

## WOMEN'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 the Sunday prior to conference playoffs. (*revised 5/01, 5/99*)
- 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 sixteen (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*)
- 2.1.2 **FIRST DATE FOR COMPETITION:** The first permissible contest date shall be the first Friday in November. 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 be granted for the 2008-09 season allowing the first permissible contest date to be Friday, October 31, 2008. (*revised 05/07, 3/00*)
- 2.2 **NON TRADITIONAL SEASON:** NONE
- 2.3 **NUMBER OF VARSITY CONTESTS:** The varsity hockey schedule shall not exceed twenty-five (25) contests. A contest against alumni will not be counted toward the maximum number of contests allowed.
- 2.3.1 **NUMBER OF JUNIOR VARSITY CONTESTS:** The junior varsity hockey schedule shall not exceed 18 contests.
- 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.
- 2.5 **SCHEDULING POLICY:** The conference hockey schedule shall be a double round robin in a back to back format that requires teams to play each other two times in a one-week period. (*revised 05/05, 5/02, 5/01, added 5/99*)  
**SCHEDULING ROTATION follows:**
- | Week 1 | Wk 2 | Wk 3 | Wk 4 | Wk 5 | Wk 6 | Wk 7 | Wk 8 | Wk 9 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1v8    | 1v6  | 1v4  | 1v2  | 1v9  | 1v7  | 1v5  | 1v3  | 2v9  |
| 2v7    | 2v5  | 2v3  | 3v9  | 2v8  | 2v6  | 2v4  | 4v9  | 3v8  |
| 3v6    | 3v4  | 5v9  | 4v8  | 3v7  | 3v5  | 6v9  | 5v8  | 4v7  |
| 4v5    | 7v9  | 6v8  | 5v7  | 4v6  | 8v9  | 7v8  | 6v7  | 5v6  |
| 9v10   | 8v10 | 7v10 | 6v10 | 5v10 | 4v10 | 3v10 | 2v10 | 1v10 |
- TEAM ROTATION**  
 The weekends of play for the following year will be determined by the coaches in their fall meeting. (*revised 05/07, 05/05*)
- 2.5.1.1 **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).

- 3.2 **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 visitors 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.
- 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 (18) players plus three (3) goalies -- twenty-one plus three extra for overnight doubleheaders. *(revised 05/07)*
- 3.7 **VIDEO/MOVIE POLICIES:**
- 3.8 **PRESS BOX PROCEDURES/ASSIGNMENTS:**
- 4.0 **GAME OFFICIALS**
- 4.1 **GAME OFFICIALS:** Two (2) referees and one (1) linesman shall be assigned to administer game rules. *(revised 5/02)*
- 4.1.1 **POLICY TO ASSIGN OFFICIAL:** Executive Director assigns officials for all MIAC schools.
- 4.1.2 **POLICY TO RATE OFFICIALS:** A selected group of officials will be determined by combining ratings of coaches, an assigned evaluator, and the officials association's internal ratings. Assignment approvals are to be made by a composite of two (2) sources: Head Evaluator and MIAC Director. *(revised 5/01)*
- 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:**
- 4.3 **SUPPORT PERSONNEL:**
- 4.4 **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** A certified athletic trainer should be in attendance at all hockey games.
- 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 Conference 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. In the event that the MIAC playoff cannot be completed, the highest remaining seed will be designated as the automatic qualifier. *(revised 5/03, 5/01)*
- 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 be granted allowing the MIAC post season tournament in March of 2008 to be played over two weeks to align with the NCAA Tournament. 2008 MIAC Playoff Schedule: Thursday, February 28 –First Round; Saturday, March 1 – Semifinals; Wednesday, March 5 – Finals. *(revised 05/07, 5/03, 12/01, 5/01)*
- 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. *(revised 5/08, 5/01)*
- 7.2.1.2 Results of head to head competition.
- 7.2.1.3 Results against all teams above tied teams
- 7.2.1.4 Results against all teams in rank order
- 7.2.1.5 Head to head goal differential
- 7.2.1.6 Number of overtime losses
- 7.2.1.7 Coin toss
- 7.3 **PLAYOFF PROCEDURE**
- 7.3.1 On the first day of the tournament: #4 seed vs. #5 seed *(revised 5/01, corrected 5/04)*

- 7.3.2 On the second day of the tournament: #4 or #5 winner vs. #1 seed, #2 seed vs. #3 seed (*revised 5/01, corrected 5/04*)
- 7.3.3 On the third day of the tournament: Winners from the previous day will play for the championship (*revised 5/01, corrected 5/04*)
- 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**
- 8.1 **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:** The conference champion shall receive the MIAC plaque.
- 8.2 **ALL CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES/EVENT CERTIFICATES:** All Conference Certificates shall be given to the top 20 players named (2 goalies, 6 defenders, and 12 forwards.) (*revised 05/06, 5/04, 3/00, 5/99*)
- 8.3 **COACH OF THE YEAR:** Coaches will vote.
- 8.4 **MIAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Coaches will vote.
- 8.5 **SHEILA BROWN AWARD**  
The Sheila Brown Award is given to one senior who has made a long-term contribution to her team's success and who has consistently competed with good sportsmanship. The following criteria will be used in selecting the award winner:  
  1. Team leadership
  2. Sportsmanship and volunteer work
  3. Academic excellence
  4. Hockey skills and production
To be eligible, a player must be nominated by her coach and submit a short essay on how hockey has added to her college experience, focusing primarily on the four criteria areas. The recipient will be determined by a committee comprised of the St. Catherine FAR, AD, and the chair of the women's hockey coaches group. St. Catherine will provide a plaque each year to the winner. (*added 05/05*)
- 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 SELECTIONS**
- 9.1 At the end of the season meeting, coaches will nominate forwards, defense, and goalies that they feel are worthy of consideration. All coaches will have the opportunity to speak in support of their nominees. Coaches will then vote for their top 12 forwards, 6 defenders, and 2 goalies. The top vote getters in each category will be named all-conference. (*revised 05/06*)
- 9.2 Any student-athletes who are not named all-conference, but receive at least one vote will be named all-conference honorable mention. (*revised 05/06*)
- 9.3 A final roster of all players nominated will be sent back within the final week of play.
- 10.0 **MISC.**