

HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES

TIE BREAKER POLICY

This policy provides guidance for Community Coordinators in the event of a tie and serves as a reference for participants and parents. Adults concerned with the integrity of the race results are encouraged to volunteer to help assist in the finish line chute.

Single Race Ties

HKRS is a fun event for young children and as such does not use timing, chips, or photo/video finish technology. The Community Coordinator or one of their designated representatives or volunteers is responsible for monitoring the finish and judging the order of finishers with their naked eye.

Community Coordinators, volunteers, and representatives are making an honest effort to determine running placement and are doing their best.

In the event of a tie (runners' chests cross the finish line at the same time) both runners will receive the same number of points for the week, consistent with the point scale published by HKRS. e.g. two runners tie for 3rd place, they each receive 8 points and the next runner to cross (5th place) receives 6 points.

Series Ties

The HKRS results app automatically totals points from each week to determine final placement at the end of the season. The following tie breaker criteria are coded into the HKRS results app and are not necessarily calculated by hand by the Community Coordinator. Disputing results is a violation of the HKRS [Code of Conduct](#).

Ties are broken based on:

1. Greater number of races completed this season

- a. Example: Runner A and B are tied for points for 3rd place at the end of the season. Runner A completed all 5 races while Runner B completed 4. Runner A would receive 3rd place, Runner B would receive 4th place.

If runners are still tied, move to criteria 2.

2. Greater number of higher placed finishes

- a. Example: Runner C and D are tied for 3rd place with 35 points each and they both completed the same number of races. The tie is broken based on the greater number of higher placed finishes.

Runner C (35 points)	Runner D (35 points)
3rd	4th
4th	5th
3rd	4th
5th	3rd
5th	4th

Runner C would receive 3rd place and Runner D would receive 4th place because Runner C had more higher place finishes than Runner D.

If runners are still tied, move to criteria 3.

3. Head-to-head placement on the final race day

- a. Example: Runner E and F are tied for points for 2nd place. Both runners completed all five races, and each finished in 2nd place twice during the season as their highest place finish. The tie is broken based on their head-to-head placement in the last race. Runner E came in 2nd and Runner F came in 3rd in the last race, therefore Runner E would come in 2nd place for the overall Series.
- b. If one of the tied runners does not participate in the final race, the participating runner will win the tie breaker.

If runners are still tied, move to criteria 4.

4. Head-to-head placement from the preceding week(s), as needed

- a. In the above scenario if neither of the tied runners participated in the last race, results will defer to the week of either runner's last result to break the tie.

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Depending on the total number of runners, some HKRS programs may award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies, some may only award 1st. This varies by location and division and can change from one season to the next. Some programs also only begin awarding trophies when runners reach the timed races (1/4 mile and up). Please contact your local [Community Coordinator](#) for the specific trophy policy in your town.