

AMERICAN MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Volleyball

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| ACADEMIC YEAR: | Fall 2009 |
| CONFERENCE LIAISON: | Deb Duren – Athletic Director Stephens College |
| CONFERENCE SPORT CHAIR: | Evelyn Bean, McKendree University |
| RATER: | Melinda Wrye-Washington – Columbia College |
| OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: | Jenny Mueller – William Woods University John Yehling – Missouri Baptist University David Ganser – Hannibal-LaGrange College |
| TOURNAMENT DATE(S): | Tuesday, Nov. 10, Thursday, Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 14 |
| TOURNAMENT SITE(S): | The highest seeded team in each match will host during conference playoffs |
| TOURNAMENT TIME(S): | 7 p.m. for both quarterfinals and semifinals Host institution for championship to determine starting time |
| <u>NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP --</u> NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT: | Dec. 1-5, 2009 Tyson Events Center – Sioux City, Iowa |
| TOURNAMENT TIME(S): | TBA |

AMC VOLLEYBALL POLICIES --

I. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- A) Regular season matches will be a double round-robin schedule.
- B) Regular season conference play will determine the AMC regular season champion. Ties will be broken by the procedures for determining seeding of the conference tournament listed below.
- C) Postseason conference honors will be based on regular season conference play.
- D) Conference deadline - November 14, 2008
- E) Any schedule change must also be approved by both Athletics Directors.

II. GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE PLAY

- A) NAGWS rules and officiating techniques will be used to govern play.
- B) The official conference volleyball will be used at all conference games.
- C) Dual conference matches shall be 3 out of 5.
- D) Contracts
 - 1. All conference member schools are required to send game contracts for home events.
 - 2. Match time shall be determined by the coaches at the AMC annual coaches meeting.

III. DUTIES OF HOST SCHOOL

- A) Provide a visual scoreboard and score keepers.
- B) Provide use of training room facilities.
- C) The home team is responsible for providing an official final box score to the coaches at the conclusion of the match.

IV. STATISTICS AND REPORTING

- A. All member schools shall report to the Conference SID all match scores and game files immediately following each match or tournament.
- B. The NAIA statistics form and manual will be used to compile stats and to define statistical categories.

V. OFFICIALS

- A) Conference schools will assign officials for all conference matches.
- B) Host team will secure officials for playoff games.

VI. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

- A) Pre-Match Warm-Up Procedure (based on a 7 p.m. match time)
 - 6:00 - 6:35 Shared Court
 - 6:35 - 6:37 Referees call captains
 - 6:37 - 6:41 Visiting team - full court
 - 6:41 - 6:45 Home team - full court
 - 6:45 - 6:50 Visiting team - full court
 - 6:50 - 6:55 Home team - full court
 - 6:55 - 7:00 Prayer (optional), National Anthem, Introductions

VII. CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT SELECTION

- A) The conference tournament will be held on the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday prior to the first round of the national tournament. The highest seed will host each round.
- B) The tournament champion will qualify as the AMC representative to the first round of the National tournament.
- C) Regular season conference play will determine seeding for the conference tournament.
- D) Should a tie exist, the following procedures will be used, using regular season conference matches:
 - 1. Match record - head-to-head.
 - 2. Game record - head-to-head.
 - 3. Game record - conference play only.
 - 4. Point differential of match(es) between tied teams.
 - 5. Point differential based on total competition.
 - 6. Use a coin flip.
- E) The top eight teams will participate in the postseason tournament.
- F) An assignor, hired by the conference, will assign officials for the tournament.
- G) Host institutions will bear expenses for game management and officials. Visiting teams will bear all travel expenses. Certified officials will be used at all court positions for the semifinal and final rounds of the tournament.

VIII. ALL CONFERENCE TEAM VOTING AND AWARDS PROCEDURE

- A) Each coach may nominate up to six players for the All-Conference team. Complete statistics for all regular season games must accompany each nomination.
- B) Nominee names and statistics must be sent to the Conference SID by 5PM on the Monday following the last conference regular season game.
- C) Voting for the All-Conference team will be done prior to the first round of the conference tournament under the direction of the conference SID or the volleyball chair. Coaches must be present, fax, or e-mail their ballot prior to the meeting.
- D) Coaches will rank nominated players, and coaches must follow the nominating coach's suggested ranking. Coaches may not include their own players in the ranking.
- E) The Player of the Year will be the top vote recipient. The newcomer in the conference (freshmen are not eligible for this award) with the most votes will be the Newcomer of the Year. The freshman nominee with the most votes will be the Freshman of the Year.

F) PLAQUES

- 1) Tournament Champions
- 2) Regular-Season Champions
- 3) Coach of the Year
- 4) Player of the Year
- 5) Newcomer of the Year
- 6) Freshman of the Year
- 7) Setter of the Year
- 8) Libero of the Year
- 9) First-Team All-Conference (12)

G) CERTIFICATES

- 1) Academic All-Conference
- 2) Honorable Mention All-Conference

IX. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- A) The Volleyball coaches will meet once a year at the annual AMC coaches meeting in August.
- B) The coaches can have a called meeting with approval of the coach's chair.

X. VOLLEYBALL CHAIR

The volleyball chairperson selection will be determined by a vote of the member coaches. The term shall be for two years beginning August 2008.