

2026 MLB Playoff Tiebreaker Scenario Sheet

No Game 163 - ties are decided on paper. Regular season ends Sep 27-28; Wild Card round opens Sep 29.

Two-team tie order (division tie OR Wild Card tie)

Step	Tiebreaker	Winner?
1	Head-to-head record between the two tied teams	
2	Intradivision record (own-division games)	
3	Intraleague record (rest of the league)	
4	Last half of intraleague games (after All-Star break)	
5	Last half plus one, then back one game at a time	

Three or more teams tied

Compare each club's combined record against the others first; the best record there is placed ahead. Remaining teams then use the two-team order above. A division title is always settled before a Wild Card in the same tie.

What the tiebreaker wins

Higher seed hosts. Top two division winners per league get a bye; the top seed hosts every game of the best-of-three Wild Card round; the higher seed hosts the Division Series; the better regular-season record holds World Series home field.

Your worksheet: pencil in the race you are tracking

Matchup	H2H	Intradiv	Intralg	Last half	+1	Leader
_____ vs _____						
_____ vs _____						
_____ vs _____						
3-team: __/__/__						