

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Does my RPI rating go down if I win a game?**

No, this is a common misconception. The direct game is not factored into your RPI formula. For example, if your team plays a team that is 9-0, and you beat them, their record is now 9-1 (winning percentage of .900). However, because the direct game is not included in your team's calculations, they are factored in as 9-0 for the purposes of your RPI calculation. In other words, their winning percentage for your calculation remains at 1.000. This is true even if you play a team twice or even more. All direct games against that opponent are removed from the calculation.

### **2. Do scrimmages count toward the RPI?**

No, they do not. Note: You should not list scrimmages on your official MaxPreps schedule. Instead, list on your Team Calendar in MaxPreps.

### **3. What happens if two (2) teams are tied in the final RPI standings?**

There is a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

- i. Head-to-head results between the tied teams
- ii. Overall Winning percentage
- iii. Opponents' winning percentage
- iv. Opponents' opponents winning percentage
- v. Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
- vi. Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)
- vii. Draw

### **4. How should teams be scheduling?**

The main thing to remember with the RPI is it takes into account an entire schedule. A single game on a schedule does not have a major impact. View the entire schedule as a whole and try to judge the strength of schedule.

### **5. Does the score of the contest matter in the RPI formula?**

There is no factor for score differential in the RPI formula. A 1-0 win counts the same as 50-1.

### **6. What happens if a game is canceled and cannot be rescheduled?**

Because the RPI system works off of averages, a game that cannot be rescheduled will not factor into the final formula. It would not penalize nor benefit any team involved in that scenario.

### **7. How do schools that drop programs affect the RPI?**

If a school drops a program before the start of its competitive season, no forfeits will be involved. Instead, their opponents now have open dates in that sport. If a school drops a program after their competitive season has started, that team shall forfeit one (1) contest to each conference opponent they have yet to play. All other non-conference contests and subsequent conference contests will be deemed as a no-contest. In this instance, the competitive season is defined as the sport's first play date in question (conference bylaws may dictate an earlier drop deadline if they wish).

### **8. Where should we be reporting scores?**

Continue reporting scores to MaxPreps. The official RPI feed will be calculated from results entered into that platform.

### **9. How often will the RPI standings be published?**

The RPI standings will be published for the first time once a sports season reaches the midway point. When this occurs, the RPI feed will be updated continuously throughout the remainder of the regular season.