

**2011
MINUTES
PSAC MEN'S SOCCER CONFERENCE CALL
December 6, 2011 – 1 p.m.**

- I. Roll Call and instructions – Millersville: Steve Widdowson; West Chester: Kendall Walkes; Cal: Dennis Laskey; Shippensburg: Jeremy Spering; Gannon: Rob VanRheenan; Bloomsburg: Paul Payne; Mercyhurst: Not on call; ESU: Rob Berkowitz; Lock Haven: Doug Moore, Kara Lowery; Slippery Rock: Michael Bonelli
Don Brown, Officiating
PSAC Office Staff
- II. Announcements – Congratulations to Millersville on the post-season run.
- III. Officiating – Don Brown: Focus on language and rough play and contacted four conference commissioners (driven by D-III) and what was communicated (abbreviated) to all officials: Expected to uphold no tolerance on language; Expected use caution instead of reds due to rough physical play. Getting officials on board is not uniform. Effort is there and will continue to be there. Will inform officials to acknowledge language in some fashion. Evaluations during season did not match expected return – an opportunity for coaches to provide feedback.
Steve Murray – received conference survey 19 red and 295 yellows. Once the full conference survey is complete, PSAC will share survey results.
Kendall Walkes, West Chester – Should credit be given with so few red cards? What is being portrayed letter of law or intent of law?
- IV. Scheduling – Steve Murray – Asked ADs about scheduling. Looking at a 2013 schedule with possible travel partner and separate shorter trips for other games. The issue will remain in front of the PSAC office and the ADs.
Kendall Walkes, West Chester – (Item G) from Agenda. Non-conference scheduling issue with bumping dates. Would like consistent reciprocal dates to be considered.
Commissioner Murray addressed the new schedule cycle for 2012 (2010 and 2011 were consistent).
- V. Playoff Field – Ratios / 5 teams – New language to be proposed
Paul Payne, Bloomsburg – 10 teams compete and lowest post-season representation, compared to other sports in Conferences. Could we expand based on percentages?
Jeremy Spering, Shippensburg – Only sport in PSAC under 50% in playoff pool, have had years when team did not make Conference tournament (regional) and then made national tournament. Compared with WVIAC and 6 of 10 teams make post-season tournament.
Steve Murray – In PSAC constitution regarding playoff field (14.3 C) to clarify:
MOTION: If a sport is sponsored by 10-13 Members, its championship shall consist of a six-team playoff with no consolation games. (Rationale based on percentage, fair representation of teams).
Vote: 9-0-1
- VI. Tiebreakers: **Language adjustment submitted below.**
MOTION: Steve Widdowson, Millersville; Second: Jeremy Spering, Shippensburg
8-0-1 - 1 abstain (West Chester)

3. CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

3.1 TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The conference tournament shall consist of the four teams with the highest point total after in-season single round robin play. The team with the highest point total will be the #1 seed and the team with the second highest point total will be the #2 seed and so on through the #4 seed.

3.1.1 Seeding: A point system (3 points = win, 1 point = tie) shall be used to determine the play-off teams. The following criteria shall be used in order to break any tie(s) in the selection process for the conference tournament:

a. **Head to Head competition results between tied teams.**

b. *Goal differential between tied teams in all mandated PSAC matches.*

c. *Goals scored in all mandated PSAC matches.*

d. Record against teams not involved in a tie, starting at the top of the standings.

e. Fewest goals allowed between tied teams.

f. Away goals scored.

g. Win-Lost record against common opponents outside the PSAC (non-PSAC opponents).

h. A coin flip will occur to break ties between tied teams for PSAC playoffs after other tiebreakers have been used.

VII. Scheduling for final games: New language to be added to Championship procedures

MOTION: In the event the conference regular season cannot be completed all contests must be rescheduled within 48 hours prior to start of PSAC Conference Championship.

Vote: 9-0-1

MOTION: In the event the Conference Championship cannot be completed, the highest remaining seed would advance as Champion. Vote: 9-0-1

MOTION: If a game cannot be completed, then ranking would revert to percentage of potential points earned based on games played. (i.e., Team A earns 22 points out of a possible 27 (nine games); Team B earns 21 points out of a possible 24 (eight games) – Team A has 81.4%, Team B has 87.5% -- with no rounding unless still tied; Team B would host as higher seed with less games played and less points.)

Millersville – Yes; Bloom – Yes; Slippery Rock – Yes; Shippensburg – Yes; Gannon – Yes; West Chester – Abstain; ESU – Yes; Lock Haven – No; Cal – Yes; E-mailed vote

Vote: 7-1-1

VIII. Playoff Protocol – Review of ‘atmosphere’ – Language Proposal

MOTION: The higher seed may operate game atmosphere consistent with normal home game operations for a PSAC Men’s Soccer Championship contest, while still providing a positive game atmosphere in line with PSAC Operating Policies.

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Vote: 8-0-1

IX. All-PSAC Selection/Voting

Review of voting protocol based on representation discussed.

X. Other items

PSAC All-Conference team selection announcement offered by Conference Office

No changes in release of All-Conference team results

XI. Adjourn – 2:17 pm