

GNAC SPORTS REGULATIONS

MEN'S SOCCER

Section 1. Participation Requirement

- 1.1 All member institutions fielding teams in Men'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 Traditional – as per current NCAA regulations – 20 contests.
- 2.3 Non-traditional - as per current NCAA regulations – 5 dates of competition. Except for Montana State Billings which may travel to one event, non-championship travel shall be allowed only when no overnight travel is required. (Revised 5/09; 10/09)
- 2.4 Length of playing season - 134 days for traditional and non-traditional combined.
- 2.5 GNAC members will play a double round robin schedule.
- 2.6 Conference schedules will be completed by the conference office.
- 2.7 Game dates will be per the conference schedule. Game times are to be set by the host institution with consideration given to visitor's requests. Any changes to the conference schedule may be made by filing a CHANGE OF SCHEDULE form with the conference office, signed by both participating athletic directors. (Revised 10/03)

Section 3. NCAA Regional Tournament Representation

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

Section 4. Conduct Of Participants – (See Bylaw Article 10, Section 1)

Section 5. Playing Rules

- 5.1 As per current NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rule Book.
- 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 To be assigned by host institution via recognized officials' collegiate organization.

Section 7. Equipment

- 7.1 No restrictions other than set NCAA regulations.

Section 8. Conditions of Competition (Revised 10/03)

- 8.1 When two teams are present each will warm up in the half of the field closest to the assigned team bench area.
- 8.2 Protested games status will be determined by Conference Commissioner.
- 8.3 Game site must meet the requirements of the NCAA Men's Soccer Rule Book, i.e., scorer's table, timekeeper, etc.

Section 9. Conference Champion

- 9.1 The regular-season Conference competition shall 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 Home team is responsible for official statistics and must provide a copy for visitors. 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. Beginning in 2010, a quality game tape shall also be uploaded to the conference's game tape exchange site. (Section added 5/08; Revised 10/09)
- 11.2 No in-person scouting is allowed. (Section added 5/09)

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