

GSAC WOMEN'S SOCCER POLICIES

I. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- A. The conference schedule consists of a single round format which will be maintained two years ahead of schedule. No changes can be made once the schedule has been approved by the GSAC Executive Committee unless both athletics directors agree.
- 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 Athletics Directors.

II. GUIDELINES FOR PLAY

- A. The GSAC/NAIA follows the NCAA rules and regulations.
- B. The Brine soccer ball will be used at all conference games.

III. HOST SCHOOL DUTIES

- A. It is the duty of the host school to provide changing room facilities as well as showers if desired. They should also supply the officials, the game balls and separate benches for both teams.
- B. Some type of barrier distinction needs to be made between the field and spectators at 12 feet from the sidelines and 12 feet behind the benches. Rulebook requirement must be met at all venues.

IV. STATISTICS AND REPORTING

- 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. OFFICIALS

- A. There will be 3-person official crews at all GSAC games.
- B. Schedules are sent to the Supervisor of Soccer Officials for officials' assignments by May 1 each year.
- C. The Supervisor of Soccer 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

- A. Lineup Exchange - Teams are to exchange starting lineups before the start of the game.
- B. Pre-game practice - Each team will warm up on opposite ends of the field in accordance with the end that their bench is situated on.
- C. National Anthem/Prayer - The use of these is optional with the understanding that they should take place prior to the scheduled game time so that the game can start as scheduled. Team introductions are optional.

VII. RAIN-OUT POLICY

Rain-outs will be rescheduled at a time mutually convenient to both coaches (must be approved by both Athletics Directors) and must take place before the playoff selections are made.

VIII. CONFERENCE STANDINGS

- A. The following system will be used for determining the GSAC standings.
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
- B. The GSAC Champion will be determined by the GSAC regular-season standings. Any ties in the standings will be broken by the GSAC tie-break policy, not the winning percentage.
 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 following the first two criteria, then a coaches' vote will decide the seeding of the tied teams.

IX. PLAYOFFS

The playoff format will be determined on a year-to-year basis.

X. AWARDS

- A. All-Conference Selections: All nominations made by each coach should be from their team personnel. Use the following formula to determine number of nominations:

Each school's nominations = number of wins and ties in conference play divided by 2.
- B. All conference certificates will be awarded to a minimum 25% of the total starters within the conference (i.e., 6 teams - 11 starters x 6 teams x 25% = 17). Player of the Year to be included within this total and will receive a plaque.
- C. A coach may not nominate more than 11 players.
- D. Please nominate at least two players. A coach is not required to use all nomination slots.

- E.** The Player of the Year shall be determined after the first team is selected. The procedure shall be to have each nominating coach rank the player nominated 1,2,3,4,5,6, etc. Giving the player the following point values: 1=13, 2=12, 3=11 points and so on until you get to 13=1 points. The Player of the Year will be the player receiving the most points.
- F.** Each coach should also nominate one Coach of the Year candidate. The coach receiving the most votes is Coach of the Year.
- G.** Players should be present, if possible, at the conference finals match so they can be given their awards at half-time.

XI. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The Women's Soccer coaches will meet yearly at the GSAC All-Sports meeting with other meetings scheduled as needed.

XII. SOCCER CHAIR

- A.** Selection shall be decided by vote of participating head coaches during the All-Sports meeting. Service will be for a period of two years.
- B.** Duties - The chair will coordinate the selection of the All-GSAC and Coach of the Year honors. Other duties are assigned as outlined in the GSAC Handbook, Section VI.