

2006-07 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Handbook

W. SOCCER Rules & Regulations

*W. Soccer Chair: Scott Oliver, Siena Heights University
Sport Coordinator: Linda Nash, Aquinas College*

I. SEASON DEFINED

- A. WHAC Soccer teams will follow NAIA Guidelines regarding:
1. Number of contest: 18
 2. Number of scrimmages allowed: 2

II. LEAGUE SCHEDULE

A. 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 a Wednesday - Saturday schedule during odd number years (i.e. 2005, 2007, etc.) and on Tuesday-Saturday schedule in even years (i.e. 2006, 2008, etc.).

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 the following point system:
Teams will be awarded three points for win, zero for a loss and one point for a tie. Only record in league games will determine WHAC standings.
In the case of a tie, the following criteria will be used to break.
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 Longo 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. The top four teams will qualify for the postseason tournament.
- B. Teams will be seeded one through four, 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. Semifinals, Tuesday, October 24th ; #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3 (at higher seed)
 2. Championship match, Saturday, October 28th 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 regular season champion will receive an automatic bid to the Region VIII tournament. The WHAC #1 seed in the Region VIII tournament will be the WHAC Tournament Champion. If the WHAC regular season champion is also the WHAC Tournament champion, the #2 regional seed will be awarded to the runner-up of the WHAC Tournament.
- B. The Region VIII tournament hosted by #1 WHAC seeded team in odd years, and by the #1 MCC seed in even years.

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 All-Conference Team will be selected as follows:
1. Each coach will nominate any number of their own players they feel are worthy of All-Conference accolades. Nominations are to be submitted to WHAC chair prior to league meeting.
 2. Soccer chair will compile a list of nominations and send ballots to coaches. All voting will be conducted at end of season meeting prior to WHAC tournament finals.
 3. Coaches will vote for 20 field players and two goalkeepers, to be presented at end of season meeting prior to WHAC Tournament. First 10 field players and one goal keeper are awarded First Team honors, second 10 field players and goal keeper are awarded Second Team honors and third 10 field players and keeper will be named honorable mention.

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4. Both an offensive and defensive player of the year as well as coach of the year will be determined at end of season meeting.
 5. In case of ties, the chair will poll all coaches to break ties.
 6. 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 women'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.

WHAC POSTSEASON AWARD BREAKDOWN - WOMEN'S SOCCER

<u>Category</u>	<u># Awarded</u>	<u>Receive Plaque</u>	<u>Receive Certificate</u>
Offensive Player of the Year	1	YES	YES
Defensive Player 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
Honorable Mention All-Conference	11	NO	YES
Academic All-Conference	Unlimited	NO	YES
Champion of Character Team	7	NO	YES
Champion of Character Coach	1	NO	YES

**Player of the Year is included in first team total but DOES NOT receive first team plaque, only POY 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.