The following procedure will be used to break ties for state-level competitions, where eligibility for a medal position is determined.

1. In the event of a tie score, the high score on the Professional Development Test (Knowledge Test) will break the tie.
2. If the score remains tied after the results of the Professional Development Test are tallied, the contestant(s) with the high score on the technical (skill) written test will prevail.
3. If the scores remain tied after the results of the technical (skill) written test are compared, the primary competencies on the contest rating scale will be ranked according to how they were previously prioritized. The contestant with the highest score on the first prioritized competency will prevail. The remainder of the competencies will be considered in prioritized order as needed.

In the event the contest technical committee is unavailable to oversee step #3 of this tie-breaker procedure, the conference executive committee, consisting of the state director and two or more board members, may prioritize the competencies and determine the medal winner(s).