

2017 WCHA POSTSEASON SEEDING SCENARIOS

QUICK SUMMARY

Bemidji State (No. 1 seed), Michigan Tech (No. 2), Minnesota State (No. 3) and Alaska (No. 6) are set. Bowling Green and Ferris State (currently tied for fourth) have clinched playoff spots, and one will earn the final home ice slot. Lake Superior State (currently seventh), Northern Michigan (currently eighth) and Alabama Huntsville (currently ninth) all can make the playoffs, or finish ninth. Alaska Anchorage will finish 10th.

In short summary on the tiebreakers: BGSU wins all tiebreakers over FSU; NMU wins all tiebreakers over LSSU; UAH wins all tiebreakers over NMU; LSSU wins all tiebreakers over UAH, EXCEPT if NMU makes it a three-way tie, in which case UAH wins over NMU, and NMU wins over LSSU (this is the only scenario in which LSSU does NOT qualify for the postseason).

TIEBREAKERS

Possible Two-Way Tiebreakers:

- Bowling Green over Ferris State: Tiebreaker B), most conference wins in regulation and/or 5-on-5 OT (either 13-12 or 14-13).
- Northern Michigan over Lake Superior State: Tiebreaker B), most conference wins in regulation and/or 5-on-5 OT (either 9-8 or 10-8).
- Lake Superior State over Alabama Huntsville: Tiebreaker A), highest accumulated points percentage in four-game, head-to-head series (100%, 12-of-12).
- Alabama Huntsville over Northern Michigan
 - 33 points: Tiebreaker B), most conference wins in regulation and/or 5-on-5 OT (10-9).
 - 32 points: Tiebreaker D), highest accumulated points percentage in two-game, head-to-head series (100%, 6-of-6).
 - 31 points: Tiebreaker C), fewest number of conference losses in regulation and/or 5-on-5 OT (15-16).

Possible Three-Way Tiebreaker:

- Alabama Huntsville over Northern Michigan over Lake Superior State at 33 points: Since all four teams have not played four games against each other, this scenario would go to tiebreaker B), in which case UAH would win over both teams (10-9-8); and, NMU would win over LSSU, also by the B) tiebreaker (9-8).

CLINCH SCENARIOS, IN ORDER OF CURRENT STANDINGS

Bemidji State (64 points, vs. Minnesota State)

- Seeded #1.

Michigan Tech (54 points, vs. Northern Michigan)

- Seeded #2.

Minnesota State (48 points, at Bemidji State)

- Seeded #3.

Bowling Green (41 points, vs. Alabama Huntsville)

- Seeded #4 with 3 points.
- Seeded #4 with 2 points and 2 points or less for Ferris State.
- Seeded #4 with 1 point and 1 point or less for Ferris State.
- Seeded #4 with 0 points and 0 points for Ferris State.

- Seeded #5 with 2 points and 3 points for Ferris State.
- Seeded #5 with 1 point and 2 points or more for Ferris State.
- Seeded #5 with 0 points and 1 point or more for Ferris State.

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Ferris State (41 points, at Lake Superior State)

- Seeded #4 with 3 points and 2 points or less for Bowling Green.
- Seeded #4 with 2 points and 1 point or less for Bowling Green.
- Seeded #4 with 1 point and 0 points for Bowling Green.

- Seeded #5 with 3 points and 3 points for Bowling Green.
- Seeded #5 with 2 points and 2 points or more for Bowling Green.
- Seeded #5 with 1 point and 1 point or more for Bowling Green.
- Seeded #5 with 0 points.

Alaska (37 points, at Alaska Anchorage)

- Seeded #6.

Lake Superior State (33 points, vs. Ferris State)

- Seeded #7 with 3 points.
- Seeded #7 with 2 points.
- Seeded #7 with 1 point and 2 points or less for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #7 with 0 points and 1 point or less for Northern Michigan.

- Seeded #8 with 1 point and 3 points for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #8 with 0 points and 3 points for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #8 with 0 points, 2 points for Northern Michigan, and 2 points or less for Alabama Huntsville.

- Finishes #9 with 0 points, 2 points for Northern Michigan, and 3 points for Alabama Huntsville.

Northern Michigan (31 points, at Michigan Tech)

- Seeded #7 with 3 points and 1 point or less for Lake Superior State.
- Seeded #7 with 2 points, 0 points for Lake Superior State, and 2 points or less for Alabama Huntsville.

- Seeded #8 with 2 points, 1 point or more for Lake Superior State, and 2 points or less for Alabama Huntsville.
- Seeded #8 with 2 points, 0 points for Lake Superior State, and 3 points for Alabama Huntsville.
- Seeded #8 with 1 point and 1 point or less for Alabama Huntsville.
- Seeded #8 with 0 points and 0 points for Alabama Huntsville.

- Finishes #9 with 2 points, 1 point or more for Lake Superior State, and 3 points for Alabama Huntsville.
- Finishes #9 with 1 point and 2 points or more for Alabama Huntsville.
- Finishes #9 with 0 points and 1 point or more for Alabama Huntsville.

Alabama Huntsville (30 points, at Bowling Green)

- Seeded #7 with 3 points, 0 points for Lake Superior State, and 2 points for Northern Michigan.

- Seeded #8 with 3 points, 0 points for Lake Superior State, and 1 point or less for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #8 with 3 points, 1 point or more for Lake Superior State, and 2 points or less for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #8 with 2 points and 1 point or less for Northern Michigan.
- Seeded #8 with 1 point and 0 points for Northern Michigan.

- Finishes #9 with 3 points, 0 points for Lake Superior State, and 3 points for Northern Michigan.
- Finishes #9 with 3 points, 1 point or more for Lake Superior State, and 3 points for Northern Michigan.
- Finishes #9 with 2 points and 2 points or more for Northern Michigan.

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- Finishes #9 with 1 point and 1 point or more for Northern Michigan.
- Finishes #9 with 0 points.

Alaska Anchorage (26 points, vs. Alaska)

- Finishes #10.