

WOMEN'S SOCCER OPERATING CODE

I. STRUCTURE

- A. All conference members sponsoring Women's Soccer Programs are included in the structure for purposes of representation and committee membership.
- B. In-season double round robin divisional play with a full cross-over is mandated for all teams.
- C. The Conference Championship shall consist of the three teams from each division with the highest point total after regular season play.

II. ADMINISTRATION/MEETINGS

- A. Soccer coaches will meet at least once per year at times selected by the PSAC office.
- B. Recommendations approved by the coaches at their meetings are presented by the chair to the Athletics Administrators for action.

III. REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION

- A. Play among women's soccer teams shall be conducted on a double round-robin divisional basis.
- B. Beginning in 2010, play among women's soccer teams shall be conducted on a single round-robin divisional basis.
- C. Teams may change the mandated date of a match if approved by both institutions' Athletic Directors and coordinated with the Conference Office.
- D. The conference mandated schedule for men's and women's soccer that still include doubleheaders will alternate starting times.
- E. The starting times for PSAC mandated doubleheaders will be at 2:00 p.m. before Daylight Savings Time and at 1:00 p.m. after Daylight Savings Time.
- D. Matches postponed due to weather MUST be rescheduled on the next common open date on the team's original schedules. All contests must be completed by the Sunday preceding the quarterfinal tournament matches.
- E. Regular season games shall be conducted under NCAA rules.
- F. The home team is responsible for hiring officials (only registered N.I.S.O.A. referees) for conference games. Three person crews are required for all conference games.
- G. No PSAC member institution is permitted to exchange scouting reports about another member Institution with an institution outside the PSAC.
- H. The certified athletic trainer from the host institution will have the unchallengeable authority to postpone or suspend competition in the event of lightning during PSAC regular season or championship play. The certified athletic trainer and game official/or game administrator must consult and agree as to when play will be resumed.
- I. A Select Sport Soccer Ball is required for all PSAC play.

IV. CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

- A. A point system (3 points = win, 1 point =tie) shall be used to determine the play-off teams.
- B. The following criteria shall be used in order to break any tie(s) in the selection process:
 - 1. Head to Head competition results between tied teams.
 - 2. Record against teams not involved in a tie, starting at the top of the standings.
 - 3. Goal differential between tied teams.
 - 4. Fewest goals allowed between tied teams
 - 5. Goals scored
 - 6. Away goals scored
 - 7. Win-Lost record against common opponents outside the PSAC (non-PSAC opponents)
 - 8. A coin flip will occur to break ties between tied teams for PSAC playoffs after other tie breakers have been used.

VI. PERSONNEL

1 head coach

1 full-time assistant (coaching contract with benefits) or part-time assistant or volunteer

1 paid part-time assistant (half time or less) or graduate assistant or volunteer

1 volunteer

4 TOTAL COACHES

Women's Soccer Notes: In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize an unlimited number of full-time undergraduate students with no limitation of duties. In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize a maximum of four (4) social equity positions with a maximum of one (1) per sport. These positions shall be determined by the President and reported to the Commissioner.

VII. ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION PROCEDURE

A. A First and second All-Conference Teams, consisting of thirteen (13) players each will be chosen. Teams will consist of four (4) backs, four (4) strikers, four (4) mid fielders, and a goalkeeper.

B. An Athlete, Coach, and Freshman of the Year shall be selected. A Freshman player shall be defined as one who is playing in his/her first year of intercollegiate competition.

C. **Nomination Procedure:**

1. A coach may nominate no more than the total number of players selected on a first team (13) from his/her team only.
2. All conference nominations shall be by positions.
3. A player must have played in at least 66% of his/her team's games in order to be nominated.
4. A player must have played at least 50% of his/her total games played at a particular position in order to be nominated for that position.
5. A coach may only nominate an Athlete or Freshman of the Year from his/her team.

D. **Voting Procedure:**

1. A coach may **not** vote for his/her own players, or himself/herself.
2. A coach must cast votes equal to the total number of players selected on the first and second teams (26).
3. A coach must rank his/her votes at each position selected.
4. A ballot must be completed fully in order to be counted.
5. Ties shall be broken by a revote of uninvolved coaches.

E. **Miscellaneous**

1. A Tournament Most Valuable Player shall be selected by the non-participating coaches. The tournament MVP shall receive a plaque.
2. The All-Conference Team shall be released during the week following the Conference Championship.