teams have not met each other, we will move to the 2nd tie breaking procedure.
2. **Opponents' strength factor** - Opponents' Group + Opponents' wins or ties (1pt. for a win, ½ pt. for a tie) = Opponents' strength factor.
3. **Common opponent** - The record against common opponents (two points for a win; one point for a tie). All schools must have met to consider this criterion.
4. **Opponents' Winning Percentage** - Composite record of each school's opponents.
5. If tied schools played a school using an ineligible player are tied for a playoff qualification and/or power ranking, the school(s) which defeated the school while the ineligible player participated will be considered to have a higher power ranking.
6. If a tie remains, the Football Committee will meet with all affected schools to determine the qualifiers for the football playoffs by a coin flip.

## Power Point Calculation Procedure:

1. **Quality Points** - Each school will receive the following "**Quality Points**" for a win or tie from the first eight games:

Win = 6 points

Tie = 3 point

Lose = 0 points

2. **Group Points** - Each school will receive "**Group Points**" from a team they defeated or tied from the first eight games:

Group IV = 4 points

Group III = 3 points

Group II = 2 points

Group I = 1 points

**Note:** Once the "Football Group Classification" is determined, there will be no adjustments to this classification when playing teams (public or non-public) from other sections. When playing teams from out of state, the group size will be determined based on the enrollment range of the winning teams section.

3. **Residual Points** - Each team will receive residual points from one of the categories below based on the result of the game.

- A. Each school will receive "**Residual Points**" from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first eight games, you will receive the following (see examples 1 & 2):

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1.5 points

Lose = 0 points

- B. Each school will receive "**Residual Points**" from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first eight games, you will receive the following (see examples 3 & 4):

Win = 1.5 points

Tie = .75 points (See note below)

Lose = 0 points

**Note:** No points will be rewarded when calculating "Residual Points" when your game is the opponent's only tie, since you already have been awarded points for that tie.

- C. Each school will receive "**Residual Points**" from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first eight games, you will receive the following (see example 5):

Win = 1 points

Tie = 0 point

Lose = 0 points

**Example 1 (win)**

Montgomery defeated Bridgewater (Group IV)

- Montgomery record 6-2
- Bridgewater record 7-1

Montgomery would earn a total of 31 points for the Bridgewater win.  
(6 points for the win, 4 group points, 21 residual points)

**Example 2 (win)**

Montgomery defeated Ridge (Group IV)

- Montgomery record 6-2
- Ridge record 6-1-1

Montgomery would earn a total of 29.5 points for the Ridge win.  
(6 points for the win, 4 group points, 19.5 residual points)

**Example 3 (tie)**

Montgomery ties Hillsborough (Group IV)

- Montgomery record 6-1-1
- Hillsborough record 5-2-1

Montgomery would earn a total of 14.5 points for the Hillsborough tie.  
(3 points for the tie, 4 group points, 7.5 residual points)

**Example 4 (tie)**

Montgomery ties Hunterdon Central (Group IV)

- Montgomery record 6-1-1
- Hunterdon Central record 5-1-2

Montgomery would earn a total of 15.25 points for the Hunterdon Central tie.  
(3 points for the tie, 4 group points, 8.25 residual points)

**Example 5 (loss)**

Immaculata defeated Montgomery

- Montgomery record 6-2
- Immaculata record 7-1

Montgomery would earn a total of 6 points from the Immaculata defeat.  
(6 residual points)