



# Playing Format: ENPL Finals and NPL Finals (Girls)

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The 2018 ENPL Finals and NPL Finals (Girls) champions will be determined as follows:

### **ENPL Finals – Group of Four**

Teams will play a semi-final and Final/consolation game based on results. If overtime is needed, two 10 minutes overtime periods will be played. In case of a tie after regulation time in the consolation game, the winner will be decided by shots from the penalty mark.

### **NPL Finals (Girls) - Bracket of 10:**

Played as a group of four and a group of six. The group of six crosses over and plays three games. The winner of the group of four, the top 2 from the group of 6 and an overall wildcard based on tiebreakers will advance to the Semi-Finals. Teams advancing to the semifinals will be re-seeded based on points. In a case where two semifinalists have played against each other during round robin play, teams will be split into each of the semifinals (#1 Seed vs. lowest seed).

### **NPL Finals (Girls) - Bracket of 12:**

Played as 3 groups of four. Each of the 3 group winners and the best second place team (Based on tiebreakers) advance to the Semi-Finals. Teams advancing to the semifinals will be re-seeded based on points. In a case where two semifinalists have played against each other during round robin play, teams will be split into each of the semifinals (#1 Seed vs. lowest seed).

### **NPL Finals (Girls) - Bracket of 14:**

Played as two groups of four and one group of six. The group of six crosses over and plays three games. Each of the group of four winners, and the top two teams (based on points or tiebreakers) in the group of six will play in semifinal games. Winners of Semi-Final games will advance to the Finals. In a case where three teams from the group of 6 win all three matches, a mini playoff will take place between the second and third place of that bracket (Based on tiebreakers). Rest will be taken into consideration, as well as the final match time. Teams advancing to the semifinals will be re-seeded based on points. In a case where two semifinalists have played against each other during round robin play, teams will be split into each of the semifinals (#1 Seed vs. lowest seed).

### **NPL Finals (Girls) - Bracket of 16:**

Played as four groups of four. The four round-robin winners will play a semifinal and final game to determine which team is declared the champion. Teams advancing to the semifinals will be re-seeded based on points. In a case where two semifinalists have played against each other during round robin play, teams will be split into each of the semifinals (#1 Seed vs. lowest seed).

### ***Tiebreakers - page 4 of the ENPL Playoffs – NPL Finals (Girls) Rules***

For teams tied in points at the end of a round-robin or any other group stage competition, tiebreaker criteria should be as follows:

- a. Head to head competition (but not in a case of a three-way tie)
- b. Goal differential (Max. of 5 per game)
- c. Total goals scored (Max. of 5 per game)
- d. Fewest goals allowed
- e. Kicks from the mark

In case where 3 teams are tied in points, but one team has beaten the other teams tied in points, the winner of the two games will advance to the semifinals.

In addition, once a tiebreaker is used to eliminate one team (i.e. head to head, goal differential, etc) the next tiebreaker in line will be used to determine which team advances.

Once a tiebreaker is used to determine the group winner, the tie breakers reset to determine wildcards.