

## **BASKETBALL: WOMEN'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 women's basketball schedule for 2009-10 will begin on November 24, 2009. There will be 3 game dates before the end of the first semester. The first week following the semester break, games will be played on Tuesday (Jan. 5), Thursday (Jan. 7), and Saturday (Jan. 9). After that, all conference games will follow a Wednesday/Saturday format.
3. The schedule is set on an eight-year rotating basis and will be adjusted annually.
4. Starting time of the games – MCC varsity games will begin at 7:00 pm on weekdays and 1:00 pm on Saturdays, unless both coaches and both athletic directors agree to change the starting time.
5. 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 Women’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. Dave Vendrely will be responsible for assigning officials for the 2009-2010 season.  
(260) 637-8761  
[dvendrely@verizon.net](mailto:dvendrely@verizon.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. Filing of a written protest must take place no later than three days after the completion of the protested game.
- G. 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 regular season 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. Head-to-head competition
  - 2. Start at the top of the conference standings and compare their records with the teams in order of final conference standings
  - 3. Point spread of games played between tied teams
- 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  
Tuesday, February 23

**Semifinals:** #1/#8 Winner vs. #4/#5 Winner | #2/#7 Winner vs. #3/#6 Winner  
Friday, February 26

**Championship:** Semifinal Winners  
Monday, March 1

- F. Starting times – MCC Tournament games will begin at 7:00 pm, unless both coaches and both athletic directors agree to change the starting time. Any proposed changes to the standard 7:00 start times should be made as soon as possible after each matchup is determined.
- G. The host athletic director in conjunction with the women’s basketball chair will coordinate the MCC Women’s Basketball Tournament.
- H. **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 Women’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:
    - c. Winner of tournament = 40% of tournament revenue
    - d. Higher seed at-large team = 25% of tournament revenue
    - e. 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. The All-Conference team will consist of a 5-player First Team and a 5-player Second Team. First and Second team members will receive plaques from the MCC. A 5-player Honorable Mention team will also be named, and those players will receive a certificate.
- B. A 5-player All-Freshman team will also be named and receive a certificate. Only freshman eligibility players will be considered for this honor.
- C. The player receiving the highest number of points in the voting will be the Conference Player of the Year. Also, coaches will vote for the Newcomer of the Year on the same ballot when voting for the All-Conference Teams.
- D. Players will be selected by the coaches.
  - 1. After the completion of the conference schedule, each coach will submit to the conference Sports Information Director the names and conference statistics for up to four players.
  - 2. The Conference SID will send ballots to the member schools.
  - 3. Coaches will vote for 15 players, ranking them from 15 to 1 (15 should be given to the top player in the conference).
  - 4. Coaches should not vote for their own players.
  - 5. Coaches will meet on a designated campus at 2:00 pm the Sunday immediately following the final MCC regular season contest to perform the All-Conference voting.
  - 6. Coaches should bring the names of their student-athletes that meet the criteria for MCC Academic All-Conference honors so that the list of honorees can be determined at this meeting as well.
  - 7. Ballots will be tabulated by the Conference SID and results will be sent to each institution.
  - 8. Players must finish the season in good standing at their respective institutions to receive an award.
- E. Coach of the Year – The basketball coaches will cast ballots for the Coach of the Year. Ballots will be tabulated by the MCC Sports Information Director and results will be sent to each institution.
- F. Voting results for All-Conference teams will be made available to all MCC Women’s Basketball coaches. If votes are taken by ballot, the ballot results will be shown to all MCC Women’s Basketball coaches. If the votes are taken verbally, the verbal results will be documented for all MCC Women’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.
- 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.
- C. A pass list of ten (10) names will be allowed for each conference President for admittance to MCC postseason tournament games.

**X. Sport Details – Other**

- A. **Scouting Procedures** – The videotape exchange should be a non-conference game in the first semester. Requests need to be given by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The tape sent should be a brand new tape or DVD. Coaches are to mail the season schedule to all other coaches by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Coaches may not request other MCC tapes from other MCC schools. Coaches may not give out information about MCC institutions to other schools.
- 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.

- 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.

