

Why is Class I doing a 1 year trial Play-off Point System? “Imperfect Scheduling”

Budget and Transportation concerns (out of class time and late return from games) led to changes in how scheduling was done this year

- Out of Class games were added to the schedule by several schools to reduce traveling cost and the amount of out of class time for student-athletes
- Schedules within Class I schools were developed to decrease traveling distance for many schools at the expense of Cluster games for some

Even without the budget and academic issues, the number of schools current in Class I (23) makes it impossible to create a fair and balanced schedule for all schools.

With those factors present it was decided a new method of determining which teams made the tournament was necessary to make sure the teams were seeded based more on quality of wins, not just the number of wins.

Point System will be used only in those sports aligned by Class: Soccer, Golf, Field Hockey, Basketball, Tennis, Baseball and Softball.

What the Heal Point System Does

- Awards points for a victory
- Awards more points for victory over a “strong” opponent
- Awards fewer points for victory over a “weak” opponent
- Awards more points for victory over higher classified opponent
- Awards fewer points for victory over lower classified opponent
- Points determine seeding for tournament

How Does it Work?

- Two step process:
 - Preliminary Index
 - Tournament Index

Preliminary Index

- Points awarded for victory (L-40, I-35, M-30, & S-25)
- Add points and divide by the number of scheduled games
- Example: Anytown High School has ten Class “I” wins (10 x 35) for 350 points and one Class “L” win (1 x 40) for 40 points - for a total of 390 points. 390 is divided by 14 (games) = 27.8571429 Preliminary Index
- NOTE: For a tie in a contest the teams split the preliminary point value. Example: Class “I” vs Class “L” - Class I receives 20 points, Class L receives 17.5 points
- A team with no victories will receive a preliminary index of 1.0

Tournament Index

- Anytown High School adds up the preliminary indices of the teams it defeated in the regular season (for a tie it takes half of that opponent's preliminary index)
- Divide this total by number of games scheduled
- **Multiply this total by 10**
- Example: Anytown High School garners a total of 172.85835698 preliminary points from opponents. Divide this by 14 (games scheduled) for 12.347024. This is multiplied by 10 for a tournament total of 123.47024

Post Season Participants

- Higher tournament points = higher seed
- Ties in tournament point index resolved by:
 - Head-to-head competition provided they have played each other the same number of times. If still tied...
 - Record against common opponents. If still tied...
 - Record against highest T.I. common opponent in Class “I” provided they have played that opponent the same number of times
 - Record against next highest T.I. common opponent, etc.
 - Record against all Class “I” tournament teams, including those tied for final berth
 - Winning % against all class “I” teams
 - Playoff game if final berth. Coin toss determines site. If already assured a berth, coin toss determines seed (final step).

Examples of How Heal Points System Works and Why?

2009 Class I Softball Final Standings/ Tournament Seedings

Non-Heal Point Final Standings

- 1) Bishop Brady: 14-2
- 2) Portsmouth: 14-2
- 3) Kennett: 14-3
- 4) Coe-Brown: 13-3
- 5) Laconia: 13-3
- 6) John Stark: 12-4
- 7) Hollis-Brookline: 11-5
- 8) Merrimack Valley: 11-5
- 9) Pembroke: 11-5
- 10) Plymouth: 11-5
- 11) Bedford: 10-6
- 12) Souhegan: 8-8
- 13) Milford: 7-9
- 14) ConVal: 7-9
- 15) St. Thomas: 7-9
- 16) Kearsarge: 5-11

Heal Point Standings

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In the Heal Point Standings Why Did John Stark (12-4) jump up to a 2 Seed, Portsmouth (14-2) drop to a 4 Seed and Kennett (14-3) drop to a 5 Seed?

John Stark
Wins and Opponents' PI

Bishop Brady- 30.652
Merrimack Valley- 24.0625
Pembroke- 24.0625
Hollis- 24.0625
Bedford- 22.1875
Souhegan- 17.5
ConVal- 15.625
St. Thomas- 15.3125
Milford- 15.3125
Pelham- 8.2352941176
Monadnock- 6.25
Bow- 4.375

Portsmouth
Wins and Opponents' PI

John Stark- 26.250
Hollis- 24.0625
Bedford-22.1875
Souhegan- 17.5
ConVal- 15.625
St. Thomas- 15.3125
Milford- 15.3125
St. Thomas- 15.3125
Pelham- 8.2352941776
Pelham- 8.2352941176
Monadnock- 6.25
Bow- 4.375
Oyster River- 1.0
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Kennett
Wins and Opponents' PI

Laconia- 27.8125
Merrimack Valley- 24.0625
Plymouth- 24.0625
Pembroke- 24.0625
ConVal- 15.625
St. Thomas- 15.3125
Kearsarge- 10.9375
Lebanon- 8.75
Lebanon- 8.75
Hanover- 6.5625
Hanover- 6.5625
Kingswood- 6.1764705882
Kingswood- 6.1764705882
Bow- 4.375

In the Heal Point Standings How Did Souhegan(8-8) finish ahead of Pembroke (11-5)?

Souhegan wins and Opponents' PI
Oyster River- 1.0

Coe-Brown- 28.4375
Hollis- 24.0625
Bedford- 22.1875
Milford- 15.3125
St. Thomas- 15.3125
Monadnock- 6.25
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Pembroke wins and Opponents' PI
Oyster River- 1.0

Merrimack Valley- 24.0625
Plymouth- 24.0625
Kearsarge- 10.9375
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Lebanon- 8.75
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Hanover- 6.5625
Kingswood- 6.1764705882
Bow- 4.375
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Effect of Playing Out of Class?

Based on 2009 Softball Season:

Monadnock's victory over Class M, Fall Mountain was worth 17.8125 Tournament Index Points while their victory over Class I, Milford was worth 15.3125 Tournament Index Points

Laconia's victory over Class M, Belmont was worth 9.375 Tournament Index Points while their victory over Class I, Lebanon was worth 8.75 Tournament Index Points

Conval's victory over Class L, Keene was worth 4.2105263158 Tournament Index Points while their victory over Class I, Monadnock was worth 6.25 Tournament Index Points.

Bedford's victory over Class L, Goffstown was worth 18.00 Tournament Index Points while their victory over Class I, Souhegan was worth 17.5 Tournament Index Points.

Important Point to Remember:

Standings are fluid. There is potential for greater movement throughout the season than the system currently used by the other classes.