

TENNIS: MEN & WOMEN

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

X. 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.

XI. 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.

XII. Rules Governing Play – Conference match play and MCC Tournament play will be governed by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and United State Tennis Association (USTA) rules.

XIII. 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.

XIV. Conference Tournament

A. The top eight (8) teams will compete in the single-elimination MCC Tournament with each match consisting of three (3) doubles matches with a format of 8-game pro sets, and six (6) singles matches with a format of best-of-three sets.

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. In the case of two teams having the same conference record during the regular season, the team that won the dual match between the two teams will receive the higher seed for the tournament.

I. Tiebreaker Rules for team seeding:

a) In the event of a 3 way tie

1. Head-to-head conference dual match results. If one team has beaten the two other teams in the tie in their conference dual matches, then that team receives the higher seed.
2. If the tie cannot be broken by Sept. 1, then the total team points won in the head-to-head conference dual matches among the three teams will be summed and the team with the highest number of points will receive the highest seed, and the one with the next highest number of points will receive the next highest seed, etc. (If A beats B 7-2, B beats C 5-4, and C beats A 5-4, then A would have 11 points, B would have 7 points, and C would have 9 points.) If this step separates one team from the tie situation but two teams are still tied, then that tie will be broken by Step 1.
3. If a tie cannot be broken by Steps 1 or 2, then the total number of sets won in the head-to-head conference dual matches among the three teams will be summed and the team with the highest number will receive the highest seed.
4. If a tie cannot be broken by Steps 1, 2, or 3, then the total number

of sets won in the head-to-head conference dual matches among the three teams will be summed and the team with the highest number will receive the highest seed.

- C. The #9 team in the final regular season standings will not be included in the conference tournament.
- D. The men's and women's tennis chairs with the assistance of the MCC Commissioner will handle seedings and rules interpretations.
- E. The MCC Tournament for both men and women will be held the week of October 3-8, 2011. All matches will be played at the site of the higher seeded team.

F. **Tournament Structure**

First Round: #1 vs. #8 | #4 vs. #5 | #2 vs. #7 | #3 vs. #6

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

Championship: Semifinal Winners

Tournament Schedule: The sport chairs and coaches will decide on which days of that week the matches will be played in order to accommodate the schools which have the same coach for both the men's and women's teams. The ideal scenario is to have one day separating each round of play for each team and to have the finals on Saturday for both men and women, if possible.

- G. 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.
- 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 Conference Tournament in both men's and women's tennis will receive an automatic bid to the NAIA National Championship.

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.

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**MID-CENTRAL COLLEGE CONFERENCE
2011 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.