

GNAC SPORTS REGULATIONS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Section 1. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

- 1.1. All member institutions fielding teams in Women's Soccer shall agree to participate for the championship.

Section 2. SCHEDULE

- 2.1. Member institutions shall observe the NCAA starting date for pre-season practice.
- 2.2. Limit of 18 contests during the traditional season in which the NCAA championship is conducted, and 5 dates of competition in the non-traditional season. (Revised 5/09; 10/09; 5/10)
- 2.3. Playing and practice season will be established according to NCAA regulation (134 day for traditional and non-traditional).
- 2.4. The Great Northwest Athletic Conference schedule shall consist of a double round robin format. Conference matches will generally be played on a Thursday – Saturday format. (Revised 10/07).
- 2.5. Modification to the approved conference schedule may be made by filing a CHANGE OF SCHEDULE form with the conference office, signed by both participating athletic directors. Starting times shall be determined by the host institution.

Section 3. NCAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

- 3.1. Any conference member selected by the NCAA can participate regardless of conference standing.

Section 4. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS – (See Bylaw Article 10, Section 1)

Section 5. PLAYING RULES

- 5.1. Governed by current NCAA Men's and Women's rulebook.
- 5.2. All conference soccer matches shall be played on a field with minimum dimensions of 65 yards by 110 yards.

Section 6. OFFICIALS

- 6.1. Assigned by the host institution with an officially recognized collegiate association.

Section 7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Host institution shall provide 3 game balls.

Section 8. GAME MANAGEMENT/CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

- 8.1. Host institution shall provide game staff. Staff shall include an official scorer, and staff member(s) located on the field at the half line to record game stats and signal (horn) for substitutes.

- 8.2 When two teams are present, each shall warm-up in the half of the field closest to their assigned team bench.

Section 9. CONFERENCE CHAMPION

- 9.1 The post-season tournament shall be held to determine the Conference Champion.
- 9.2 Conference standings will be computed on a basis of three points for a win and one point for a tie.

Section 10. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

- 10.1 The host institution is responsible for game stats. Completed stats shall be made available immediately following the game and a copy of the StatCrew game file should be e-mailed to the visiting institution SID and the conference office as soon as possible at the conclusion of the contest.

Section 11. Video exchange and Scouting Report Policy

- 11.1 The host institution shall provide the visiting team with a DVD of the contest as soon as possible after the conclusion of the game. (Section added 5/08; Revised 10/09)
- 11.2 In-person scouting is allowed (Section originally added 5/09; Amended 5/10; 5/11)

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