

BASKETBALL: MEN'S

All business conducted by sport committees must be submitted as recommendations to the Administrative Committee.

I. Regular Season

A. Schedule

1. MCC schools will play each other twice during the basketball season. One game is a home game, and one game is an away game. The team with the best won-lost record at the end of regular season play will be declared the conference champion.
2. The MCC men's basketball schedule for 2009-10 will begin on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. There will be 3 game dates before the end of the first semester with the remaining dates beginning Tuesday, January 5, 2010 following a Tuesday/Saturday format with the exception of Thursday, January 7. This is due to the fact that the first game of the second semester is being moved back to Jan. 5 because of Saturday, January 2 falling so close to New Year's Day.
3. Specific nights will be set aside for league games to facilitate scheduling.
4. Starting time of the games – MCC varsity games will begin at 7:00 pm on weekdays and 3:00 pm on Saturdays, unless both coaches and both athletic directors agree to change the starting time.
5. Each conference institution will recognize media timeouts (60 seconds in length) at the 16-minute mark and 8-minute mark of each half while retaining the full complement of timeouts allowable per contest (four full timeouts and two 30-second timeouts)
6. Beginning with the 2010-2011 season and beyond, all Saturday conference games will be doubleheaders, featuring both a men's and a women's game at the same location.

B. Cancellation and Postponement Policy

1. Conference games may not be cancelled.
2. If a game is postponed due to inclement weather the following communication process will apply:
 - a. Verbal contact should be made between both coaches
 - b. Both coaches agree on the status of the game
 - c. Both athletic directors should be informed and involved in the decision.
 - d. Home coach will notify via e-mail (and phone call) the Supervisor of Officials to advise of the change.
 - e. Home coach will attempt to contact the officials for the game.
3. The make-up date will be determined by:
 - a. Mutual consent of both coaches and both athletic directors
 - b. If both coaches cannot agree, the athletic directors will make the decision regarding the make-up date.
 - c. If both athletic directors cannot agree, the Commissioner will make the final decision regarding the make-up date.

4. Postponement precipitated by extenuating circumstances such as power outage or other “acts of God”; a make-up date will be determined by:
 - a. Mutual consent of both coaches and both athletic directors
 - b. If both coaches cannot agree, the athletic directors will make the decision regarding the make-up date.
 - c. If both athletic directors cannot agree, the Commissioner will make the final decision regarding the make-up date.

II. Rules Governing Play – NCAA Men’s Basketball Rules will govern play.

III. Official Balls – In regular season play, MCC schools may use the ball of their choice, but the official NAIA championship ball (Rawlings) is recommended. The official NAIA championship ball (Rawlings) will be used during the MCC postseason tournament. The host school(s) will be responsible to provide the official NAIA championship ball (Rawlings). If available by contract these balls may be supplied by the NAIA National Office.

IV. Officials

- A. Eric Harmon will be responsible for assigning officials for the 2009-2010 season.
(765) 448-6294
eric@ericharmon.net
- B. Three officials are to work each game at a cost of \$160.00 per official.
- C. An alternate official for the MCC Tournament Championship game should be assigned at a cost of \$100.00.
- D. In case of emergency, mutually agreed upon (by both coaches) officials may be used.
- E. If only two officials show up at a game, the game will be played with two officials in the event a third official cannot be mutually agreed upon by both coaches.
- F. It is not the official’s duty to provide a substitute official.
- G. Filing of a written protest must take place no later than three days after the completion of the protested game.
- H. Please note the MCC schools will be using a voucher system for officials’ payments.

V. Conference Tournament

- A. The top eight (8) teams in the final conference standings will compete in the conference tournament.
- B. Standings at the end of regular season play will be used for determining seeding for the Conference Tournament and for All-Sports Trophy purposes.
- C. In the event of a tie in the final conference standings, the following tie-breaker procedure will be used for the purpose of seeding teams into the conference tournament.
 1. Conference won/loss records against schools involved in the tie (i.e. head-to-head)
 2. Start at the top of the conference standings and compare their records with the teams in order of final conference standings

3. Coin toss between teams, to be administered by the men's basketball sport chair.
- D. Games will be played at the home of the higher seeded team
- E. Playoff Structure**
- First Round:** #1 vs. #8 | #4 vs. #5 | #2 vs. #7 | #3 vs. #6
Wed. February 24, 2010
- Semifinals:** #1/#8 Winner vs. #4/#5 Winner | #2/#7 Winner vs. #3/#6 Winner
Sat. February 27, 2010
- Championship:** Semifinal Winners
Tues. March 2, 2010
- F. Starting times – MCC Tournament games will begin at 7:00 pm on weekdays and 3:00 pm on Saturdays, unless both coaches and both athletic directors agree to change the starting time. Any proposed changes to the standard 7:00/3:00 start times should be made as soon as possible after each matchup is determined.
- G. Officials will be assigned through the MCC by Eric Harmon
- H. The host athletic director in conjunction with the men's basketball chair will coordinate the MCC Men's Basketball Tournament.
- I. **Financial Report Form** - Host school(s) for all MCC Postseason contests will use the supplied Financial Report Form to report expenses and gate revenues to the Conference Commissioner. Revenue (net) and the Financial Form are to be forwarded to the Conference Office one week after the MCC postseason is complete.

VI. NAIA Postseason Qualification – The winner of the MCC Tournament will receive an automatic bid to the 2010 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

- A. Representative(s) to the NAIA National Tournament should be given financial assistance from the MCC in the following manner:
1. If one team goes (winner of MCC Tournament), then that team shall receive 60% of the tournament's revenue.
 2. If two teams go, then the following numbers are used:
 - a. Winner of the tournament = 45% of tournament revenue
 - b. At-large team = 30% of tournament revenue
 3. If three teams go, then the following numbers are used:
 - a. Winner of tournament = 40% of tournament revenue
 - b. Higher seed at-large team = 25% of tournament revenue
 - c. Lower seed at-large team = 10% of tournament revenue

4. If four teams go, then the following numbers are used:
 - a. Winner of the tournament = 30% of tournament revenue
 - b. Highest seed at-large team = 20% of tournament revenue
 - c. Next highest seed at-large team = 15% of tournament revenue
 - d. Lowest seed at-large team = 10% of tournament revenue

VII. All-Conference Teams

- A. Each coach or his representative nominates the outstanding player(s) from his team, based on conference performance (with position not being a determining factor) at the pre-conference tournament coaches meeting. All conference coaches will attend this meeting at a mutually agreed upon site the Sunday before the conference tournament begins.
- B. A ballot is then cast rating the players from 15-1, with 15 being the league MVP.
- C. The top 5 vote-getters will be named First Team All-Conference.
- D. Of the remaining nominees, the five players receiving the most votes on this ballot are named Second Team All-Conference.
- E. Of the remaining nominees, the five players receiving the most votes on this ballot are named Third Team All-Conference.
- F. A coach cannot vote for his own players
- G. A five-member All-Newcomer Team and a Newcomer of the Year will also be voted upon and named.
- H. A five-member All-Defensive Team and Defender of the Year will also be voted upon and named.
- I. The basketball chairman shall utilize a phone vote in case of emergency.
- J. Coach of the Year – The basketball coaches will cast ballots for the Coach of the Year, with the majority vote-getter receiving the award.
- K. The First and Second Team All-Conference selections will receive an All-MCC plaque issued by the conference. Third team and honorable mention will receive a certificate issued by the conference. The Coach of the Year will receive a plaque issued by the conference. The Newcomer of the Year and the All-Newcomer Team will receive certificates issued by the conference. The All-Defensive Team and Defender of the Year will receive certificates issued by the conference.
- L. Voting results for All-Conference teams will be made available to all MCC Men's Basketball coaches. If votes are taken by ballot, the ballot results will be shown to all MCC Men's Basketball coaches. If the votes are taken verbally, the verbal results will be documented for all MCC Men's Basketball coaches to see.

VIII. Sports Information

- A. The home team will provide both teams with an official NAIA box score statistical report at halftime and at the conclusion of each game. The home team will make adjustments to issued stats if evidence exists to indicate an adjustment is warranted.
- B. Opposing teams will make their up-to-date statistics available upon request for use in game day programs and for preparation purposes.

IX. Complimentary Tickets and Scouting Passes

- A. Each visiting MCC member institution will provide the host institution with a complimentary pass list approved by the visiting team's coaching staff or athletic director. The pass list shall be limited to thirty (30) individuals who are immediate family members of the participants or coaching staff.
- B. NAIA Membership Cards will be honored by all MCC schools and may be used by coaches' wives and minor children for admission.
- C. Cheerleaders will be admitted by identification.
- D. Only the home team may provide a pep band. The band cannot play during live ball situations. A band is defined as more than two instruments.
- E. A pass list of ten (10) names will be allowed for each conference President for admittance to MCC postseason tournament games. A letter will be sent to each president notifying them of such.

X. Sport Details – Other

- A. **Scouting Procedures** – By agreement of conference coaches, no scouting information, including game tapes, will be given to non-conference schools in reference to conference schools. Current roster including usual starting lineup is allowed but no additional information is permitted.
- B. **Admission at MCC Games** – Admission charge will be \$2.00 or less for students of MCC schools on presentation of their Student I.D. cards. This includes regular season games only.
- C. **Home Team Responsibilities** – Home team shall provide basketballs for warm-ups, water on the bench for each team, and game statistics as previously stated.
- D. **No Smoking Rule and Sportsmanship Emphasis** – It is recommended that no smoking be allowed in the gymnasium and that each conference school do their utmost to stress good sportsmanship and fellowship between players and fans.
- E. **Towels** – Conference teams are expected to provide their own towels at each game.
- F. **Basketball Committee** – An elected conference basketball committee shall administer matters pertaining to MCC Men's Basketball. The committee will be composed of a chairperson and two members at-large. The current committee consists of Jim Kessler (Chair), Mike Lightfoot, and John Grimes.

- XI. **Sport Chair** - The position of Sport Chair will be voted upon every two years. No term limitations will be set, but individuals must be nominated and voted into the position of Sport Chair every two years.

MCC GAME TAPE EXCHANGE FORM

IX. Any two games through the first half of the MCC season may be requested from a member institution. A standard DVD format of media capture is the recommended media exchange format for use as of 2008-09. If a VHS format is used, the use of "clean" un-edited tapes when recording games to insure reliability of the tape is required. When a copy of a game is requested of an institution, it is your responsibility of the head coach that the requested game copy be available and/or mailed within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.

Institution requesting game copy: _____

Person requesting game copy: _____

Mailing or Shipping Address: (Name if different) _____

Street _____

City _____ St ____ Zip _____

Contact number: School #: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell #: _____ - _____ - _____

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Game request # 1

Please send copy of game versus _____ on ____/____/____

Please send copy by ____/____/____

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Game request # 2

Please send copy of game versus _____ on ____/____/____

Please send copy by ____/____/____

** Make as many copies as necessary of this form.

