

AMERICAN MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Men's and Women's Basketball

ACADEMIC YEAR:	Winter 2011-12
CONFERENCE LIAISON:	Bob Burchard – Athletic Director Columbia College (Men) Jeff Rider – Athletic Director Williams Baptist College (Women)
CONFERENCE SPORT CHAIR:	Jason Durst – Hannibal-LaGrange University (Men) Carol Halford -- Williams Baptist College (Women)
CONFERENCE RATERS:	Bob Burchard – Columbia College (Men) Dan Chapla – William Woods University (Women)
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (MEN):	Nick Totta – William Woods University Jason Durst – Hannibal-LaGrange University Jason Kline – Park University
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (WOMEN):	Mike Davis – Columbia College Ken Cooper – Park University Dennis Griffin – Harris-Stowe State University
AMC TOURNAMENT DATE(S):	March 1, 3 and 6, 2012 (MEN) Feb. 29, March 2 and 5, 2012 (WOMEN)
AMC TOURNAMENT SITE(S):	The highest seeded team in each game will host during the conference playoffs.
AMC TOURNAMENT TIME(S):	(MEN) 7 p.m. on March 1 and 6, 4 p.m. on March 2 (WOMEN) 7 p.m. for all games
<u>NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP --</u> NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT:	Wednesday-Tuesday, March 14-20, 2012 Kansas City, Mo. (Men) Wednesday-Tuesday, March 14-20, 2012 Frankfort, Ky. (Women)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLICIES --

I. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- A) A 30-game schedule can be played with two additional games scheduled for scrimmage and/or exhibition play.
- B) Each school will play a two-game series with each conference school, with one game at each site.

- C) Conference doubleheaders will be played on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, with an additional doubleheader to be played on the third Tuesday in each half of the conference schedule. The home and away schedule will alternate using comparable dates each year. The Executive Committee will approve the schedule every third year. Special consideration will be extended to schools with scheduling conflicts on home dates.
- D) Weeknight doubleheaders will be played at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., while the Saturday doubleheaders will be played at 2 and 4 p.m. There will be a mandatory 25-minute warm-up period between the end of the first game and the start of the second game of each doubleheader. If the preliminary game ends more than 25 minutes before the next scheduled starting time, then the difference between the conclusion of the first game and scheduled starting time of the second game will be put on the clock. The National Anthem will be played prior to the introduction of starting lineups for each game, with both teams on the floor standing at the extended free throw line in front of their respective benches. NOTE: There will be no shoot around time allowed for men's teams at halftime of the women's game.
- E) In the event that two schools have the same regular season conference record, but one school has won both conference games against the other school, the winning school shall be declared the regular season champion.
- F) In the event that two schools have the same conference record and split their series, co-champions shall be declared.
- G. If two or more schools have the same conference record, but one school has won both conference games against other schools, the winning school shall be declared the champion.
- H) In the event more than two schools have the same conference record and have split their series with each other, all schools tied for first place will be declared co-champions.
- I) 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 or conference opponent. (For AMC women's basketball, no conference institution will disclose any information about a conference institution to any non-conference opponent).
- B) The official NAIA basketball is to be used for all AMC games.
- C) The men's and women's basketball programs of the AMC will utilize the Game Tape Exchange system for archiving games throughout the season. This system will be utilized by the conference coaches as a means of exchanging game videos for the 2010-11 season.
- D) The National Anthem will be played prior to the start of each conference game. Players from each team will line on the free throw line extended at the end of the floor by their bench for the reading of the NAIA Champions of Character statement and the performance of the Anthem.

III. DUTIES OF HOST SCHOOL FOR GAME MANAGEMENT

- A) Directions and game itinerary will be provided to visiting team and officials one day prior to contest (if necessary).
- B) Host institution administrator must be separate from the coaching staff.
- C) Itinerary will be provided to teams, officials and workers upon arrival.
- D) Host institution will provide someone to meet officials and visiting team to show them to their locker rooms and to the training room.
- E) Host institution will provide separate home, visitor and officials locker rooms that can be securely locked.

- F) Host institution will provide security for crowd control and to escort officials to and from their locker room.
- G) Trained personnel will be present at every entrance for ticket management.
- H) Host institution will provide water, cups and towels for officials' locker room, team benches.
- I) Host institution will provide a certified athletic trainer and training equipment.
- J) Host institution will provide personnel for clock, shot clock and scorebook (preferably not students or former athletes).
- K) Host institution will provide trained statisticians and public address announcer.
- L) Statistics will be provided at halftime and at the end of the game.
- M) Host institution will provide video services. Team will provide host with videotape or DVD, and host institution will return recorded game to visitors upon leaving the facility. (MEN) If the second copy is not available then the host team should give the DVD/tape to the visiting team and the visiting team will then mail back the original copy.
- N) All teams will use the official ball designated by the NAIA during conference play.
- O) Media timeouts will not be utilized during conference play.

IV. STATISTICS

- A) Game scores will be reported to the AMC website after each game.
- B) AMC game stats are to be posted on the school's website immediately after each game.
- C) Each school may use the in-game statistical program of its choosing. However, final game statistics must be websynced on the NAIA national website via Dakstats within 24 hours after the conclusion of each AMC league game.
- D) Player of the Week will be announced by the AMC Sports Information Director who will be given the responsibility to choose based on that week's results.

V. CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

- A) There will be a supervisor of officials for both men's and women's basketball.
- B) The supervisor of officials will assign officials for regular season games and postseason tournament games.
- C) Final disposition of game discrepancies will be determined by the Commissioner, Supervisor of Officials and a representative of the Executive Committee selected by the Commissioner.
- D) There will be 3-man official crews at all AMC games.
- E) Schedules are sent to the Supervisors of Basketball Officials for assignments.
- F) The Supervisors of Basketball Officials will:
 1. Assign all game officials.
 2. Provide evaluation of officials.
 3. Handle any disputes which involve officials.
 4. Gather input from coaches on officials.
 5. Acquaint officials with any NAIA or conference rules.
 6. Provide for the officials' evaluation of coaches' conduct.
 7. Provide uniformity of assignment - trust, consistency, conference control.

VI. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

- A) The home team will provide any necessary music for the contest.
- B) National Anthem/Prayer/Team Introductions – At the start of each conference game, both teams will be present on the floor, with teams standing at the extended free throw line in front of their respective benches. At this time, the NAIA Champions of Character statement will be read, followed by the invocation (if applicable) and the National Anthem. Teams may then return to their benches for the introduction of the starting lineups. The game timeline will be set so that the tip-off will occur at the scheduled starting time.

VII. AMC PLAYOFF PLAN

- A) The conference champion will be the team with the best win-loss record against conference schools.
- B) A postseason tournament will be conducted to determine the conference representative in the national tournament. The tournament will be played the week following completion of conference regular season play.
- C) All conference schools will participate in the tournament and will be seeded based on the results of regular season conference play.
- D) Ties shall be resolved by the methods listed below. If more than two teams are tied for one spot, the tiebreaking procedures will continue without starting over until all ties are resolved. Higher seeded ties will be resolved as follows:
 - 1. Head-to-head competition.
 - 2. Record against all resolved seeds in descending order.
 - 3. Record on the road versus conference opponents in the regular season.
 - 4. Record at home versus conference opponents in the regular season.
 - 5. Winning percentage against common NAIA opponents at neutral sites.
 - 6. Winning percentage against common NAIA opponents on the road.
 - 7. Winning percentage against common NAIA opponents at home.
 - 8. Winning percentage against all NAIA opponents.
 - 9. Use a coin toss (one toss performed in front of witnesses by the supervisor of officials).
 - 10. Game sites will be at the school with the highest seed.
- E) Host institutions will pay the Conference a guarantee of \$200 per tournament game and be responsible for expenses associated with game administration. Visiting teams will bear expenses associated with team travel.
- E) Host institutions must file a gate receipt report following each contest. Ticket prices are set by the NAIA. All revenue generated will follow NAIA guidelines for playoffs.
- F) All host sites must meet the minimum court requirements of 94' x 50' and have rectangular backboards
- H) Playoff ticket prices are determined by the AMC Executive Committee.
- I) There are no comp tickets.

VIII. AWARDS

- A) Each coach will nominate up to four players from his/her team for All- Conference voting. Individual cumulative statistics for the season should accompany each nominee.
- B) Nominations for the All-Conference team are mailed to the Conference SID on a specified date following the last game of regular season competition. Nominations are then compiled and faxed to the coaches by the SID. The SID will compile a ballot and e-mail it to all coaches.
- C) (MEN) Coaches will rank all nominees based on their performance in the regular season and fax/e-mail their ballot to the SID for compilation. Coaches must vote in the order the nominees are ranked by their coaches. Coaches may not vote for his players.
(WOMEN) Coaches will vote for the players they determine to be the top 10 in the league. The coach will then fax/e-mail their ballot back to the SID for compilation. A coach may not vote for his/her players.
- D) There will be 10 players selected to the All-Conference team in a vote by league coaches. The top 10 vote recipients plus all ties will be included on the first team All-Conference team. All remaining players who receive a vote will be named honorable mention All-Conference.
- E) The top vote recipient will be named the Player of the Year.
- F) The top vote-getting newcomer among the nominees (freshmen are not eligible for this award) will be named the Newcomer of the Year.
- G) The top vote-getting freshman on the All-Conference team will be the Freshman of the Year. In the event a freshman is not a member of the All-Conference team (top 10 vote recipients), each coach may nominate one player from his respective team for Freshman of the Year voting.
- H) **PLAQUES**
 - 1) Postseason Conference Championship
 - 2) Conference Championship
 - 3) Coach of the Year
 - 4) Player of the Year
 - 5) Newcomer of the Year
 - 6) Freshman of the Year
 - 7) First Team All-Conference (10)
- I) **CERTIFICATES**
 - 1) Academic All-Conference
 - 2) Honorable Mention All-Conference

IX. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- A) The basketball coaches, both men and women, will meet once a year at the annual AMC meeting in August.
- B) The coaches can have a special called meeting with approval of the coach's chair.

X. SPORTS CHAIR

- A. The basketball chairperson selection will be determined by a vote of the member coaches. The term shall be for two years beginning in August 2010. There will be a chairperson for both men's and women's basketball.
- B. Duties and responsibilities include;
 - 1. Conduct meetings
 - 2. Disseminate information to coaches and Conference Personnel
 - 3. Serve as liaison