

# TENNIS: MEN & WOMEN

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

## I. Regular Season

### A. Schedule

1. Each institution will schedule each conference team one (1) time with the option to play a second time. The first match will count toward the MCC standings. The final conference standings will be determined by head-to-head play during the season. There will be seven dates blocked off to play all MCC matches during the regular season.
2. Any conference match where there is one coach for both men's and women's teams and the matches are hosted on a weekday at a site where there are no lights, the matches shall begin at 1:00 pm to assure completion before dusk.

### B. Regular Season Dual-Play

1. Each MCC team will play every other MCC team during the season in a match consisting of six (6) singles 2-out-of-3 sets and three (3) doubles 8-game pro set, or if coaches agree before the match, 2-out-of-3 sets.
2. In a dual match, if one team has not scored 5 points and players in a singles match have split sets, then a full third set must be played. However, if one team has already scored 5 points and players in a singles match have split sets, the players will decide whether to play a full third set or to play a match tiebreaker (10 pts.). If the players cannot agree on which to play, then the home team player has the final choice. Once the option for the third set has been chosen in a singles match, all other singles matches that split sets must use the same option.
3. In the event a school cannot field a full team, the high numbered positions are forfeited, i.e. if the number one man/woman is absent, all team members move up and the number six (6) position is forfeited.
4. When there is a 6-6 set score, the 12-point tiebreaker goes into effect.
5. It will be the responsibility of the home team to advise visiting teams of time and place of each match and/or postponements. Rescheduling is agreed upon by both coaches.
6. The minimum time allowed between players' singles and doubles matches will be 10 minutes and the maximum time allowed will be 20 minutes. In extreme weather conditions, the coaches may agree to allow a longer break between matches.

## II. Ethics

- A. It is agreed that all coaches will fill team positions by elimination, ladder tournaments or similar devices. Indiscriminate position changes invite criticism and should be discouraged. It is recommended to bring ladder results to all matches, in case a coach is asked to justify where a team member is playing.
- B. Coaches must submit their starting line-up to the respective tennis chair prior to their first MCC match of the season with notes on possible line-up changes that may be foreseen

for the season, e.g., Player X is injured but should return to the #4 position in two weeks and move the other players down. The chairs will distribute the line-ups to the other coaches. If any major changes (a player moving more than 1 position) in the line-up are made during the season, the coach must notify the respective tennis chair of the change and the rationale for it when the change is made.

- III. Rules Governing Play** – Conference match play will be governed by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and United State Tennis Association (USTA) rules.
- IV. Official Balls** – In regular season play, MCC schools may use the ball of their choice, but the official NAIA championship ball (Wilson) is recommended. The official NAIA championship ball (Wilson) will be used during the MCC postseason tournament. The host school(s) will be responsible to provide the official NAIA championship ball (Wilson). If available by contract these balls may be supplied by the NAIA National Office.
- V. Conference Tournament**
- A. The MCC Tournament will be a flighted event, including 6 singles and 3 doubles flights. Doubles matches will be 8-game pro sets.
  - B. The MCC Tournament for both men and women will be held on October 8 – 10. The site will be at Indiana Wesleyan University with Howard Co. Indoor Tennis Center and Muncie Y Tennis Center as the inclement weather locations
  - C. Results boards with flights will be made available at a designated location.
  - D. In tournament play, refer to USTA manual for all rules.
  - E. To be seeded at a position, athlete must play 50% of MCC matches at that position or higher.
  - F. Tournament committee will handle seedings and any rules interpretations. The committee (three schools and/or the conference chair for men’s tennis and women’s tennis) will be rotated alphabetically among MCC schools.
  - G. In tournament play, in case of a tie, the champion will be determined by a head-to-head dual match involving the two teams.
  - H. The MCC men’s and women’s seeding committee for 2009-10 will be Kristen Harrow of Saint Francis, Don Taylor of Taylor, and the designated athletic director for Tennis.
  - I. Six (men) and six (women) individual medals for “Singles Flight Champion-MCC Tournament” and six (men) and six (women) individual medals for “Doubles Flight Champion-MCC Tournament” will be provided by the conference.
  - J. The host athletic directors in conjunction with the men’s and women’s tennis chairs will coordinate the MCC Men’s and Women’s Tennis Tournaments.

K. **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 regular season conference champion in both men’s and women’s tennis will receive an automatic bid to the 2009 NAIA National Championship. If there is a two-way tie for first place, the MCC Champion will be the team which won the dual match during the regular season between the two teams. If there is a three-way tie for first place, the MCC champion will be the team that wins the MCC Tournament. If the same three teams are tied at the end of the MCC Tournament, the MCC Champion will be the team that won the most total games in the dual matches between these teams during the regular season.

VII. **All-Conference Team**

- A. Each coach will nominate the outstanding player(s) from his/her team based on conference performance.
- B. A ballot is then cast for the nominees to select a team composed of twelve (12) players. The twelve (12) players receiving the most votes on this ballot are named to the All-Conference Team.
- C. A coach may vote for his/her own players.
- D. All ties for the final position are included in the All-Conference Team.
- E. Voting results for All-Conference teams will be made available to all MCC Tennis coaches. If votes are taken by ballot, the ballot results will be shown to all MCC Tennis coaches. If the votes are taken verbally, the verbal results will be documented for all MCC Tennis coaches to see.

VIII. **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.

**MID-CENTRAL COLLEGE CONFERENCE  
2009 TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
FINANCIAL REPORT FORM**

**DATE:**

**LOCATION:**

**SESSION:**

**INCOME**

**Students:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of students) @ \$2.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of adults) @ \$5.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL INCOME**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSES**

**Tennis Balls**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tennis Facility/Tournament Director**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL EXPENSES**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE (Net)**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Host schools are responsible for all additional expenses other than those listed above.**

**Gate receipts and the financial report form are to be forwarded to the Conference Office one week after the tournament is completed.**