

MEN'S SOCCER OPERATING CODE

I. STRUCTURE

- A. All conference members sponsoring Men's Soccer Programs are included in the structure for purposes of representation and committee membership.
- B. In-season double round robin divisional play with a partial cross-over is mandated for all teams.
- C. The Conference Championship shall consist of the four teams with the highest point total after in-season double round robin play.

II. ADMINISTRATION/MEETINGS

- A. Soccer coaches will meet once per year at the discretion of the Conference office.
- B. Recommendations approved by the coaches at their meetings are presented by chairs to the Athletics Administrators for action.

III. REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION

- A. Play among men's soccer teams shall be conducted on a double round-robin divisional basis, within the division.
- B. Beginning in 2010, play among men's soccer teams shall be conducted on a single round-robin basis.
- C. Teams may change the mandated date of a match if approved by both institutions' Athletic Directors and coordinated with the Conference Office.
- D. The conference mandated schedule for men's and women's soccer that still include doubleheaders will alternate starting times.
- E. The starting times for PSAC mandated doubleheaders will be at 2:00 p.m. before Daylight Savings Time and at 1:00 p.m. after Daylight Savings Time unless an alternative time is agreed upon by both institutions.
- F. Matches postponed due to weather MUST be rescheduled on the next common open date on the team's original schedules. All contests must be completed by the Sunday preceding the semi-final match.
- G. Regular season games shall be conducted under NCAA rules.
- H. The home team is responsible for hiring officials (only registered N.I.S.O.A. referees) for conference games. Three person crews are required for all conference games.
- I. PSAC Men's Soccer Teams must report to the conference office Cautions and Ejections of players for all regular season matches. PSAC teams must utilize the PSAC form and are required to secure signatures from the referees verifying all cards given in a match.
- J. No PSAC member institution is permitted to exchange scouting reports about another member institution with an institution outside the PSAC.
- K. The certified athletic trainer from the host institution will have the unchallengeable authority to postpone or suspend competition in the event of lightning during PSAC regular season or championship play. The certified athletic trainer and game official/or game administrator must consult and agree as to when play will be resumed.
- L. A Select Sport Soccer Ball is required for all PSAC play.

VI. PERSONNEL

1 head coach

1 full-time assistant (coaching contract with benefits) or part-time assistant or volunteer

1 paid part-time assistant (half time or less) or graduate assistant or volunteer

1 volunteer

4 TOTAL COACHES

Men's Soccer Notes: In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize an unlimited number of full-time undergraduate students with no limitation of duties. In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize a maximum of four (4) social equity positions with a maximum of one (1) per sport. These positions shall be determined by the President and reported to the Commissioner.

VII. ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION PROCEDURE

- A.** An Eastern and Western first team All-Conference, consisting of sixteen (16) players each will be chosen. Teams will consist of five (5) defenders, five (5) mid-fielders, four (4) strikers, and two (2) goalkeepers.
- B.** An Athlete, Coach, and Freshman of the Year shall be selected from each division. A Freshman player shall be defined as one who is playing in his first year of intercollegiate competition.
- C. Nomination Procedure:**
1. A coach may nominate no more seven (7) players from his own team and each player's uniform number should be included..
 2. All conference nominations shall be by positions.
 3. A player must have played in at least 66% of his team's games in order to be nominated.
 4. A player must have played at least 50% of his total games played at a particular position in order to be nominated for that position.
 5. A coach may only nominate an Athlete or Freshman of the Year from their team.
- D. Voting Procedure:**
1. A coach may **not** vote for his own players, or himself.
 2. A coach must cast votes equal to the total number of players selected on the first and second teams (26).
 3. A coach must rank his votes at each position selected.
 4. A ballot must be completed fully in order to be counted.
 9. Ties shall be broken by a revote or uninvolved coaches.
- E. Miscellaneous**
1. A Tournament Most Valuable Player shall be selected by the non-participating coaches. The tournament MVP shall receive a plaque.
 2. The All-Conference Team shall be released during the week following the Conference Championship.