



SPORT GUIDELINES for MEN'S and WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ARTICLE I: Season of Competition Information

NAIA 24 Week Rule with KCAC Modifications:

- Per NAIA guidelines, Men's and Women's Basketball shall have a maximum 24-week practice and competition season as established by each member institution. For the KCAC, frequency of play, practice and scheduling policies shall be restricted to the following period of time: beginning on Monday of the week in which August 15 falls and ceasing no later than May 15 per NAIA guidelines.
 1. Frequency of play, practice, and scheduling outside of this period (beginning the Monday of the week in which August 15 falls until May 15 each year) is governed by each member institution and will not be regulated by the NAIA.
 2. Member institutions may be engaged in conditioning activities beginning on August 1 in preparation for the fall season of competition. However, no practice or outside competition is allowed between August 1 and the start of the practice and competition season, which begins on Monday of the week in which August 15 falls.
 3. There shall be no more than three break periods during the 24 weeks. NAIA approved postseason participation shall not be counted as part of the 24-week period. A week is defined as Sunday (12:01 a.m.) through Saturday (11:59 p.m.). Any practice or competition during this period shall constitute one of the 24 weeks permitted.

Specific Rules on Contact:

- Athletic-related contact, which includes practice, conditioning, and/or competition activities, will be limited to 20 hours per week once classes have begun for the fall semester at the specific KCAC institution.
 - Prior to classes beginning for the fall semester, specific to each KCAC institution, the 20 hour contact rule will not apply.

- Each contest, which includes games, exhibitions, and scrimmages, will be counted as 2 hours within the 20 hours of contact during the week.
- For all KCAC teams, there will be one day per week with no athletic-related activities, which includes practice, conditioning, or competition.

ARTICLE II: Sport-Specific Rules for KCAC Basketball

NAIA Coaching Manuals:

- **WEBLINK:** [NAIA Men's Basketball Coaches' Manual](#)
- **WEBLINK:** [NAIA Women's Basketball Coaches' Manual](#)

Sport-Specific Rules for the KCAC:

- Starting times for basketball games are as follows:
 - JV Women or Men @ 2:00 p.m. and must stop at 3:35 (Saturday 1:00 and stop at 2:35).
 - JV Men or Women @ 4:00 must stop at 5:35 (Saturday 3:00 and stop at 4:35).
 - Varsity contests at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. (Saturday 5:00 and 7:00).
 - Conference games are to be played on Thursdays and Saturdays.
 - Changes in the schedule need mutual agreement of both teams involved and must be approved by the Executive Committee of the KCAC in advance.
- The official ball for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics is the Rawlings FRANCHISE Basketball.

ARTICLE III: Championship Event Information

Automatic Qualifiers to NAIA National Tournament:

- Procedure to Determine Qualifiers for the NAIA National Tournament:
 - The KCAC Regular Season Champion is the first automatic qualifier for the NAIA National Tournament. The KCAC Tournament Champion shall be second qualifier for the NAIA National Tournament. If the regular season champion is also the post-season tournament champion, then the #2 seed in the conference tournament will be the second qualifier to the NAIA National Tournament.

Seeding and Brackets:

- Seeding and brackets for the post-season tournament will be determined by the basketball chair in conjunction with the KCAC Commissioner.
- The seeding and brackets will be released on KCACsports.com as soon as possible following the completion of all regular season games.
- For the KCAC Tournament, all ten teams will participate which includes a "play-in" for the bottom four teams. The winner of #9 at #8 will advance to meet #1, and the winner of #10 at #7 will advance to meet #2. The top

eight teams will continue as bracketed in quarterfinals, semifinals, and championship games. The seeds will be based on the final regular season conference standings, with tiebreaker procedures in effect. The highest seed will host each game.

- If there are regular season conference co-champions, the conference approved tie-breaking procedures will determine which team is the #1 seed. If the regular season co-champions meet in tournament play, the #1 seed will host the #2 seed in the tournament final.

Tie Breaking Procedures:

- To break ties for tournament seeding, the following criteria shall be used, in the presented order as needed:
 1. Cumulative record versus all tied teams.
 2. Modified Krause System using only KCAC games with records used at the time of the game; (*5 points*, win against a winning team away; *4 points*, win against a winning team at home; *4 points*, win against a losing team away; *3 points*, win against a losing team at home; *2 points*, loss against a winning team away; *1 point*, loss against a winning team at home; *1 point*, loss against a losing team away, *0 points*, loss against a losing team at home). The record considered is opponents' overall KCAC record at the time of the game. Record of .500 is considered a winning record. The rating will be cumulative and distributed to KCAC coaches weekly.
 3. Overall winning percentage against common NAIA Division II teams.
 4. Overall winning percentage against NAIA Division II teams.
 5. Overall winning percentage against all NAIA teams.
 6. Coin toss.

Contingency Plan:

- To be used only in the event that the KCAC Championship Tournament is unable to be started and/or completed.
- Automatically, the #1 seed, who is the regular season champion, will receive the first of two automatic bids awarded to the KCAC for the NAIA Division II Men's/Women's Basketball Championship Tournament.
- By right of having 10 teams, the KCAC would award its second automatic bid in the following manner:
 1. In the case of co-regular season champions, the conference would use the approved tie-breaker procedures as stipulated in the KCAC Basketball Guidelines for the KCAC to break all ties. If two teams have tied for the regular season championship, then these two teams would receive the two automatic bids to the NAIA Division II Men's /Women's Basketball Championship Tournament if it cannot be completed as planned.

- a. In the case of three or more teams tying for the KCAC Men's /Women's Basketball Regular Season title, the conference would use the approved tie-breaker procedures as stipulated in the Men's Basketball Guidelines for the KCAC to break all ties to determine the two highest seeds – thus determining the two automatic bids to the national tournament.
2. If there is a sole Regular Season Champion and tournament has not started, then the #2 seed would receive automatically the second automatic bid to the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Championship Tournament.
3. If there is a sole Regular Season Champion and the conference tournament has started and is unable to be completed, the #2 seed would be awarded the automatic bid to the NAIA Division II Men's/Women's Basketball Championship Tournament with the following exceptions:
 - a. If the #2 seed has lost in the conference championship tournament and was tied with one other team for the Runner Up title (i.e. #3 seed based on the approved tie-breaker procedures as stipulated in the Basketball Guidelines), then the #3 seed would receive the second automatic bid as long as the #3 seed is still alive in the tournament.
 - i. If both Runners Up have lost in the tournament, then the automatic bid reverts back to the higher of these two seeds.
 - b. If the #2 seed has lost in the conference championship tournament and was tied with two or more teams for the Runner Up title (i.e. #3 seed and #4 seed, etc. based on using the approved KCAC tie-breaking procedures), then the #3 seed would receive the second automatic bid as long as the #3 seed is still alive in the tournament.
 - i. This procedure would be in effect for all teams who finished the regular season tied for the Runner Up title – i.e. #2 and #3 have been eliminated, but #4, who was also a Runner Up, is still alive in the tournament and would receive the automatic bid.
 - ii. If all Runners Up have lost in the tournament, then the automatic bid reverts back to the highest of these seeds.

ARTICLE IV: Awards

Team Awards:

- Plaques will be awarded to the Regular Season Champion Team , the Conference Tournament Champion Team, and the Conference Tournament Runner-Up Team

Selection of All Conference Teams and Other Individual Awards:

- First Team: Coaches cannot vote for their own player. The top 10 ten players will receive numerical values and the top 10 point totals will be elected to 1st team all-conference.
- Honorable Mention: Coaches will re-nominate players for honorable mention, the top 10 point totals will be elected to honorable mention all-conference.
- All-Defensive Team: Coaches will submit nominations and the top 5 vote getters will be named to the all-defensive team.
- All-Freshmen Team: Coaches will submit nominations and the top 5 vote getters will be named to the all-freshmen team.
- Player of the Year: The player who receives the highest point total in all-conference voting will be selected as Player of the Year.
- Newcomer of the Year: Nominations for Newcomer of the Year are submitted by coaches and voted on. The player who is new to the conference (not a freshman) who receives the highest point total in all-conference voting will be selected as Newcomer of the Year.
- Freshman of the Year: Nominations for Freshman of the Year are submitted by coaches and voted on. The freshman player who receives the highest point total in all-conference voting will be selected as Freshman of the Year.
- Coach of the Year: Coaches will vote for Coach of the Year. The coach who receives the highest point total in the voting will be selected as Coach of the Year.

ARTICLE V: Duties of the Sport Chair

- The duties of the KCAC Basketball Chair (Men's and Women's) are as follows:
 - Help determine the proper policies and procedures at the conference level.
 - Serve under the direction of the KCAC Commissioner:
 - Assist the KCAC Commissioner when requested
 - Represent the KCAC coaches to the KCAC Commissioner
 - Keep the KCAC Commissioner informed and updated of proposals and concerns
 - Send a copy of the KCAC Basketball Guidelines to each conference coach prior to the start of the season.
 - Chair the meetings of the KCAC Basketball coaches.
 - Serve on the Games Committee at the KCAC Basketball Championships.
 - Inform the KCAC Basketball Championship Tournament Director of all procedures and guidelines.

ARTICLE VI: Miscellaneous

Pre-Game and Half-Time Protocols:

- Host institutions should closely follow the recommended procedures as agreed upon by the KCAC Basketball Coaches and Athletic Directors.

NAIA Conference Raters:

- One coach for will be selected by vote of the conference coaches to be a member of the NAIA rating committee for Basketball – one men’s coach and one women’s coach for their respective sports. The conference rater will be confirmed each summer at the KCAC Sport Management Conference and reported to the conference commissioner and the NAIA.