

# 2006-07 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Handbook

## **M. SOCCER** Rules & Regulations

*M. Soccer Chair: Mark Bell, Cornerstone University*  
*Sport Coordinator: Roger Jackson, Concordia University*

### **I. SEASON DEFINED**

A. WHAC Soccer teams will follow NAIA Guidelines regarding:

1. Number of contest: 18
2. Number of scrimmages allowed: 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. League games are on Wednesday's and Saturday's in even number years and Tuesday and Saturday's in odd number years.

### **III. OFFICIALS**

A. Each WHAC game will be officiated by a minimum of three (3) collegiate officials; 1 center referee and two assistant referees. The WHAC does not employ a league assignor so it is the responsibility of each WHAC school to contract officials for each (hosted) game.

### **IV. CHAMPIONSHIP DEFINED**

A. Regular season league champion is WHAC champion. Regular season champion is determined by WHAC point system (3 points per win, 1 point per tie, 0 points per loss). If tie exists, the following is used to break the tie:

1. Head-to-head competition between tied teams.
2. Head-to-head record against next highest finishing team down through last place team or until tie is broken.
3. Longo rating as defined in the NAIA Coaches Handbook. (In case of forfeit, count as 4-0 victory for Long purposes).
4. Total season goal differential in WHAC play. The formula will be total league goals for minus total league goals against equaling goal differential. The team with the highest differential will be league champion.

B. 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.

### **V. POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT**

A. Top six teams will qualify for the postseason tournament.

B. Teams will be seeded one through six, based on regular season finish. If ties exist for any seeding spot, use the formula defined in section IV above.

C. The higher seeded team always hosts the lower seeded team. Tournament format is:

1. Quarterfinals - Saturday, October 28th (#6 at #3, #5 at #4)
1. Semifinals, Wednesday, November 1st ; #4/#5 winner at #1, #3/#6 winner at #2
2. Championship game, Saturday, November 4th at highest remaining seed.

\*All playoff games must start no later than 2:00 p.m. unless agreed upon by both institutions and a lighted field is used.

### **VI. REGIONAL PLAYOFFS**

A. The WHAC Champion and the WHAC tournament champion will both receive a bid to the Region VIII tournament. WHAC Tournament Champion becomes top WHAC seed in Regional tournament

B. If the WHAC champion wins the WHAC tournament, the tournament runner-up will be the 2nd team in the Region VIII tournament.

C. In even years WHAC hosts regional, in odd ending years MCC hosts regional.

### **VII. CONTEST PROCEDURES**

A. Host teams are responsible for the conduct of their fans. The WHAC requires a painted restraining line at least 10 yards from the touch line on the spectator side, which is intended to serve as a neutral area between the field and the spectators. It is highly recommended that a fence or rope also be used along the restraining line. Game officials should also be reminded of the WHAC restraining line and encouraged to enforce the neutral area at all times.

### **VIII. AWARDS**

A. The men's soccer All-Conference team will be selected as follows.

1. Each coach will nominate six players in ranked order and bring to coaches meeting, to be held BEFORE conference tournament.
2. Coaches will vote to select first and second team All-Conference teams.
3. First ten (10) field players and one goal keeper will constitute First Team honors.
4. Second ten (10) field players and one goal keeper will constitute Second Team honors.
5. Coaches will also select a Coach, Player and Newcomer of the Year.
6. In case of ties, the soccer chair will poll all coaches to break the tie.

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 soccer Champions of Character team.

7. Coaches will vote upon one coach who best exemplifies NAIA Champions of Character philosophy to be Coach of Character award winner.

B. All-Academic Team: Coaches are to bring to WHAC meeting.

1. Minimum of 3.25 cumulative GPA and limited to juniors and seniors.
2. Information including name, hometown, year, high school, GPA and major/minor.

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### WHAC POSTSEASON AWARD BREAKDOWN - MEN'S SOCCER

| <u>Category</u>              | <u># Awarded</u> | <u>Receive Plaque</u> | <u>Receive Certificate</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Offensive Player of the Year | 1                | YES                   | YES                        |
| Newcomer of the Year         | 1                | YES                   | YES                        |
| Coach of the Year            | 1                | YES                   | YES                        |
| First Team All-Conference    | 11*              | YES                   | YES                        |
| Second Team All-Conference   | 11               | NO                    | YES                        |
| Academic All-Conference      | Unlimited        | NO                    | YES                        |
| Champions of Character Team  | 7                | NO                    | YES                        |
| Champions of Character Coach | 1                | NO                    | YES                        |

*\*Player and Newcomer of the Year are included in first team total but DO NOT receive first team plaque, only POY plaques.*

*If Newcomer of the Year is not a first team selection, then only POY is excluded from first team plaque.*

Regular season champion and tournament champion will receive championship trophies.

In the event of regular season co-champion, each team will receive championship trophy.

### TROPHY DISTRIBUTION

1. Team and individual awards will be distributed following TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
  - a. Host of tournament championship game is responsible to distribute awards after final round.
  - b. Awards will be supplied by WHAC office and distributed to host of event.
  - c. Special attention should be paid to announce ALL award winners... starting with All-Academic team and moving up.
  - d. Script for awards ceremony will be supplied to host school by WHAC office prior to event.