

The IWFL might consider changing their format in 2009 to accommodate the necessity of creating more tier 1 vs. tier 2 match-ups for isolated teams. IWFL teams do not necessarily have to play virtually all of their schedule against teams in a specified division of like tier teams as a requirement to exist in the league and compete for a playoff spot. Let teams like Santa Rosa, Central PA, and Columbus be tier 2 (low roster teams for sure) and perhaps play a schedule that has only tier 1 competition for them in the regular season.

In the case of the Vipers, Central PA should be categorized as a tier 2 team and play an entire schedule of mostly tier 1 opponents because that's the only option the team has in their region. It would be possible for the Vipers to earn a tier 2 playoff spot perhaps with just a 4-4 mediocre record against 8 higher tier opponents on their schedule. But that won't happen because the IWFL grouped their teams into conferences and divisions based on the same tier level.

If the IWFL had discarded their conference/division standings format and had adopted the Jack Harbin/OHSAA system for this season ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)), their first round match-ups would probably have been as follows (includes a strong geographical influence to keep reasonable travel costs in check):

#### Tier 1 First Round

#4 California Quake (8-0) at #2 Seattle Majestics (8-0)  
#6 Atlanta Xplosion (6-2) at #5 Dallas Diamonds (8-0)  
#8 Detroit Demolition (7-1) at #1 Chicago Force (8-0)  
#7 Boston Militia (6-2) at #3 Pittsburgh Passion (8-0)

Notice that Orlando and Corvallis do not qualify for the playoffs.

#### Tier 2 First Round

#4 New England Intensity (5-3) at #1 Montreal Blitz (7-1)  
#3 Carolina Phoenix (7-1) at #2 Clarksville Fox (7-1)

Each subsequent round would have the remaining teams paired against each other based mostly on geographical convenience.

The weekly rankings also replace the weekly standings during the season. There's no reason to post traditional standings data because the standings no longer determine playoff position. There's no reason to strive to have each team play teams in a predetermined division the same number of times. The rankings do not require conference/division designations. Only the top teams advance to the playoffs without any regard to their location in North America.

For the IWFL rankings the first level point values are as follows:

- 5.75 points for a win over a tier 1 team
- 4.75 points for a win over a tier 2 team
- 3.75 points for a win over an exhibition team

These point values mimic the same scaling factor used in the Jack Harbin Ohio High School Athletic Association football rankings.

## IWFL COMPUTER RANKINGS

DATE: 6/22/08

WEEK 11 OF 11	TIER 1					
LEVEL-1	LEVEL-2	AVERAGE	RANK	TEAM	W	L
45.0000	144.5000	23.9742	1	CHICAGO FORCE	8	0
42.0000	126.2500	23.2857	2	SEATTLE MAJESTICS	8	0
45.0000	132.0000	22.3869	3	PITTSBURGH PASSION	8	0
46.0000	126.5000	21.5625	4	CALIFORNIA QUAKE	8	0
46.0000	124.5000	21.3125	5	DALLAS DIAMONDS	8	0
32.5000	127.0000	19.9375	6	ATLANTA XPLOSION	6	2
32.5000	120.2500	19.0938	7	BOSTON MILITIA	6	2
40.2500	80.5000	15.2535	8	DETROIT DEMOLITION	7	1
34.5000	76.5000	13.8750	9	NEW YORK SHARKS	6	2
38.2500	59.2500	12.1875	10	ORLANDO MAYHEM	7	1
26.7500	61.2500	12.0938	11	PORTLAND SHOCKWAVE	5	3
23.0000	67.0000	11.8083	12	SACRAMENTO SIRENS	4	4
28.7500	57.5000	10.7813	13	LAS VEGAS SHOWGIRLZ	5	3
26.7500	49.7500	9.9771	14	CORVALLIS PRIDE	5	3
23.0000	34.5000	7.3266	15	WISCONSIN WOLVES	4	4
23.0000	23.0000	5.7500	16	SOUTHERN CAL. BREAKERS	4	4
23.0000	21.0000	5.5000	17	D.C. DIVAS	4	4
23.0000	11.5000	4.3125	18	KANSAS CITY TRIBE	4	4
10.5000	19.0000	3.6875	19	BALTIMORE NIGHTHAWKS	2	6
11.5000	0.0000	2.8750	20	SANTA ROSA SCORCHERS	2	2
17.2500	0.0000	2.1563	21	MIAMI FURY	3	5
11.5000	0.0000	1.4375	22	TUCSON MONSOON	2	6
11.5000	0.0000	1.4375		WISCONSIN WARRIORS	2	6
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	24	CENTRAL PA VIPERS	0	8
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		COLUMBUS PHANTOMS	0	7
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		IOWA CRUSH	0	8
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		NEW MEXICO MENACE	0	8
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		PALM BEACH PUNISHERS	0	8
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		REDDING RAGE	0	8

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WEEK 11 OF 11	TIER 2					
LEVEL-1	LEVEL-2	AVERAGE	RANK	TEAM	W	L
33.2500	91.0000	15.5313	1	MONTREAL BLITZ	7	1
35.2500	76.0000	14.0570	2	CLARKSVILLE FOX	7	1
35.2500	60.5000	11.9688	3	CAROLINA PHOENIX	7	1
22.7500	37.0000	7.7771	4	NEW ENGLAND INTENSITY	5	3
19.0000	40.7500	7.4688	5	MANCHESTER FREEDOM	4	4
19.0000	40.5000	7.4375	6	CAROLINA QUEENS	4	4
18.0000	14.2500	4.2500	7	SHREVEPORT AFTERSHOCK	4	4
4.7500	18.0000	2.8438	8	LOUISIANA FUEL	1	7
8.5000	4.7500	1.6958	9	HOLYOKE HURRICANES	2	6
4.7500	8.5000	1.6563	10	SOUTHERN MAINE REBELS	1	7
7.5000	0.0000	0.9375	11	CAPE FEAR THUNDER	2	6

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## EXHIBITION TEAMS

LEVEL-1	LEVEL-2	AVERAGE	RANK	TEAM	W	L
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1	CONNECTICUT CYCLONES	0	4
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		NEW TEAM 1	0	1
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		OAKLAND BANSHEES	0	4