

AMERICAN MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Men's and Women's Soccer

ACADEMIC YEAR:	Fall 2006
CONFERENCE LIAISON:	Larry York – Athletic Director William Woods University
CONFERENCE SPORT CHAIR:	David Erskine, Hannibal-LaGrange College (Men) Jared Embick, Missouri Baptist University (Women)
CONFERENCE RATER:	None
TOURNAMENT DATE(S):	MEN: Thursday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 4 WOMEN: Monday, Oct. 30 and Wednesday, Nov. 1
TOURNAMENT SITE(S):	The higher seeded team will host in each game
TIME(S):	Conference playoff games will begin at 1 p.m., unless a host facility has lights for use.
<u>NAIA REGION V –</u> REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DATE(S):	MEN: Monday, Nov. 6, Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 10 (Regional Deadline: Nov. 11) WOMEN: Saturday, Nov. 4, Monday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 8 (Regional Deadline: Nov. 8)
TOURNAMENT SITE(S):	The highest seeded team in each match will host during regional playoffs.
TIME(S):	Regional playoff games will begin at 1 p.m., unless mutually agreed upon by both <u>COACHES</u> and both <u>ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.</u>
<u>NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP –</u> NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT:	MEN: Wednesday-Tuesday, Nov. 15-21, 2006 Daytona Beach, Fla. WOMEN: Wednesday-Tuesday, Nov. 15-21, 2006 Olathe, Kan.

AMC AWARDS:

PLAQUES

- Conference Championship
- Coach of the Year
- Player of the Year
- Newcomer of the Year
- Freshman of the Year
- First-Team All-Conference

CERTIFICATES

- Academic All-Conference
Honorable Mention All-Conference Team

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULING:

- The conference schedule will consist of a single, round-robin format. Game sites will alternate yearly.
- All regular season conference games need to be played between the third week of September and the third week of October
- Three NISOA officials must be used during conference games.
- Institutions must play a minimum of eight regular season games against upper-level, degree-granting institutions.
- Regular season conference scheduling will be completed at the August meeting by all conference coaches

REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:

For regular season games, two sudden victory overtime periods of 10 minutes shall be played. A coin toss by the visiting team will determine choice of ends of the field or the kickoff before the start of the first sudden victory overtime period. If the score is still tied at the end of the second sudden victory overtime period, the game shall be declared a draw.

- Points are awarded for conference games: win = 3 points; tie = 1 point; loss = 0 points.
- The team with the highest point total will be the AMC regular season champions.
- Should a tie exist between two or more teams, the following methods will be used to break the tie:
 1. Head-to-head competition (If more than two teams are tied and one team holds an undefeated record vs. the other tied teams, the undefeated team will be awarded the highest seed. The remaining seeds will move back to head-to-head.)
Tiebreakers 2-4 should include results from all conference matches.
 2. Goal differential: Goals scored minus goals allowed. (maximum is + 4 or – 4 per Match)
 3. Most goals scored (maximum is 4 per match)
 4. Least goals allowed (maximum is 4 per match)
 5. Longo (A conference ladder should be utilized.)

OFFICIALS: The host team will secure three NIOSA officials for each playoff game hosted.

POSTSEASON PLAY-IN TOURNAMENT:

- The regular season champion will receive an automatic bye into the Region V Tournament.
- Up to four teams NOT ADVANCING to the Region V tournament as regular season champions or via Longo will compete in a region play-in tournament.
- The postseason play-in will be single elimination format.
- Game sites for each round will be at the highest seeded institution's home field.
- The host team is responsible for finding a playable location.
- The host team will bear administration expenses and the visitors will pay travel expenses.
- Three NISOA officials must be used during play-in games. Games shall start by 1 p.m. unless host team has a lighted facility.
- For conference play-in games, two sudden victory overtime periods of 10 minutes shall be played. If the score is still tied, the game shall be recorded as a draw and the tiebreaker procedure of taking kicks from the penalty-kick line or spot, as set forth by the NCAA rulebook, shall be used.
- The men's and women's play-in tournament will alternate days (Monday, Wednesday vs. Tuesday, Thursday) each year.
- The play-in winner will receive an automatic berth to the NAIA Region V Tournament.
- Team rosters will consist of 24 players.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM VOTING AND PROCEDURES

- Each coach may nominate up to six of his/her own players. The SID will compile the nominations. A list of the nominations will be sent to all the conference coaches. A conference call among coaches will take place at 3 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the conference play-in to discuss the nominees. Coaches will then rank the top candidates (at each position). A coach may not vote for his or her own players.
- The top five candidates at midfielder, top five candidates at defender, top four candidates at forward and the top vote recipient at keeper will be named first team All-Conference. In cases of ties, those athletes will be named to the team. All remaining vote recipients at all positions will be named to the honorable mention squad.
- Each coach may also nominate one of his/her players for each of the following categories: Player of the Year; Freshman of the Year; and Newcomer of the Year. Once the nominations have been compiled, coaches will rank the candidates in each category. Player of the Year candidates MUST be an All-Conference nominee. Newcomer of the Year candidates must be competing in the AMC for the first time and have used at least one year of eligibility at another institution. Freshman of the Year candidates must be in their first season of collegiate competition. Coaches may not vote for their own players. (NOTE: The Newcomer of the Year and Freshman of the Year candidates DO NOT have to be nominated for All-Conference honors).
- A Fair Play and Sportsmanship Award in men's and women's soccer will be awarded annually. The award will be based on a vote of the conference soccer coaches, which will carry two-thirds of weight of the vote, and card count (conducted using the NCAA Accumulation Guidelines), which will carry one-third of the vote.