

WIAC SOCCER OPERATING CODE

2008 Season

[Note: The WIAC Sport Codes consist of those policies, procedures and practices unique or specific to the conduct and administration of each conference championship sport, and are intended as **supplements** to the *NCAA Manual*, *WIAC Handbook on the Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics* and the recognized playing rules of 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. RULES

A. Conference/National Rules

Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable of and abide by all WIAC and NCAA rules. When in doubt, coaches are expected to consult with their athletics director concerning the application of a rule.

B. Contest Rules

The NCAA Soccer Rulebook shall govern all WIAC soccer competitions.

II. SQUAD AND TRAVEL SQUAD LIMITATIONS

Squad size is unlimited during the season but may be limited for national competition. Teams must abide by travel squad sizes established for national competition by the national organization sponsoring the tournament.

III. SPORT SEASON

A. Length of Season/Contest Limitations

1. Refer NCAA Bylaw 17.20 for length of playing season and contest limits.
2. In the sport of soccer, institutions are limited to playing a maximum of five (5) subvarsity (e.g., junior varsity games). In addition, student-athletes are not permitted to miss class(es) to participate in these contests.

B. Officials

1. All match officials will be assigned by the WIAC women's soccer assignor and contracted by the host institution. WIAC matches shall be officiated by a 3 person crew of officials: one (1) referee and two (2) linespersons. Should an official fail to arrive, the match is to proceed with 2 officials and the actual system to be employed (e.g. two referees) is to be determined by the opposing head coaches.
2. The referee is to be paid \$145.00 and each linesperson is to be paid \$95.00. No mileage is to be paid for regular-season games. Lodging is to be provided only in the event the same match officials are used on consecutive days (e.g., tournament) and when the official is traveling more than 50 miles. [Note: These rates will increase to \$150 (referee) and \$100 (linesperson) for the 2009 season.
3. A game cancellation fee of \$40.00 is to be paid to officials who are in route or have arrived at a

match that is subsequently cancelled.

4. Officials for preseason scrimmages are to be assigned by the WIAC women's soccer assignor. Two (2) officials are to be assigned to each scrimmage at a fee of \$100/official.
5. Head coaches are expected to submit evaluations of match officials to the coordinator of soccer officials using the prescribed form. **(See Attachment #1.)**

C. Conference Games [See WIAC Article 17]

1. Each institution must play a game with every other conference institution that offers varsity soccer. Schedules must indicate the designated conference match.
2. Each institution must provide the game referee and opposing head coach with the official NCAA form.
3. Overtime games must be played according to NCAA Rules.
4. Scheduling for conference games will be completed by the conference. If possible, each member will have four home and four away conference contests.
5. Weekday matches may be changed by mutual consent of the two participating institutions provided the match is played within the same week it was scheduled originally. It is permissible to move Saturday matches to either Friday or Sunday of that same weekend provided both participating institutions agree. Any and all schedule changes require approval from the conference office.

D. Match Suspension, Termination, Resumption and Rescheduling

1. If a soccer match is suspended due to darkness, light failure or inclement weather and the contest has progressed to a "reasonable point of conclusion" (RPOC), the team ahead at the RPOC shall be declared the winner.
2. "Reasonable point of conclusion" for a soccer match shall be defined as: 70 minutes.
3. Any suspended match must be resumed within two hours from the point of suspension. If a suspended match that has not reached a RPOC cannot be resumed within two hours, the contest shall be declared a "no contest". A decision not to resume a match prior to a two-hour expiration period shall be made only when it is clearly evident that the match cannot be resumed.
4. Any matches that are ruled to be a "no-contest" will be rescheduled by mutual agreement of the involved athletics directors unless otherwise specified in the WIAC Handbook or the pertinent sport code. If a mutual agreement of the athletic directors cannot be reached, the Commissioner shall adjudicate the rescheduling of the match. Due consideration will be given to the effect not rescheduling will have on the potential selection of either team or any other WIAC team for WIAC or NCAA postseason play.
5. Any suspended match that is resumed or rescheduled shall begin at the point the match was suspended unless otherwise stipulated in the playing rules for the sport of soccer.

E. Pre-Game Format/Activities

Pre-game activities must conform to the format prescribed by the conference. **(See Attachment #2.)**

F. Results

Results of conference games must be sent to the conference office by the home team within 48 hours of the contest. All non-conference game results must be reported by the conference institution involved.

G. Equipment

The host team shall provide the game balls. Nike is the official ball of the WIAC and will be used in all WIAC regular-season games. Practice balls must be provided by individual teams.

H. Uniforms

Home uniforms shall be light colors and away uniforms dark colors.

I. Scouting [See WIAC Administrative Regulation 27.8]

No WIAC coach may provide a scouting report on a WIAC member team to another conference or non-conference school.

J. Coaching/Team Areas

The designated coaching/team areas are to be clearly marked on the sidelines as reflected in the NCAA rule book as a means to help enforce the rule pertaining to team personnel remaining within these areas.

K. WIAC Conduct Rule

A one-game suspension is to be imposed on the head coach should any member of that team's coaching staff receive a third yellow card during the course of the season to include both conference and non-conference matches.

IV. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP/POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

[See Guidelines for the Administration of WIAC Championships]

A. Conference Champion/NCAA Automatic Qualifier

The conference champion shall be the team that wins the regular-season. If two or more teams are tied, they shall be declared co-champions. The conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA playoffs shall be the team that wins the conference's postseason tournament. If the postseason tournament is cancelled, the highest remaining seed at the point of cancellation will be awarded the conference's automatic berth.

B. Dates

The first round matches of the postseason tournament are to take place two (2) Saturdays prior to the start of the NCAA playoffs.

C. Type of Tournament/Participants

The top eight teams will participate in the single elimination WIAC Championship Tournament (**See Attachment #3**).

C. Seeding for Postseason Tournament

1. Final regular-season conference standings will be used to seed the eight-team tournament. The standings (and thus the seeding for the tournament) are based on a point system that awards three (3) points for a win and one (1) point for a tie.

2. Ties will be broken for seeding purposes as follows:
 - a. Head-to-head competition involving games played between all tied teams
 - b. Most wins against conference schools (disregard ties)
 - c. Goal differential (capped at four per game)*
 - d. Fewest goals allowed*
 - e. Most goals scored (capped at four per game)*
 - f. Coin toss in conference office

[NOTE: If two teams remain after a third or more teams are eliminated, the tie-breaker reverts back to criteria #1.]

* based on all conference games played.

D. Schedule/Sites/Games Pairings (See Attachment #3)

Saturday's matches will be played at the site of the highest seeded teams (e.g., #8 at #1, #7 at #2). The match-up for Friday's semifinals will be determined following the completion of first round games with the lowest remaining seed playing the #1 seed and the highest remaining seed playing the #2 seed. Friday/Saturday's matches will be played at the site of the #1 seed. The higher seeded team is the home team and shall wear light colored uniforms. The host team is responsible for providing the game balls.

Saturday – First Round (2:00 p.m. for non-lighted fields and 4:00 p.m. for lighted fields.)

Friday - Semifinals (11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.)

Saturday - Championship Game (1:00 p.m.)

NOTE: Host institutions with lighted fields have the discretion to set start times at 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. for the semifinal matches and 4:00 p.m. for the championship match provided the change(s) has been approved beforehand by the conference office. Play will continue in rain (not with lightning) and snow. (See also conference policy on inclement weather).

E. Overtime Games

Any overtime games must be played according to NCAA Rules. (i.e., "Sudden Death")

F. Pre-Game Format (See Attachment #2)

G. Officials

The officials for the postseason tournament are to be selected and contracted by the conference office. The host institution is responsible for the payment of the fees as well as any lodging or mileage. Referees are to be paid \$145.00 and linesperson \$95.00 per match. Mileage and/or lodging are to be provided as follows:

<u>Travel Distance (one way)</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Lodging*</u>
0-24 miles	\$ 0	No
25-49 miles	\$20	Yes
50-99 miles	\$30	Yes
100-199 miles	\$40	Yes
200-249 miles	\$50	Yes
250 or more miles	\$60	Yes

* Lodging is to be provided only if it is a multi-day event or an early morning start time necessitates that

the official(s) travel the night before. Lodging arrangements are to be coordinated through the host institution.

H. Postgame Celebrations.

Teams playing the first semifinal match are required to vacate the field and bench area immediately following the conclusion of their match and fans are not permitted on the field in between the semifinal matches.

I. Tournament Committee

A tournament committee shall be convened to address issues that arise during the conference championship tournament which are not covered in the Operating Code. The Tournament Committee shall be comprised of the Commissioner (or designee), the athletics director of the host institution and the sport chair.

J. Recognition

Senior student-athletes (from the two participating teams), scholar-athlete recipient, and athletes-of-the-week are to be recognized prior to each tournament match (**see Attachment #4**).

V. AWARDS [See WIAC Administrative Regulation Article 25]

A. Conference Championship

A championship award (plaque or trophy) will be awarded to the regular-season championship team. Each member of the championship team will receive a certificate.

C. Postseason Tournament Champion

A trophy will be presented to the team winning the postseason tournament. Each member of the tournament championship team will receive a certificate.

C. Athlete-of-the Week

Each week during the season, the conference office will select an offensive and a defensive soccer athlete-of-the-week when nominations and data are sufficient. The recipients will receive a plaque from the conference.

[Note: Effective with the 2009-10 academic year, the athlete of the week is to be selected by the soccer sport committee in accordance with the process and criteria established by the sport committee and within the submission timelines stipulated by the conference office.]

D. Coach-of-the-Year

A coach-of-the-year will be selected by the coaches at the conclusion of the season in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.4. The recipient will receive an award from the conference.

E. Scholar-Athlete Award

A scholar-athlete will be selected at the conclusion of the season in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.6. The recipient will receive an award from the conference. In women's sports, the award shall be entitled the "**Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award**".

F. All-Conference/Player-of-the-Year

The WIAC All-Conference Soccer Team and Player-of-the-Year will be selected by the coaches in accordance with established criteria/procedures (**see Attachment #5**). The all-conference team will consist of 22 individuals. Each recipient will receive a plaque from the conference.

G. All-Sportsmanship Team

An All-Sportsmanship team will be named at the conclusion of the soccer season. The team will consist of one member from each team (as selected from that team) who displays exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season. Each member of the All-Sportsmanship team will receive a certificate from the conference.

VI. SPORT CHAIR/SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

A. Sport Chair

The sport chair will be the coach from the conference championship host institution. [See WIAC Administrative Regulations 24.2 for duties and responsibilities of sport chairs].

B. Soccer Sport Committee Meeting/Telephone Conference Call

The annual meeting/telephone conference call of soccer sport committee will take place following the conclusion of the season.

2008 CHAMPIONSHIP

Dates:	Saturday-Saturday, November 1-8, 2008
Sites:	TBD
Sport Chair:	Chris Perez, UW-Superior July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009
Athletic Directors' Liaison:	Scott Kilgallon, UW-Eau Claire
NCAA Regional Advisory Committee Representative :	Sean McKuras, UW-River Falls (Term expires 9-2009)
Sport Committee Conference Call:	10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Soccer Coach's Referee Evaluation Card

Date:	Game #:
School:	Referee:
Opponent:	Assistant 1:
	Assistant 2:
Referee	
Professionalism (1-5) Accuracy (1-5) Game Control (1-5) (5 = EX, 4 = VG, 3 = G, 2 = F, 1 = P)	Fitness (1-5) Consistency (1-5) Overall rating (1-5)
Comments:	
Assistant Referee 1	
Professionalism (1-5) Accuracy (1-5) Game Control (1-5) (5 = EX, 4 = VG, 3 = G, 2 = F, 1 = P)	Fitness (1-5) Consistency (1-5) Overall rating (1-5)
Comments:	
Assistant Referee 2	
Professionalism (1-5) Accuracy (1-5) Game Control (1-5) (5 = EX, 4 = VG, 3 = G, 2 = F, 1 = P)	Fitness (1-5) Consistency (1-5) Overall rating (1-5)
Comments:	
Submitted by:	

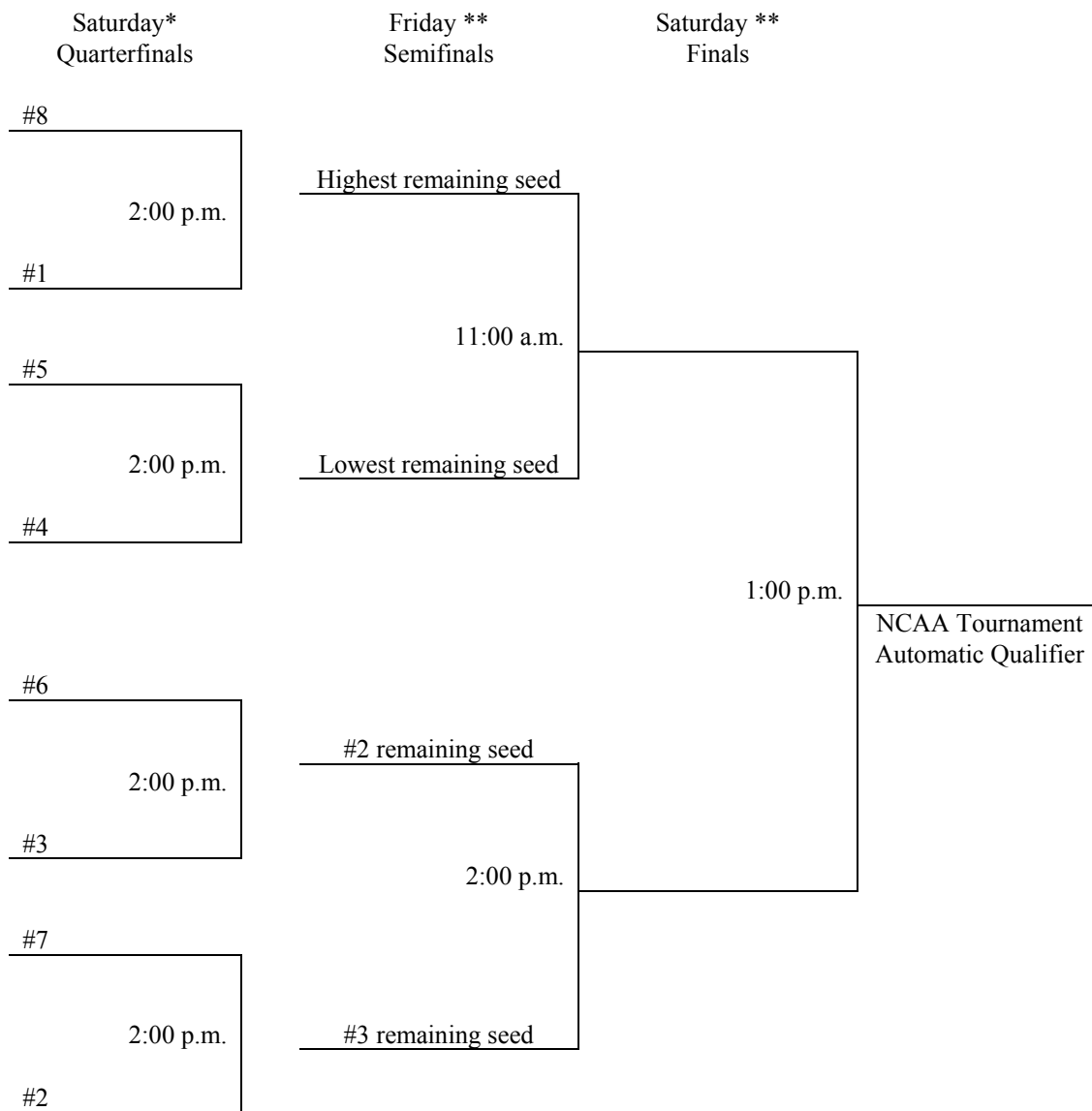
**WIAC Pre-Game Format for
Regular-Season and Postseason Matches**

Clock	Activity
60:00	Teams may begin warm-ups with the host institution designating its preferred half of the field. Teams are limited to using only one-half of the field for warm-ups when both teams are present. [Note: In the event the game is the second game of a doubleheader or the postseason tournament semifinals, a 30-minute, on-the-field warm-up period shall be provided for both teams.]
15:00	Game rosters exchanged
10:00	Captains & officials meet
6:00	Teams clear fields
5:00	Introductions (World Cup Format*) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Officials2. Visiting team starters & coaches3. Home team starters & coaches
2:00	National Anthem
0:00	Game begins

*** World Cup Format—All participants line-up on the sidelines on either side of the referees and walk out together.**

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**WIAC CHAMPIONSHIP
SOCCER TOURNAMENT**



* Site of the highest seeded team

** Site of the highest remaining seed following quarterfinal match-ups

[Note: Start times may be adjusted in accordance with Section IV-D.

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WIAC SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Game Protocol

1. Welcome to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Soccer Championships.
2. Announce the non-starters for school A
3. Announce the non-starters for school B
4. Announce the starting line-up for school A and head and assistant coaches
5. Announce the starting line-up for school B and head and assistant coaches
6. Introduce the seniors for school A
7. Introduce the seniors for school B
8. Announce the WIAC Scholar-athlete
9. Play the National Anthem

Good luck to both teams!

Announcements for Conference Tournament Games - Should be announced when those teams are playing:

- WIAC Athlete(s) of the Week for the participating teams.

During the Half-time:

- Read the WIAC Sportsmanship Announcement.
- Read the Corporate Partner Program Announcement.

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Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Women's Soccer All-Conference Nomination Form

School: _____ Head Coach: _____

Overall Record: _____ WIAC Record: _____

Field Player #1: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Field Player #2: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Field Player #3: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Field Player #4: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Field Player #5: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Field Player #6: Name: _____ Jersey # _____ Year: _____
Position: _____ Goals _____ Assists: _____
Comments: _____

Goaltender: Name: _____ Year _____ Position: _____
Games Played _____ Goals Allowed _____ Goals-Against-Average _____
Saves _____ Saves Percentage _____ Shutouts _____
Comments: _____

SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

1. A twenty-two (22) player all-conference team will be selected. The team will consist of six (6) forwards, six (6) midfielders, six (6) defenders, two (2) field players (i.e., any position) and two (2) goalkeepers.
2. Nominations will be made using the approved WIAC form with space for additional comments. The Commissioner will send this form to the coaches at least 2 weeks prior to the championship. The nominations must be received by the conference office no later than one week prior to the sport committee meeting.
3. Each coach may nominate any six (6) field players and one (1) goalkeeper from her/his team.
4. A coach may not vote for her/his own players.
5. Players will be ranked 6-1 (forwards, midfielders, defenders) and 2-1 (field players and goalkeepers).
6. The players with the highest point totals in each category will comprise the all conference team. In case of a tie, the players that are tied will each receive all-conference recognition.
7. The three players and one goalkeeper with the highest vote totals will be placed on a ballot for the WIAC Player-of-the-Year.
8. Coaches will be informed of the composition of the all-conference team prior to any public announcement.