

Write down a systematic rule for turning a bunch of individual preferences into the "group's preference." If you want, your rule can just say which ones are the group's favorite (without figuring out which is second favorite, etc.)

(Many good answers. Here is one.) Give 10pts for a 1st place vote. Give 5pts for a 2nd place. Most points wins.

What does the rule say about this group:

Alex 1st Ovid's 2nd K-Lair 3rd Starbucks	Blake 1st Ovid's 2nd K-Lair 3rd Starbucks	Charlie 1st Ovid's 2nd K-Lair 3rd Starbucks	Dakota 1st Ovid's 2nd Starbucks 3rd K-Lair
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Ovid's wins (of course)

Ovid's	10	+	10	+	10	+	10	=	40	1st
K-Lair	5	+	5	+	5	+	0	=	15	2nd
Starbucks	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	=	5	3rd

What about this group:

Alex 1st O 2nd K 3rd S	Blake 1st O 2nd K 3rd S	Charlie 1st O 2nd K 3rd S	Dakota 1st O 2nd S 3rd K	Emory 1st S 2nd K 3rd O	Finley 1st S 2nd K 3rd O	Golden 1st S 2nd K 3rd O
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O	10	+	10	+	10	+	10	+	0	+	0	+	0	=	40	1st
K	5	+	5	+	5	+	0	+	5	+	5	+	5	=	30	3rd
S	0	+	0	+	0	+	5	+	10	+	10	+	10	=	35	2nd

What about this group (names abbreviated to save space):

A 1st O 2nd K 3rd S	B 1st O 2nd K 3rd S	C 1st O 2nd S 3rd K	D 1st K 2nd S 3rd O	E 1st S 2nd K 3rd O	F 1st S 2nd K 3rd O	G 1st K 2nd O 3rd S	H 1st O 2nd S 3rd K	I 1st S 2nd K 3rd O
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A = B, C = H, E = F = I

2	2	1	3	1
O	O	K	S	K
K	S	S	K	O
S	K	O	O	S

O: 40 + 5 = 45 } Three  
 K: 20 + 25 = 45 } way  
 S: 30 + 15 = 45 } Tie!

What about this group (so many people, I just counted):

	5	4	3	2	1
1st	O	K	S	K	S
2nd	S	O	O	S	K
3rd	K	S	K	O	O

O: 50 + 20 + 15 + 0 + 0 = 85 1st  
 K: 0 + 40 + 0 + 20 + 5 = 65 3rd  
 S: 25 + 0 + 30 + 10 + 10 = 75 2nd

Overall seems reasonable to me. In the last one K-Lair got 6 1st place, Ovid's got 5, but Ovid's won from its 2nd place. 8 people hated K-Lair, so probably better to go with Ovid's. (ite aced)