

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.