FAQ: ***How do playoffs work?***

The JPS Winter League advances the top 8 teams in every division (not every conference) to the **post season playoffs**, which playoffs will be played February 15 through February 20, 2027 – **all championship games for all divisions will be played Saturday, February 20 at the Court Sports Complex in Northglenn**. Be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

In situations where there are 8 teams or fewer, all teams advance. In grade levels where we were not able to provide multiple competition levels, we will create different brackets for playoffs (2nd grade boys and 3rd grade girls will have a Silver and Bronze bracket). Several divisions have enough teams that we've divided into conferences. For divisions with 2 conferences, the top 4 teams from each conference will advance to the playoffs.

DIVISION = Group of teams by boys or girls + grade level + skill level.

- for example: **Boys 3rd Grade Gold**.

CONFERENCE = enough teams in the same grade & skill level division to divide the Division.

- for example: **GIRLS 4th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference** and **GIRLS 4th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference**

Below is a list by division of which teams you can expect to qualify for the playoffs based on the division standings. Tie breaker rules can be found by clicking "see tie breaker list" next to the word "Standings" on your division or conference schedule page.

- **BOYS: 2nd Grade:** 1 Division, Top 6 to 8 teams will qualify for the Silver bracket: the next 6 to 8 teams will qualify for the bronze bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 3rd Grade Gold:** Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 3rd Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 3rd Grade Bronze:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs
- **BOYS: 4th Grade Gold:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 4th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 4th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 4th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 5th Grade Gold:** Top 7 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 5th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 5th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 5th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 6th Grade Gold:** Top 7 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 6th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 6th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 6th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 7th Grade Gold:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 7th Grade Silver / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Silver Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 7th Grade Silver / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Silver Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 7th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 7th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 8th Grade Gold:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 8th Grade Silver / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Silver Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 8th Grade Silver / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Silver Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 8th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **BOYS: 8th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 3rd Grade:** 1 Division, Top 5 to 6 teams will qualify for the Silver bracket: the next 7 to 8 teams will qualify for the bronze bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 4th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 4th Grade Bronze / Nitrate Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division Bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 4th Grade Bronze / Oxide Conference:** Top 4 teams will qualify for the Bronze Division Bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 5th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 5th Grade Bronze:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 6th Grade Gold:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs. (any 5th grade teams may qualify for the 5th Gold bracket if they wish)
- **GIRLS: 6th Grade Silver:** Top 5th grade teams will qualify for a 5th Gold Bracket. Then, the top 8 6th grade teams will qualify for the 6th Silver division for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 6th Grade Bronze:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 7th Grade Gold:** Top 7 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 7th Grade Silver:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 7th Grade Bronze:** Top 5 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 8th Grade Gold:** Top 6 teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 8th Grade Silver Dribble:** Top 4 teams will qualify for Upper Silver Division Bracket of the playoffs; the next 4 will qualify for the Lower Silver Division Bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 8th Grade Silver Pass:** Top 4 teams will qualify for Upper Silver Division Bracket of the playoffs; the next 4 will qualify for the Lower Silver Division Bracket for the playoffs.
- **GIRLS: 8th Grade Bronze:** Top 8 teams will qualify for the playoffs.