

# 2007-08 WHAC HANDBOOK - MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

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## I. SEASON DEFINED

A. WHAC basketball teams follow NAIA guidelines in regards to:

1. Number of contests - 30
2. Number of scrimmages - 2

## II. SCHEDULE

The league schedule will be devised by the conference scheduler and disseminated by the league President. The schedule is a double round-robin format. Each team will host every other WHAC school once.

A. Conference games are scheduled on Wednesday's and Saturday's in January and February.

B. Games are scheduled such that a home game for your men's team will have your women's team playing an away game that same date against the same opposing institution.

C. Each school has the option of scheduling Wednesday and Saturday doubleheaders with any other WHAC school. In this instance both men's and women's games are held at one school on the same date and the return games are held at the other school on the same day.

D. No school is required to have doubleheaders, it is strictly optional.

E. The conference playoffs will follow a Wednesday, Saturday, Monday format in even number years. In odd numbered years the playoffs will be on a Thursday, Saturday, Tuesday schedule.

## III. CHAMPIONSHIP DEFINED

A. The team with the best WHAC record is declared the conference champion.

B. Tournament winner receives an automatic bid to the NAIA national tournament.

C. Seeding for post season tournament is based on regular season finish.

D. If a tie exists, the following tie breaking system is used in this order.

1. Head to head competition
2. Record against #1 seed, #2 seed, etc
3. Number of conference road wins
4. Winning percentage among common opponents
5. Winning percentage in all NAIA games
6. Overall winning percentage
7. Coin toss

*\* if more than two teams are tied, once one team is eliminated based on tie breakers, revert back and start process again from number one with remaining tied teams.*

E. Post Season WHAC tournament

1. Will include all eight WHAC schools.
2. 1st round #1 vs. #8, #2 vs. #7, #3 vs. #6, and #4 vs. #5 (all games hosted by higher seeded team).
3. Semis - #1/#8 winner vs #4/#5 winner (at higher seed), and #2/#7 winner vs #3/#6 winner (at higher seed).
4. WHAC tournament final hosted by highest remaining seed.
5. Traveling teams are responsible for their own travel costs.
6. Host shall pay official fees.
7. 2007-08 Tournament dates: Quarterfinals, Wednesday, Feb. 27; Semi-finals, Saturday, March 1; Championship Monday, March 3.

## IV. CONTEST PROCEDURES

A. Officials assigned by Mike Smith (WHAC supervisor of officials)

1. Mike Smith can be contacted via phone at (248) 543-4452, fax at (248) 543-4692 or e-mail at msmith627@hotmail.com
2. Each conference school is responsible for providing their schedule to the assignor.
3. Three officials will be assigned to all WHAC contests.
4. Officials fees for the 2007-08 season will be \$145 per official per game.

B. Weekday game time schedule - Varsity at 7:30PM/Junior Varsity at 5:15PM - Weekend game times are 3:00 pm

C. The Rawlings Vision will be the official game ball for the Conference Tournament. During the 2007-2008 regular season, conference games can be played using whatever game ball each institution chooses. (Beginning in 2008-2009, the Rawlings Vision is to be used for all conference games.)

D. Visiting Pass List - There are no pass lists for conference games.

E. Home team is responsible for providing the visiting team with a copy of the game immediately following the contest.

F. Scouting information on WHAC schools should not be exchanged with non-WHAC schools. Information includes game films, stats, and written or verbal scouting reports.

1. SIDs routinely exchange stats with opponent SIDs. It is understood that this courtesy will be returned with like information to be shared with coaching staff, if so desired.

G. In case of a weathered out contest, the game will be played on the first available (mutually acceptable) date.

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## V. FILM EXCHANGE

- A. Each team will be allowed to request one (1) game tape from each WHAC opponent for a game of their choice (conference or non-conference game). The exchange shall follow these guidelines:
  1. New VHS tapes/dvd's are to be used.
  2. Tapes should be copied and the quality checked before mailing; first class mail is to be used. (All over-night, express delivery requests are to be paid for by the institution making the request.)
  3. The tape should be in the mail no later than three (3) days for non-conference games requested, and the next business day for all conference games requested.
  4. Requests must be made at least seven (7) days prior to the game requested.
  5. All tapes/dvd's should include audio and a copy of the game boxscore.

## VI. AWARDS

- A. On the Sunday following the last regular season game, head coaches shall attend a mandatory meeting at a designated location to vote on the following.
  1. WHAC Player of the Year
    - a. Each school nominates one player.
    - b. Each school verbally votes for one player.
    - c. Highest vote-getter is WHAC Player of the Year.
  2. All-WHAC Team (15 members, including Player of the Year)
    - a. Players are nominated by their own coaches.
    - b. Verbal vote is taken.
    - c. Coach may not vote for their own players.
    - d. If tie exists, more than 15 players may be named.
    - e. Team will consist of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Team All WHAC.
  3. All-Defensive Team
    - a. Players nominated by their own coaches.
    - b. Verbal vote taken.
    - c. Coach may not vote for their own players.
  4. All-Newcomer Team
    - a. Players nominated by their coaches.
    - b. Verbal vote taken.
    - c. Coach may not vote for their own players.
  5. Newcomer of the year
    - a. Freshman and transfer players are eligible.
    - b. Selection based on discussion and stats.
  6. Freshman of the Year
    - a. Players nominated by their coaches.
    - b. Verbal vote taken.
    - c. Coach may not vote for their own players.
    - d. The same player is eligible to win both the Newcomer of the Year and the Freshman of the Year
  7. All-Academic Team
    - a. Selection limited to juniors and seniors.
    - b. Minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA required.
  8. WHAC Coach of the Year. Selected by verbal vote of all coaches.
  9. Each coach will pick one player from their roster that best exemplifies the NAIA Champions of Character initiative. Those players will make up the WHAC men's basketball Champions of Character team.
  10. Champions of Character Coach Award will be selected from among the conference head coaches as voted on at the All-Conference meeting.

## VIII. TROPHY BREAKDOWN

- A. 1st Team All-Conference receive plaque (5), with exception of Player of the Year
- B. 2nd Team All-Conference receive plaque (5)
- C. Player of the Year receives separate plaque (1)
- D. Newcomer of the Year receives plaque (1)
- E. Freshman of the Year receives plaque (1)
- F. Coach of the Year receives plaque (1)
- G. 3rd team All-Conference/HM All-Conference/All-Academic & C of C receive certificates
- H. WHAC Regular Season Champion receives championship trophy (1).
- I. WHAC Tournament Champion receives tournament championship trophy (1).
- J. Team and individual awards will be distributed at WHAC tournament championship.
  1. Host of tournament championship is responsible to distribute awards.
  2. Awards will be supplied by WHAC office and distributed to host of event.