

## Rules for Tie Breaking

While preparing the merit list for admission into MTech/MS(R)/MSc/Ph.D programmes as per IIT Jammu rules and regulations (PG and PhD ordinances) sometimes the Departments might face situation when two or more candidates have the same final comprehensive score. Thus there is a need to develop common guidelines to break the tie to prepare the final merit list. Accordingly, the following rules are recommended to break the tie:

Calculation of final comprehensive score to create merit list:

- A. The final comprehensive score of a candidate is arrived at by adding the weighted scores of different components. The components to be considered and the percentage weightage on them are pre-decided by the departmental selection committee for every admission. The components could be: academic qualifications, score/marks in qualifying national level tests like UGC/NET/GATE etc and marks in written test/interview conducted by the department. Weightages will only be given on the components which are applicable and are considered for determining the comprehensive score and all others will be considered as zero for calculation.

Rules for breaking the tie when two or more candidates have same final comprehensive score:

1. In case the admission procedure includes either written test or interview, then the candidate having higher score in written test or interview shall be ranked higher. If the procedure includes both written test and interview, then the candidate having higher score from sum of written test and interview shall be ranked higher for admission.
2. If the minimum eligibility criteria for the admission to the program includes any of the national level tests like **UGC/NET/GATE** etc. and process in point 1 is either not applicable or does not break the tie, then the candidate having higher score/better rank in these tests shall be ranked higher in the merit list for admission.
3. If the process mentioned in point 2 does not break the tie, then the total percentage of marks obtained in **Bachelor's degree (B.Sc, B.Tech, B.E etc.)** shall be considered for merit and the candidate having higher percentage of marks shall be ranked higher in the merit list for admission.
4. If the process mentioned in point 3 does not break the tie, then the total percentage of marks obtained in **Intermediate/class 12/Diploma** shall be considered for merit and the candidate having higher percentage of marks shall be ranked higher in the merit list for admission.
5. If the process mentioned in point 4 does not break the tie, then the total percentage of marks obtained in **SSC/class 10** shall be considered for merit and the candidate having the higher percentage of marks shall be ranked higher in the merit list for admission.
6. If the tie still exists, such candidates will be assigned the same rank.