

## MIAC Manual for the Conduct of Sports

### GENERAL SECTION

#### 1.0 ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT

##### 1.1 PERSONNEL AND JOB DESCRIPTION:

**HOW SELECTED:** The chairperson for the Athletic Directors' and the Coaches' groups chairperson and recorder shall be elected by the members of the respective groups at the end of the meeting which concludes the current administration's term.

**LENGTH OF TERM:** Chair of AD's: Three (3) years. Sport groups: Two (2) years.

**HOW REPLACED:** Should the chair position be vacated, the recorder would serve as chair until the group meets for another election.

1.1.1 A member of the Faculty Representatives Group will be in attendance at the Athletic Directors' meetings whenever possible. (*revised 1989*)

1.1.2 The MIAC office will: (for job descriptions see Appendix A)

- A. Be the administrative officer of the conference.
- B. Serve as treasurer to receive and hold all conference funds, and to pay all budgeted expenses upon proper authorization.
- C. Arrange for the selection and assignment of game officials in all sports as requested by the membership and oversee the planning and conduct of all conference playoffs and championships.
- D. Be responsible for the conference's sports information.
- E. Be responsible for the administration of the conference policies involving radio, television, and related programs as they develop.
- F. Serve as interpreter of the conference Constitution and Manual of Sports Policy and act as the investigative officer of the conference.
- G. Serve as a liaison between the NCAA and the conference.
- H. Perform other duties as appropriately defined by the Presidents, Faculty Athletic Representatives, and the Athletic Directors in concert. (*See Appendix A (added 5/95)*)

1.2 **DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON:** The chairperson shall call for agenda items one month prior to the meeting and circulate the agenda at least three weeks prior to the scheduled meetings. The chair shall also organize and conduct all Athletic Director's meetings.

1.2.1 At each meeting of the Athletic Director and/or coaches, each college shall be represented. Any college not represented at a meeting and without an adequate excuse must accept whatever business is transacted.

##### 1.3 DUTIES OF RECORDER:

- A. AD's and FAR's: The recorder will take minutes of the meetings and distribute minutes and legislation to AD's and FAR's.
- B. Coaches Groups: Recorder will take minutes and distribute minutes and legislation to coaches group and AD Liaison.

1.4 **DUTIES OF LIAISON:** One member of the Athletic Director's group will serve as the liaison between each coaching group and the Athletic Directors. Their responsibilities include:

1.4.1 To ensure the chair and recorder are elected and assume their duties.

1.4.2 To represent the Athletic Directors at the coaches meeting.

1.4.3 To represent the coaches' at the Athletic Directors' meeting by presenting minutes and action items for the coach's group.

1.4.4 Report to the Coaches' Committee Chair on action items considered by the Athletic Directors and the Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives. (*revised 1995*)

1.6 **DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETINGS:** The meetings for Faculty Athletic Representatives, Athletic Director and coach's groups will be held at one of the Twin Cities schools each year. A sport group can only have one business meeting a year in which to bring legislative motions before the Athletic Directors and Faculty Representatives. Any special meetings of the coach's groups must be approved by the current Chair of the Athletic Directors. Conference calls are strongly recommended (a report of such action to be given by the AD Liaison at the next scheduled AD's meeting).

1.6.1 The Athletic Directors shall meet in November, March and May (dates specified in the MIAC Directory).

1.6.1.1 The November and March meetings of the Athletic Directors and coaches are held at one of the six Twin Cities member schools. The May meeting will be held at one of the member colleges outside the Twin Cities area. The site rotation for meetings will follow the schedule below: (*revised 5/01, 5/94*)

**November/March**

Hamline 2008-2009  
 Macalester 2009-2010  
 St. Catherine 2010-2011  
 St. Thomas 2011-2012

**May**

Carleton 2009  
 Concordia 2010  
 Gustavus 2011  
 Saint Benedict 2012

- 1.6.2 The Faculty Athletic Representatives shall meet two weeks after the November and May Athletic Director's meetings. An agenda shall be received in writing at least one week prior to the meeting time.
- 1.6.3 The Athletic Trainers will meet in the spring, during the MATA Conf. *(revised 12/91)*
- 1.7 The MIAC shall have a student-athlete advisory committee. The MIAC Executive Director shall serve as the advisor. Legislation from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meetings will be submitted by the Executive Director at AD's meetings. *(revised 12/96)*
- 1.8 The site for all MIAC sponsored officials clinics will rotate according to the established site rotation for all MIAC meetings. Facility rental will not be charged but any refreshments supplied may be charged back to the conference.

**2.0 SPORTS SEASON REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 High school students shall not be permitted to practice and/or participate with or against MIAC students during the sports season for that sport. (This does not supersede NCAA rule on tryouts for evaluation.)
- 2.2 Athletes with eligibility remaining in this Conference shall not compete on All-Star or All-State teams.
- 2.3 Scrimmages, while defined as a contest may or may not be counted against the sports maximum number of contests – SEE SPECIFIC SPORT CODE FOR APPLICIABLE RULE.
- 2.4 The NCAA annual exemption(s) as listed under each sport in the NCAA Manual will not be counted towards the maximum number of contests or dates of competition allowed by the MIAC. *(added 1996)*
- 2.5 **Nontraditional Season.** The MIAC defines nontraditional season as the remaining portion of the playing season (See NCAA 17.1.2 and 17.1.3). (a) **Traditional Segment.** The portion of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in the sport shall be known as the "traditional segment". (b) **Nontraditional Segment.** The remaining portion of the playing season shall be known as the "nontraditional segment." *(revised 05/06, added 05/05)*
- 2.5.1 There is a limit of 7 optional athletically related practice dates as defined by the NCAA which may occur during the nontraditional season. Baseball and softball are allowed 12 optional athletically related practice dates. *(revised 05/08, added 05/05)*
- 2.5.2 A student-athlete may voluntarily participate in practice on a practice date; with the daily total not to exceed 4 hours in length. Institutions daily total may not exceed 8 hours for the one allowable alumni contest (if the sport allows). *(revised 05/07, added 05/05)*
- 2.5.2.1 Baseball alumni games will be allowed to be 6 hours in length. *(added 05/06)*
- 2.5.3 There shall be no organized **intercollegiate** competition during the nontraditional season. (Contests against alumni are not considered "intercollegiate" and are subject to specific NCAA/MIAC sport code rules.) *(revised 05/06, added 05/05)*
- 2.6 There shall be no organized intercollegiate competition beyond the declared playing season. Outside intercollegiate competition shall be considered "organized" if competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual or group from another collegiate institution and counted by the opposing team as intercollegiate competition. *(revised 05/06, added 05/05)*
- 2.6.1 Student-athletes are not prohibited from competing in city recreational leagues and other non-collegiate amateur organizations as long as the institution provides no expense, transportation, equipment, uniforms, facilities or registration fees. Members of the collegiate coaching staff may not be directly or indirectly involved in practice-related activities in a coaching or administrative capacity. (Additional sport specific MIAC/NCAA rules may apply) *(added 05/05)*

**3.0 Event/Contest Conduct**

- 3.1 MIAC Change of Schedule Form must be completed in order to change the time and/or date of a conference contest. Approval from both Athletic Directors, consent of the opposing coach, and communication with the MIAC Office must occur before any changes become official (exception: when changes are due to inclement weather).
- 3.1.2 In make-up events involving a second trip, the two participating schools shall share equally in reasonable additional expenses. *(added 5/02)*
- 3.2 The "HOME" team shall:
- 3.2.1 Report contest results to local and Twin Cities' media and to the conference office.
- 3.2.2 Emergency equipment and supplies will be available by the host school or emergency services at all athletic events. If equipment is given to a visiting school, the host trainer will call the visiting trainer following the contest to arrange for the return of equipment. *(revised 5/08, 5/99, 5/97)*

- 3.3 **Lightning Policy During Severe Weather:** (see Appendix F)
- 3.4 The "VISITING" team shall:
  - 3.4.1 Be responsible for their own property. (The home team is to safeguard the visiting team's property as well as it is possible).
  - 3.4.2 Provide their own towels and locks at all conference events.
  - 3.4.3 Notify the host ATC/R of special facility needs with respect to women ATC/R's traveling with men's teams and men ATC/R's traveling with women's teams. (added 5/99)
  - 3.4.4 Advance notice will be given to the host athletic trainer if a visiting team requires assistance for any pre-event taping, wrapping, padding, treatment, etc (revised 5/99, 4/89)
  - 3.4.5 Provide their own water bottles or drinking cups. (added 5/99).
  - 3.4.6 Visiting Team Roster Limit shall be defined as student-athletes in uniform in the team's bench area or on the sideline. (added 05/07)
- 3.5 Tickets shall be required for admission to all games of the Conference colleges where admission is charged. A membership card in the High School Coaches Association will admit high school coaches to Conference regular season games.
  - 3.5.1 When an admission fee is charged for a MIAC event, there shall be a reduced rate for students from visiting MIAC member institutions upon presentation of a valid school I.D. (revised 12/01, 12/96, 4/91)
  - 3.5.2 Recommended ticket prices for MIAC Playoff and Championship events shall be \$7.00 for adults (no senior discounts) and \$3.00 for students with IDs (age 5 and under free). (revised 5/03)
  - 3.5.3 The conference office will obtain and distribute Conference passes to the Athletic Directors of each institution. The Athletic Director will in turn distribute the passes to Faculty Representatives, coaches, salaried public relations employee, working scouts, press, radio, and television workers.
- 3.6 Participating colleges shall be permitted to video tape their teams at any sport event.
  - 3.6.1 Conference members are strongly encouraged to support all conference schools when competing against teams outside of the conference. In keeping with this, conference personnel are strongly urged not to offer any assistance to non-conference requests for scouting reports, tapes, or any information regarding conference members. Suggested response to a request "No, I can not; we have a conference policy prohibiting this."
- 3.7 No alcoholic beverages shall be sold on the premise of any athletic facilities used for intercollegiate athletic contests when conference schools are participating. Officials of conference schools shall take the necessary steps to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons attending Conference intercollegiate athletic events.
- 3.8 "Fight Rule": An athlete ejected from a Conference or non-conference contest for fighting shall sit out that contest as well as the next scheduled contest.
- 3.9 An infraction relating to a game conduct rule can be pursued under the formal complaint procedure. The Athletic Director of the accusing school will submit a written statement of the complaint to the Athletic Director of the accused school with copies sent to all other Athletic Directors of the Conference. The resolution of the complaint will occur at the next official meeting of the Athletic Directors, with the Athletic Directors of both schools involved being able to defend their position at that meeting. A game conduct protest must be filed with the Executive Director and the offending school within 48 hours of the competition involving misconduct.

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#### **GAME SUPPORT STAFF**

- 4.1 **OFFICIALS**
  - 4.1.1 Competent, non-students shall officiate all scheduled varsity Conference contests.
  - 4.1.2 A "flat fee" and authorized expense to officials shall be recommended by the budget committee and approved by the AD's and FAR's Committee at the spring meeting. (subject to re-evaluation every two years.) (Revised 8/95)
  - 4.1.3 Officials fees will be recommended by the budget committee and approved by the A.D.'s and FAR's. Officials for team sports will be paid through the Conference Office and institutions will be billed accordingly through conference assessments each season. (Added 5/00)
    - 4.1.3.1 The officials are expected to enforce the penalty on coaches for violating rules governing coaches on field and/or floor.
  - 4.1.4 If a game official fails to show up for a contest, it is the responsibility of the host institution's Athletic Director or designee to make the decision regarding the situation. (added 4/90)
- 4.2 **SECONDARY OFFICIALS**
- 4.3 **SUPPORT PERSONEL**
- 4.4 **MEDICAL PERSONEL**
  - 4.4.1.1 A physician is required to attend all football games.
  - 4.4.1.2 A physician must be present or on call for all hockey games. (revised 5/99)
  - 4.4.2 **CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER (ATC/R)**

- 4.4.2.1 Minimum ATC/R Coverage: ATC/R's must be on the sidelines at all home varsity conference events, with exceptions and additions listed below:
- \*\* Away Varsity Football - Sidelines
  - \*\* JV Football - Sidelines
  - \*\* JV Hockey - Sidelines
  - \*\* Other JV events - On - Site
  - \*\* Tennis, Golf, and Skiing - On - Call
  - \*\* Swimming - On - Site
- a. For events that take place off campus, without readily available ATC/R coverage, 911 or the first aid/emergency coverage provided by hosting facility, should be used.
- b. Sideline coverage is defined: ATC/R will be physically present and visually watching the competition.
- c. On-Site coverage is defined: ATC/R will be located on campus and can be physically present at the event within 5 minutes.
- d. On-Call coverage is defined: ATC/R will be available by phone or pager and can be physically present within a reasonable time. *(revised 5/03, 4/89)*
- 4.4.2.2 Student Athletic Trainers will now be referred to as Sports Medicine Assistants (SMA).  
Job description is as follows: *(added 12/02)*
- \*\* Must be able to provide and have current CPR and Standard First Aid Certification
  - \*\* Provide routine taping, stretching, and exercise
  - \*\* Provide superficial modalities (ice and/or hot pack)
  - \*\* Provide other modalities when approved and under the supervision of ATC/R.

## 5.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 **NCAA STUDENT AFFIDAVIT**
- 5.1.1 Since Conference Institutions will abide by NCAA regulations, eligibility for participation in MIAC Athletics is contingent upon the student-athlete signing the NCAA student-athlete affidavit annually.
- 5.2 **COMPLIANCE OFFICER:** The MIAC Executive Director shall serve as the Compliance Officer. *(revised 5/03)*
- 5.3 **MIAC ELIGIBILITY:** Conference schools will abide by the NCAA eligibility rules **PLUS** the following more stringent requirements:
- 5.3.1 A student-athlete must be registered for at least a minimum full-time program of studies (not less than 12 hours) in order to participate (practice and/or compete) in intercollegiate athletic competition. Only if the student is completing minimum degree requirements for graduation as stipulated by his/her institution may the student-athlete retain eligibility during the last term of attendance by enrolling in fewer credits than the minimum full-time program of studies. *(revised 5/03, 8/95)*
- 5.3.2 To be eligible for any intercollegiate competition, a student-athlete must be making normal progress toward a recognized degree and must satisfy the minimum standards of normal progress for the MIAC which are as follows:
- 5.3.2.1 In the previous academic year, accumulate an average of 12 credits per term. (This means a total of 24 semester credits, or 36 quarter, or 3-3-3 term credits.).
- 5.3.2.2 For students who have not yet attended for an academic year, normal progress shall be considered as accumulating an average of 12 credits per term.
- 5.3.2.3 For transfer students from four-year institutions, normal progress shall be considered as accumulating an average of 12 credits per term for each full-time term attended in the previous academic year. For transfer students from non-semester institutions to semester institutions, or vice versa, an academic year shall be considered as the least number of terms greater than or equal to a regular academic year.
- 5.3.2.4 For students who are transferring from a junior college, normal progress shall be considered as satisfying the criteria of 12 credits per term for each full-time term attended in the previous academic year, with the exception that a junior college graduate may waive the 12 credit per term stipulation for the last term at the junior college if 12 credits are not needed for graduation.
- 5.3.2.5 In the case of transfer student-athletes, the credits being counted toward normal progress shall be considered at face value of the institution where the credits were earned (i.e. semester or quarter).
- 5.3.2.6 A student-athlete, having received a Baccalaureate degree, is no longer eligible for any intercollegiate athletic competition in the MIAC.
- 5.3.2.7 If the student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a term, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date final grades are verified by the institution's registrar. (Should there be a problem in obtaining a grade, the Eligibility Chair will be notified and consulted) *(added 8/95)*
- 5.4 **ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVITS**
- 5.4.1 Each Conference school will submit one complete set of eligibility lists to the Eligibility Officer and maintain one set for their own files. A transcript for each transfer student must accompany this list.

- 1.4.2 Eligibility lists are due on the following dates: (*revised 5/03*)  
**Fall Sports (including NT Tennis)** ..... October 1  
**Winter Sports**..... December 1  
**Winter Sports, Second Term** ..... February 15  
**Indoor Track** ..... February 15  
**Spring Sports (including NT Golf)** ..... March 15  
 \*\* The spring sports eligibility lists for Carleton will be due March 30.
- 5.4.3 Any conference school has the right to request eligibility lists of any other conference school.
- 5.5 **TERM OF ATTENDANCE:** Any unit (semester/quarter/3-3-3 term) in which a student has registered for at least a minimum full time (not less than twelve (12) hours) program of studies as defined by the institution, and has attended the first day of classes for that term. If the student withdraws from an institution prior to the tenth day of classes, that term will be counted as a term of attendance, but will not be counted toward normal progress provided the student did not practice with the team at the time of the first contest. (*revised 5/97*)
- 5.5.1 **AN ACADEMIC YEAR:** The most recent sequence of two semesters, three quarters, three trimesters, or one semester and two quarters in which the student attempted twelve (12) credits or more. (*revised 5/97*)
- 5.5.2 **INTERIM TERM:** The interim is treated as a separate unit, equivalent for credit purposes to a summer session. If the student is in attendance during the fall semester, retains his/her eligibility, and is registered for the spring semester, the student may compete between terms without being registered for the interim term. Credits earned in the current academic year or subsequent to the current academic year are as defined in 5.5.1. (*revised 5/97*)
- 5.5.2.1 **PART TIME AND SUMMER CREDITS:** Part time and Summer School credits can be applied to normal progress provided they were earned within the academic year or subsequent to the current academic year as defined in 5.5.1.
- 5.5.3 **SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY:** An eligible student practicing with the squad at the time of the first game or thereafter shall be deemed to be a participant and thus, using one season of eligibility in the sport. This requirement is also applicable for transfer students, where a previously "red shirted" season shall count as a season of participation in the MIAC. A student who is ineligible will be charged with a season of participation if he/she practices with the squad at any time after having been determined to be ineligible. The conference eligibility chair when deciding whether to grant an additional year of eligibility to any MIAC athlete will apply the stipulations set forth by the NCAA hardship waiver under 14.2.5. (*added 12/90 per NCAA regulations*)
- 5.6 **RULE INFRACTION/COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:** SEE APPENDIX B
- 5.6.1 **INELIGIBLE STUDENT-ATHLETE PENALTIES:**  
 1. Student-athlete must be held out of competition, once eligible, for a minimum of an equal number of contests he/she competed in while ineligible.  
 2. Institution must forfeit any contest in which an ineligible student-athlete participated in.  
 3. If the institution using an ineligible student-athlete wins or ties the contest, the opposing team will be awarded a win, plus any standing points associated with the win.  
 4. If the institution using an ineligible student-athlete loses the contest, the result and standings will not be altered and the institution with the ineligible student-athlete will be awarded the loss. (*added 05/06*)
- 6.0 **CHAMPIONSHIPS/TOURNAMENTS** (*Revised 8/99, added 4/90*)  
 See Appendix G 'MIAC PLAYOFFS AND SPECIAL EVENTS'
- 7.0 **PLAYOFFS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:** (*Revised 8/99*)  
 See Appendix H 'MIAC PLAYOFFS AND SPECIAL EVENTS'
- 8.0 **AWARDS**
- 8.1 **TRAVELING ALL-SPORTS TROPHY**
- 8.1.1 A traveling All-Sports trophy will be awarded to the college that accumulates the best men's all-sports record during the course of a given athletic school year. This trophy, The George Durenberger Trophy, has been donated by Saint John's University.
- 8.1.1.1 Determination of the men's All-Sports Trophy will be based on the following point system: First place points will be determined by the number of teams participating in that sport. Second Place, Third place, etc., will receive points in a descending order, based on the first place point total. (*revised 5/03*)
- 8.1.2 A traveling All-Sports Trophy will be awarded to the college that accumulates the best women's all-sports record during the course of a given school year. This trophy, The Pat Wiesner Trophy, has been donated by Macalester College.
- 8.1.2.1 Determination of the women's All-Sports Trophy will be based on the following point system: First place points will be determined by the number of teams participating in that sport. Second Place, Third place, etc., will receive points in a descending order, based on the first place point total. (*revised 5/03*)

- 8.2 **MIAC AWARDS POLICY**
- 8.2.1 The Conference Champion will receive a plaque. Multiple ties for first place will be recognized by the awarding of a plaque to each team. The conference will provide a playoff trophy for any sport sponsoring a conference playoff to determine an automatic qualifier. *(revised 4/91)*
- 8.2.2 All-Conference Certificates will be given to sports as prescribed in their operating codes.
- 8.3 **MIAC ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE:** *(added 5/02, revised 06/06)*  
**Academic Qualifications:**
1. Must be a sophomore, junior or senior
  2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA based on the end of term when competitive season is completed (i.e. basketball would use GPA at end of Spring term)
  3. Transfers—Must have completed one academic year (full-time) at the institution prior to becoming eligible.
- Athletic Qualifications:**
1. Must be a member of a MIAC sponsored varsity sport team
  2. **Team Sports** (Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Ice Hockey, Football, Tennis): Must have competed in 50% of Varsity regular season contests.
    - a. Baseball – Pitchers must appear in ten contests *(added 05/06)*
  3. **Individual Sports**
    - a. Swimming/Diving – Qualify for finals of conference championship
    - b. Cross Country – Top 50 at MIAC championship or top 7 on each team at the MIAC Championship. *(revised 05/07)*
    - c. Golf – Be a member of competing team at the conference tournament
    - d. Track & Field – Earn honorable mention status (top 8) in individual events or place in the top three as a relay team at conference championship *(revised 05/06)*
- 8.3.1 The conference office will request names of Academic All-Conf. honorees from the AD's with a reporting deadline of January 15 (fall) and June 15 (winter and spring). *(added 5/04)*
- 8.3.2 Conference office provide certificates for Academic All-Conference *(added 12/03)*
- 8.4 **COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD:** The MIAC will honor each sport Coach of the Year with a plaque as determined by the individual sport codes. *(added 4/91)*
- 8.5 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**
- The Distinguished Service Award will be given upon retirement, resignation or re-assignment to any athletic administrator / FAR or other person who has served with distinction the MIAC **AND** his/her institution in athletics for a significant period of time.
  - The nomination(s) shall be reviewed by the Service Award Committee and their recommendation(s) will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
  - The award shall be presented either at an appropriate MIAC meeting or at an event at the recipient's home institution which will provide institution-wide visibility for the recipient. *(revised 5/01, added 4/90)*
- 8.6 The MIAC office will supply up to three (3) additional paper certificates for any sport that offers awards in addition to All-Conference (i.e.: MVP, Rookie of the Year, etc.). In order for a sport to receive an award, it must be listed in their code. *(added 12/02)*
- 8.7 **CONFERENCE AWARD NAMING POLICY:**
- a. For a conference award to carry the name of an individual from the conference, the individual should be highly recognized among our schools and have made significant contributions to the sport and/or conference.
  - b. Institutions and/or external constituencies who make nominations for naming a conference award should have the written support of at least one conference Faculty Athletic Representative.
  - c. Institutions and/or external constituencies who make nominations for naming a conference award should be prepared to endow the cost of the award.
  - d. The naming of awards for student-athletes is typically best suited to institutional awards more so than conference awards.
  - e. The naming rights to any conference award must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the conference.
- 9.0 **MISCELLANEOUS**
- 9.1 **MIAC Code of Ethics for honesty and sportsmanship:** Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall deport themselves with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

- 9.1.1 **The Coach** must be in control of his/her conduct at all times. He/she should show respect toward officials, athletes on both teams, opposing coaches, spectators and all others involved in the competition.
- 9.1.2 **The Coach** must be in control of her/his athletes so that their conduct is also directed in a positive and sportsmanship-like manner. His/her example is the best starting point: however, reprimand and disciplinary options must be applied when appropriate.
- 9.1.3 **The Coach** must not instruct his/her athletes to deliberately engage in illegal tactics, especially those that have a potential for injury.
- 9.1.4 **The Coach** should teach her/his athletes that they are to uphold the dignity of the sport.
- 9.1.5 **Coaches and Athletes** must not harass officials in regard to calls they make. It is appropriate for the captain or head coach to question interpretations of rules, but judgment should be accepted and competition must continue without disruption.
- 9.1.6 **The Coach and Athletes** should avoid behavior that might develop animosity between teams or individuals.
- 9.1.7 **The Coach and Athletes** should do whatever is in their power to encourage enthusiasm from spectators (and certainly partisanship is appropriate), but any form of disrespect toward the opposition should be discouraged. Courtesy and consideration is expected treatment for visiting teams.
- 9.1.8 **Athletic participation** is designed for the enjoyment of the athletes, coaches, spectators, and all officials--skill, hard work, hustle, teamwork, and excellent effort should be appreciated and commended. *(added 3/93)*
- 9.1.9 **The Head Coach** is strongly recommended to be certified in Standard First Aid and CPR. *(added 12/02)*