

GSAC MEN'S BASKETBALL POLICIES

I. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- A. 30-game schedule
- B. Conference opponents must be kept in the same order but allow flexibility in changing dates as long as the sequence is followed. A date change outside of sequence must be approved in advance by the GSAC Executive Committee. Any schedule change must also be approved by both Athletic Directors.

II. GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE PLAY

- A. No conference institution will disclose any information about a conference institution to any non-conference opponent.
- B. The starting times of men's basketball games are 7:30 p.m. due to media deadlines, with the women's games starting at 5:30 p.m.
- C. The official NAIA basketball is to be the ball used for all GSAC games.
- D. The visiting school may request that the home institution reserve a section up to 100 seats.

III. DUTIES OF HOST SCHOOL

- A. Host institution will provide a DVD to the visiting institution immediately after the game. The cameraman should be encouraged to show the score during free throws and timeouts.
- B. All GSAC schools should have available a courtesy radio line for opponents.
- C. Scorer's table - There must be an "X" on the floor in front of the scorer's table where players are to check into the game.

IV. STATISTICS

- A. Game stats will be sent to the Conference SID after each game.
- B. GSAC game stats are to be posted on the school's website immediately after each game.
- C. Player of the Week will be announced by the GSAC Sports Information Director who will be given the responsibility to choose based on that week's results.

V. CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

- A. There will be 3-man official crews at all GSAC games.
- B. Schedules are sent to the Supervisor of Basketball Officials for officials' assignments by September 1 each year.

- C.** The Supervisor of Basketball Officials will:
1. Assign all game officials.
 2. Provide evaluation of officials.
 3. Prepare preferred list of officials. Each coach will be allowed to redline 20% of the officials list. If there is a disproportionate amount redlined in any one geographical area such that it becomes impossible to assign, the Supervisor of Officials will be allowed to adjust as necessary.
 4. Handle any disputes which involve officials.
 5. Gather input from coaches on officials.
 6. Arrange for officials to travel out of area for league games with the mileage costs being assessed at the end of the season and sent to each institution. Mileage will be paid for travel for both men's and women's officials who travel more than 60 miles one way. It will be paid at a rate of \$.25 per mile one way.
 7. Acquaint officials with any NAIA or conference rules.
 8. Provide for the officials' evaluation of coaches' conduct.
 9. Provide uniformity of assignment - trust, consistency, conference control.

VI. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

The home team will provide any necessary music for the contest.

VII. GSAC PLAYOFF PLAN

- A.** The top eight GSAC teams will participate in the GSAC Tournament.
- B.** Cross-bracketing so #1 seed plays the lowest remaining seed after the first round games.
- C.** First round will be held at the highest seed. The site of the semi-final and final games will be determined by the GSAC Executive Committee.
- D.** The dates are Wednesday, Saturday and Tuesday.
- E.** Athletics Directors need to be available for helping with the management of the conference tournament. Game supervisors will be selected prior to the tournament each year.
- F.** Semi-final games at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; finals at 7:30 p.m.
- G.** Approval was given to secure radio sponsorship of semi-finals and finals for men's basketball.
- H.** Playoff ticket prices are determined by the GSAC Executive Committee. Current ticket prices are:

	General Admission (includes Faculty & Staff)	Students & Senior Citizens (age 62 & up)	Children (under 10)
First Round	\$8.00	\$5.00	Free
Semis & Finals	\$10.00	\$5.00	Free

- I.** Seeding - The GSAC teams will be seeded based on their final GSAC regular season standings. The tie-break policy will involve the use of three criteria in descending order.
1. The first criterion is head-to-head competition between the teams involved.
 2. The second criterion involves head-to-head competition versus the rest of the GSAC in order of finish beginning with the first place finisher(s). Note that if more than one tie occurs in the conference final standings, ties will be broken in descending order.
 3. If teams are still tied after the first two criteria, then a coaches' vote will decide the seeding of the tied teams.

J. There are no comp tickets. There is a 25-pass limit for Conference Basketball Tournaments. These passes include the team members and support personnel.

K. NAIA Tournament Berths

The GSAC policy for deciding the recipients of the two automatic berths in the Women's and Men's NAIA National Basketball tournaments is as follows:

1. The regular season champion gets NAIA automatic berth #1.
2. The tournament champion gets NAIA berth #2 unless it is the regular season champion, then the tournament runner-up gets berth #2.
3. However, if the regular season ends in a tie, a champion is determined by the GSAC tiebreaker.
 - a. The team winning the GSAC tiebreaker gets NAIA berth #1.
 - b. If the team that has NAIA berth #1 wins the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the team that tied for the regular season championship.
 - c. If the team that has NAIA berth #1 does not win the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the tournament champion.

The Rationale: The GSAC plays 20 conference games in a regular season and the team that ties for a conference championship needs to receive the berth over a team that is 2-1 in tournament games.

VIII. AWARDS

A. Method of selection for All-GSAC team(s).

1. Fourteen players will constitute the All-Conference Team.
2. The Most Valuable Player will be one of the 14.

B. Coach of the Year will be selected by a straight vote with no nominations.

C. Method of presentation

1. GSAC Banner and trophies will be given to the coach of the championship team at the Sunday meeting prior to the playoffs.
2. All-Conference Team and Coach of the Year will be honored between games at the semi-finals of the GSAC Tournament.
3. Tournament Perpetual Trophy and the Tournament Champion certificates will be awarded immediately following the GSAC Championship game.

D. Number of Awards

1. One Conference Banner for regular season winner (1)
2. Regular-season champions plaque (13)
3. Coach of the Year (1)
4. All-Conference receive certificates (14)
5. MVP included in All-Conference team count of 14
5. Tournament perpetual trophy (1)
6. Tournament champions receive certificates (13)

IX. FILM EXCHANGE

A. Each school may request any two non-conference games from all other GSAC institutions.

B. Request should include:

1. Games, with dates
2. Date needed by

C. No request can be made that does not allow a seven-day turnaround.

D. No request can be made after December 1, even for games played after December 1.

X. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday as close as possible to the last conference game.

XI. SPORT CHAIR

A. Sport Chair is elected every 2 years by the coaches at the September All-Sports meeting.

B. Duties and responsibilities

1. Conduct meetings
2. Disseminate information to coaches and Conference Personnel
3. Serve as liaison
4. Assist with awards presentations at GSAC Tournament