

SOCCER: MEN'S

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

I. Regular Season

A. Schedule

1. MCC regular season play will begin on September 24 and end on October 22.
2. Teams will play nine (9) regular season conference games. Teams will play either 4 home games or 5 home games during the season with that rotation to alternate each year.
3. Conference games will be held twice a week with a Saturday game and an alternating Tuesday/Wednesday schedule with women's soccer every other week.
4. All MCC teams will play a round-robin schedule.

B. Regular Season Conference Champion

1. The regular season MCC champion will be determined by the most points within conference play.
2. Points are based on: Wins = 3 points; Ties = 1 point; Loss = 0 points
3. If two teams are tied for first place during the regular season using the above point system, they will be declared co-champions and each will receive a trophy.

II. Rules Governing Play – The NAIA approved playing rules will govern all regular season and postseason play.

If a game is suspended and not resumed on the scheduled date, the game will be resumed at the point it was suspended on a date agreed upon by both coaches and both athletic directors. If the game meets minimal time limits as established by NCAA rules, it will be considered an official game after 70 minutes has been played.

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

IV. Officials

- A. Kim Vieira will be responsible for assigning officials for the 2011 season. (513) 896-6593; kvsoccer5@aol.com
- B. Please note the MCC schools will be using a voucher system for all officials' payments.
- C. The assigner will send each institution a list of assigned officials prior to the beginning of the season.
- D. The three-man officiating system must be used and a fourth official (if necessary) should be provided by the host institution at no charge to the MCC. (The fourth official may be the athletic director or his appointee and shall be responsible for bench/scorer's table management and should work in cooperation with the designated game referee.)

- E. Conference schools will pay officials \$160.00 for the referee and \$115.00 for the assistant referees per contest. The same fee structure will be used for the MCC Conference Tournament, but those fees will be paid by the conference.
- F. An alternate official for the championship game of the MCC Tournament should be assigned at a cost of \$100.
- G. Coaches are to evaluate the official's game performance after each match. This process has been put in place to help improve the quality of all MCC matches and to ensure that officials are accountable to the MCC for their performance. Evaluation forms can be found at www.arbitersports.com.

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. MCC head-to-head results (if 2 teams are tied); If three or more teams are tied, go to MCC Modified NAIA RPI Rating.
 2. MCC Modified NAIA RPI Rating
 3. Overall regular season Modified NAIA RPI Rating
 4. MCC goal differential
 5. Coin toss between teams, to be administered by the men's soccer sport chair.
- D. In the event of ties between three or more teams in the final conference standings, the same tie-breaker as above (Letter C) should be used with the following principle to be followed: Once one team is eliminated via one of the first two tiebreakers, then the tiebreaking process should start over at Tiebreaker #1 between the remaining teams until all ties have been broken.
- E. All Saturday MCC Tournament games should be scheduled at 1:00 pm or later, based on the mutual agreement of the participating institutions' coaches and athletic directors. For host institutions that have lighted fields, a 7:00 pm start time is recommended, but not required. If a mutual agreement cannot be reached by both institutions, then a 2:00 pm start time will be set for institutions without lighted fields and 7:00 pm for institutions with lighted fields. The home team must notify assigner of time change at least 72 hours in advance.
- F. Seeding will be determined by regular season standings. Once the seeding is set, it is followed throughout the tournament. Higher seeds will host.

G. Playoff Structure

First Round: #1 vs. #8 | #4 vs. #5 | #2 vs. #7 | #3 vs. #6
(Saturday, October 29)

Semifinals: #1/#8 Winner vs. #4/#5 Winner | #2/#7 Winner vs. #3/#6 Winner
(Saturday, November 5)

Championship: Semifinal Winners
(Saturday, November 12)

- G. The host athletic director in conjunction with the men's soccer chair will coordinate the MCC Men's Soccer 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 2011 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship.

VII. All-Conference Teams

- A. The MCC All-Conference Teams will consist of a First and a Second Team.
- B. Each coach will send their nominees by fax or e-mail to reach the MCC Men's Soccer chair by 5 p.m. on the Monday following the conclusion of the regular conference season. A compiled list of all nominees will be sent to all coaches by 5 p.m. on that Wednesday. Final ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. of the Friday before the MCC Tournament opening round. A conference call between all head coaches is recommended to discuss the merits of the all-conference nominees.
- C. Each coach will then list the top 23 players in rank order on the official MCC ballot. A coach may not vote for more than five (5) of his own players and must complete the ballot entirely. Any coach not voting will not have his players recognized.
 - 1. All coaches vote for at least six (6) forwards, six (6) midfielders, six (6) defenders, and at least two (2) goalkeepers. The remaining two (2) votes are at the coaches' discretion.
 - 2. The top thirteen (13) field players and top goalkeepers as identified by vote totals shall be MCC All-Conference First Team. The next ten (10) field players and goalkeepers as identified by vote totals shall be recognized as MCC All-Conference Second Team.
- D. The player (goalkeepers included) receiving the most votes will be named MCC Player of the Year.
- E. The top vote-getting forward will receive Offensive Player of the Year. The top vote-getting defender will receive Defensive Player of the Year.
- F. All coaches will vote for one coach as Coach of the Year. The coach with the highest vote total will be named Coach of the Year.
- G. In the event of ties in the Player of the Year or Coach of the Year, a second vote between the tied individuals will be taken until there is a decision by total votes.
- H. Voting results for All-Conference teams will be made available to all MCC Men's Soccer coaches. If votes are taken by ballot, the ballot results will be shown to all MCC Men's Soccer coaches. If the votes are taken verbally, the verbal results will be documented for all MCC Men's Soccer 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.

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2011 MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT
FINANCIAL REPORT FORM**

DATE:

LOCATION:

OPPONENTS:

INCOME

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

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

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

EXPENSES

Referee (1) @ \$160.00 per game \$ _____

Linesman (2) @ \$115.00 per game \$ _____

Alternate Official (1) @ \$100 per game (championship only) \$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

REVENUE (Net) \$ _____

Host schools are responsible for all expenses other than officials. Officials' fees should be deducted from the gate.

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