

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

- 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 annual meeting will be held on the Sunday after the last regular season game at one of the Twin Cities schools. *(revised 05/06, 3/00)*
- 2.0 **SPORTS SEASON**
 - 2.1 **TRADITIONAL SEASON:**
 - 2.1.1 **PRACTICE GUIDELINES:** Official on-ice practice shall not commence prior to the date that permits a maximum of 16 practice opportunities prior to the first permissible contest date and ends with the NCAA Division III Championships. A pre-season dry land conditioning program may start October 1st as long as it falls within the allotted 19 week playing season. *(revised 5/04, 8/95, 4/90)*
 - 2.1.2 **FIRST DATE FOR COMPETITION:** The first permissible contest date shall be the first Friday in November. One team each season has the option to begin play the last Friday in October (the one team will be the institution in the NCHA interlock without a MIAC travel partner). One annual Alumni game will be considered an exception to the first allowable date of competition as long as it falls after the starting date of practice. A one year exemption will allow the 2008-09 Men's Hockey season to begin on the weekend of October 31 and November 1, 2008. *(revised 05/08, 05/07, 3/00, 5/98, 8/95, 1988)*
 - 2.2 **NON TRADITIONAL SEASON:** NONE
 - 2.3 **NUMBER OF VARSITY CONTESTS:** The varsity hockey schedule shall not exceed twenty-five (25) contests. *(revised 12/91)* A contest against alumni will not be counted toward the maximum number of contests allowed. *(revised 4/92)*
 - 2.3.1 **NUMBER OF JUNIOR VARSITY CONTESTS:** The junior varsity hockey schedule shall not exceed 18 contests. *(revised 5/98)*
 - 2.3.1.1 No hockey player shall play in more than a total of 25 games in a season counting regular season varsity and junior varsity games. *(revised 12/91)*
 - 2.4 **CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT:** See 7.0
 - 2.5 **SCHEDULING POLICY:** The conference hockey schedule shall be a double round robin set at the November meeting.
 - 2.5.1 **LAST DATE FOR CONFERENCE COMPETITION:**
 - 2.6 **POSTPONEMENT/RESCHEDULING, ETC.:**
- 3.0 **GAME/MATCH/MEET/CONDUCT**
 - 3.1 **STARTING TIMES:** Time of contest shall be determined by the home team and agreed to by the visiting school (ice availability).
 - 3.1.1 Teams will exchange lineup charts prior to pre-game warm-ups. *(added 3/00)*
 - 3.2 **RULES WHICH GOVERN CONTEST:** The NCAA rules shall govern all games.
 - 3.2.1 Conference games must be played indoors on artificial ice.
 - 3.2.2 The host school shall wear light jerseys and the visitor shall wear dark.
 - 3.3 **SITE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:** Ice shall be resurfaced between periods.
 - 3.4 **HOME TEAM SHALL:**
 - 3.4.1 The home team will supply a minimum of twenty (20) pucks for visiting team's warm up. *(revised 5/98)*
 - 3.4.2 Private dressing room should be assigned to game officials if possible.

- 3.4.3 Provide the visiting team with a conference statistical sheet (triplicate).
- 3.5 **VISITING TEAM SHALL:**
- 3.6 **VISITING TEAM ROSTER LIMIT:** The visiting team roster limit for Conference games shall not exceed eighteen players plus three goalies -- twenty-one plus three extra for overnight doubleheaders. *(revised 05/07, 1988)*
- 3.7 **VIDEO/MOVIE POLICIES:**
- 3.8 **PRESS BOX PROCEDURES/ASSIGNMENTS:**
- 4.0 **GAME OFFICIALS**
 - 4.1 **GAME OFFICIALS:** Two referees and one linesman shall be assigned to administer game rules. *(revised 5/99, 5/98)*
 - 4.1.1 **POLICY TO ASSIGN OFFICIAL:** Executive Director assigns officials for all MIAC schools.
 - 4.1.2 **POLICY TO RATE OFFICIALS:** The rating policy and procedures will be handled through the MIAC office under the direction of the Executive Director of the MIAC. *(revised 05/06, 5/98)*
 - 4.2 **SECONDARY OFFICIALS:** Other game officials shall be trained and competent.
 - 4.2.1 **TIMER**
 - 4.2.2 **SCORER**
 - 4.2.3 **GOAL JUDGES:** Two adult non-student goal judges are required. *(revised 05/05, 4/90)*
 - 4.3 **SUPPORT PERSONNEL:**
 - 4.4 **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** A certified athletic trainer should be in attendance at all hockey games. *(revised 5/98)*
 - 4.5 **OTHER:**
- 5.0 **MIAC/NCAA STATISTICS, ETC.**
- 6.0 **DETERMINATION OF CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**
 - 6.1 **HOW DECIDED:**
 - 6.1.1 To be eligible a team must play all competing MIAC schools twice (double round robin).
 - 6.1.2 Championship shall be awarded to team with most points based on two points per win, one point for tie.
 - 6.2 **TIE BREAKERS/CO CHAMPS, ETC.:** In the event of a tie, there shall be co-champions.
- 7.0 **POST SEASON POLICY AND PROCEDURE**
 - 7.1 **AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER:** The MIAC hockey tournament champion shall be the conference representative to the NCAA selection committee. *(revised 5/01, added 3/86)*
 - 7.2 **EVENT:** Five-team, single elimination, high seed host (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) post season playoff which will take place on a weekend prior to the NCAA quarterfinals (#5 @ #4 to be played on Tuesday, #4/5 @ 1 and #3 @ #2 on Thursday, championship at highest remaining seed on Saturday). A one year exemption will allow the MIAC Post Season Tournament in 2008-09 to be moved back one week to match up with the NCAA Tournament. 2009 MIAC Playoff Schedule: Thursday, February 26 – First Round; Saturday, February 28 – Semifinals; Wednesday, March 4 – Finals. *(revised 05/08, 05/07, 5/03, 12/01, 5/01, 5/98)*
 - 7.2.1 **PROCESS TO QUALIFY:** Top five (5) teams at the conclusion of the MIAC schedule.
 - 7.2.1.1 **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE** (for top five teams and placing the top five): based only on conference competition.
 - 7.2.1.2 Results of head to head competition.
 - 7.2.1.3 Results against all teams above those tied. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.4 Results against all teams, beginning in rank order. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.5 Order of losses, beginning with the ninth place team and moving up to those tied. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.6 Total goal series, with those tied. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.7 Goal differential for total conference season. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.8 Number of overtime losses. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.2.1.9 Random Selection. *(revised 05/06)*
 - 7.3 **PLAYOFF PROCEDURE**
 - 7.3.1 On the first day of the tournament: #4 seed vs. #5 seed
 - 7.3.2 On the second day of the tournament: #4 or #5 winner vs. #1 seed, #2 seed vs. #3 seed *(revised 5/03, 5/01, 12/93, 4/90)*
 - 7.3.3 On the third day of the tournament: Winners from the previous day will play for the championship *(revised 5/03, 5/01)*
 - 7.3.4: If the same institution is hosting both men's and women's playoff games on the same day, a four hour gap should be scheduled between the start times of the games. (i.e. 4:00pm and 8:00pm) *(added 05/05)*
 - 7.4 **ADMISSION:** Determined by the MIAC Budget Committee.

- 7.5 **OFFICIALS:** Assigned by MIAC Executive Director with consultation of MIAC supervision of officials based on season long rankings.
- 7.6 **GAME SUPPORT:**
- 7.7 **PROTEST COMMITTEE:**
- 7.8 **OTHER:**
- 8.0 **AWARDS**
- 9.3 **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:** The conference champion shall receive the MIAC plaque. The Don Roberts Traveling Trophy will be presented and retained for one year by the conference champion. *(revised 5/98)*
- 8.1.1 The Ed Saugestad Cup will be presented to the playoff champion as a traveling trophy. *(added 5/98)*
- 8.2 **ALL CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES/EVENT CERTIFICATES:** All Conference Certificates shall be given top 20 players named (2 goalies, 6 defensemen, and 12 forwards).
- 8.3 **COACH OF THE YEAR:** Coaches will vote.
- 8.4 **MIAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Coaches will vote.
- 8.5 **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 SELECTIONS**
- 9.1 Coaches nominate players from own team. The recorder shall be responsible for soliciting nominations and producing and distributing the list of nominees. Vote of coaches. Can't vote for own player. A preliminary ballot will be sent out to the coaches to list players they feel are deserving of all conference recognition. This will be mailed the Friday of the second-to-last week-end of regular season play. *(revised 5/98, 8/95)*
- 9.2 Coaches should nominate the players they feel are deserving of consideration. This will insure that the best players are on the final ballot. *(added 8/95)*
- 9.3 A final roster of all players nominated will be sent back within the final week of play. *(added 8/95)*
- 9.4 In order to be named 'honorable mention' all conference, a player must be placed on the all conference ballot and receive a minimum of one vote. *(added 5/01)*
- 9.5 The All-Conference voting procedure will be to rank the nominees of:
Forward (12), Defense (6), and goalies (2) *(added 5/03)* (From this ranking, a first team of 6 forwards, 4 defensemen, and 2 goalies will be submitted to the AHCA as All-American candidates.)
- 9.6 All Rookie Team: Players selected must be playing their first year of collegiate hockey, determined by MIAC rules. Players selected will include three (3) forwards, two (2) defensemen, and One (1) goalie. *(added 05/05)*
- 10.0 **MISC.**