

WIAC STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPERATING CODE

2009-10

[Note: The WIAC Sports Codes consist of those policies, procedures and practices unique or specific to the conduct and administration of each conference championship sport and/or sport committee, and are intended as **supplements** to the *NCAA Manual*, *WIAC Handbook on the Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics* and the recognized playing rules for each sport, **not** as replacements for them. In addition, football, volleyball and men's/women's basketball have manuals that include expectations related to the administration of those sports.]

I. PURPOSE

A. Purpose

The primary purpose of the WIAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to provide student-athletes with an active role in the governance of the conference. Committee members are expected to represent the viewpoint of the hundreds of student-athletes on their respective campuses and to serve as a vital communication link between the conference and its student-athletes. A secondary, though no less important, role of the WIAC-SAAC is to enhance the image of student-athletes both on campus and in the community. In this regard, the WIAC-SAAC is committed to engaging in campus and community service projects and to serving as positive role models for their peers and younger athletes.

B. Function

The WIAC-SAAC is intended to function in a manner similar to other recognized WIAC sport committees. As such, the committee has the authority to forward recommendations for consideration by successively higher groups within the conference's governance structure (i.e., athletics directors, faculty athletics representatives and chancellors). The committee will focus most of its attention to those matters and/or issues pertaining to the welfare of student-athletes. The WIAC-SAAC also serves as a conduit through which issues of concern to WIAC student-athletes are communicated to the NCAA-SAAC.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Composition

The WIAC-SAAC is composed of at least two, but no more than three, representatives (to include at least one male and female) from each of the nine conference members. Each institution is encouraged to include representation from its freshman, sophomore or junior classes to ensure continuity from year to year. The representatives themselves are selected by each institution and any individual who is eligible to serve on the institution's SAAC is eligible to represent that institution on the WIAC-SAAC. Each institution is responsible for submitting the names of its representatives to the conference office on a prescribed form (**refer to Attachment #1**) no later than October 15th each year. Any student athlete serving on the NCAA-SAAC shall be designated as an ex-officio member of the WIAC-SAAC in the event the student-athlete is not an institutional representative to the WIAC-SAAC.

B. Officers

The committee shall have two officers: chair and vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair shall not be from the same institution. The chair is responsible for presiding over the annual meeting(s) and in assisting the commissioner with preparation of the meeting agendas. The vice-chair assumes these responsibilities in the absence of, or at the direction, of the chair. The vice-chair shall ascend to the chair position for the

succeeding academic year, assuming the vice-chair remains a member of the committee. The terms of the chair and vice-chair shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each academic year.

III. WIAC-SAAC INITIATIVES

A. Student-Athlete Welfare

The WIAC-SAAC supports an initiative for the conduct of an annual session(s) on each campus for the purpose of reviewing/discussing NCAA and WIAC rules that are specific to student-athlete welfare (e.g., required weekly day off, nontraditional practice season limitations). It is suggested that this session(s) should be hosted by each campus-level SAAC and conducted by the individual designated as the institution's compliance officer. Furthermore, it is highly recommended that this session(s) be conducted separately from the meeting to administer the student-athlete statement and other NCAA compliance forms.

B. Community Service

The WIAC-SAAC places considerable emphasis on the involvement of student-athletes in campus and community-service projects. The WIAC-SAAC sponsors an annual food drive in cooperation with Ministry Health Care with collected food items distributed to food pantries located within the various WIAC communities. The WIAC-SAAC also promotes and sponsors an annual community/campus service project week in early April for the purpose of engaging student-athletes from across the conference in service projects benefiting their respective campuses and local communities.

IV. MEETINGS [See WIAC Article 23]

A. Number of Meetings

The committee shall conduct one (1) in-person meeting (fall) and one (1) telephone conference call each year to be attended by all the institutional representatives. Additional meetings and/or telephone conference calls may be scheduled upon approval by the directors of athletics.

B. Voting Procedures

Each institution shall be entitled to a single vote on all voting issues considered by the committee.

C. Minutes

The commissioner (or his/her designee) will serve as the committee's recording secretary. Minutes will be kept in accordance with the policy governing minutes of the WIAC conference.

2009-10 WIAC-SAAC

Chair:	Megan Knutson, UW-La Crosse
Vice-Chair:	TBD
NCAA-SAAC Liaison:	Samantha Krueger, UW-Eau Claire
Faculty Athletics Representatives' Liaisons:	Lisa Riedle, UW-Platteville TBD
Athletic Directors' Liaisons:	Scott Kilgallon, UW-Eau Claire Jill Jolliff, UW-Stout
Committee Meeting:	Sunday, November 14-15, 2009 Holiday Inn Express, Tomah, WI
Committee Telephone Conference Call:	12 Noon, Sunday, April 10, 2010

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The following student-athletes will be serving as the representatives from UW-_____ for the 20____ - 20____ academic year:

1. Name: _____ Classification: _____
freshman, sophomore, junior, senior

Campus Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Campus Telephone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Sport(s): _____

2. Name: _____ Classification: _____
freshman, sophomore, junior, senior

Campus Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Campus Telephone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Sport(s): _____

3. Name: _____ Classification: _____
freshman, sophomore, junior, senior

Campus Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Campus Telephone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Sport(s): _____

4. Advisor Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Position/Title: _____ Work #: _____

[This information is to be submitted to the conference office no later than October 15th each year.]

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