

BY LAWS

Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference

Article I – Administration

A. Conference Staff

The following staff positions will be provided with an annual stipend or hourly pay for their service to the conference: Commissioner, Eligibility Chair, Information Director, Administrative Assistant, and Supervisor of Officials. The amount of each stipend or hourly pay is determined each year by the Board of Presidents as part of the budget process.

All other conference positions are volunteer and do not carry any financial remuneration.

B. Conference Staff Position Descriptions

1. President
2. Commissioner
3. Secretary/Treasurer
4. Information Director
5. Faculty Athletics Representative
6. Eligibility Chair
7. Supervisor of Officials
8. Registrar
9. Administrative Assistant

Article II – Awards

A. MCAC Scholar-Athlete

The Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives sets Criteria for and selects All-MCAC Scholar-Athlete recognition in Conference sponsored Sports. All Scholar-Athletes will receive certificates. The following guidelines will be used to select annual MCAC Scholar Athletes:

1. A 3.25 cumulative g.p.a.
2. Be of sophomore status or greater as defined by institution and have completed the attendance of at least two terms at that institution as defined by the NAIA.
3. Have participated in at least one intercollegiate contest sponsored by the MCAC.
4. Each institution's FAR is to submit qualifying names to the commissioner at least two weeks before the annual spring meeting. The commissioner will prepare and distribute certificates.

5. MCAC Scholar athlete of the Year (two from each college, male and female) selections are made from the scholar-athlete list and names submitted to the commissioner by March 1st for plaque orders

B. Jerry Watson Award*

The following guidelines will be used to select winners of the Jerry Watson Awards:

1. Varsity team with a cumulative team GPA of 3.25 or higher based on the students' cumulative GPA's through the respective semester.
2. All players who participate in at least one conference varsity game will be included in the team's GPA average.
3. Teams completing competition during the fall semester will be eligible for a January award. Those completing competition during the spring semester will be eligible for a June award.
4. The team's cumulative GPA as calculated and verified by the schools' registrar and FAR will be submitted to the conference FAR Chair by January 15 and June 15 respectively.
5. The FAR Chair will notify the Commissioner of the school/team plaques to be awarded.
6. Track teams need at least 10 members and Cross Country and Golf teams need at least 5 members to qualify for this award.

*This award is named in honor of Jerry Watson, former FAR at College of the Ozarks who was tragically killed in a plane crash in the Fall of 1999.

C. MCAC All Conference

Individual All Conference Awards (plaques) will be awarded to correspond with NAIA All-American numbers (first team only). The conference will also provide certificates to those athletes that make Honorable Mention.

D. Coach of the Year

One Coach of the Year award (plaque) will be awarded for each sport. Individual sports committees will determine the selection process.

E. Player of the Year

One Player of the Year award (plaque) will be awarded for each sport, with the Player of the Year to be included on the All Conference Team. Individual sports committees will determine the selection process.

F. Each sport is allowed to give a plaque award to "Freshman of the Year" and "Newcomer of the Year". Individual sports committees will determine the selection process.

G. Administrator of the Year

One Administrator of the Year award (plaque) will be awarded each year. The Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives is responsible for the selection process of this award.

H. Athletics Director of the Year

One Athletics Director of the Year award (plaque) will be awarded each year. The Board of Athletics Directors is responsible for the selection process of this award.

I. Commissioner's Cup

The Commissioner's Cup is an annual All-Sports Award, a Men's All-Sports Award, and a Women's All-Sports Award. In each of the Conference's sponsored sports points will be awarded according to place of finish based on regular season records. (Eight points for first, seven for second, six for third, etc.) No points will be awarded if an institution does not compete in that sport. If there is a tie and one of the schools offers more MCAC sponsored sports than the other school(s), then the school that offers the most will be declared the winner.

To determine the winners, the total number of points a school earns will be divided by the number of conference sports they offer, and the school with the highest results will be declared the winners.

The institutions that earned the most points after the conclusion of the spring sports each year will be awarded the MCAC Commissioner's Cup Awards.

Article III – Officials

The home institution on Conference games is responsible for scheduling and paying qualified officials.

Each institution is required to provide the MCAC Supervisor of Officials with the officials assigned for each game and the name of the person (s) coordinating officials prior to the first game.

Article IV – Sport By-Laws

A. If a sport has 10 teams participating, then that sport can take up to 6 teams to their play-offs. If a sport has less than 10 teams participating, then that sport can only take up to 4 teams to their play-offs.

B. Volleyball

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B. Volleyball

1. Each institution sponsoring the sport of volleyball must play each of the other sponsoring institutions. Volleyball will be divided in two divisions (North and South). North teams will play each other twice and South teams once. South teams will play each other twice and north teams once. If teams meet more than two times or once in the other division, coaches are to designate in writing to the Volleyball Sport Committee chair prior to the start of the season which matches will be counted in the conference standings. The team(s) with the best conference record is declared the conference regular season champion and will receive the Championship Trophy.

2. The final four teams qualified for the Conference Tournament will be determined by overall conference record. Both divisions will be guaranteed at least one spot in the Conference Tournament. Example: if the top four teams in the final standings are all from the same division, the top team from the other division in the final standings would replace number four seed and now become the number four seed in the Conference Tournament. In case of a tie, the following tiebreaker will be used.

- A. Head to head conference match record.
- B. Percentage of regular season conference games won. (Total conference games won divided by total conference games played.)
- C. Overall season winning percentage.

3. A post-season tournament for the top four teams will be held the weekend prior to the NAIA competition deadline date (Friday and Saturday). Teams will be seeded based on their finish in the conference. The regular season champion will host the post-season tournament and will be awarded #1 seed. The host school is responsible for paying all game expenses (officials, workers, banquet, programs, etc.) and the other teams are responsible for their own travel expenses. The winner of the post-season tournament will receive the championship plaque. The winner of the post-season tournament will represent the MCAC in the NAIA National Tournament.

4. The conference coaches meeting will be held immediately following the championship match of the conference tournament on Saturday. Every coach must have a representative at this meeting. During the coaches meeting, the following items will be selected:

- A. Player of the Year
- B. Freshman of the Year
- C. Newcomer of the Year
- D. 14 First Team All-Conference selections (Including Player of the Year).
- E. 14 Second Team All-Conference selections.
- F. Every institution may submit one player for honorable mention.
- G. Coach of the Year

5. The conference chair will coordinate selection of the All-conference Team and submit to the NAIA and appropriate committees.

6. The Conference Chair will also organize the following year's conference schedule, conference meeting agenda, sending out any news worthy items for coaches, and be the mediator for any conference issues.

7. The vice-chair will assist the conference chair in any of the above items.

8. Conference Rater: The conference rater will be responsible for rating each week the MCAC teams as well as a national rating. The rater will follow the NAIA and VCA rating policy and guidelines shown in the coaches rating manual.

9. The Conference-Chair and Vice-Chair will be voted on every year by the coaches.

10. A conference code of ethics will be read prior to each match to help promote quality coach, player, and fan conduct.

11. Volleyball officials for all conference matches must have a minimum rating of State for ABO or Regional for USA volleyball.

12. MCAC Volleyball Match Protocol
(prior to match time)

30:00-19:00 shared court

19-15:00 visiting team

15:00-11:00 home team

11:00-6:00 visiting team

6:00-1:00 home team

1:00-0:00 clock runs down

13. Home teams are required to provide in game statistics for all conference matches. Stats may be done through DakStats, StatCrew, or paper stats. Statisticians may not be a member of the bench.

C. Men's and Women's Soccer

1. All teams must play all conference opponents at least once. If two games are played, only the second one will count towards conference standings unless both coaches agree on the first game and notify the conference chair prior to the first conference playing date. The top team in the final conference standings will receive the Championship Trophy.

2. The conference tournament is a two day event held at the site of the #1 seed which shall be the regular season winner. The top four conference teams will qualify for the Conference Tournament using the following criteria

- a. conference record
- b. head to head
- c. longo rating
- d. coin flip

Teams participating in the conference tournament must comply with all NAIA rules regarding post-season competition, including utilization of the NAIA post-season roster. In addition, the Soccer Chair will coordinate with the host school the time of day that games will begin and the use of lights if they are available. In the first round, #1 plays #4 and #2 plays #3 with the winners advancing to the championship game.

3. The winners of the conference tournaments will be considered conference champions; will receive the conference championship plaques, and will be the conference's representatives in NAIA national championship events.

4. The Soccer Chair will coordinate the all-conference and Coach of the year selection process. Coaches will send in their nominations to the Chair, the Chair will compile a ballot, have the coach's vote, and then release the results. The all-conference teams will consist of a first and second team player in each of the following positions:

- 1 Goalkeeper
- 4 Defenders
- 4 Midfielders
- 4 Forwards

Coaches will also vote on a Conference Player of the Year and a Defensive Player of the Year. Players selected to the All-Conference first team will receive a plaque to indicate their selection and players selected to the second team will receive certificates. Additionally, both the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year will receive plaques indicating their selection for these prestigious awards.

5. Head coaches must be given the opportunity to approve a list of officials to work conference games. Prior to the scheduling of officials, the assigning body will provide a list of available referees to the coach of the home institution. The list will be forwarded to visiting conference opponents to allow for the elimination of up to three officials. The coach of the visiting school must identify the three officials to be eliminated no later than two weeks after receipt of the list. Additionally, the host school will review the list and eliminated officials. Upon completion of the review process, schools will provide this finalized list of officials to the assigning body. The assigning body will ensure only those officials approved by each institution will work MCAC games.

D. Men's and Women's Basketball

1. All institutions sponsoring men's or women's basketball will play all other sponsoring institutions home and away during the season. The team(s) with the best conference record is declared the conference regular season champion and will receive the Championship Trophy.

2. The top four teams will participate in a post-season tournament. Teams will be seeded for the tournament based on their finish in the conference. In case of a tie the following tiebreaker procedure will be used:

- a. head to head competition. If more than 2 teams tie, figure the records of the tied teams. For example, if teams A, B, and C tie for 1st (or any position), A beat C twice and B split with C, A's record would be 3-1, B's

record would be 2-2, and C's record would be 1-3. Thus, A would be the #1 seed, B #2 seed, and C #3 seed.

b. work from top down (MCAC standings) to break tie. This means that if two or more teams are tied and step (a) above does not break the tie, then we look at wins going down the standings from top to bottom. For example, if A and B are tied for 1st and they split with each other, but team A had a better record against the 3rd place team than team B, then team A would be the top seed and team B the 2nd seed. If team A and team B both have the same record against 3rd place team, then we would look at their record against the 4th place team, etc.. Note: step (a) above would be used to help determine step (b), for example, A and B are tied for 1st and they split with each other, and teams C, D, and E, are tied for 3rd, then step (a) above would be used to determine the seedings of C, D, and E, and once those seedings are determined, then they would be used to determine the tie-breaker between A and B.

c. overall NAIA II winning percentage.

d. overall NAIA winning percentage.

e. record against common opponents

f. coin flip

The tournaments will be played on Friday and Saturday preceding the week of the NAIA competition deadline date at the site of the number one seed. The winners of the post-season tournaments will receive the conference championship plaques and will be the conference's representatives in the NAIA National Tournament.

If the same school hosts the men's and women's basketball Final 4, the women would play their first round games on Thursday night at 6:00 and 8:00, the men would play their first round games on Friday at 4:00 and 6:00 followed by the women's championship game at 8:00, and the men's championship game would be played on Saturday at 7:00.

3. Recommended starting times are 5:30 p.m. for women and 7:30 p.m. for men during the week and 3:00 p.m. for women and 5:00 p.m. for men on Saturday. Dates and time may be changed upon mutual agreement of coaches and/or institutions. There will be 20 minutes between games unless there is a radio broadcast involved, then the game will start at the regular game time.

4. The home team will furnish a videotape of the game for the visiting team. The home team must dub a copy during the game or the visiting team takes the only copy with them and must return a copy within seven days. The host of the Final Four is responsible for videotaping all three games.

5. Visiting teams are allowed a complimentary pass list of twelve names. List must be submitted to athletic director upon arrival.

6. Dunking is not allowed in warm-ups.
7. In both men's and women's basketball, the Chair of the respective Sports Committee will serve as the Conference's rater unless approved otherwise.
8. Three officials will be used in all men's and women's conference games. Officials must be assigned by area officials' association and/or supervisor and each institution must provide the MCAC Supervisor of Officials a list of the officials assigned for each game and the name(s) of the person coordinating officials prior to the first game. Coaches should work with the opposing coach if there is a problem with particular officials.
9. The annual meetings of the men's and women's basketball coaches will be held at the conference final four tournaments. The host institutions will set times.
10. The selection of the all-conference teams will be coordinated by the conference information director and will be done at the Final Four meeting. Coaches will nominate their own players, the CID will compile a ballot, and the coaches will vote (cannot vote for their own players) for the top twelve with number one getting 12 points, number two getting 10 points, etc. The ten players receiving the most votes will be named all-conference and receive plaques, and anyone else that receives votes will be named honorable mention. The player receiving the most votes will be named "Player of the Year". There will be a separate ballot on the All-Conference team for "Freshman of the Year", "Defensive Player of the Year", and "Newcomer of the Year".
11. The Coach of the Year award will be voted on by the coaches.
12. All money generated from the gates of the conference tournament games will go directly into the Conference treasury. There will be no reimbursement for travel expenses and the host institutions are responsible for paying all game expenses (referees, workers, programs, etc.) Admission prices for the basketball final four tournaments will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.
13. The CID will conduct a pre-season basketball poll of MCAC schools. The pre-season poll should be released around October 15th.
14. MCAC schools will not release scouting reports and/or videotapes of conference schools to non-conference opponents.
15. The men's and women's basketball teams representing the conference in the NAIA National Tournaments be reimbursed \$2000 each from the conference treasury. If any men's or women's teams receive at-large berths to the national tournaments, they will receive up to \$2000 reimbursement based on the combined gate receipts of the conference tournaments.

16. There will be a film exchange between the men's coaches only. It is up to the individual coaches to work this out.

17. Women's Basketball only: women's basketball coaches will handle their own film exchange.

E. Softball

1. Organization

- a. The coaches will designate a Softball Sport Committee Chair and Vice Chair
- b. The Softball Chair will serve as the National Rater.
- c. The Softball chair will conduct the Annual Softball Coaches Meeting, to be held in conjunction with the MCAC Tournament.
- d. The MCAC All-Conference Team selection and awards will be selected during the Annual Softball Coaches Meeting.
- e. The top team in the final MCAC standings will be declared the Regular Season Champion and receive the championship trophy. This will be the team with the best win/loss percentage with at least 80% of their conference games played.
- f. The MCAC Softball Tournament will be held to determine the MCAC Conference Tournament Champion; the winner receives the automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship Events.

2. Competition

- a. Each institution sponsoring the sport of softball must play each of the other MCAC sponsoring institutions one doubleheader during the regular season. Teams will alternate home sites from year to year.
- b. If teams play more than one doubleheader, prior to the start of the season coaches will designate in writing to the MCAC Softball Chair which doubleheader will count in the conference standings.
- c. The MCAC Softball chair will then designate in writing to the MCAC Sports Information Director which doubleheader will count in the conference standings.
- d. The MCAC will follow NCAA rules for all conference games.

i. Any conference game that ends in a tie after 7 complete innings will institute the tie breaker rule at the top of the tenth inning. This applies to regular season games only, not post season.

ii. Once a conference game is underway, all games will be played with the “halted home rule” in effect. (NCAA Rule 6-16 Section 17.A)

e. The first game of the double header will be used as the weighted game in the tie breaker determination. (see #6 below)

f. Any postponed or halted games that need to be completed as outlined in Softball 3 and 4 of the MCAC handbook must be completed by the Sunday the week prior to the MCAC Tournament.

g. Any team refusing to make up a postponed game or continue a halted game as outlined in The Softball section 3 and 4 of the MCAC handbook will forfeit their games.

3. Postponed Games

a. A postponed game will be completed if it has the potential to:

i. Determine the MCAC Regular Season Champion

ii. Determine entries into the MCAC Post-Season Softball

Tournament

b. A postponed game will not be required to be completed to determine MCAC Softball Tournament Seeding.

c. If a postponed game cannot be made up, the tiebreaker rules will be used to determine the MCAC Regular Season Champion or MCAC Softball Tournament participants.

4. Halted Games

a. All MCAC Conference games will have the Halted Game Rule in effect (NCAA Rule 6-16 Section 17. A)

b. A halted game will be completed from the point the game was halted if it has the potential to:

i. Determine the MCAC Regular Season Champion

ii. Determine entries into the MCAC post season Softball

Tournament

c. A halted game will not be required to be completed to determine MCAC tournament seeding.

5. Post-Season Tournament

a. The MCAC Softball Tournament will be held the Thursday and Friday Prior to the NAIA national deadline for results.

b. The Saturday and Sunday prior to the NAIA national deadline will be identified as rain-out Dates.

c. The participation teams in the Conference Tournament will be seeded according to the final regular season standings.

d. The MCAC Regular Season Champion will have the first right to host the tournament.

e. The host team will provide two fields with regulation fences, a minimum of 200' and a maximum of 225' for depth, with an operational scoreboard.

i. The two field requirement may be waived for a 4 team tournament.

ii. The operational scoreboard may be waived, but is preferred.

f. The tiebreaker rule will not be used during any game in the tournament.

g. The MCAC Softball Tournament Champion will receive the automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament.

h. Should the MCAC Conference Tournament be rained out before play begins, the Regular Season Champion will receive the automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament.

i. If the Tournament is rained out and the tournament has started, the highest remaining undefeated seed will be declared champion.

j. If the Tournament is rained out and all remaining teams each have one loss, the highest remaining seed will be declared Champion.

k. If the Tournament is rained out and a remaining team is prohibited from playing on Sunday, the highest remaining seed will be declared champion.

6. Tie-Breaker Rules

A. In case of any ties in the Conference standing after completion of the regular season, the following tie-breaker procedure will be used:

i. Head to Head against tied opponents.

ii. Runs given up against tied opponents.

iii. Conference head to head against the top four common opponent teams, excluding teams involved.

iv. Conference runs give up against the top for common opponent teams, excluding teams involved.

v. Winner of the first game of the regular season double header.

vi. Coin Toss.

b. If the teams that are tied have not played a common opponent, all conference comparisons will be skipped.

7. MCAC All-Conference Team Selection

a. The MCAC All-Conference teams will be selected following NAIA guidelines for position player identification and qualification.

b. Selection will be conducted for the following:

i. First team

ii. Second team

iii. Honorable Mention

iv. Player of the Year

v. Newcomer of the Year

vi. Coach of the Year

c. There is no limit to the number of players from any one team.

d. Coaches may vote for their own players.

e. The MCAC All-Conference Award Winners will be announced at the Annual MCAC Softball Awards Breakfast.

F. Baseball

1. ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

(A) Leadership – The Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference Chair and Co-Chair, National Rater, Resolution Committee and Umpire In Chief will be appointed positions. In the event the Chair is absent from any Conference Baseball Council meeting, the Co-chair will act as Chair. Each institution in attendance will be allowed one vote, and any action of the Conference Baseball Council shall require a majority vote unless otherwise provided for in the Conference Constitution. In the case of a tie, the acting Chair will cast the deciding vote.

(B) CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES – The conference chair will be the facilitator and advocate for your sport and peers; establish fall and spring meeting agendas; report meeting activities to the conference commissioner; review and update your sport's playing rules at the annual fall meeting; provide the conference commissioner with a ready to reproduce copy of your sports playing rules after the fall meeting, or in the case of changes made during the winter national meeting, 30 days after that meeting. The Chair will complete all conference scheduling and provide a copy of next year's schedule to the conference Commissioner and all conference coaches before December 20. The Chair will be in charge of securing a facility for holding the annual fall meeting. And

provide the commissioner's office with a year-end summary of your sport, to include the following:

1. MCAC Champions – Regular Season and Conference Tournament.
2. All-Conference and All-America selections.
3. National successes – team and individual
4. Coach, Player and Pitcher of the Year.

(C) Meetings – Conference coaches will hold an annual fall meeting. Conference coaches will hold an annual spring meeting in conjunction with the conference tournament.

2. Baseball Season

(A) Length of Season as per the NAIA guidelines.

(B) Number of contests – Teams are limited to the number of contests outlined in NAIA guidelines that include the scheduled MCAC conference games.

(C) Scheduling – The Chair will schedule all conference games and distribute to coaches before December 20 for the following year's schedule. All institutions sponsoring the sport of baseball must schedule each of the other sponsoring institutions in two double headers. Scheduling will be done in accordance to the conference schedule. All conference games will count toward determining the conference champion.

(D) Umpires – the home institution is responsible for scheduling and paying qualified umpires.

(E) Game Standards – Official NAIA baseball rules will be used for all conference games. Conference Standard Pre-Game Format; Unless otherwise agreed upon by coaches, the following pre-game will be followed so that home teams may keep their players in classes as long as possible.

2:00 before: Visiting BP

1:20 before: Home BP

:30 before: Visiting In/Out

:20 before: Home In/Out

:10 prep and ground rules

Teams are allowed to radar and chart pitchers from behind the backstop, this may include the press box or any sheltered area behind home plate. Teams will be given equal area spacing for scouting and charting during pre-game and game activities. Teams are allowed to video games from a central location behind the backstop this may include the press box or any sheltered area behind home plate.. Teams are not allowed to video opponent's coaches.

(F) Weather Outs – In an effort to avoid conflict, all MCAC games should be played first and must take priority over nonconference games. If a 4-game series is weathered out at both sites within the consecutive dates that fall into the Thursday thru Monday designated time frame the games will NOT be rescheduled. Emphasis will be on minimizing missed class, travel costs, and school policy. To accommodate the MCAC Baseball weather out policy three plus games may be played on one calendar date.

In turn MCAC schools are encouraged to be proactive in pushing games up or pushing games back so that the games will be played on the best two consecutive dates that fall into the Thursday thru Monday (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Monday) time frame of the scheduled weekend series. A flip flop of game sites to accommodate for the best two consecutive dates is mandatory if the original site cannot accommodate the two consecutive dates within the designated Thursday thru Monday time frame of the scheduled weekend series. In the event of a flip flop following years schedule will not be adjusted for lost home games.

In the case that a flip flop is scheduled the original traveling institution will now become (1)the Home Team (2) will be responsible for scheduling and paying Umpires (3) will be responsible for game management that includes Stats, Media coverage, Game balls...etc... (4) will be responsible for 10 rooms per game day at a motel that provides a breakfast free of charge for the visiting team and (5) will be responsible for \$420.00 of meal per diem for the visiting team per game day (covers 24 players and 4 coaches at \$15.00 per day). In the case that a flip flop is scheduled the original hosting team will now become (1) the Visiting Team and (2) will be responsible for transportation to and from the site for the flip flopped series.

(G) Suspended Play – In the case of suspended play the following procedure will take place. If the games are suspended on the first day of play they will be finished opening on the second day of play. If the suspended game is past five innings on the last day of play it will be considered a complete game according to the complete game rules. In the case that a game is suspended on the first day of play past five innings and weather prevents the game from being completed on the second day of play it will be considered a complete game according to the complete game rule. To accommodate the MCAC Baseball weather out policy three plus games may be played on one calendar date.

(H) MCAC Conference Champion MCAC Conference Tournament Qualifiers will be determined by each teams winning percentage in conference games played. In the event of a tie, the following tie breakers will be used:

*In the case of a multiple way tie when a team is eliminated the remaining members of the tied group will move back to the top with the #1 tie breaker to solve the next tie break situation.

1. Head to head competition in the tied group
2. Least runs allowed head to head in the tied group
3. Most runs scored head to head in the tied group
4. Record versus top common opponent in the conference play not in the tied group

5. Coin flip

3. MCAC Baseball Tournament

(A) The host of the conference tournament will be the regular season champion.

(B) Dates – The tournament will be held on the Wednesday (2 games), Thursday (3 games), and Friday (Championship and IF Game) with Saturday as the rain date of the week preceding the NAIA National Championship Opening Round Event. The MCAC top four teams participating in the six team conference final standing will compete in the MCAC conference tournament. The tournament will be double-elimination and follow the NAIA four team bracket. The seeding will be based on the final conference standings. The first place team will receive the #1 seed, second place will be #2, third place will be #3, and fourth place will be #4 seed. In case of a tie, the tie breakers listed in section 2H will be used to determine the seeding. If weather prevents the completion of the double elimination tournament, a single-elimination format will be followed. If the tournament has not started and cannot be played due to inclement weather, the regular season champion as the highest seed will represent the MCAC in the Opening Round of the National Tournament.

(C) The Conference Tournament Coaches Meeting will be conducted via teleconference the Saturday prior to the MCAC conference tournament. All coaches are expected to participate.

The conference chair will conduct the selection of the MCAC All-Conference and Gold Glove Teams. The All-Conference and Gold Glove Teams will be selected prior to the start of the conference tournament during the coaches meeting. The selection will be in accordance with the Regional and All-American Baseball guidelines. Coaches will nominate their players via e-mail with stats no later than 5:00 pm the Friday prior, but cannot vote for them. The voting process and how many are selected to the all-Conference and Gold Glove Teams are listed in your NAIA handbook.

The MCAC Coach of the Year will be voted on by all conference coaches at the conclusion of the conference tournament championship game.

Also discussed during the meeting will be any other issues that pertain to the conference.

(D) Tournament Procedures and Game Policies and Format Schedule

The MCAC Baseball Conference Tournament will follow NAIA baseball coach's handbook and NAIA National Tournament guideline unless otherwise noted. Official NAIA baseball rules will be used for all tournament games. All games will be 9 innings, with the 10 run rule in effect after seven innings. The run rule will only be used in non-elimination games. This is outlined in NAIA the coach's handbook.

Home team will be determined by a coin toss during the first round of the tournament. Home and Visitors in subsequent games will be determined as outlined in the NAIA coach's handbook. The handbook also covers who has choice of dugouts and color of

uniform. Each team will be assigned a hitting time of 40 minutes on an adjacent field or cage prior to the game.

Pre-game infield will be limited to 10 minutes.

All MCAC Tournament games will require a 3-person umpire crew. The host institution will be responsible for providing Umpires fees (\$90.00 per umpire per game). Umpires will be required to be present at the MCAC Conference Tournament Rules Meeting. The host institutions SID will be responsible for providing a (hard copy and/or electronic copy) of post games statistics, game results and the next day schedule to participating teams, MCAC Commissioner, MCAC league SID and MCAC league media. Conference Tournament Teams are allowed to radar and chart from behind the backstop, given equal area spacing for scouting and charting. Teams are allowed to video games from a central location behind the backstop this may include the press box or any sheltered area behind home plate. Teams are not allowed to video opponent's coaches. The MCAC tournament coaches, umpires and support staff will select an MCAC all-conference tournament team at the conclusion of the tournament.

G. Men's and Women's Cross Country

1. The winning team in the conference meet will receive the Championship Trophy.
2. The coach of the winning team will be named "Coach of the Year"
3. The top seven individual finishers in the meet will be named all-conference.
4. The individual champion will be named "player of the year."
5. Runners 8-14 will be named Honorable Mention All-Conference.
6. Cross Country will select a "Runner of the Week".

H. Men's and Women's Golf

1. The winning team in the conference meet will receive the Championship Trophy.
2. The coach of the winning team will be named "coach of the year"
3. The top six individual finishers in the meet will be named "all-conference"
4. The individual champion will be named "player of the year"
5. Golfers 7-12 will be named "honorable mention all-conference"

- I. Note: This proposal was made by the women's basketball coaches, but it is for all sports. Should weather postpone any MCAC contest, the team impacted by the weather must inform the opponent by 8:00 am the day of the contest. The coaches, in communication with Athletic Directors, will decide upon a re-schedule date and time the day of the postponement. If a re-schedule date and time amenable to both teams cannot be resolved, the conference commissioner will be contacted and decide on the re-schedule date. No games should be scheduled the week of the conference MCAC Tournament to allow for re-schedule dates. Should cancellations cause re-scheduling within two days of the MCAC Tournament, the Commissioner may move the tournament back within NAIA guidelines. Should re-scheduling of contests have no impact on the MCAC standings, the game(s) may be cancelled, however it should be played if at all possible and if either school prefers to play, the game will be played. Should a contest have an impact on MCAC standings and there is no possibility of re-scheduling, the MCAC standings without the play of that contest will be final and the normal tie-breaking procedures will be in effect.