

SOCCER: WOMEN'S

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

I. Regular Season

A. Schedule

1. All MCC schools will play a conference schedule consisting of nine games to be completed by October 29, 2011.
2. If two MCC schools play twice during the season, the conference match must be declared to the MCC women's soccer chair before the start of the season.

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 NCAA rulebook will govern all regular and postseason play with the NAIA playoff roster being the exception.

If a conference tournament 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 (69th minute) as established by NCAA rules, it will be considered an official game.

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
 - 2. Overall regular season RPI Rating
 - 3. MCC goal differential
 - 4. Coin toss between teams, to be administered by the women'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: Tiebreaker #1 will use the aggregate head-to-head record among the tied teams in an attempt to break the tie. Furthermore, 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
October 29, 2011

Semifinals: #1/#8 Winner vs. #4/#5 Winner | #2/#7 Winner vs. #3/#6 Winner
November 5, 2011

Championship: Semifinal Winners
November 12, 2011

- H. The host athletic director in conjunction with the women's soccer chair will coordinate

the MCC Women's Soccer 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 2011 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship.

VII. All-Conference Teams

- A. Each coach will send their nominees by e-mail to reach the MCC Women's Soccer chair by 5 p.m. on the Monday following the conclusion of the regular conference season.
- B. The All-Conference voting process will consist of two different votes. The first vote will be on all of the nominees and will determine the All-Conference Team. The second vote will be a re-ranking of those players who were selected to the All-Conference Team to pass along to the NAIA as the MCC's Top 14 players for All-American consideration. The second vote will also determine the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. The MCC Player of the Year will continue to be determined by the player receiving the highest overall index in the FIRST VOTE.
- C. A conference call between all head coaches is recommended to discuss the merits of the all-conference nominees.
- D. NOTE: A player's high vote and low vote will be eliminated on each ballot.
- E. The player receiving the most votes will be named MCC Player of the Year.
- F. The top vote-getting forward will receive Offensive Player of the Year. The top vote-getting defender will receive Defensive Player of the Year.
- G. 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.
- H. In the event of ties in the Player of the Year or Coach of the Year, a Co-Player or Co-Coach of the Year award will be given.
- I. Women's soccer will have the same number of All-Conference awards as men's soccer.
- J. Voting results for All-Conference teams will be made available to all MCC Women's Soccer coaches. If votes are taken by ballot, the ballot results will be shown to all MCC Women's Soccer coaches. If the votes are taken verbally, the verbal results will be documented for all MCC Women's Soccer coaches to see.

VIII. Conference Rater and National Rater

- A. The positions of Conference/National Rater and Conference Chair will rotate every three years. In the final year of either term, the rater or chair will work with an "apprentice" to train the incoming rater or chair on the job duties. Both positions will be filled by nominations and a vote from the MCC women's soccer coaches. Any coach may serve to consecutive terms in either position only if elected by the body of MCC women's soccer coaches. One coach may NOT hold both positions at the same time.

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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.