

BASEBALL

- 1.0 **ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT**
 - 1.1 **PERSONNEL AND JOB DESCRIPTION:**
 - HOW SELECTED:** The chairperson and recorder shall be elected by the coaches at the end of the meeting which concludes the current administration's term.
 - LENGTH OF TERM:** Two (2) years.
 - HOW REPLACED:** Should the chair position be vacated, the recorder would serve as chair until the group meets for another election.
 - 1.2 **DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON:** The chairperson shall call for agenda items, organize and conduct the annual meeting.
 - 1.3 **DUTIES OF RECORDER:** The recorder will take the minutes of the meeting and distribute the minutes to the coaches and to the liaison Athletic Director. The recorder will also provide copies of the "Motion Worksheets" to ALL Athletic Directors.
 - 1.4 **DUTIES OF LIAISON:** To make sure the chair and recorder are elected and assume their duties. To represent the Athletic Directors at the coaches meeting. To represent the coaches at the Athletic Directors meeting by presenting minutes and action items to the Athletic Directors.
 - 1.5 **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**
 - 1.6 **DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETINGS:** The baseball coaches shall meet twice each year at the host Twin City college.
 - 1.6.1 Mid-winter meeting: January meeting will be conducted on the third Thursday of January with the meeting time beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Official business meeting) (*revised 05/07, 5/02*)
 - 1.6.2 Post-season meeting: The coaches meeting will be Wednesday immediately preceding the conference tournament. (*revised 3/00, 4/90*)
- 2.0 **SPORTS SEASON**
 - 2.1 **TRADITIONAL SEASON:** Begins February 1 and ends with NCAA Division III championship. (*revised 1/92*)
 - 2.1.1 **PRACTICE GUIDELINES:** Follow NCAA Guidelines for practice. (*revised 05/07*)
 - 2.1.1.1 February 1—Full team practice may begin. (*revised 5/98, 1/92*)
 - 2.1.2 **FIRST DATE FOR COMPETITION:** The MIAC conference baseball schedule starting date will be determined by counting back 11 rounds starting with the first Saturday in May. (*revised 5/01, 5/93*)
 - 2.1.2.1 Round 11 of the baseball schedule should be played on or before the Saturday immediately prior to the conference tournament and all regular season contests will conclude the Monday prior to the conference tournament. (*added 3/00*)
 - 2.2 **NONTRADITIONAL SEASON:** There shall be no intercollegiate competition during the nontraditional season and a limit (between the first day of classes and October 30); and there will be a maximum of 12 optional practice sessions, as defined by the NCAA during this time. Practices during the non-traditional season must be completed by October 30. MIAC institutions shall be allowed to use one of their 12 practice days in the fall to conduct an alumni game. No class time can be missed for this alumni game. (*NCAA 1/92*) (*revised 5/08, added 5/03*)
 - 2.3 **NUMBER OF VARSITY CONTESTS:** 40 games, not including MIAC and NCAA post season competition. A contest against alumni will not be counted toward the maximum number of contests allowed. (*revised 5/01 5/94, added 4/91*)
 - 2.3.1 **NUMBER OF JUNIOR VARSITY CONTESTS:** 15 dates, but no more than 24 contests. (*revised 05/07*)
 - 2.3.2 No athlete can play in more than the total number of varsity contests allowed in a season; counting regular season varsity and junior varsity games. (*clarified 4/92*)
 - 2.4 **CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT:** See 7.0
 - 2.5 **SCHEDULING POLICY:** MIAC varsity baseball teams shall schedule only varsity teams from accredited four year degree granting institutions.
 - 2.5.1 All conference games are to be scheduled as doubleheaders (two, seven inning games). All single non-conference games, except those played during a southern trip, are to be played with no class time missed by players.
 - 2.5.2 No post-season games will be played until the conclusion of conference play. (*revised 1988*)
 - 2.5.3 Each school shall declare by March 1 to the Executive Director their willingness to play Sunday make-up games.
 - 2.5.4 Once the MIAC schedule begins, non-conference games shall be scheduled on a provisional basis (i.e., MIAC make-up dates take priority over non-conference games. Penalty for violation is forfeiture of that specific double header.) (*revised 1994*)

- 2.6 **POLICY FOR POSTPONEMENT/RESCHEDULING, ETC.:** Make up rule for MIAC games: all games will be made-up on the next available date. In make-up games involving a second trip, the two participating schools shall share equally in the additional expenses (no overnight lodging). If such a trip involves a distance of over 150 (one way) miles, the two schools shall play at a neutral Conference site midway between the two campuses. *(revised 5/93)*
- 2.6.1 No school will play more than two (2) MIAC mid-week (M-F) dates. *(revised 5/97)*
- 2.6.1.1 No school shall have to play three consecutive MIAC dates. *(revised 5/97)*
- 2.6.1.2 No school will have to travel from Winona to Moorhead or Vice Versa on Consecutive days.
- 2.6.1.3 Games will be made up in order of: 1) those that have not reached the next round on the regular schedule will have priority; 2) missed games will be made up in chronological order on available dates as described.
- 2.6.1.4 MIAC games take precedence over non-conference games. (refer to 2.5.4)
- 2.6.2 When rain or unplayable conditions do not allow play on the home team's field, by mutual consent, the games may be switched to the visiting team's field. Switching sites is not mandatory as games will be played on another date. When sites are switched, the *travel* expenses are to be born by the team on whose field the games are played. *(revised 5/93)*
- 2.6.2.1 In the event of a regularly scheduled game or a make-up date in which the host team does not have a field on campus and cannot locate a suitable field, the sites shall be switched and the games shall be played on the field of the team scheduled to travel. *(revised 5/93, 3/87)*
- 2.6.3 All partially played games shall be played as HALTED games and shall be continued from the point of being stopped as outline in the NCAA rule book. There shall be no tie games in MIAC action. *(revised 5/93, 1988)*
- 2.6.4 Conference games will be made up on Sunday if the administration of both schools allow Sunday play.
- 2.6.5 If complications occur on make up games, the baseball chairperson (or conference executive director) shall act as clarifier/interpreter of the rules.

3.0 **GAME/MATCH/MEET/CONDUCT**

- 3.1 **STARTING TIME:** Baseball games will begin at 1:30 p.m. (CST) and 2:30 p.m. (DST) on weekdays. A 20 minute break between double headers will be provided unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. On Saturdays, games will start at 1:00pm for schools 75 miles apart or less; for those over 75 miles apart, the option for a 12 noon start is with the visiting team.
- 3.1.1 The home team shall begin batting practice one and one-half hours before game time. *(revised 3/86)*
- 3.1.2 Midweek warm-up procedure: *(revised 5/08, 5/01, 8/90)*
- Home team pregame warm-up on playing field at 1:10 p.m.
 - Visiting team pregame warm-up on playing field at 1:35pm.
 - Home team infield at 2 p.m.
 - Visiting team infield at 2:10 p.m.
 - Field prep will begin at 2:20 p.m.
 - Coaches meet with umpire at 2:25 p.m.
 - Game begins at 2:30 p.m.
- 3.1.3 The home team infield shall begin thirty (30) minutes before game time.
- 3.1.4 The visiting team infield shall begin eighteen (18) minutes before game time.
- 3.1.5 The ground rules meeting shall begin five (5) minutes before game time.
- 3.1.6 Time adjustment by mutual consent of the two baseball coaches involved.
- 3.1.7 Games played on Sunday due to postponement from Saturday shall begin at 1:30 p.m.
- 3.2 **RULES TO GOVERN CONTEST:** NCAA rules.
- 3.2.1 All MIAC teams shall wear contrasting tops. The home team shall wear light uniforms and the visitors shall wear dark.
- 3.2.2 There will be no use of tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, of any kind by players or coaches.
- 3.2.3 The Wilson baseball shall be used as the game ball for all MIAC games. *(revised 05/07)*
- 3.3 **SITE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:** Infields must be dragged between games of double headers.
- 3.3.1 Teams must provide suitable plastic covers for the pitching mound and home plate area.
- 3.3.2 MIAC schools with a baseball field on campus must provide a bullpen for the visiting team.
- 3.4 **HOME TEAM SHALL:**
- 3.4.1 Provide game balls, water, and ice.
- 3.4.2 Call in results to the proper newspapers. *(added 4/90)*
- 3.5 **VISITING TEAM SHALL:**
- 3.5.1 Provide own towels, batting practice balls, and catching equipment.
- 3.5.2 Notify host school of departure time and lodging plans.
- 3.6 **VISITING TEAM ROSTER LIMIT:** 24-player roster limit for both games of a doubleheader *(revised 5/08, 5/07, 5/02, 3/00)*

- 3.6.1 Each school shall send their roster to all other coaches by April 2 (should include uniform number, height, weight, position, and year in school)
- 3.7 **POLICY FOR VIDEO/MOVIES:**
- 3.8 **PRESS BOX PROCEDURES/ASSIGNMENTS:**
- 4.0 **GAME SUPPORT STAFF**
- 4.1 **GAME OFFICIALS:** Two officials per game.
- 4.1.1 **POLICY TO ASSIGN OFFICIALS:** Officials will be assigned by the Executive Director through the Northwest Umpire Association. Officials for Concordia will be assigned through Northwest Umpire Association for MIAC games only. *(revised 05/07)*
- 4.1.2 **POLICY FOR SELECTING/RATING OFFICIALS:** Umpires shall be rated weekly by coaches filling out rating cards and forwarding same to assignment secretary. *(added 4/90)*
- 4.2 **SECONDARY OFFICIALS:** The coach of the home team shall be the official scorer in all MIAC games.
- 4.3 **SUPPORT PERSONNEL:** One scoreboard operator and ball chasers. Players should not be expected to chase balls. *(added 4/90)*
- 4.4 **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Athletic trainer in attendance or on call.
- 4.5 **OTHER**
- 5.0 **MIAC/NCAA STATISTICS:**
- 5.1 Each team is responsible for compiling their own statistics. Host teams are responsible for game statistics for conference games. *(revised 05/07, added 4/90)*
- 6.0 **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 6.1 **HOW DECIDED:** The conference championship will be awarded on a percentage basis. A team must play at least half of the conference schedule to be eligible for a championship.
- 6.2 **POLICY FOR TIE BREAKER:** In case of a tie, there shall be multiple champions.
- 7.0 **POST SEASON POLICY AND PROCEDURE**
- 7.1 **AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER:** Winner of the four team tournament. *(revised 8/99)*
- 7.2 **EVENT DESCRIPTION:** The MIAC baseball post season playoff will be held on the weekend before the NCAA Regional. The regionals are always one (1) week before the World Series which is always on Memorial Day Weekend. *(revised 5/03, 8/99)*
- 7.2.1 **PROCEDURE:** 4-team format.
 Friday Game 1: #1 vs #4, 3:30pm
 Game 2: #2 vs #3, 3:30pm
 Game 3: Winner game 1 vs Winner game 2, 7:00pm
 Game 4: Loser game 1 vs Loser game 2, 7:00pm
 Saturday Game 5: Loser game 3 vs Winner game 4, 1:00pm
 Game 6: Winner game 3 vs Winner game 5, 5:00pm
 Sunday Game 7: Winner game 6 vs Loser game 6, 1:00pm *(if necessary)*
 Friday: Game 1 and 3 at site A
 Game 2 and 4 at site B
 Saturday and Sunday: Games 5-7 at site A or B (one site only) *(added 05/06)*
- 7.2.2 **WHO ATTENDS:** Top four teams.
- 7.3 Post-season tie breaker *(added 5/03, revised 5/04)*
- 7.3.1 Head to head results
- 7.3.2 Results against other teams in playoffs
- 7.3.3. Results against teams not in playoffs from highest finish to lowest finish
- 7.3.4 Coin toss
- 7.4 **PLAYOFF UMPIRES:** All MIAC Baseball Playoff games will have three (3) umpires. *(added 05/06)*
- 8.0 **AWARDS**
- 8.1 **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:** A championship trophy will be provided by the conference for the team(s) which finishes first at the conclusion of the conference schedule. *(revised 1/92)*
- 8.2 **ALL CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES:** All-Conference team will consist of 27 players. *(revised 5/02)*
- 8.3 **COACH OF THE YEAR:** Selected by coaches at the May meeting. *(added 4/90)*
- 8.4 **MIAC MVP:** Selected by the coaches at the May meeting. *(added 4/90)*
- 8.5 **MIAC PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** Selected by the coaches at the May meeting. *(added 05/07)*
- 8.6 **MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM:** Teams will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach, with the head coach bringing the selection to the coaches meeting (where applicable or sent to conference office at the end of season). Only one student-athlete from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative, with final team choice selected by the head coach. The award will be publicized with

other conference awards at the end of the season. This award is in name only, no certificate or plaque provided (no ties allowed). *(added 12/06)*

9.0 **ALL CONFERENCE TEAM SELECTION**

- 9.1 When selected: The all-conference team will be selected at the May baseball coaches meeting which occurs when the season is concluded.
- 9.2 How selected: Coaches will nominate deserving players at each position from their own team. They will vote on the merits of each player, but cannot vote for their own players. This team is to be considered an all-star selection and the best players in the conference should be on it.

10.0 **MISCELLANEOUS**