

## **PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

GAASA conducts Playoffs in all classic and open divisions. Youth playoffs are conducted in a single elimination tournament-style format.

The winner of the Playoffs determines each competitive division champion, not by finishing first in the regular season. The team that finishes first in regular season will also receive recognition and awards for their accomplishments. The purpose of the regular season is to determine a regular season champion and to qualify teams for the Playoffs with the final standings being used to determine the seeding used in the tournament. In the event that multiple teams end the season with identical records they will be declared co-champions and each team will receive awards for being the regular season champion. A tie-breaking system will be used to determine the seeding for the play-offs and the specifics of that will be part of the play-off information posted to the web site.

The method of qualifying for the Playoffs is based on the game results for a given season and varies within each division based on the number of teams that enter the league each season. A series of tie-breakers are used to determine divisional standings and then seeding for the play-offs. The tie-breakers are:

- 1. Most points**
- 2. Winner of most games**
- 3. Head-to-head (this is not to be used in the event of a three-way tie)**
- 4. Goal differential (goals scored less goals allowed)**
- 5. Least goals allowed**
- 6. Goals scored (using only the goals published on the GAASA web site)**