

NCC SPORT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 24

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(New provisions for 2007-2008 are in **bold**.)

24.1 PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

- (a) Women's soccer is an official sport of the North Central Conference, and all member institutions that sponsor a women's soccer team shall participate for the conference championship unless excused by official conference action.

24.2 SCHEDULE

- (a) The maximum number of games and/or scrimmages played with outside competition shall not exceed 20 in the traditional season and 5 in the nontraditional season, exclusive of competition exempted under NCAA Bylaw 17.18.5.2.
- (b) Conference member shall play a double round-robin regular season conference schedule. (See Appendix B)
- (c) Failure of a conference member to fulfill these regulations shall result in that institution being declared ineligible for the conference championship in women's soccer for the year in which the infraction occurred.

24.3 POST-SEASON COMPETITION

- (a) Member institutions are subject to post-season competition as prescribed in the current NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Championships Handbook.

24.4 CONTRACTS

- (a) All agreements for soccer games between member institutions shall be confirmed by written contracts signed by the athletic director/senior woman administrator of each institution.
- (b) Contracts shall be initiated by the athletic directors/senior woman administrators of the institutions hosting the game(s) by June 1.
- (c) Contractual agreements shall be changed only by mutual agreement of athletic directors/senior woman administrators of the competing institutions.
- (d) Contractual agreements shall be postponed only because of conditions or circumstances beyond the control of either party and only by mutual agreement of the athletic directors/senior woman administrators of the competing institutions.
- (e) The site of the matches must be specifically noted on the written game contract(s).

24.5 GUARANTEES

- (a) There will be no exchange of financial guarantees among conference institutions.

24.6 CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

- (a) The highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct are expected of the student-athletes, coaches, and others associated with the game. Profanity, racial or sexist comments or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site.
- (b) It is the duty of the coach to be in control of his/her student-athletes at all times in order to prevent an unsportsmanlike act towards opponents, officials, or spectators.
- (c) Coaches are expected to comply wholeheartedly with the intent and spirit of the rules.
- (d) Coaches shall confine their discussion with game officials to the interpretations of the rules and shall not challenge referee's decisions involving judgment.

24.7 PLAYING RULES

- (a) The NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules shall govern the playing of conference games.

24.8 OFFICIALS

- (a) Officials with a minimum of a National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) rating shall be employed for all conference competition.
- (b) Selection of the referee and linesmen is the responsibility of the home administration.
- (c) The expense of game officiating is to be paid by the home team and the fee determined by the home management.

24.9 EQUIPMENT

- (a) Soccer balls used must be of the standard established by the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee.
- (b) The host institution shall provide one (1) official game ball to the visiting team for pre-game warm-up 60 minutes prior to competition.
- (c) Home teams shall wear white/light uniforms. This can be modified with mutual agreement of all head coaches involved.

24.10 FACILITIES

- (a) An official playing field, per NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules, shall be used for all NCC contests and the NCC Championship matches. All NCC regular-season and conference championship matches shall be played on natural grass or on "long fiber" artificial turf surface only. No conference matches shall be played on short fiber artificial turf.

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- (b) A visible timing device that runs 45 minutes down is required.

24.11 VARSITY TRAVELING SQUAD

- (a) The traveling party for conference matches shall include no more than twenty-four (24) rostered players, but only twenty-two (22) may dress for a particular match, in accordance with NCAA Championship squad size rules.
- (b) The home squad for NCC regular-season competition is unlimited.

24.12 NCC CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) The NCC champion (NCAA automatic qualifier) shall be determined by the conference game won-loss records using a point system (3 points for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss). If there is still a tie the tiebreaker should be head-to-head second, record against next highest team third, goal differential between two tied teams fourth and coin flip fifth.
- (b) In the event of a tie for conference championship, co-champions will be declared.

24.13 STATISTICAL RECORDS

- (a) The official NCAA soccer box score form shall be completed by the host institution's sports information director immediately after each match and sent via facsimile to the NCC director of media relations along with the electronic game file.

24.14 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

- (a) Member institutions shall not exchange complimentary tickets for women's soccer games.

24.15 SCOUTING

- (a) Upon request, member institutions shall provide two (2) scouting passes to other member institutions.
- (b) The provision of any scouting information or materials to any non-conference teams is prohibited. Scouting information may be shared among conference teams, but no videotape exchange is permitted.

24.16 CONFERENCE COACHES' MEETING

- (a) The annual coaches meeting shall be conducted by telephone conference call at 10:00 a.m. Central on the first Tuesday following the last weekend of regular-season play (i.e., Tuesday, October 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Central).

24.17 SOCCER PROTOCOL

- (a) The following protocol is to be followed for all conference contests:
 1. 60 minutes before kickoff – The field is available for teams.
 2. 15 minutes before kickoff – Coin-toss.

3. 10 minutes before kickoff – The field is cleared.
4. 5 minutes before kickoff – Introductions (World Cup Style) numerical order, GK/captains by officials: 1) officials; 2) visitor's starters; 3) visitor's coaches; 4) home starters; 5) home coaches. Non-starters shall not be introduced.
5. 2 minutes before kickoff – National Anthem
6. Halftime will be 15:00 minutes unless agreed upon by both coaches and the officials.
7. Locker rooms should be made available upon request.

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**NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER
ALL-CONFERENCE NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Institution: _____

To be eligible for the All-Conference team a player must have played in at least 50% of an institution's matches.

ALL CONFERENCE NOMINEES:

Forwards:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mid-Field Players:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Defensive Players:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Goalie:

1. _____

2. _____

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE:

1. _____

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER NOMINEE:

1. _____

COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINEE: All coaches are automatically nominated.

Signature of Head Coach: _____ Date: _____

FAX these nominees by 12:00 noon (Central) on the Monday after the last weekend of regular-season play to the North Central Conference

FAX #: 605-338-1889