

## VOLLEYBALL

### 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:** 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:** Record minutes of each meeting and distribute to coaches. The recorder shall also distribute the minutes and action items to the liaison and the AD's.

1.4 **DUTIES OF LIAISON:** To represent the volleyball coaches at A.D. meetings, and A.D.'s at Volleyball Coaches meetings. To present minutes and action items to the A.D.s. Report result of action items back to volleyball coaches.

1.5 **PLAYOFF DIRECTOR:**

1.6 **DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETINGS:** The annual coaches meeting will be on the Monday following the MIAC playoffs at 10am. (*revised 12/05*)

### 2.0 SPORTS SEASON

#### 2.1 TRADITIONAL SEASON:

2.1.1 **PRACTICE GUIDELINES:** Official pre-season practice shall not commence prior to the date that permits a maximum of 16 practice opportunities prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate game or prior to September 1 whichever is later. (*revised NCAA 1/94, revised 4/92*)

2.1.2 **FIRST DATE FOR COMPETITION:** The first date of competition shall be September 1st or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, except that an unlimited number of exhibition scrimmages may be conducted on one date during the preseason practice period which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition. (*revised 12/06, NCAA 1/94, revised 4/92*)

2.2 **NONTRADITIONAL SEASON:** There shall be no intercollegiate competition during the non-traditional season and a limit of 7 optional practice opportunities as defined by the NCAA. (*Revised Fall 90*) Practices in the non-traditional season are limited to five weeks. (*NCAA 1/01*)

2.3 **NUMBER OF VARSITY CONTESTS:** The volleyball season shall be 22 dates, including scrimmages. An alumnae game and the conference tournaments will not be counted toward the maximum number of dates allowed. The alumnae game may be held during either the Traditional or Nontraditional season (per NCAA by law 17.27.10) (*revised 05/05, 4/91*)

2.3.1 **NUMBER OF JUNIOR VARSITY CONTESTS:** N/A

2.3.2 No athlete can play in more than the total number of varsity dates, including scrimmages. (*revised 2/96*)

2.4 **CONFERENCE PLAYOFF:** The conference playoff shall be held the first weekend prior to the NCAA Division III Regional. Information shall be received from the tournament director the week prior to the tournament.

2.5 **SCHEDULING POLICY:** The conference shall schedule single round robin play consisting of 3/5 games for varsity. Schools offering a junior varsity program will also schedule best 2/3 matches with rally scoring in the third game prior to the varsity match. (*revised 12/93, 12/92*)

2.5.1 **DATE OF LAST CONFERENCE EVENT:** Shall be the Saturday prior to the first round of the MIAC Championship Playoffs. (*revised 12/06, 12/01*)

2.5.2 The MIAC Executive Director shall redraw for round robin order every odd year. In even years, the schedule shall be the reverse of the previous years. Scheduling assignment shall be plugged into the following skeleton format: (*revised 1994*)

MIAC Volleyball Scheduling Matrix

	1st Wed	2nd Wed	3rd Sat	Fri	Sat	4th Wed	5th Wed	Fri	Sat	6th Wed	7th Sat
M	hT4	aT6	aT3	hB	hC	hN1	hT1	aT5	aT2	aN2	aG
C	hT2	aT1	hT6	aN1	aM	hT5	aT4	hG	hN2	hT3	aB
B	aT3	aT2	hT5	aM	aN1	hT4	aT6	hN2	hG	aT1	hC
G	aT5	hN1	aT4	hT1	hT3	aN2	hT2	aC	aB	hT6	hM
N1	hT1	aG	aT2	hC	hB	aM	hT5	aT3	aT6	aT4	hN2
N2	hT6	aT5	aT1	hT2	hT4	hG	hT3	aB	aC	hM	aN1
T1	aN1	hC	hN2	aG	aT2	hT3	aM	hT6	aT4	hB	aT5
T2	aC	hB	hN1	aN2	hT1	aT6	aG	hT4	hM	aT5	aT3
T3	hB	aT4	hM	hT6	aG	aT1	aN2	hN1	hT5	aC	hT2
T4	aM	hT3	hG	aT5	aN2	aB	hC	aT2	hT1	hN1	hT6
T5	hg	hN2	aB	hT4	aT6	aC	aN1	hM	aT3	hT2	hT1
T6	aN2	hM	aC	aT3	hT5	hT2	hB	aT1	hN1	aG	aT4

M=St. Mary's, C=Concordia, B=St. Benedict's, G=Gustavus, N1 and N2 are drawn for St. Olaf and Carleton, T1 through T6 are drawn for the six Twin Cities teams.

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When redrawing the round robin order, the Director shall randomly assign the two Northfield schools to N1 and N2 and the six Twin Cities schools to T1 through T6.

Concordia and Saint Benedict are travel partners, Saint Mary’s and N1 are travel partners, and Gustavus and N2 are travel partners. Before redrawing the round robin order, the Director shall consult with six travel partner schools regarding the dates of long weekends at those schools during the next two years. If it is possible to avoid scheduling home matches at schools on their long weekends, the Director shall arrange blocks II, III, and IV to accommodate all schools. If it is not possible to accommodate all schools, the Director shall accommodate as many schools as possible in a way that will allow the maximum use of weekend travel and in a way that randomly chooses which teams’ long weekends are accommodated. Also, if requested and if possible, the Director shall accommodate other weekend scheduling requests from the travel partner schools.

2.6 **POLICY FOR POSTPONEMENT/RESCHEDULING, ETC.:** If matches are postponed at the discretion of the Athletic Directors or the Presidents, respective coaches shall, within two days, agree upon a new match date. This new date shall fall within two weeks of the originally scheduled match date. Athletic Directors shall have final approval. *(revised 12/01)*

2.7 **PRE-SEASON COACHES POLL:** MIAC coaches nominate, select and present to conference Sports Information Directors a Pre-Season volleyball poll. Coaches will receive and complete a ballot by August 15 to be submitted to the MIAC office by August 25. *(added 12/00)*

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

3.1 **STARTING TIMES:** The matches shall be scheduled for Wednesday and **Friday** evenings at **5:30 p.m. (JV) and 7:00 p.m. (V)**. Saturday afternoon matches shall have a start time of 1:30 p.m. (JV) and 3:00 p.m. (V).” *(revised 12/04, 12/02, 12/97, 12/92, 12/91)*

3.1.1 For MIAC matches, follow the pre-match protocol as described in the NCAA guide. Procedure: teams on the baseline play anthem (optional), announce non-starters, then starters, 1st whistle by officials- captains meet at net to shake hands, second whistle- rest of team comes to net to shake hands, teams go to bench, starters go out to the baseline. Teams will be permitted to add a three minute recognition segment to MIAC match protocol prior to team introductions. *(revised 12/02, 12/99, added 12/91)*

3.1 **RULES UNDER WHICH CONTEST IS PLAYED:** The NCAA rules shall govern the conduct of the game.

3.2.1 **OFFICIAL BALL:** The official ball in all MIAC conference matches shall be the NCAA championship game ball. *(revised 12/05, 12/04, 12/03, added 5/97)*

3.2.2 For MIAC matches the mandatory three (3) minute break may be expanded to five (5) minutes to accommodate promotional activities at the discretion of the home coach. *(revised 12/03, 12/02, 12/91)*

3.3 **SITE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:** The playing areas shall be available for pre-game warm-up sixty minutes prior to the start of a single match or the first match of the evening, and 50 minutes prior to the start of the second match unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches. *(revised 12/06, 12/04)*

3.4 **HOME TEAM SHALL:**

3.4.1 Provide three official game balls, one score keeper, a libero tracker, and a visible scoring device. *(revised 12/06, 12/05, 12/98, 12/90)*

- 3.4.1.1 **SCORER'S TABLE:** The scorer's table is opposite the referee's stand between the benches. There should be chairs at the table for both referees, the scorekeeper and the line judges. At least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time, host management should provide carbonated score sheets (including a deciding game score sheet), line-up sheets, blank roster sheets, match protocol instructions, red and blue/black pens, and at least three (3) game balls. *(revised 12/07, 5/97)*
- 3.4.2 Provide the visiting school with 10 game quality practice balls for all conference matches. *(revised 12/87)*
- 3.4.3 Shall report the scores to the local news media.
- 3.4.4 Shall provide a dressing room for the visiting team.
- 3.5 **VISITING TEAM SHALL:**
- 3.6 **VISITING TEAM ROSTER LIMIT:** Visiting team roster limit shall coincide with NCAA Championship Protocol. *(revised 05/07, 12/05, 12/97)*
- 3.7 **POLICY FOR VIDEO/MOVIE:** Every effort will be made to help the visiting team videotape a match from behind the court. The visiting team should bring camera, video tape and extension cord. Teams will provide each conference school with one match videotape recorded in digital format to be selected prior to September 1. Video package will include a DVD, match score sheets, NCAA Box Scores, team rosters, and cumulative statistics (unless available on the institution website), by priority mail within two working days of the requested match. No team may request a match that takes place fewer than 7 days prior to the MIAC match with that team. It is recommended that teams obtain delivery confirmation (tracking number) when sending tapes priority mail. Coaches should report noncompliance to conference office. *(revised 12/07, 12/06, 12/05, 12/03, 12/02, 12/00, 12/99, 12/98)*
- 3.8 **PRESS BOX PROCEDURES/ASSIGNMENTS:**
- 4.0 **GAME SUPPORT STAFF**
- 4.1 **GAME OFFICIALS:** Two PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) state rated officials for varsity matches. *(revised 12/07, 12/04)*
- 4.1.1 **POLICY TO ASSIGN OFFICIALS:** The MIAC assignor shall assign officials for all Varsity matches. *(revised 12/04)*
- 4.1.2 **POLICY FOR SELECTING/RATING OFFICIALS:**
- 4.2 **SECONDARY OFFICIALS:** One scorekeeper and one assistant scorekeeper. *(revised 12/04)*
- 4.3 **SUPPORT PERSONNEL:** Starting in 2006, two rated line judges will be required for conference matches. Line judges should be dressed in white shirts and dark pants. A ball rotation crew should be provided at all MIAC matches. *(revised 12/05, 12/04, 12/97)*
- 4.4 **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** An Athletic Trainer should be present or on call. (general)
- 4.5 **OTHER:**
- 5.0 **MIAC/NCAA STATISTICS, ETC.** The NCAA Box score recorded by the host team event staff will serve as the MIAC and NCAA official statistics for both teams. *(revised 12/00, 12/99)*
- 5.1 Teams will confer immediately following the match and agree on any changes to be made. Statistics submitted by the home school shall be the official statistics for the match. *(added 12/01)*
- 5.2 A printed copy of the Official Box Score will be available to the visiting team within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the match. *(added 12/03)*
- 6.0 **DETERMINATION OF CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 6.1 **HOW DECIDED:** To be eligible, a team must play every other MIAC team (single round robin). Championship will be awarded on a percentage win-loss basis. *(revised 12/99)*
- 6.2 **POLICY FOR TIE BREAKERS:** In the event of a tie, duplicate trophies will be furnished by the conference. *(revised 12/99)*
- 6.3 **PROCEDURE FOR THE MIAC CONFERENCE PLAYOFF:** Six (6) team, high seed host (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) post season playoff prior to the Regional NCAA Tournament. The established pairings would give a first round bye to #1 and #2 seeds with #6 @ #3 and #5 @ #4 played at 7:00pm on Tuesday. Thursday night semifinals consist of #1 hosting winner of #4-#5 and #2 hosting winner of #3-#6. Finals will be at 7:00pm Saturday hosted at the highest remaining seed. *(revised 12/03, 5/03, 12/02, 12/00, 12/99, 12/91)*
- 6.3.1.1 In case of a two-way tie in Conference match play, the winner of the match between those two teams will receive the higher rank. In case of multiple team ties, the teams shall be ranked using the following criteria:(a) match record percentage during matches between all tied teams; (b) game record percentage during matches between all tied teams; (c) point spread during matches between all tied teams; (d) game record percentage during a conference play; (e) point spread during all conference play; (f) flip of the coin. These criteria shall be used in order, even if a tie is partially resolved at a level. Continue to use the results from matches between all originally tied teams for levels b) and c) even if a tie is partially resolved at a prior level.
- 6.3.1.2 A maximum of 30 minutes prior to the NCAA warm-up protocol shall be allotted if matches run long. *(added 12/91)*

- 6.4 **ADMISSION:** Determined by the conference office. See General Section 3.5.2.
- 6.5 **OFFICIALS:** The assignor of officials shall select the officials to officiate the MIAC Playoffs, as well as the line judges. *(revised 12/03)*
- 6.6 **GAME SUPPORT:** It is recommended that the MIAC hire rated line judges at the MIAC volleyball playoff. *(revised 12/07, 12/91)*
- 6.7 **PROTEST COMMITTEE:**
- 6.8 **OTHER:**
- 6.8.1 **CLOSING CEREMONIES:** At the conclusion of the championship the host school will be responsible for hosting a brief ceremony where the Playoff Plaque is presented and the All-MIAC Playoff Team is announced. *(revised 12/03, 12/87)*
- 7.0 **POST SEASON POLICY AND PROCEDURE**
- 7.1 **AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER to NCAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:** The MIAC playoff champion shall receive the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA national tournament.
- 7.2 Points for the Pat Wiesner Trophy will be awarded for places determined during the regular season MIAC competition. *(added 12/99)*
- 8.0 **AWARDS**
- 8.1 **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:** The Conference champion will receive the team trophy.
- 8.2 **CONFERENCE PLAYOFF PLAQUE:** Goes to the Playoff Champion.
- 8.3 **ALL-CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES/EVENTS CERTIFICATES:** All-Conference certificates awarded to 18 members of the All-Conference team. MIAC recognize by name the First Year 'of Eligibility' of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, and MVP as selected by the coaches. *(revised 12/02, 12/00)*
- 8.4 **COACH OF THE YEAR:** Coach of the year shall be voted on the Monday prior to the last conference match. Each coach should vote for one coach by submitting this vote to the conference office by noon on Monday. The Coach receiving the highest number of votes shall become the "Coach of the Year". *(revised 12/05)*
- 8.5 **MIAC MVP:** The MIAC player of the year for volleyball shall be the player who receives the highest number of all-conference votes.
- 8.6 **Player of the Week:** The Players of the Week will be selected by a committee made up of three MIAC Volleyball coaches. Nominations for the Players of the Week will be due to the committee by 10 a.m. Monday morning, beginning the Monday after the first weekend of play. The chairman of the committee will forward the Player of the Week selections to the MIAC office and the rest of the volleyball coaches. Certificates will be provided from the conference office for Players of the Week selections. *(revised 12/03, added 12/99)*
- 8.7 A six person All-MIAC Playoff Team will be selected by the coaches of the 6 participating teams and given recognition only. The winning coach of each match will vote for two of their own players, and the losing coach of each match will vote for one of their own players. The winning team will carry the votes forward to the next match. The top 6 vote getters will make up the All-MIAC Playoff Team. These names will be released by the institution that hosts the championship match. *(revised 12/05, 12/03, 12/02, 12/00, 12/90, 12/86)*
- 8.8 **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 **SELECTIONS:**
- 9.1.1 All-Conference selection includes 18 first team members. Included in the first team is the MVP (top vote getter). The MIAC will also recognize 'Rookie of the Year' and 'Defensive Player of the Year'. *(revised 12/05, 12/03, 12/02, 12/00, 12/90, 12/86)*
- 9.1.2 Each coach shall nominate outstanding volleyball players from his/her team by noon Tuesday prior to the last conference match. The ballot should be sent to the MIAC volleyball coaches by noon Thursday. Ballots are due to the conference office by noon Friday. *(revised 12/07, 12/05)*
- 9.1.3 The coaches shall receive the ballot listing all nominees. Each coach shall cast 15 votes in rank order for the 18 member All-Conference Team. Coaches may not vote for their own players. The MIAC All-Conference Team shall be released on Wednesday prior to the MIAC playoff final four. All individuals included in a tie shall be included on the All-Conference team. *(revised 12/05, 12/03, 12/02, 12/01, 12/86)*
- 9.1.4 Before voting for MIAC All-Conference, coach should: *(revised 12/86)*

- a. Consider the placement of the nominee's team in the MIAC standing.
- b. Consider upper class status of nominees.
- c. Review and compare MIAC and overall stats for nominees, especially at similar positions.  
(revised 12/99)
- d. Consider coaches recommendation.
- e. Consider observation of player in competition situation.

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**MISC. WHEN NECESSARY/HOLIDAY TOURNEY/PRE-SEASON PLAY/FOREIGN TOURS, ETC.**