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Committee Responsibilities

The following guidelines have been established to facilitate communication among the representative committees, the Board of Delegates, the Administrative Delegates and the Presidents' Council.

I. **Selection of the Committee Chair and Liaison.** The Chair of a Representative Committee is selected by the head coaches for a three-year term. The liaison is selected by the Executive Director from among the senior women and men athletics administrators. An administrator may be assigned to a representative committee whether or not the sport is played at his or her institution.

II. **Meetings of the Committee.** Each Representative Committee will meet at least once per year to make recommendations to the Administrative Delegates. The date and site of the meeting will be announced by the Executive Director. Additional meetings may be arranged by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Director.

III. **Proposed Agenda Items.** The members of the committee should submit agenda requests to the Chair and/or the Executive Director no later than five (5) days before the meeting date. The Chair will compile the agenda items and distribute to the members of the committee, the committee liaison and the Executive Director.

IV. **Chair Responsibilities**
   A. The Chair's role is to provide leadership to the Committee in its attempts to improve Conference competition in its sport.
   B. The Chair is responsible for the minutes of the committee meeting. The minutes should contain the following:
   1. Committee members in attendance
   2. Listing of all discussion items
   3. Listing of any motions made by the committee, complete with school of the person making the motion, and record of the vote with yes-no-abstain.

   **EXAMPLE:** MOTION: (name of school) moved that … Motion passed x-x-x.

   C. The Chair should circulate the typed minutes of the committee meeting to the members of the committee, the liaison and the Executive Director. The Conference Office should receive the typed minutes as soon as possible following the conclusion of the meeting (no later than 2-3 days).
   D. The Chair may also be requested to attend the Administrative Delegates meeting to provide support for particular motions.

V. **Liaison Responsibilities**
   A. The Liaison's role is to communicate the thinking of the Presidents' Council and the Administrative Delegates to the committee, while assisting the committee in its attempts to improve Conference competition in its sport.
   B. The liaison will give the committee's report at the Administrative Delegates meeting.

VI. **Committee Responsibilities**
   A. The various committees are responsible for conducting Conference competition under the rules and policies adopted by the Centennial Conference.
   B. The committees are charged with making recommendations concerning rules, policies and playing conditions governing their respective sports. These recommendations, which are sent to the Board of Delegates, can relate to Conference-wide policies or to possible NCAA legislation.
   C. The committees should work in concert with the Conference Office in the operation of certain Conference championship events.
   D. The committees should also work with the Administrative Delegates and the Conference Office to ensure the smooth operation of the championship season.
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Championship Policies

I. ADMINISTRATION

Championships Committee. The Conference championships committee will be a standing committee comprised of three administrators. (Adopted 11/28/06, Revised 5/26/14)

Games Committee. The Conference Office will name a games committee to assure the proper conduct of the playoff game(s). The committee will generally be comprised of, but not limited to, the host Director of Athletics and/or Senior Woman Administrator, and representatives of the visiting team and the Conference Office.

Incomplete Tournament. If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier.

If a first-round tournament game cannot be played by the day prior to the semifinals, the No. 4 seed advances to the semifinals. (Adopted 5/29/13)

Officials. The Conference Office, in cooperation with the host institution, will secure officials for each game of the Conference playoffs in the following sports - Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball. Members of the coaching staff or other representatives of participating institutions shall not make public statements critical of officiating in any Centennial Conference playoff game.

Pre-Tournament Conference Call. A Conference call with head coaches and administrators of the teams advancing to the tournament will be held prior to the championship. A representative of the host institution, the games committee chair and/or the Conference staff liaison also will participate on the calls. The information that will generally be reviewed is listed below.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Establish games committee
   a. Tournament director
   b. Conference Office representative
   c. Administrators from competing teams
3. Order and start time of playoff games
4. Incomplete tournament policy
5. Officials (if assigned)
6. Uniforms and bench assignments
7. Locker Room assignments
8. Provisions for laundering uniforms
9. Filming/Videotaping needs
10. Training / Medical services
11. Awards ceremony

II. POLICIES and PROCEDURES

Participating Teams. No more than 50 percent of sponsoring institutions at the varsity level may qualify for the championship tournaments in baseball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball. (Adopted 9/30/10)

Order of Semifinal Games. Reward the top seed by permitting it to determine the order of semifinal games.

If school hosts two or more play-in games on the same day at the same venue (without lights), the visiting team that travels the farthest will play its game on Wednesday. The visiting team that is closer will play its game on Tuesday. Mileage will be determined by the Conference Office and printed in a matrix in the Centennial Manual.

If the facility has lights, the team traveling the farthest plays the second game on that day.

If there are three play-in games at the same venue (m/w soccer, field hockey), the visiting soccer team that is closest will play its game on Tuesday. The other two games will be played on Wednesday with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).
Start Times: The start time for the first-round (midweek) Conference tournament games in field hockey, soccer and lacrosse shall be determined by the host but shall be no earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 7 p.m. (Adopted 5/28/14)

Hosting Two Tournaments. If one school hosts both tournaments at an unlighted facility (example: Haverford soccer), the semifinal(s) between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds will be hosted by the No. 2 seed(s). (example: Haverford men's and women's soccer will play the No. 4 seeds at Haverford; the No. 2 seed in the men's tournament hosts the No. 3 seed the other semifinal and; the No. 2 seed in the women's tournament hosts the No. 3 seed the other semifinal.) Both championship games will be played at the site of the No. 1 seed with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second). The Conference Office will compute mileage between campuses using Google Maps or another service.

If one school hosts both gender sports at the same venue (example: men's and women's soccer), in odd-numbered years, the men's tournament will be played Friday and Sunday, while the women's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. In even-numbered years, the women's tournament will be played Friday and Sunday, while the men's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday.

If field hockey conflicts with either soccer tournament, substitute hockey for the gender not represented. (example: in 2018, Johns Hopkins hosts field hockey and men's soccer; field hockey plays Friday-Sunday; men's soccer plays Saturday and Sunday).

If one school hosts both basketball tournaments ... in odd-numbered years (2019), the women will play the semifinals on Friday and the final on Saturday, while the men will play the semifinals on Saturday and the final on Sunday. In even-numbered years (2018), the men will play the semifinals on Friday and the final on Saturday, while the women will play the semifinals on Saturday and the final on Sunday. (Revised 5/30/12)

Practice at Championship Site. No practice will be permitted at the team championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day. For outdoor sports, there is no practice on the game field prior to the semifinals. Prior to a single outdoor championship event (soccer, field hockey, lacrosse), the facility will be made available for official warm-ups at least 45 minutes prior to the start of play.

Conflicts with Home Football Games. If field hockey or soccer tournaments conflict with a home football game, the hockey and soccer tournaments may be scheduled for Friday night and Saturday night.

Cut-Off Dates for Regular-Season Conference Play. The cut-off date for completion of Conference regular-season competition for basketball, field hockey, women's lacrosse, soccer and volleyball is 6 p.m. Sunday prior to the championship.

III. HOST INSTITUTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Budget. The home institution is responsible for securing the personnel needed to ensure the best possible operation of the playoff contest(s).

1. Public address announcer for all games. The PA announcer shall be impartial.
2. Clock operator(s) for all games;
3. Official scorer for all games. The visiting team(s) is entitled to a representative at the scorer's table. At the conclusion of the contest, the official score sheet will be the one recorded by the host team.
4. Statisticians for all games;
5. Security

The host institution is also responsible for:

1. Game programs. For the first round, 100 programs (or a typical amount for a regular-season home game) are requested, while 500 should be the minimum for the semifinals and final. For basketball, the numbers increase to 500 and 2,000.
2. Ball persons, in sports where necessary.
3. Crowd control (see below).

The Conference Office will pay officials. All other expenses should be paid by the host institution. Hosts should complete the attached budget report and return to the Conference Office immediately following the tournament.

Crowd Control. The responsibility for crowd control rests with the director of athletics of the host institution. Host institutions must provide adequate security and ushers for effective crowd management. The host Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator shall be prepared to use the public address system at the first sign of unsportsmanlike crowd behavior and request cooperation in maintaining proper playing conditions. The following announcement should be made:

"The Centennial Conference promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site."
National Anthem. The national anthem ("Star-Spangled Banner") shall be played or sung before the semifinal games and before the championship game.

Statistics. The host Director of Sports Information is responsible for contacting the media outlets with the score and submitting a copy of the official box score immediately following the contest.

Tickets. An admission charge will be assessed for basketball, swimming and wrestling championship events only. See the respective sports section for the charges.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Awards. The previous year's champion is responsible for bringing the championship trophy to the championship site. The trophy must be engraved (updated) by the previous year's champion.

Media Arrangements. The host Director of Sports Information, in cooperation with the Conference Office, shall control the issuance of media credentials for each home playoff game. Media in attendance should be provided with the following: Game Program, Statistics of competing teams, and the latest Conference Report.

Trophy Presentation. The Centennial Conference championship trophy will be presented immediately following the conclusion of the championship game. Both teams are requested to return to their respective benches after post-game handshakes. A short ceremony will follow with the captain(s) being called forward to receive the trophy.

Videotapes, Films and Still Photographs. Institutions are permitted to videotape championship competition by their teams for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site for camera space at the site.
Baseball

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in baseball: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Baseball Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Adam Hertz, Swarthmore
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Mideast Regional Advisory Committee: Stan Exeter, Ursinus (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in baseball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to February 1. (Revised 6/4/03)
   2. First Contest or Date of Competition. An institution may schedule its first contest against outside competition on the last Saturday in February. In the event an institution's spring break begins prior to that date, the first date of competition may be played on the first day of spring break. (Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09, 5/30/12)
   3. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the playing season to 40 contests (games and scrimmages) during the traditional segment and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 8/1/01, 6/9/04, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)
   4. Classes in Session. No more than 30 contests may be played while classes are in session during the traditional segment. There is no limitation on contests during listed vacation periods. (Adopted 6/4/03)

C. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
   2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed no later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final regular fall examination period.
   3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
   4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
   5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
   6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to two regulation baseball games or 18 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out). (Revised 4/17/07)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a four-team double-elimination playoff. The teams are determined by the best won-lost record in a double round-robin format. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 11/28/06)

B. Tiebreaker Format. The tiebreaker formula to determine playoff seeding is as follows:
   1. Head-to-head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
   2. Records versus teams in descending order of standing; (e.g., if there is a tie for fourth, the records of those two teams vs. the 1st-place finisher would be examined, then on to 2nd place, etc.);
   3. if criteria 1 and 2 does not break the tie
      a. for the final playoff position, a play-in game will be held. The Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine the site;
      b. for other ties among playoff-bound teams, the Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine playoff position.
   In the event of multiple ties, a random drawing will be held for the playoff positions.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)
C. Tournament Format

Game 1 (Thursday): No. 4 seed at No. 1 seed, 3 p.m.
Game 2 (Thursday): No. 3 seed at No. 2 seed, 3 p.m.
Game 3 (Saturday at No. 1 seed): Loser of game 1 vs. Loser of game 2, 9 a.m.
Game 4 (Saturday at No. 1 seed): Winner of game 1 vs. Winner of game 2, not before 12:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after game 3
Game 5 (Saturday at No. 1 seed): Winner of game 3 vs. Loser of game 4, begins 30 minutes after game 4
Game 6 (Sunday at No. 1 seed): Winner of game 4 vs. Winner of game 5, 12 p.m.
Game 7 (Sunday at No. 1 seed): Championship game, if necessary, begins 30 minutes after game 6

All games are nine innings. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 5/29/13)

D. Determination of Home Team.

1. For games 1 through 5, the higher seed will be the home team.
2. The undefeated team (2-0) in the tournament, regardless of seed, will be the home team for game 6 and the visiting team for game 7. (Adopted 11/28/06; Revised 5/28/08, 5/26/10)

E. Championship Game Times.

Game 1: No. 4 seed at No. 1 seed, 3 p.m.
Game 2: No. 3 seed at No. 2 seed, 3 p.m.

Practice (game starts at 3:00 p.m.) The home team (higher seed) will complete batting practice by 2 p.m. The visiting team may hit for 30 minutes, beginning at 2 p.m. The home team takes field practice from 2:30-2:40. The visiting team takes field practice from 2:40-2:50. Lineup exchange is at 2:52, and anthem begins at 2:55. First pitch is 3 p.m.

Game 3: loser of game 1 vs. loser of game 2, 9 a.m.
Game 4: winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2, not before 12:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after conclusion of game 3
Game 5: winner of game 3 vs. loser of game 4, begins 30 minutes after conclusion of game 4

No practice will be permitted at the team championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day. No practice is permitted on the game field prior to the warm-up for the first game. Prior to games 6/7, the facility will be made available for official warm-ups 60 minutes prior to the start of play.

Game 3 Practice (game starts at 9 a.m.) The higher seed will hit in cages from 7:55 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. while the lower seed has use of the field. At 8:25 a.m. the teams switch to complete pregame warm-ups. (Revised 6/1/16)

Game 4 Practice (game starts at 12:30 p.m. or 30 minutes after conclusion of first game). Teams take batting practice in cages from 11:25 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. The home team takes fielding practice from 12:00-12:10, while the visiting team takes fielding practice from 12:10-12:20. Lineup exchange takes place at 12:22 and the starting lineups with national anthem begins at 12:25. First pitch is 12:30.

Game 5 Practice (game starts 30 minutes after conclusion of second game). The team waiting to play game 5 may hit in the cage for 30 minutes anytime after the start of Game 4. The team waiting will then take fielding practice from 30 minutes until 20 minutes prior to the start of Game 5.

Game 6: winner of game 4 vs. winner of game 5, 12:00 p.m.
Game 7, if necessary: 30 minutes after conclusion of game 6

Game 6 Practice (game starts at noon). The host institution (or home team) will complete batting practice by 11 a.m. The visiting team may hit for 30 minutes, beginning at 11 a.m. The home team takes fielding practice from 11:30-11:40. The visiting team takes field practice from 11:40-11:50. Lineup exchange is at 11:52, and anthem begins at 11:55. First pitch is 12 p.m.

(Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/9/04, 11/28/06, 5/28/08, 5/28/14)

F. Inclement Weather. If games 1 and 2 are not played on Friday because of weather or exam schedules, three games will be scheduled on Saturday at the site of the #1 seed.

Game 1: No. 1 seed vs. No. 4 seed, 9 a.m.
Game 2: No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed, 12:45 p.m.
Game 3: losers of games 1 and 2, 4:30 p.m.
Games 4 and 5 would follow the traditional Sunday schedule, while only games 6 and 7 may be played on Monday. If the tournament has not completed five games by the end of the day Sunday, and if all teams have completed at least one contest, the highest remaining seed will receive the Conference AQ. If all teams have not completed at least one contest, the regular-season top seed will represent the Conference as its automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. The home site athletic administrator in consultation with the Executive Director shall make decisions on whether games may be started if weather or field conditions are questionable. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 11/28/06)

G. Incomplete Tournament. If the tournament has not completed five games by the end of Sunday, and if all teams have completed at least one contest, the highest remaining seed will receive the Conference AQ. Exception: If the tournament is not played on the weekend of NCAA championship selection, games 6 and 7 can be played prior to the NCAA selection date. The institutions will confirm available dates during the pre-championship conference call. If all teams have not completed at least one contest, the regular-season top seed will represent the Conference as its automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. (Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/1/05, 11/28/06, 5/26/10, 5/29/13, 5/28/14)

H. Umpires. The Conference Office will arrange for umpires through Chesapeake Basin Umpires Association. The host institution will pay umpires and be reimbursed by the Conference Office. It is recommended that three umpires be used. (Adopted 6/6/01)

I. Batting Practice. All batting practice for playoff games shall take place in batting cages, if facilities permit, not on the field. The lone exception will be games on Sunday. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/5/02)

J. Baseballs. The Conference Office, per the contract with Diamond, will provide baseballs for each game of the tournament. The host team will supply others as needed.

K. Foul Balls. The host institution for Conference tournament games is responsible for providing persons to retrieve foul balls that leave the field of play. (Adopted 5/30/07)

L. Dugouts. The home team shall occupy the third base dugout. In the interest of simplicity, the No. 1 seed will occupy its dugout for all games in which it participates. A team occupying one dugout in the playoffs will not be forced to change dugouts in the next game, unless the host institution is involved in the game. (Adopted 5/28/08)

M. Length of Contests. All games shall be nine innings. If play has been stopped before nine innings have been completed, the halted-game rule (Rule 5-9) shall be used. The 10-run rule – Rule 5-7-b-(4) – shall not be used for the championship.

N. Uniforms. The higher seed is the home team and shall occupy its home dugout, take infield practice first and wear white uniforms if it owns white uniforms. The visiting team must wear a uniform of contrasting color. In competition and during related ceremonies (pre-game/warm-up, introductions, award ceremonies and post-game interviews), student-athletes in the championship shall wear exclusively the official game uniforms of their institutions. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as competitive uniforms.

O. Game Programs. The host institution is responsible for the production of an appropriate number of programs for the championship.

P. Hospitality. The host institution should provide hospitality for visiting administrators (AD, SWA, SID) and members of the press. The Conference will reimburse for refreshments for hospitality.

Q. Public Address Announcements. The public address announcer for the Conference tournament shall be impartial. The announcer is responsible to the Centennial Conference representative and games committee at each site. Any music played once the first pitch is thrown must be impartial and not derogatory toward visiting teams. By rule, "Audio may not be played in a manner that may incite spectators to react in a negative fashion to umpires’ decisions or to visiting players.” Music may only be played 1) in between innings or 2) during a pitching change.

R. Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers are not permitted.
Section V - Regulations Governing Competition

All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Starting Times. Starting times for midweek single games is 3 p.m. (3:30 after Daylight Savings Time begins, or 3:45 p.m. by mutual consent), except by mutual agreement. All weekend doubleheaders begin at 11:30 a.m. before Daylight Savings Time and 12 p.m. after Daylight Savings. Weekday doubleheaders must begin at 1 p.m. Starting times may be adjusted by mutual agreement by participating teams. (Revised 6/4/97, 6/3/98, 6/6/01, 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

B. Length of Contests. Length of all Conference contests will be nine innings. There will be a 20-minute break between games of a Conference doubleheader. (Revised 6/9/04, 6/1/11)

C. Games Ending in Ties. Ties in regular-season games will not be replayed and will count in the standings.

D. Batting Practice. The home team will complete batting practice 60 minutes before game time. The visiting team may hit for 30 minutes, beginning 60 minutes before game time. The home team takes fielding practice for 10 minutes, beginning 30 minutes before game time. The visiting team also gets 10 minutes, beginning 20 minutes before game time. (Revised 6/3/98, 6/9/04, 5/31/06)

E. Umpiring Fees. The Chesapeake Basin Umpires Association is the official assignor of umpires for the Centennial Conference for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 seasons. The assigning fee is $350 per school. (Revised 6/3/98, 6/9/04, 5/31/06, 5/27/15, 5/30/18)

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F. Postponements
1. All postponed Conference games must be made up.
2. If a game is called by the umpire due to inclement conditions, 4 1/2 innings shall constitute a complete game if the home team is ahead and 5 innings if the visiting team is ahead.
3. A Tuesday postponement must be made up on the first day conditions permit (Wednesday, then Thursday)
4. A Friday postponement shall be replayed Sunday then Monday. If neither of these days is available, the two coaches must select a mutually convenient date. (Revised 6/2/99, 6/6/01, 6/9/04)
5. A Saturday postponement shall be replayed Sunday then the next available Sunday, taking precedence over a Friday postponement. A Saturday postponed doubleheader takes precedence in rescheduling over a previously rescheduled doubleheader on that Sunday. If a team has already arrived at a host college for a Saturday doubleheader and all or part of that doubleheader is postponed, the game may be made up Sunday or the next available Sunday, at the option of the visiting college. (Revised 6/7/00, 6/6/01, 6/9/04, 6/1/05, 5/28/08)
6. As a last resort, if any Conference doubleheader cannot be made up on the next-to-last Sunday because of a previously postponed doubleheader being scheduled there, it will be made up on the Tuesday prior to that final weekend of regular season games. If that doubleheader is postponed from Tuesday, it will be made up the next day. (Revised 6/1/05)
7. If games cannot be made up according to the guidelines stipulated above, the teams involved should select a mutually agreeable date, as long as all makeup games are played by the Tuesday following the final Saturday of regularly-scheduled Conference competition. (Revised 6/9/04)
8. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

G. Tobacco Use. All tobacco products are banned from the field, dugouts, bullpens and batting cages.

H. Uniforms. Each institution is responsible for notifying its opponents what color its home uniform will be if not white.

I. Suspended Games. A game that is stopped before it becomes official should be considered a suspended game and played from the point of interruption on the date mandated by Conference policy. If the two teams play at a future date, the suspended game should be continued at that time. (Adopted 6/2/99).

J. Out-of-Bounds Lines. Members should paint/mark or use cones for all out-of-bounds lines beyond the dugout when fences are not present. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 5/27/15)

K. Bullpens. Every institution must have a separate bullpen for the visiting team. Institutions should either provide two mounds for the use of visitors or, if field conditions make that impossible, provide equal access to a second mound in the home bullpen. (Adopted 6/6/01)

L. Scouting Reports. Coaches shall not give scouting reports on Conference schools to non-Conference schools or to other Centennial Conference schools. (Adopted 6/5/02)
M. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

N. **Practice Screens.** Each institution is required to have a first base screen on its field for pre-game practice. In addition, each institution is required to have a screen in the middle of the field to protect the players who receive the balls hit during batting practice. *(Adopted 5/26/10; Revised 5/29/13)*

**Section VI - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season an All-Conference team shall be selected by the Conference coaches. The team will comprise of four (4) Pitchers, one of whom pitched the majority of his appearances as a reliever, one (1) Catcher, First Baseman, Second Baseman, Third Baseman, Shortstop, three (3) Outfielders and a Designated Hitter. The coaches will also select a Player, Pitcher, Gold Glove and Rookie of the Year. *(Revised 5/27/09, 5/29/13, 5/28/14)*

1. **Nominations.** At the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Voting Procedure.** Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

3. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. **Determination of Player and Pitcher of the Year.** For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player,** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. The top vote getter among the pitching nominees will be named Pitcher of the Year.

5. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player,** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

7. **Gold Glove Award.** The Conference will select a recipient for a “Gold Glove Award,” which will be given annually to the best defensive player in the Conference. Each team may nominate one player for the award. Coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player,** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/28/14)*

B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a Player and Pitcher of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 6/2/99)*

C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

D. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

E. **Championship Tournament MVP.** The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

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F. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VII – 2019 Calendar**

- **Start of Spring Practice:** Friday, February 1
- **First Contest:** Saturday, February 23
- **All-CC Nominations Due:** Sunday, April 28
- **All-CC Ballot Due:** Wednesday, May 1
- **Conference Tournament:** Thursday-Saturday-Sunday, May 2-4-5
- **Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, May 7

**NCAA Championship Date Calculation Formula:** Finals begin on the Friday prior to and conclude on Tuesday following Memorial Day. The regionals are the Wednesday-Sunday prior to the finals.

**Future NCAA Championships – Selections / Regionals / Super Regionals**

- 2019 – May 12 / May 17-19 / May 24-26
- 2020 – May 11 / May 15-17 / May 22-24
- 2021 – May 9 / May 13-15 / May 20-22
- 2022 – May 15 / May 18-22 / May 27-29

**Future NCAA Championships - Finals**

- 2019 – May 31-June 5 – Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Iowa Conference, host)
- 2020 – May 29-June 3 – Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Iowa Conference, host)
- 2021 – May 27-June 1 – Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Iowa Conference, host)
- 2022 – June 3-8 - Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Iowa Conference, host)
Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in basketball: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Men's Basketball Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Paul Moyer, McDaniel
Committee Chair: Landry Kosmalski, Swarthmore (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Middle Atlantic Regional Advisory Committee: Kevin Curley, McDaniel (term expires 9-2020)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in basketball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks and shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship. (Adopted 1/12/04; Revised 4/11/11)

B. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence preseason basketball days of athletically-related activity sessions before October 15. (Revised 8/1/01, 6/4/03, 5/26/10, 6/1/11, 5/29/13, 6/1/16)

C. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution may play 25 regular-season games and one permissible scrimmage, or 24 regular-season games and two scrimmages. An alumni scrimmage may also be exempted. (Adopted 9/23/05, Revised 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

D. First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition before November 15. An institution is permitted to conduct exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices prior to the first permissible date for regular season competition. (Revised 5/27/09, 8/1/17)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Number of Conference Contests. Each school will play 18 Conference games. (Revised 6/5/02)

B. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference basketball champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams will be determined by best won-loss record in a round-robin format.

First Round (Tuesday, Wednesday if a tie-breaker game is required on Monday): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Friday night at No. 1 seed): No. 3 seed vs. No. 2 seed; winner of first-round game vs. No. 1 seed. The top seed determines the order of the semifinal games in consultation with the Conference Office.
Championship (Saturday night at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 11/30/04, 6/1/11, 5/31/17)

If one school is the top seed for both the men's and women's tournaments …

Even-Numbered Years (2020, 2022, etc.)
Men: semifinals on Friday (6 and 8 p.m.), final on Saturday (7 p.m.)
Women: semifinals on Saturday (2 and 4 p.m.), final on Sunday (2 p.m.)

Odd-Numbered Years (2019, 2021 etc.)
Women: semifinals on Friday (6 and 8 p.m.), final on Saturday (7 p.m.)
Men: semifinals on Saturday (2 and 4 p.m.), final on Sunday (2 p.m.)
(Adopted 6/4/03; Revised 6/9/04, 5/30/12)

C. Tie-Breaker Format
1. All seeds other than the final seed will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
   a. head-to-head Centennial Conference competition among the tied teams;
   b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.);
   c. coin flip by the Executive Director;
   d. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied.
2. Ties for the final playoff seed will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
   a. head-to-head Conference competition among the tied teams;
   b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.). It should be noted that if 1 (c) above had to be used to break a tie between teams, those teams will be considered as tied for purposes of applying this tie-breaker;
c. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied;

  d. if the application of 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) does not determine the final seed for the playoffs, a tie-breaker game will be played. The host for the game will be determined through a coin flip by the Executive Director. It should be noted that, under the provisions of criteria 2, a tie-breaker game would only be played if the teams had split their head-to-head games, and the tied teams' records were identical against every other team in the Conference. The rationale of 2(d) is that a tiebreaker game should be held if, and only if, the only other possible way to determine the final playoff team was a coin flip. (Adopted 6/4/03; Revised 6/9/04)

D. Practice at Championship Site. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day. (Adopted 6/9/04)

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**First-Round Game Schedule**

- 6:30 p.m. Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
- 7:10 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
- 7:25 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
  - National Anthem
  - Player Introductions
- 7:30 p.m. Tip-Off

**Semifinal Game #1 – 6:00 Tip**

- 5:00 p.m. Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
- 5:40 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
- 5:55 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
  - National Anthem
  - Player Introductions
- 6 p.m. Tip-Off

**Semifinal Game #2 – 8:00 Tip**

- Halftime teams participating in second semifinal **may not shoot** during halftime of the first game

**Final**

- Conclusion of first semifinal (put 30 minutes on clock after final buzzer if sounds 7:00 or later)
- Floor available for team warm-up
- 7:40 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
- 7:55 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
  - Player Introductions
- 8 p.m. Tip-Off

- The second semifinal shall be promoted as "not before 8 p.m." and shall begin at 8 p.m. or not later than 30 minutes after completion of the first semifinal. Following the NCAA tournament procedure, the home team will play the second game.
Championship Game
6 p.m. Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
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          National Anthem
          Player Introductions
7 p.m. Tip-Off

Half-Time Schedule
• Halftime intermission should be 15 minutes in duration. Hosts shall abide by the following halftime procedures:
  • Clock begins when both teams leave the floor.
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Section VI - Regulations Governing Competition

All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Starting Times. All single midweek games will begin no later than 7:30 p.m. All weekend Conference games will begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 4 p.m. All weeknight doubleheaders will start at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Revised 6/7/00, 6/6/01)

B. Doubleheaders. A doubleheader is defined as two games (Junior Varsity-Varsity, Alumni-Varsity, Men-Women, Women-Men). In the case of doubleheaders involving men's and women's games, the host institution will determine the order of games and starting times. In the case of a doubleheader, 30 minutes should be put on the game clock immediately following the conclusion of the first game. Two Conference games at the same facility (Women-Men, Men-Women) must be played consecutively with no break due to jayvee or alumni contests. (Adopted 6/3/98, Revised 6/6/01)

C. Postponed Contests. All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. If the two schools cannot reach a mutual agreement, a postponed contest will be played within the next two days, provided the availability of the facility. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games. Teams that do not reschedule a postponed game for the next available date for any circumstance must clear a different date with the Conference Office. (Revised 6/7/95, 6/4/03, 2/3/04)

D. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 6/9/04)

E. Interrupted Contests. If, due to electrical failure, a broken backboard, or some other unforeseen emergency, a Conference game is interrupted, it must be replayed in its entirety. If either team was losing at the time of the interruption and chooses not to replay the game, the game will be considered forfeited.

F. Forfeits. If a Conference team fails to appear for a regularly scheduled, contracted Conference contest, that game may be forfeited and entered as a loss for that institution.

G. Officials. Donnie Eppley will serve as the Conference’s coordinator of officiating. Three officials must be assigned by the coordinator for all Centennial Conference men's basketball regular season games. (Revised 6/3/98, 6/2/99, 6/1/11, 5/27/15, 5/30/18)

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H. Scouting Information. Scouting information (film, tape, written or verbal information) will not be shared with non-Centennial institutions about Centennial teams.

I. Game Tape Exchange

There is a mandatory video exchange between Centennial Conference members allowing for total access to all Conference and non-Conference video footage. Each Centennial school is required to share all Conference and non-Conference games via the Centennial Conference Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Hudl, Synergy, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is agreed upon by the Centennial Men’s Basketball coaches committee. Coaches agree to the following video guidelines and upload times:

• All teams are responsible for making all of the above games available within two hours of the end of a home game.
• Audio is not required.
• If a team travels to a tournament, the program is responsible for making the tournament games available by 11 a.m. on the day following the team’s return.

• Additionally, there will be no exchange of verbal or written scouting reports, etc., with out-of-conference opponents.  
  (Adopted 5/29/13, Revised 6/1/16, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

J. **Player Introductions.** The visiting team starters will be announced first, followed by the starters for the home team.  
  (Adopted 6/4/97; Revised 6/9/04, 5/30/12, 5/29/13)

K. **Sportsmanship Code.** The Centennial Conference sportsmanship code must be placed in programs and read over the public address system prior to the start of all contests.  
  (Adopted 6/4/97)

"The Centennial Conference promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site."

L. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, disembemterment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform.  
  (Adopted 6/1/05)

M. **Ball.** The official ball for Centennial Conference games shall be the official ball of the NCAA Division III championship (Wilson NCAA Solution through 2022-23).  
  (Adopted 5/27/09).

N. **Student Spectator Seating.** No students from an opposing institution are permitted to sit behind the bench of another institution’s team.  
  (Adopted 5/26/10)

O. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract.  
  (Adopted 5/26/10)

**Section VII - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season an All-Conference team will be selected by the conference coaches. The team will comprise of two Guards and two Frontcourt (Forwards and Centers) players, and one player at-large (guard, forward or center). The coaches will also select a Player, Defensive Player and Rookie of the Year. The honorable mention list will include a minimum of five players.  
  (Revised 6/2/99, 6/5/02, 5/27/12, 5/31/17)

  1. **Nominations.** At the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

  2. **Voting Procedure.** Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year.  
     **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

  3. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

  4. **Determination of Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.** For Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote.  
     **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.  
     (Revised 5/31/17)

  5. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote.  
     **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

  6. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition.  
     **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.  
     (Adopted 5/30/12)
B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period.

C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

D. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

E. **Championship Tournament MVP.** The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

F. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VIII - Championship Tournament**

A. **Budget.** The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

B. **Admission Charge.** An admission charge will be assessed at each round of the Conference tournament, including tie-breaker games.

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There are no complimentary tickets for the Conference basketball championships, though an institution may purchase tickets for special guests and friends of the institution. Up to 12 cheerleaders and 25 band members will be admitted free, provided these groups announce their intention to attend the contest with the host Director of Athletics.

The host institution shall afford each of the three visiting schools the opportunity to purchase 15% of the available tickets. The visiting teams should contact the Tournament Director no later than Thursday regarding the number of tickets desired and the process by which the tickets shall be available to the visiting team. *(Revised 6/2/99, 6/1/05)*

C. **Spectator Areas.** To avoid potential conflicts, the Conference recommends that the host institution designate distinct seating sections within the playing facility for:

**Home Supporters Section**

- Shall not be behind the visiting team bench.
- Should be available to advance ticket customers.
- Should have a distinct ticket (different from home supporters and walk-up sections) for admittance.

**Visiting Supporters Section(s)**

- Should be directly behind the visiting team bench(es).
- Should have a distinct ticket (different from visitor supporters and walk-up sections) for admittance.
Walk-Up General Admission Section
• Should have a distinct ticket (different from visitor and home supporters sections) for admittance.
• Should be available to supporters from all institutions.

D. Basketballs. The host institution should provide each visiting team with a minimum of six basketballs of good quality for warm-up. Additionally, the host institution will provide game balls for each game hosted by the institution.

E. Game Programs. The host institution is responsible for the production of an appropriate number of programs for the championship.

F. Hospitality. The host institution should provide a hospitality area for visiting administrators and members of the press. The Conference will reimburse for refreshments (sandwiches, cookies, soda, etc.) for the hospitality room. This area should also have press information on the Conference tournament and on each participating team. Access to the hospitality room should be limited to those with proper credentials.

G. Ladder. The host institution should provide a ladder for the championship team to safely take down the net if desired.

H. Media. The host institution should provide a working area for members of the press. This area should be at the scorers' table or as close to the court as possible. Access to the media area should be limited to those with proper credentials. The host Director of Sports Information, in cooperation with the Conference Office, shall control the issuance of media credentials for each home playoff game. Media in attendance should be provided with the following: (1) Game Program, (2) Statistics of competing teams, and (3) the latest Conference Report.

I. Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers are not permitted.

J. Public Address Announcements. The PA announcer for the Conference tournament shall be impartial.

K. Scorers' Table. The host institution will provide the official scorekeeper/statistician at the scorer’s table for the first round, both semifinals and the final. The official scorer only shall wear an official's striped shirt for easy identification. Space shall be reserved at the scorers' table for a scorer from both teams. Game announcers are directed to be impartial in their duties.

Section VIII – Calendar

Start of On-Court Practice: Monday, October 15
First Contest: Thursday, November 8
All-CC Nominations Due: Sunday, February 17
All-CC Ballot Due: Tuesday, February 19
Conference Tournament: Tuesday-Friday-Saturday, February 19-22-23
Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5

NCAA Championship Date Formula Calculation
Single-Game first rounds: First Thursday in March (Thursday prior to second round)
Single-Game second rounds: First Saturday in March
Three-game first/second rounds: First Friday-Saturday in March
Sectionals: Second Friday/Saturday in March.
Finals: Third Friday/Saturday in March

Future NCAA Championships
2019 – March 1-2-8-9-15-16 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Arena, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Manchester, host)
2020 – March 6-7-13-14-20-21 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Arena, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Manchester, host)
2021 – March 5-6-12-13-19-20 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Arena, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Manchester, host)
2022 – March 4-5-11-12-18-19 – Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Arena, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Manchester, host)
Basketball (W)

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in basketball: Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Women's Basketball Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore
Committee Chair: Kirsten Richter, Franklin & Marshall (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisory Committee: Nate Davis, Gettysburg (term expires 9-2020)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in basketball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks and shall be completed by the conclusion of the NCAA championship. (Adopted 1/12/04, Revised 4/11/11)

B. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence preseason basketball days of athletically-related activity sessions before October 15. (Revised 8/1/01, 6/4/03, 5/26/10, 6/1/11, 5/29/13, 6/1/16)

C. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution may play 25 regular-season games and one permissible scrimmage, or 24 regular-season games and two scrimmages. An alumni scrimmage may also be exempted. (Adopted 9/23/05, Revised 5/31/17)

D. First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition before November 15. An institution is permitted to conduct exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices prior to the first permissible date for regular season competition. (Revised 5/27/09, 8/1/17)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Number of Conference Contests. Each school will play 20 Conference games in a double round-robin format. (Revised 6/5/02; 5/28/08)

B. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference basketball champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams will be determined by best win-loss record in a round-robin format.

First Round (Tuesday, Wednesday if a tie-breaker game is required on Monday): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Friday at No. 1 seed): No. 3 seed vs. No. 2 seed; winner of first-round game vs. No. 1 seed.
The top seed determines the order of the semifinal games in consultation with the Conference Office.
Championship (Saturday, 4 p.m. at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Revised 6/4/03; 6/9/04; 11/30/04; 6/1/11, 5/28/14)

If one school is the top seed for both the men’s and women’s tournaments … (Adopted 6/4/03; Revised 6/9/04, 5/30/12)

Even-Numbered Years (2020, 2022, etc.)
Men: semifinals on Friday (6 and 8 p.m.), final on Saturday (7 p.m.)
Women: semifinals on Saturday (2 and 4 p.m.), final on Sunday (2 p.m.)

Odd-Numbered Years (2019, 2021, etc.)
Women: semifinals on Friday (6 and 8 p.m.), final on Saturday (7 p.m.)
Men: semifinals on Saturday (2 and 4 p.m.), final on Sunday (2 p.m.)

C. Tie-Breaker Format
1. All seeds other than the final seed will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
   a. head-to-head Centennial Conference competition among the tied teams;
   b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.);
   c. coin flip by the Executive Director. For a two-team tie, the Executive Director determines which team will be heads or tails prior to the coin flip and the winner takes the higher seed. For more than two teams, the teams will be selected in a blind draw with the first team drawn receiving the higher seed and the subsequent draws assigned the next highest seeds in descending order (example: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. until the field is complete);
   d. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied.
2. Ties for the final playoff seed will be determined by applying the following criteria in the order listed:
   a. head-to-head Conference competition among the tied teams;
   b. team with the best record vs. teams in descending order of standing (1st place, 2nd, etc.). It should be noted that if 1 (c) above had to be used to break a tie between teams, those teams will be considered as tied for purposes of applying this tie-breaker;
   c. once the above criteria have been used to reduce the number of tied teams, they will be used again on the teams that remain tied;
   d. if the application of 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) does not determine the final seed for the playoffs, a tie-breaker game will be played. The host for the game will be determined through a coin flip by the Executive Director. It should be noted that, under the provisions of criteria 2, a tie-breaker game would only be played if the teams had split their head-to-head games, and the tied teams' records were identical against every other team in the Conference. The rationale of 2(d) is that a tiebreaker game should be held if, and only if, the only other possible way to determine the final playoff team was a coin flip. (Adopted 5/27/09)

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G. Pregame Schedules. With certain exceptions for multiple events at one venue or economic concerns, semifinals should start no earlier than noon and a Sunday final no later than 2 p.m. (Adopted 6/1/11)

First-Round Game Schedule – 7:30 Tip
6:30 p.m. Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
7:10 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
7:25 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
           National Anthem
           Player Introductions
7:30 p.m. Tip-Off

Semifinal Game #1 – 6:00 Tip
5:00 p.m. Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
5:40 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
5:55 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
           National Anthem
           Player Introductions
6 p.m. Tip-Off

Halftime teams participating in second semifinal may not shoot during halftime of the first game

Semifinal Game #2 – 8:00 Tip *
   Conclusion of first semifinal (put 30 minutes on clock after final buzzer if sounds 7:30 or later)
   Floor available for team warm-up
7:40 p.m. Officials meet with team captains
7:55 p.m. Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
           Player Introductions
8 p.m. Tip-Off

• The second semifinal shall be promoted as "not before 8 p.m." and shall begin at 8 p.m. or not later than 30 minutes after completion of the first semifinal.
Championship Game – 4 p.m. Tip
3 p.m.  Floor available for team warm-up - 55-minute countdown begins
3:40 p.m.  Officials meet with team captains
3:55 p.m.  Timer sounds buzzer - teams clear floor
National Anthem
Player Introductions
4 p.m.  Tip-Off

Half-Time Schedule
•  Halftime intermission should be 15 minutes in duration. Hosts shall abide by the following halftime procedures:
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A. Starting Times. All single midweek games will begin no earlier than 7 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by the affected institutions and no later than 7:30 p.m. All weekend Conference games will begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 4 p.m. All weekend doubleheaders will start at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  (Revised 6/7/00, 6/6/01, 5/30/07, 5/30/12)

B. Official Ball. The official game basketball of the Centennial Conference must be the official basketball of the NCAA Championships (Wilson Solution through 2022-23).  (Revised 6/7/00)

C. Doubleheaders.  A doubleheader is defined as two games (Junior Varsity-Varsity, Alumni-Varsity, Men-Women, Women-Men). In the case of doubleheaders involving men's and women's games, the host institution will determine the order of games and starting times. In the case of a doubleheader, 30 minutes should be put on the game clock immediately following the conclusion of the first game. Two Conference games at the same facility (Women-Men, Men-Women) must be played consecutively with no break due to jayvee or alumni contests.  (Adopted 6/3/98; Revised 6/6/01)

D. Postponed Contests. All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. If the two schools cannot reach a mutual agreement, a postponed contest will be played within the next two days, provided the availability of the facility. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games. Teams that do not reschedule a postponed game for the next available date for any circumstance must clear a different date with the Conference Office.  (Revised 6/7/95, 6/4/03, 2/3/04)

E. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship.  (Adopted 6/9/04)

F. Interrupted Contests. If, due to electrical failure, a broken backboard, or some other unforeseen emergency, a Conference game is interrupted, it must be replayed in its entirety. If either team was losing at the time of the interruption and chooses not to replay the game, the game will be considered forfeited for the team that was ahead.

G. Forfeits. If a Conference team fails to appear for a regularly scheduled, contracted Conference contest, that game may be forfeited and entered as a loss for that institution.

H. Officials. Three officials will be assigned by Jim Hollister, coordinator of officials for the Conference, for all 2018-21 games.  (Revised 6/3/98, 6/2/99, 6/9/04, 5/31/06, 5/27/09, 5/30/18)

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I. Scouting Information. Scouting information (film, tape, written or verbal information) will not be shared with non-Centennial institutions about Centennial teams.

J. Game Tape Exchange
There is a mandatory video exchange between Centennial Conference members allowing for total access to all Conference and non-Conference video footage. Each Centennial school is required to share all Conference and non-Conference games via the Centennial Conference Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Hudl, Synergy, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is agreed upon by the Centennial Men’s Basketball coaches committee. Coaches agree to the following video guidelines and upload times.
K. **Sportsmanship Code.** The Centennial Conference sportsmanship code must be placed in programs and read over the public address system prior to the start of all contests. *(Adopted 6/4/97)*

"The Centennial Conference promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site."

L. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

M. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

**Section VI - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season, an All-Conference team will be selected by the conference coaches. The first and second teams will comprise five players each regardless of position. The coaches will also select a Player of the Year for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 6/1/16)*

1. **Nominations.** At the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Voting Procedure.** Shorty after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

3. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. **Determination of Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.** For Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Revised 5/31/17)*

5. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period.
C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

D. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

E. **Championship Tournament MVP.** The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

F. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher:
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VII - Championship Tournament**

A. **Budget.** The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

B. **Admission Charge.** An admission charge will be assessed at each round of the Conference tournament, including tie-breaker games.

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There are no complimentary tickets for the Conference basketball championships, though an institution may purchase tickets for special guests and friends of the institution. Up to 12 cheerleaders and 25 band members will be admitted free, provided these groups announce their intention to attend the contest with the host Director of Athletics. *(Revised 6/2/99; 6/1/05)*

The host institution shall afford each of the three visiting schools the opportunity to purchase 15% of the available tickets. The visiting teams should contact the Tournament Director no later than Thursday regarding the number of tickets desired and the process by which the tickets shall be available to the visiting team. *(Revised 6/2/99, 6/1/05)*

C. **Spectator Areas**
To avoid potential conflicts, the Conference recommends that the host institution designate distinct seating sections within the playing facility for:

- **Home Supporters Section**
  - Shall not be behind the visiting team bench.
  - Should be available to advance ticket customers.
  - Should have a distinct ticket (different from home supporters and walk-up sections) for admittance.

- **Visiting Supporters Section(s)**
  - Should be directly behind the visiting team bench(es).
  - Should have a distinct ticket (different from visitor supporters and walk-up sections) for admittance.

- **Walk-Up General Admission Section**
  - Should have a distinct ticket (different from visitor and home supporters sections) for admittance.
  - Should be available to supporters from all institutions.
D. **Basketballs.** The host institution should provide each visiting team with a minimum of six basketballs of good quality for warm-up. Additionally, the host institution will provide game balls for each game hosted by the institution.

E. **Game Programs.** The host institution is responsible for the production of an appropriate number of game programs for the championship.

F. **Hospitality.** The host institution should provide a hospitality area for visiting administrators and members of the press. The Conference will reimburse for refreshments (sandwiches, cookies, soda, etc.) for the hospitality room. This area should also have press information on the Conference tournament and on each participating team. Access to the hospitality room should be limited to those with proper credentials.

G. **Ladder.** The host institution should provide a ladder for the championship team to safely take down the net if desired.

H. **Media.** The host institution should provide a working area for members of the press. This area should be at the scorers' table or as close to the court as possible. Access to the media area should be limited to those with proper credentials. The host Director of Sports Information, in cooperation with the Conference Office, shall control the issuance of media credentials for each home playoff game. Media in attendance should be provided with the following: (1) Game Program, (2) Statistics of competing teams, and (3) the latest Conference Report.

I. **Noisemakers.** Artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers are not permitted.

J. **Public Address Announcements.** The PA announcer for the Conference tournament shall be impartial.

K. **Scorers’ Table.** The host institution will provide the official scorekeeper/statistician at the scorer’s table for the first round, both semifinals and the final. The official scorer only shall wear an official's striped shirt for easy identification. Space shall be reserved at the scorers' table for a scorer from both teams. Game announcers are directed to be impartial in their duties.

**Section VIII – Calendar**

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**NCAA Championship Date Formula Calculation**

- Single-Game first rounds: First Thursday in March (Thursday prior to second round)
- Single-Game second rounds: First Saturday in March
- Three-game first/second rounds: First Friday-Saturday in March
- Sectionals: Second Friday/Saturday in March.
- Finals: Third Friday/Saturday in March

**Future NCAA Championships**

- 2019 – March 1-2-8-9-15-16 – Cregger Center, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
- 2020 – March 6-7-13-14-20-21 – Capital Center Performance Arena, Columbus, Ohio (Capital, host)
- 2021 – March 5-6-12-13-19-20 – Cregger Center, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
Cross Country

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in cross country: Bryn Mawr (women only), Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Ursinus.

Section II - Men's and Women's Cross Country Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Katie Tarr, Bryn Mawr
Committee Chair: Jason Hewitt, Bryn Mawr (term expires 9-2019)
NCAA Committee: Don Nichter, Dickinson (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in cross country shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined). (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see NCAA Bylaw 17.02.11) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. A "unit" is a numerical value assigned to a particular calendar day within the application of the preseason practice formula that is used to determine the first permissible practice date for fall sports other than football. The number of units assigned to a particular day does not determine or limit the number of practices that may be conducted on that day. (Adopted 5/4/09; Revised 4/11/11)
   a. Never assign any units to Sundays on the calendar; it is permissible to practice on Sundays;
   b. Never assign any units to calendar days during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted;
   c. The first six units: assign one unit to each of the six calendar days (not including Sunday) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition;
   d. The remaining ten units:
      i. Assign one unit to each calendar day (not including Sundays) that occurs on or after the opening day of classes for the fall term and
      ii. Assign two units to each calendar day before the opening day of classes for the fall term (not including Sundays) until the sum of units on the calendar reaches 16;
   e. The date on which the total count of units on the calendar reaches 16 is the first permissible date for preseason practice. (Adopted 5/4/09)
2. Determining the First Permissible Practice Date (see NCAA Bylaw 17.02.11). To determine the first permissible practice date, an institution shall count back a total of 16 units on a calendar starting with the day before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition, as follows:
   a. Never assign any units to Sundays on the calendar; it is permissible to practice on Sundays;
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   e. The date on which the total count of units on the calendar reaches 16 is the first permissible date for preseason practice. (Adopted 5/4/09)
3. First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition. (Revised 5/27/09, 5/29/13)
4. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to nine (9) contests and one alumni scrimmage. (Revised 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

C. Nontraditional Segment
1. First Permissible Practice and Competition. February 1.
2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period.
3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined at a Conference championship meet.

B. Tie-Breaker. The NCAA regional tiebreaker will be used to decide the winner of a conference championship tie. The tiebreaker will compare the place finish of each team member 1-5 versus the respective competitors on the opposing team (Team A's first finisher versus Team B's first finisher, etc.). The winner is the team winning the majority (best of five) of the comparisons. If more than two teams are tied, the criteria will be applied in the same sequence until only one team remains. If the tie cannot be broken using the five-point system, the average time of each team's top five finishers will be used. (Adopted 6/6/01)

C. Eligibility for Championship. To be eligible for the Conference championship, a school must schedule a minimum of four Conference schools over two or more competitive dates during the regular season. (Revised 6/3/98)

D. Suspension of Championship. The liaison for the committee should be "on call" in the event that an unforeseen emergency causes the suspension of the championship. The liaison will serve as the administrative component in the decision-making process along with the administrators on the games committee. (Adopted 5/31/06)

E. Weather Policy. If the championship race has already begun and would have to be suspended in the middle of the competition:

1. Women's 6,000 Meter Race. If competition is suspended before the 2,000 meters mark, the race may be continued with a two-hour delay. If competition is suspended after 2,000 meters, the race should be postponed until the next day.

2. Men's 8,000 Meter Race. If competition is suspended before the 3,000 meters mark, the race may be continued with a two-hour delay. If competition is suspended after 3,000 meters, the race should be postponed until the next day.

If necessary, competition may be postponed until Sunday with competition not starting before noon. (Adopted 5/31/17)

Section V - Regulations Governing Competition
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Entry Fees. To defray the expense of operating Conference championship events, the following fee will be assessed: $12 per individual. Payable to the host institution, the fee must be received before that individual can compete. The deadline for entrants shall be at 11:59 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the competition. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 6/21/12; 5/27/15)

In the event that a coach fails to enter his/her team(s) for the Conference Championship(s), the following actions shall occur:

1. The team(s) in question shall be allowed to compete
2. The timer, host school, Conference Office, and school in question will work to make sure entries are available for competition
3. The Conference Office shall notify the Athletic Director of the offending school by sending a letter of formal reprimand.

(Revised 5/27/15)

B. Date/Site of Championship Meet. The championship will be held two weeks before the NCAA Division III Regional meet. Future Sites: 2018-Haverford, 2019-Gettysburg, 2020-Haverford, 2021-Johns Hopkins.

C. Championship Meet Distance. The men's championship will be conducted at 8,000 meters, while the women's championship will be conducted at 6,000 meters.

D. Starting Times. The starting times for the championship races should follow the NCAA meet order. (Revised 5/31/17)

E. Number of Entrants. Each school may enter up to 12 athletes with team scoring conducted under NCAA rules.

F. Officials. The host institution must have at least five (5) paid officials to ensure a first-class competition. The officials can be used to cover responsibilities such as starter, head timer, finish judge, finish line crew, scorer and course marshals.

G. Junior Varsity Race. A junior varsity race may be held in conjunction with the Conference championship at the discretion of the host institution. (Adopted 6/2/99)

H. Finish-Line Camera. The host site must have a finish-line camera as a minimum standard. (Adopted 6/6/01)

I. Course Review. The championship course must be made available for review for teams on the Friday prior to the meet. (Adopted 6/6/01)
J. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

K. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

**Section VI - Championship Meet Expenses**

The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If the expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

**Section VII - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** The first seven finishers at the conference championship meet will be named first-team All-Conference, while the second seven finishers will be named second-team All-Conference. The first finisher at the conference championship meet will be named Runner of the Year, while the first rookie finisher will be named Rookie of the Year. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of competition. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will select an Athlete of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 5/28/14)*

C. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

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F. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*
Section VIII – Calendar

First Contest: Friday, August 31
Conference Championship: Saturday, October 27, at Haverford, Pa.
Committee Meeting: Monday, November 26

NCAA Championship Date Formula: Final: The Saturday before Thanksgiving. Regional: The Saturday prior to the final.

Future Centennial Conference Championships
2018 – October 27 - Haverford
2019 – October 26 - Gettysburg
2020 – October 31 - Haverford
2021 – October 30 – Johns Hopkins

Future NCAA Regionals
2018 – November 10 – Center Valley, Pa. (DeSales University, host)
2019 – November 16 – TBA
2020 – November 14 – TBA
2021 – November 13 – TBA

Future NCAA Championships
2018 – November 17 – Lake Breeze GC, Oshkosh, Wis. (UW-Oshkosh, host)
2019 – November 23 – E.P. Sawyer State Park, Louisville, Ky. (Spalding, host)
2020 – November 21 – Cooper’s Lake Campground, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Carnegie Mellon, host)
2021 – November 20 – E.P. Sawyer State Park, Louisville, Ky. (Spalding, host)
Field Hockey

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in field hockey: Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Field Hockey Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Kathy Tierney, Bryn Mawr
Committee Chair: Janelle Benner, Ursinus (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA South Region Advisory Committee: Megan Eddinger, Muhlenberg (term expires 9-2020)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in field hockey shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined). (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. A "unit" is a numerical value assigned to a particular calendar day within the application of the preseason practice formula that is used to determine the first permissible practice date for fall sports other than football. The number of units assigned to a particular day does not determine or limit the number of practices that may be conducted on that day. (Adopted 5/4/09)
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      e. The date on which the total count of units on the calendar reaches 16 is the first permissible date for preseason practice.
         (Adopted 5/4/09)
   3. First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one contest in the institution’s maximum limitation on contests.
      (Revised 5/27/09, 5/29/13)
   4. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 contests and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/31/17)

C. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Permissible Practice and Competition. February 1.
   2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period.
   3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
   4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
   5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
   6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to two regulation field hockey contests or 140 minutes of competition activity. (Revised 4/17/07)
Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
All NCAA championship rules apply unless amended below.

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams are determined by the most points earned in a single round-robin format. Two points will be awarded for a victory, one point for a tie and none for a defeat.

First Round (Wednesday): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): 4-5 winner at No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed. Top seed determines the order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
Championship (Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/9/04, 11/30/04)

B. Tournament Scheduling Conflicts
If a school hosts two or more fall championship first-round games on the same day at the same unlighted venue, the visiting team that travels the farthest will play its game on Wednesday. The visiting team that is closer will play its game on Tuesday. Mileage matrix determined by the Conference Office.

If the facility has lights, the team traveling the farthest plays the second game on that day.

If there are three fall championship first-round games at the same venue (men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey), the visiting soccer team that is closest will play its game on Tuesday. The other two games will be played on Wednesday with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

If one school hosts two championships on the same venue at an unlighted facility (example: Haverford soccer), the semifinals between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in both tournaments will be hosted by the No. 2 seed. Both championship games will be played at the highest remaining seed. If both championship games are played at the No. 1 seed, the order will be determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

If one school hosts a championship for both genders at the same venue (example: men's and women's soccer), in odd-numbered years, the men's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, while the women's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. In even-numbered years, the women's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, while the men's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday.

If field hockey conflicts with either soccer tournament, substitute hockey for the gender not represented. (example: in 2018, Johns Hopkins hosts field hockey and women's soccer: women's soccer plays Friday-Saturday, field hockey plays Saturday-Sunday)

If the tournament conflicts with a home football game, the tournament may be scheduled for Friday night and Saturday night. (Adopted 6/9/04)

C. Tie-Breaking Formulas
1. Head-to-Head Conference competition.
2. Team with best record vs. 1st place team, 2nd place team, etc. until tie is broken.
3. Goal-differential: An extra point shall be awarded for each goal a team wins by up to a maximum of three goals in games among tied teams (example: 4-1 is worth three points, 4-2 is worth two, 5-1 is worth three).
4. Goal-differential: An extra point shall be awarded for each goal a team wins by up to a maximum of three goals in all Conference games (example: 4-1 is worth three points, 4-2 is worth two, 5-1 is worth three).
5. Coin flip by Executive Director. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 5/31/17)

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)

D. Starting Times. With certain exceptions for multiple events at one venue or economic concerns, semifinals should start no earlier than noon and the Sunday final no later than 2 p.m. The start time for the first-round (midweek) tournament game shall be determined by the host but shall be no earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 7 p.m. (Adopted 6/1/11; Revised 5/28/14)

First Round (Wednesday): No earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 7 p.m.
Semifinals (Saturday): 12:00 and 70 minutes following conclusion of first semifinal.
Championship (Sunday): 1:00.

Conflicts will be worked out between the committee chair and the Conference Office. Travel expense and time will be taken into consideration for start times and order of semifinal games. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/6/01; 6/9/04; 6/1/0; 5/28/14)
E. **Inclement Weather.** Guidelines governing championship administration are as follows: 1) Semifinal games must be played back-to-back. 2) Designated start times would be no earlier than 11 a.m., and no later than 7 p.m. 3) All games would be played on the same surface. 4) If these criteria could not be met by the #1 seed, then the Conference would look to the #2 seed to host. *(Adopted 6/6/01)*

F. **Incomplete Tournament.** If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)*

G. **Practice at Championship Site**
1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
2. No practice on the game field prior to the semifinals.
3. Prior to a single outdoor championship event, the facility will be made available for official warm-ups 45 minutes prior to the start of play. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

H. **Bench Areas.** The host institution – or higher seed at a neutral site – is the designated home team and will use the host institution's bench.

I. **Game Ball.** The *Penn Monto Elite* smooth ball is the official ball for the NCAA Division III championship. The Kookaburra smooth ball is the ball for grass, artificial-filled surfaces and turf surfaces not watered. The Kookaburra standard dimple ball will be the ball for non-filled watered artificial surfaces. The color of the ball will be white, unless mutually agreed upon by the games committee and the coaches. The home team shall supply 75 balls at the start of the designated warm-up time, consistent with the required game ball, and 20 cones for conference opponents to use for their pre-game warm-up. *(Revised 5/30/12, 5/27/15, 6/1/16)*

J. **Uniforms.** Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. Each team must have two sets of shirts and socks, one light set and one dark set. The higher seed will wear its dark uniforms, while the lower seed will wear its light uniforms.

K. **Field Measurements.** All fields that do not have a natural barrier between the spectators and the field (i.e. track) should rope off an area five yards between the spectators and the field.

L. **Game Staffing.** The host institution shall provide all table personnel for the first-round, both semifinal and championship games, including: an announcer, two clock operators, official scorer, and statisticians. Table personnel should be experienced and knowledgeable of the game of field hockey. If students serve in this capacity, there must be adult supervision (other than the tournament director) at all times. The host institution should provide the same for the first-round game as well. For Conference tournament games, it is required that a minimum of four (4) ball runners be provided per contest. *(Revised 5/30/12)*

M. **Programs.** The host institution is responsible for an appropriate number of game programs for the championship.

N. **Pregame Schedule.** All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 45 minutes of warm-up on the game field.

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Seventy (70) minutes are placed on the clock immediately at the conclusion of the first semifinal. A minimum of 45 minutes should be available for warm-up prior to the start of the second semifinal.

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Section V - Regulations Governing Competition

All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Starting Times. All Conference games played after daylight savings time has ended are to start no later than 3 p.m. on a weekday. After October 1, unless mutually agreed upon, contest will begin no later than 4 p.m. unless the facility has lights. An institution with lighted facilities may schedule night games that may start no later than 8 p.m.

(Revised 6/4/97; Revised 6/1/05; Revised 5/31/06)

Pre-Game Schedule (example: 12 noon start)
10:50 a.m. clock starts at 62:00; teams may begin warm-up
11:52 a.m. field is cleared; teams return to benches; pre-game introductions; national anthem
12:00 p.m. game begins

B. Warm-Up. During the regular season, teams will have the full 62 minutes of warm-up time with the exception of conflicting competitions (not to include practices) on a multi-use field. In such a situation, each team will be given a minimum of 45 minutes of warm-up time with an additional eight minutes allotted for pre-game announcements and national anthem. (Adopted 5/28/08)

C. Official Ball. The official game ball will be the same one as designated by the NCAA for its championships - Penn Monto Elite Turf (term expires 8/30/2020)

D. Officials. In order for a Conference game to be played, two officials must be present. If only one official is present, the game will be repeated at the same site unless it was determined that the home team was at fault. Then, the opposite site will be used.

E. Coordinator of Officiating. Lois Pinto will serve as the Coordinator of Officials for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons.

(Adopted 5/28/14, Revised 5/31/17)

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F. Minimum Standards for Hosting Conference Contests. The home team should meet minimum requirements for hosting a Conference game — a visible scoreboard; a backup clock and flip cards for scoring; a horn at the scorers' table; an official NCAA score sheet; substitution cards; drinking water present at benches 30 minutes prior to contests; extra balls placed behind goals. The home team is responsible for supplying a trained timer while each team shall have a trained scorer who travels with them to all games. (Adopted 6/7/95, Revised 6/2/99)

G. Postponed Games. All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games.

H. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 6/9/04)

I. Scouting Information. Scouting information (film, tape, written or verbal information) about Centennial Conference schools may not be shared with non-Conference opponents. (Adopted 6/3/98)

J. Length of Grass. The length of grass on the fields in the Centennial Conference should be maintained at 1 1/4" or less.

(Adopted 6/7/00)

K. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

L. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)
M. **Game Staffing.** During regular season competition it is recommended that the host institution provide a minimum of four (4) ball runners per contest. For Conference tournament games, it is required that a minimum of four (4) ball runners be provided per contest. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

N. **Film Exchange.** There is a mandatory video exchange between Centennial Conference members allowing for total access to all Conference and non-Conference video footage. Each Centennial school is required to share all Conference and non-Conference games via the Centennial Conference Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Hudl, Synergy, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is agreed upon by the Centennial Field Hockey coaches committee. Coaches agree to the following video guidelines and upload times.

- All teams are responsible for making video available within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. If the game is played on Sunday, video must be made available by 1 p.m. on Monday.
- Audio is not required at this time.
- If the home institution is unable to upload film, it is responsible for notifying the Conference about an alternative film exchange. *(Adopted 5/28/14, Revised 6/1/16, 5/30/18)*

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**Section V - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of 10 field players and a goalkeeper. It is recommended that coaches nominate no more than seven players for the All-Conference team. The coaches will also select a Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. *(Revised 6/7/00, 6/9/04, 5/31/17)*

1. **Nominations.** At the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Nomination Form.** The nomination form will include (1) coach's rank; (2) player name; (3) jersey number; (4) position(s). Nominees may be listed as multiple-field position players, if applicable (i.e. M/F). Goalkeepers will be listed, but not be ranked and player of the year nominees will be listed separately at the bottom of the form. The ballot will list nominees in the following order: (1) alphabetically by school; (2) player rank. *(Revised 5/26/10)*

3. **Voting Procedure.** Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be conducted. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

4. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

5. **Determination of Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.** For Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Revised 5/31/17)*

6. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves,** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. Balloting will be conducted at the annual committee meeting (effective through 2013). *(Revised 5/27/09)*

7. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 5/31/06)*

C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*
D. All-Sportsmanship Team. All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

E. Championship Tournament MVP. The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

F. Scholar-Athlete Award. The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VI – Calendar**

**First Contest:** Friday, August 31  
**All-CC Nominations Due:** Sunday, October 28  
**All-CC Ballot Due:** Wednesday, October 31  
**Conference Tournament:** Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday, October 31, November 3-4  
**Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, November 13

**NCAA Championship Tournament Date Formula.** The championship semifinals and final are scheduled for the Saturday-Sunday before Thanksgiving. Second- and third-round games are held the weekend before the finals; and first-round games are held the Wednesday before the second- and third-round games.

**Future NCAA Championships**

2018 – November 17-18 – Spooky Nook Sports, Manheim, Pa. (Centennial Conference, Middle Atlantic Conference, hosts)  
2020 – November 21-22 – Sprague Field, Montclair, N.J. (Montclair State, host)  
2021 – November 20-21 – Hendrix Warrior Field, Conway, Ark. (Hendrix, host)
Football

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in football: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, Juniata, McDaniel, Moravian, Muhlenberg, Susquehanna and Ursinus.

Section II - Football Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Mike Mattia, Gettysburg
Committee Chair: Jeff Pukszyn, Moravian (term expires 11-2019)
NCAA South Region Advisory Committee: Jim Margraff, Johns Hopkins (term expires 9-2020)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in football shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks between the start of preseason practice and the end of the regular playing season. This 18-week period includes preseason practice activities. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment
1. First Practice Date. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team before the date that will permit a maximum of 25 practice opportunities before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. (Revised 4/25/03)
   a. Practice Opportunities. In football only, to establish the starting date for preseason practice, the institution shall count one practice opportunity for each day beginning with the opening day of classes and one practice opportunity for each day classes are not in session in the week of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. Next, the institution shall count practice opportunities on an alternating basis in a two-one-two-one format (i.e., the first of the remaining days is counted as two, the next day is counted as one, the next as two, etc.) up to and including the 20th opportunity. Finally, the institution shall count one practice opportunity for each of the five days prior to the day of the 20th opportunity. The institution shall not count any days during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus and practice is not conducted.
   b. Sunday. Sundays prior to the institution's opening day of classes are included in the counting. Sundays subsequent to the institution's opening day of classes are excluded from the counting.
   c. Week. The “week” of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest is defined as the six days, including or excluding Sunday pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 17.9.2.1.1, before the first contest (or before Friday if the first contest is the Thursday before Labor Day, see NCAA Bylaw 17.9.3) even if one or more of the days fall into different traditional calendar weeks.

2. First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game) prior to the Friday or Saturday 11 weeks before the first round of the NCAA Division III Football Championship. An institution may play its first contest on the Thursday before Labor Day in years when the first permissible contest date falls during the Labor Day weekend.

3. Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition. One preseason joint practice (may include competition), scrimmage or exhibition may be conducted during the preseason practice period against an outside team provided neither team misses class. (Revised 4/17/12)


C. Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. An institution is permitted to conduct conditioning and strength training sessions and limited skill instruction during a consecutive five-week period outside the playing season. During this five-week period, the institution may conduct athletically related activity on a maximum of 16 days with not more than four days of athletically related activity in any one week. Any athletically related activity shall constitute the use of a day. Skill instruction during this period shall be limited to passing, catching and kicking-related drills. Such instruction may include offensive and defensive alignments, but may not involve contact. Except for footballs, the use of helmets, pads, blocking sleds or any other form of sport-related equipment is prohibited. No missed class time is permitted for these sessions and the institution shall conclude all athletically related activities not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period. (Revised 6/4/03, 1/11/08, 6/1/11)
Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be based on the best won-lost record in a single round-robin season.

B. Ties for First Place. In case of a tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season, multiple champions will be named.

C. Determining the NCAA Tournament Representative
   1. Head-to-Head competition;
   2. Results against 3rd place team, 4th place team, etc. until tie is broken;
   3. Strength-of-schedule criteria, as determined by the NCAA Championships Committee formula, for all games;
      - Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OWP)
      - Opponents’ Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OOWP)

Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OWP). Take each opponent’s regular won-lost percentage against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question) and average the percentages. To calculate: Team A Schedule is as follows:

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Team A’s Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage = .5585

Opponents’ Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponents’ schedule is measured by computing the opponents’ winning percentage for each opponent, then averaging the percentages. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To calculate: Take Team B, C, D, E and F schedules and perform the same calculation as above (OWP). It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and B have the same OWP of .5692; Team A has a OOWP of .6125 and Team B has a OOWP of .4567; it would indicate team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

4. Team with the fewest overall losses;
5. The most recent team representing the Conference as its automatic qualifier shall be eliminated and the remaining teams shall revert to the Conference’s primary tie-breaking criteria (head-to-head competition).

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)

D. Centennial/MAC Bowl Series. The top three teams from the Conference that do not qualify for the NCAA tournament will play same from the Middle Atlantic Conference in the Centennial/MAC Bowl Series. The suggested pairings will be 1v1, 2v2 and 3v3, with provisions to alter the matchups should regular-season rematches be imminent. The Centennial will host games involving the #1 and #3 seeds in even-numbered years (2018, 2020) and the #2 seed in odd-numbered years (2019).
(Adopted 6/1/16; Revised 5/30/18)

Section V - Regulations Governing Competition
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Starting Times. Starting times for Centennial Conference games shall be 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and no later than 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. It is recommended that games during Standard Time begin no later than 1 p.m. In order to avoid overnight trips, start times may be changed upon mutual agreement by both institutions. (Revised 5/27/09)

B. Official Ball. The official football for Centennial Conference games is the NCAA-approved football - Wilson F1001, F1003, F1004, F1005, GST. (Revised 5/30/12)

C. Sideline Phones. Visiting teams must supply their own headsets. (Revised 5/30/12)
D. Scouting / Video Exchange. There is a mandatory video exchange between Centennial Conference members allowing for total access to all Conference and non-Conference video footage. Each Centennial school is required to share all Conference and non-Conference games via the Centennial Conference Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Hudl, Synergy, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is agreed upon by the Centennial Football coaches committee. Coaches agree to the following video guidelines and upload times. For scouting purposes, it is expected that all imaging that is exchanged:

1. Live scouting is prohibited of Conference opponents during the regular season;
2. Includes complete games;
3. Is of HD quality, using an HD camera 1920x1080;
4. Includes end-zone imaging;
5. For wide (press box side) imaging, the camera should start with the offensive huddle break, or seven seconds before the snap of the ball for no-huddle teams, and must include all 22 players at all times during the play;
6. For end-zone imaging at a recommended height of 25 feet, the camera should show two yards outside the end player on either side of the offensive and defensive line;
7. On hudl.com exchange, the video should have series, ODK, down, distance, yard-line, play type and result (gain/loss).
8. Hudl.com is the official internet distribution network for the Conference for the 2018 season.

(Revised 5/27/09, 5/30/12, 5/30/17)

E. Suspension of Games. The sole authority for suspending a game for any reason is the referee. If a game is suspended for severe weather or another unforeseen circumstance before completion of four quarters, the directors of athletics shall work in consultation with the Conference Office about the resumption of the game at a later date or termination of the contest. If the game is suspended due to darkness during an overtime period, the score at the time of suspension will stand and could result in a tie.

(Adopted 10/16/96)

F. Officials. All Conference games should use seven officials. The Centennial Conference Football Officials Association (CCFOA) is the official assigning unit for Centennial Conference football games for 2018-19-20. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 6/9/04, 1/7/07, 5/28/08, 6/1/11, 5/28/14, 6/1/16, 5/30/18)

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G. 25-Second Clocks. All Conference stadiums must have two visible 25-second clocks. (Adopted 6/7/00)

H. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, disembemternt, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

I. Pre-Game Schedule (prior to 1 p.m. start)

11:30 a.m.  Field available for teams; Officials meet with head coaches
12:30 p.m.  Officials meet with field staff
12:45      Teams leave field
12:55      Coin Toss
12:57      National Anthem
1:00       Kickoff

It is understood this schedule could be modified to accommodate special activities associated with the game.

J. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

Section V - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of an offensive and defensive team. The offense will generally have (2) Wide Receivers, (1) Tight End/H-Back, (4) Tackles and Guards, (1) Center, (1) Quarterback, (2) Running Backs and (1) Place-kicker. The defense will generally have (4) Linemen, (4) Linebackers, (4) Backs, (1) Punter and (1) Kick Returner. The coaches will also select an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. (Revised 5/28/14)
1. **Nominations.** Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Voting Procedure.** Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!**

   The completed ballot should be delivered to the Conference Office.

3. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. **Determination of Player of the Year.** For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

5. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. (Adopted 5/30/12)

**B. Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize an Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. (Revised 6/9/04)

**C. Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. (Revised 5/27/15)

**D. All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution’s head coach. (Adopted 8/30/07)

**E. Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. (Adopted 5/29/13)

**Section VI - Calendar**

**First Contest:** Thursday, August 30
**All-CC Nominations Due:** Sunday, November 4
**All-CC Ballot Due:** Monday, November 12
**Committee Meeting:** Monday, November 19

**NCAA Championship Date Formula:** First Round is played on the next-to-last Saturday in November. Final: Third Friday/Saturday in December.

**Future NCAA Championships**
2018 – December 15 – Woodforest Stadium, Shenandoah, Texas (Mary Hardin-Baylor, host)
2019 – December 21 – Woodforest Stadium, Shenandoah, Texas (Mary Hardin-Baylor, host)
2020 – December 19 – Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton, Ohio (Ohio Athletic Conference, host)
2021 – December 18 – Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton, Ohio (Ohio Athletic Conference, host)
Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in golf: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Ursinus.

Section II - Golf Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Jeff Stoudt, Franklin & Marshall
Committee Chair: John Librick, Muhlenberg (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisory Committee: Scott Moyer, McDaniel (term expires 9-2021)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks.
   (Adopted 1/12/04; Revised 4/11/11)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution's first date of competition). (Revised 6/4/03, 4/11/11)
   2. First Permissible Competition. Fall: September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Spring: March 1. Exhibition scrimmages may be conducted during the preseason practice period. If the March 1 falls on a Sunday, the preceding Saturday is permissible as the first date of competition with no prohibition during the ensuing week. If March 1 falls on a Monday through Friday, teams may compete on the previous weekend in lieu of competition during that week. Teams that utilize this option are prohibited from scheduling a game or scrimmage during the following weekdays (Sunday-Friday). In the event an institution's spring break begins prior to March 1, the first date of competition may be played on the first day of spring break. (Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09; 4/11/11; 5/29/13)
   3. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition and one alumni scrimmage. If a member institution is invited to participate in the fall National Preview Tournament that is played on the NCAA championship course, the institution may receive a waiver to participate. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/30/12, 5/31/17)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
A. Determining the Conference Champion. The conference champion will be determined at a 54-hole championship tournament.

B. Sudden-Death Playoff Procedure. If conditions warrant, team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below:

Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

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Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament. The format in pairings for a playoff of four or more teams shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.
C. **Non-Sudden-Death Procedure.** If conditions do not warrant a sudden-death playoff, ties for the team championship will be broken to determine the Conference's automatic NCAA qualifier using the following procedure:

1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores (add the fifth - non-counting - score from each round)
2. Highest cumulative individual total
3. Second highest cumulative individual total
4. Third highest cumulative individual total
5. Fourth highest cumulative individual total
6. Lowest cumulative individual total
7. Board of Delegates decision.

If the Conference championship cannot be played, the lowest Centennial team score at the McDaniel College Spring Invitational would receive the Conference’s automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. *(Adopted 3/20/07; Revised 5/26/10, 6/1/11, 5/29/13)*

**B. Eligibility for Championship.** To be eligible for the Conference championship, schools must schedule a minimum of three (3) Conference schools during the spring regular season.

**C. Incomplete Tournament.** The final round of the championship may be continued on Monday if the tournament is not played on the weekend of NCAA championship selection and does not conflict with participating institutions’ final examination schedules. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

**D. Course Requirements.** The Conference Office will develop a standard contract that will include all course requirements for the championship and also develop a Tournament Director position with responsibilities. *(Adopted 5/30/18)*

**E. Officials.** A minimum of three certified officials (PA Golf Association, USGA or other certifying group) should be contracted by the Conference Office at least six months in advance of the championship. *(Adopted 5/30/18)*

**Section V - Regulations Governing Championship**

*All USGA rules apply unless noted below.*

**A. Site and Date of Championship.**
- 2020-21: Franklin & Marshall
- 2022-23: Gettysburg
- 2024-25: Ursinus
- 2026-27: Dickinson
- 2028-29: Swarthmore
- 2030-31: McDaniel

**B. Number of Entrants.** Each school may bring five (5) qualifying players to the tournament with the low four (4) scores of each 18 holes counting towards the team score.

**C. Entries.** Entries are due on Tuesday at 4 p.m. EDT prior to the championship with substitutions available up to one hour before the first tee time of the championship. *(Revised 5/27/09)*

**D. Pairings.** Pairings in the first round of the championship will be based on the previous year’s finish. The first wave will consist of teams that finished 4-5-6-7, while the second wave will consist of teams that finished 1-2-3. *(Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 5/26/10, 6/1/16)*

**E. Incomplete Tournament.** If the tournament is not played on the weekend of the NCAA championship selection, the final round of the tournament may be continued on Monday if it does not conflict with participating institutions’ final examination schedules. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

**F. Individual First-Place Tie.** In the event of a tie for medalist honors, a sudden death playoff will be contested, conditions permitting.

**G. Attire.** All players must wear proper golf attire and should wear a shirt with a team logo or insignia.

**H. Carts.** As a general rule, players must walk the course at the Centennial Conference championship and at most qualifying rounds. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled player may be permitted to use a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability for those events where golf carts are not allowed. As required by the ADA, the Conference Office will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.
In order for the Centennial Conference to properly evaluate the merits of such requests, while maintaining the fundamental fairness of the golf competition, it is necessary for players requesting this accommodation to submit medical documentation to facilitate that analysis. The documentation provided must demonstrate: (1) a player’s disability as defined by the ADA (temporary conditions may not be covered); (2) the medical need for the golf cart that results from that disability; and (3) that by providing a golf cart to a player in that particular circumstances, the Centennial Conference would not be fundamentally altering the fairness of the competition by providing a player with an advantage over other players. (Adopted 5/28/14)

I. Equipment. Players and coaches will be required to use nonmetal, spiked shoes during championship competition. Electronic measuring devices calculating distance only are permitted for use during the competition rounds. Devices that measure other variables (e.g. slope) are not permissible and may not be used even if the particular feature may be turned off.

J. Games Committee. The games committee will be comprised of four head coaches, including the host, and will make all decisions pertaining to the conduct of the tournament, including, but not limited to, pairings, golf course setup, and protests.

K. Lineups and Substitutions. During registration prior to the opening round, the head coach must submit his or her lineup according to playing position one hour prior to the team's first official tee time. The five contestants from each institution must be determined by the conclusion of registration. A player may be substituted before the first tee time of his team of the first round, if the head coach notifies the games committee and the Conference Office before the first tee time. The substitute must assume the position of the replaced player. Teams are permitted to reorder lineups as desired for the second and third rounds of the championship. (Revised 6/1/16)

L. Spectators. Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough, and approximately 15 yards from the players. There may be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes. All institutional personnel, including assistant coaches, with the exception of the designated coach, are considered spectators.

M. Uniforms. Contestants, including the designated coach, must wear uniforms of the same color during competition or practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual’s discretion, provided they are the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, team members' headgear must be of an institutional color.

N. Championship Practice Rounds. Teams are prohibited from having a practice round on the championship course on the day before the championship tournament. (Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 6/1/05)

O. Alcoholic Beverages. No alcoholic beverages will be served to contestants regardless of age and that alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any time during the Conference tournament. (Adopted 6/15/94)

P. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

Q. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

R. Advice Coach. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team provided that:

1. Such person is designated by the institution’s athletic department to perform coaching duties and who serves in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis; and
2. He must be identified to the committee before giving advice. (Adopted 5/29/13)

Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. The first (5) finishers at the conference championship tournament will be named All-Conference. The medalist will be named Player of the Year. The top rookie finisher will be named Rookie of the Year. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of competition. (Adopted 5/30/12)

B. Determination of Coach of the Year. For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.
C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
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D. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution’s head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

E. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher:
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

F. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Adopted 5/28/14)*

**Section VII – Calendar**

**First Spring Contest:** Saturday, February 23
**Committee Meeting:** Friday, April 26
**Conference Tournament:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27-28 (Muhlenberg, host)

**NCAA Championship Date Calculation Formula:** Second full week in May (Sunday-Saturday) with competition conducted Tuesday-Friday.

**Future NCAA Championships**
2019 – May 14-17 – Keene Trace GC, Nicholasville, Ky. (Transylvania, host)
2020 – May 12-15 – PGA National Resort – Champions Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Emory, host)
Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in golf: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Marymount, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Neumann, Ursinus.

Section II - Golf Committee
Liaison to Delegates: Becky Martin, McDaniel
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)
NCAA East Region Advisory Committee: Wes Hollis, Ursinus (term expires 9-2019)

Section III – Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04; Revised 4/11/11)

B. Traditional Segment.
1. First Permissible Practice. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution’s first date of competition). (Revised 6/4/03; 4/11/11)

2. First Permissible Competition. Fall: September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Spring: March 1. Exhibition scrimmages may be conducted during the preseason practice period. If the March 1 falls on a Sunday, the preceding Saturday is permissible as the first date of competition with no prohibition during the ensuing week. If March 1 falls on a Monday through Friday, teams may compete on the previous weekend in lieu of competition during that week. Teams that utilize this option are prohibited from scheduling a game or scrimmage during the following weekdays (Sunday-Friday). In the event an institution's spring break begins prior to March 1, the first date of competition may be played on the first day of spring break. (Revised 6/4/03; 9/23/05; 5/27/08; 5/27/09; 4/11/11; 5/29/13)

3. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition and one alumni scrimmage. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The conference champion will be determined at a 36-hole championship tournament.

B. Sudden-Death Playoff Procedure. If conditions warrant, team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The games committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.

Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below:

Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)
#5A #5B #4A #4B #3A playoff hole #1
#3B #2A #1A #1B playoff hole #1

Three Teams (Shotgun Format)
A#5 B#5 C#5 playoff hole #5
A#4 B#4 C#4 playoff hole #4
A#3 B#3 C#3 playoff hole #3
A#2 B#2 C#2 playoff hole #2
A#1 B#1 C#1 playoff hole #1

Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament. The format in pairings for a playoff of four or more teams shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.
C. **Non-Sudden-Death Procedure.** If conditions do not warrant a sudden-death playoff, ties for the team championship will be broken to determine the Conference's automatic NCAA qualifier using the following procedure:

1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores (add the fifth - non-counting - score from each round)
2. Highest cumulative individual total
3. Second highest cumulative individual total
4. Third highest cumulative individual total
5. Fourth highest cumulative individual total
6. Lowest cumulative individual total
7. Board of Delegates decision.

If the Conference championship cannot be played, the lowest Centennial team score at the Gettysburg College Fall Invitational would receive the Conference’s automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. (Revised 5/30/12, 5/29/13)

B. **Eligibility for Championship.** To be eligible for the Conference championship, schools must schedule a minimum of three (3) Conference schools during the spring regular season.

C. **Incomplete Tournament.** If the tournament is not played on the weekend of the NCAA championship selection, the final round of the tournament may be continued on Monday if it does not conflict with participating institutions’ final examination schedules. (Adopted 5/26/10)

D. **Course Requirements.** The Conference Office will develop a standard contract that will include all course requirements for the championship and also develop a Tournament Director position with responsibilities. (Adopted 5/30/18)

E. **Officials.** A minimum of three certified officials (PA Golf Association, USGA or other certifying group) should be contracted by the Conference Office at least six months in advance of the championship. (Adopted 5/30/18)

**Section V - Regulations Governing Championship**
All USGA rules apply unless noted below.

A. **Site and Date of Championship.**
2020-21: Muhlenberg
2022-23: Ursinus
2024-25: McDaniel
2026-27: Gettysburg
2028-29: Dickinson
2030-31: Franklin & Marshall

B. **Number of Entrants.** Each school may bring five (5) qualifying players to the tournament with the low four (4) scores of each 18 holes counting towards the team score.

C. **Pairings.** Pairings in the first round of the championship will be based on the previous year’s finish. The first wave will consist of teams that finished 4-5-6-7, while the second wave will consist of teams that finished 1-2-3. (Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 5/26/10, 6/1/16)

D. **Individual First Place Ties.** In the event of a tie for medalist honors, a sudden death playoff will be contested, conditions permitting.

E. **Attire.** All players must wear proper golf attire and should wear a shirt with a team logo or insignia.

F. **Carts.** As a general rule, players must walk the course at the Centennial Conference championship and at most qualifying rounds. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled player may be permitted to use a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability for those events where golf carts are not allowed. As required by the ADA, the Conference Office will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.

In order for the Centennial Conference to properly evaluate the merits of such requests, while maintaining the fundamental fairness of the golf competition, it is necessary for players requesting this accommodation to submit medical documentation to facilitate that analysis. The documentation provided must demonstrate: (1) a player’s disability as defined by the ADA (temporary conditions may not be covered); (2) the medical need for the golf cart that results from that disability; and (3) that by providing a golf cart to a player in that particular circumstances, the Centennial Conference would not be fundamentally altering the fairness of the competition by providing a player with an advantage over other players. (Adopted 5/28/14)

G. **Equipment.** Players and coaches will be required to use nonmetal, spiked shoes during championship competition. The USGA one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. Electronic communication devices (e.g. cell phones, two-way radios, etc.) cannot be used on days of competition. Range finders that measure distance only may be used during the competition rounds.
H. Games Committee. The games committee will be comprised of three head coaches, including the host, and will make all decisions pertaining to the conduct of the tournament, including, but not limited to, pairings, golf course setup, and protests.

I. Lineups and Substitutions. During registration prior to the opening round, the head coach must submit his or her lineup according to playing position one hour prior to the team's first official tee time. The five contestants from each institution must be determined by the conclusion of registration. A player may be substituted before the first tee time of his team of the first round, if the head coach notifies the games committee and the Conference Office before the first tee time. The substitute must assume the position of the replaced player. Teams are permitted to reorder lineups as desired for the second and third rounds of the championship. (Revised 6/1/6)

J. Spectators. Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough and approximately 15 yards from the players. There may be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes. All institutional personnel, including assistant coaches, with the exception of the designated coach, are considered spectators.

K. Uniforms. Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition or practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of similar color. Players may wear slacks or shorts at the individual’s discretion, provided they are of similar color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, team members' headgear must be of an institutional color.

L. Championship Practice Rounds. Teams are prohibited from having a practice round on the championship course on the day before the championship tournament. (Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 6/1/05)

M. Alcoholic Beverages. No alcoholic beverages will be served to contestants regardless of age and that alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any time during the Conference tournament. (Adopted 6/15/94)

N. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouth pieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. The first (5) finishers at the conference championship tournament will be named All-Conference. The medalist will be named Player of the Year. The top rookie finisher will be named as Rookie of the Year. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of competition. (Adopted 5/30/12)

B. Determination of Coach of the Year. For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

C. Academic Honor Roll. To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
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D. All-Sportsmanship Team. All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. (Adopted 5/30/07)

E. Scholar-Athlete Award. The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. (Adopted 5/29/13)
F. Weekly Honors. The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. (Adopted 5/28/14)

Section VII – Calendar

First Spring Contest: Saturday, February 23
Committee Meeting: Saturday, April 27
Conference Tournament: Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28 (Conestoga CC, Lancaster, Pa., Conference Office, host)

NCAA Championship Date Calculation Formula: Second Tuesday or Wednesday in May (Tuesday-Friday or Wednesday-Saturday)

Future NCAA Championships
2019 – May 14-17 – Bay Oaks CC, Houston, Texas (Mary Hardin-Baylor, host)
2020 – May 12-15 – PGA National Resort – Champions Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Emory, host)
2021 – May 11-14 – Forest Akers GC, Lansing, Mich. (Olivet, host)
2022 – May 10-13 – Woodlands CC, Houston, Texas (Mary Hardin-Baylor, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, hosts)
Lacrosse (M)

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in lacrosse: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Men's Lacrosse Committee
Liaison to Delegates: Thad Moore, Washington College
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2019)
NCAA South Region Advisory Committee: Todd Cavallaro, Franklin & Marshall (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in lacrosse shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
1. First Practice or Competition. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before February 1. (Revised 6/4/03)
2. First Contest or Date of Competition. An institution shall not play its first contest against outside competition until the date that permits 11 regular-season Saturdays before the Centennial Conference tournament. Teams may schedule their scrimmage anytime after the first permissible day of practice. (Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09, 10/1/15)
3. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition to 17 dates of competition and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 5/29/13, 6/1/16, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)
4. Classes in Session. No more than 15 dates of competition may be played while classes are in session during the traditional segment. There is no limitation on games played during listed vacation periods. (Adopted 6/4/03)

C. Nontraditional Segment
1. First Practice or Competition. September 7 or institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final regular fall examination period.
3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to two regulation lacrosse contests or 120 minutes of competition activity. (Revised 4/17/07)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a four-team playoff. The teams will be determined by best won-loss record in a round-robin format. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/9/04)

Play-In Game (if necessary): site determined by coin flip.
Semifinals (Wednesday at No. 1 seed): No. 4 seed at No. 1 seed; No. 3 seed at No. 2 seed.
Championship (Saturday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/9/04, 11/30/04, 5/30/12)

B. Tie-Breaking Formulas
1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
2. Record versus teams in descending order of standing;
3. Goal-differential in games among tied teams; if tie(s) still exist(s), then fewest goals allowed in games against teams in descending order of standing;
4. if criteria 1-2-3 does not break the tie:
   a. for the final playoff position, a play-in game will be held. The Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine the site;
   b. for other ties among playoff-bound teams, the Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine playoff position. In the event of multiple ties, a random drawing will be held for the playoff positions.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). *(Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)*

C. **Tournament Dates.** The tournament should be held on the weekend of the NCAA tournament selection. *(Revised 6/5/02, 5/26/10, 6/1/11)*

D. **Starting Times.** The start time for the first-round (midweek) Conference tournament games in field hockey, soccer and lacrosse shall be determined by the host but shall be no earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 7 p.m. *(Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/6/01, 6/5/02, 6/9/04, 6/11/11, 5/30/12, 5/28/14)*

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E. **Incomplete Tournament.** If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)*

F. **Tournament Completion Exception.** If the tournament is not held on the weekend of NCAA championship selection and the tournament does not conclude on Sunday, the championship match may be continued on Monday if it does not conflict with participating institutions’ final examination schedules. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

G. **Practice at Championship Site**
   1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
   2. No practice on the game field prior to the semifinals.
   3. Prior to a single outdoor championship event, the facility will be made available for official warm-ups 60 minutes prior to the start of play. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

H. **Uniforms.** The higher seed will wear white or light-colored uniforms for all rounds of competition. In competition and during related ceremonies (pre-game/warm-up, introductions, award ceremonies and post-game interviews), student-athletes in the championship shall wear exclusively the official game uniforms of their institutions. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as competitive uniforms. The higher seed will use the bench usually occupied by the home team during the regular season.

I. **Game Staffing.** The host institution shall provide all table personnel for both semifinal and championship games, including: an announcer, a clock operator, a scoreboard operator, an official scorer, and statisticians. Table personnel should be experienced and knowledgeable of the game of men's lacrosse. It is the responsibility of the host institution to provide an adequate number of ball retrievers. Ball retrievers must be at least 12 years of age and dress in attire that will distinguish them from the competing institutions and other sideline personnel. The host institution is required to train and provide for the safety of the ball retrievers.

J. **Noisemakers.** Artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers are not permitted.

K. **Programs.** The host institution is responsible for the production of an appropriate number of programs for the championship.

L. **Public Address Announcements.** The public address announcer shall be impartial.

M. **Scorekeepers.** The host institution must provide the official scorekeeper/statistician at the scorer's table for both semifinals and the final. The visiting team is entitled to a representative at the scorer's table. At the conclusion of the contest, the official scoresheet will be the one recorded by the host team.
N. Pregame Schedule

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Section V - Regulations Governing Competition

All NCAA/USILA rules apply unless noted below.

A. Starting Times. The starting time for midweek games should not be before 3:30 p.m., while weekend games should start at 1:30 p.m. An institution with lighted facilities may schedule night games that may start no later than 8 p.m. (Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 6/1/05)

B. Official Ball. The official ball must be stamped: "Meets NCAA-Approved Specs."

C. Postponements. All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled and played upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games. (Adopted 6/5/96)

D. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 6/9/04)

E. Officials. Three officials are required for Conference matches. Charlie Libby will serve as the Coordinator of Officials for the 2018, 2019 and 2020 seasons (Adopted 6/15/94, Revised 5/31/17)

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G. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)
II. Tape Exchange Policy. All games involving Conference members shall be accessible for all Centennial teams. No Centennial Conference exchange is permitted with any out-of-conference opponent. This includes film exchange, verbal and written scouting reports, etc., with the exclusion of mandatory NCAA tape exchange policies. (Adopted 6/11/11; Revised 5/30/12, 6/1/16)

I. Internet Video. Hudl.com is the official internet distribution network for the Conference for the 2018-19 season. (Adopted 5/30/12)

Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The men's team will generally comprise of (3) attackers, (3) midfielders, (1) defensive midfielder, (1) long-stick midfielder, (1) face-off specialist, (3) defensemen and a goaltender. The coaches will also select an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. Coaches cannot nominate their own players. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 5/29/07, 5/29/13, 5/28/14)

1. Nominations. Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. Voting Procedure. The Monday after the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. No coach can vote for his/her own player! The completed ballot should be returned to the Conference Office via email or fax. There will be a conference call conducted on the Monday morning following the conclusion of the regular season to discuss All-Conference candidates. (Revised 5/29/13, 5/28/14)

3. Determination of All-Conference Team. Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. Determination of Player of the Year. For Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. (Revised 5/29/13)

5. Determination of Coach of the Year. For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. Determination of Rookie of the Year. For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. (Adopted 5/30/12)

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E. Championship Tournament MVP. The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. (Adopted 5/29/13)
Section VII – Calendar

Start of Spring Practice: Friday, February 1
First Contest: Saturday, February 16 (scrimmage anytime after Feb. 1)
All-CC Nominations Due: Saturday, April 27
All-CC Ballot Due: Wednesday, May 1
Conference Tournament: Wednesday-Saturday, May 1-4
Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 14

NCAA Date Formula: 1st Round (Wednesday prior to 2nd rounds); 2nd round: two weekends prior to final (Saturday); Quarterfinal: Wednesday prior to semifinals; Semifinals: one weekend prior to final (Sunday); Final: Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

Future NCAA Championships
Lacrosse (W)

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Section II - Women's Lacrosse Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Erin Stroble, Ursinus
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)
NCAA Regional Advisory Committee: Katie Duffie, Ursinus (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Committee: Kim Masimore, Dickinson (term expires 9-2021)

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Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
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A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams will be determined by best won-lost record in a single round-robin format. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/9/04)

First Round (Wednesday afternoon): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): first-round winner at No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed. Top seed determines the order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
Championship (Sunday afternoon at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/9/04)
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1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
2. Records versus teams in descending order of standing;
3. Goal-differential in games among tied teams: An extra point shall be awarded for each goal a team wins by up to a maximum of three goals in games among tied teams (example: 4-1 is worth three points, 4-2 is worth two, 5-1 is worth three); if tie(s) still exist(s), then fewest goals allowed in games among tied teams.
4. If criteria 1-2-3 does not break the tie
   a. for the final playoff position, a play-in game will be held. The Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine the site;
   b. for other ties among playoff-bound teams, the Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine playoff position.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)

C. Tournament Dates. The tournament should be held on the same weekend as NCAA tournament selection.
(Revised 6/5/02, 6/1/05, 5/27/09, 6/1/11)

D. Starting Times. The start time for the first-round (midweek) Conference tournament games in field hockey, soccer and lacrosse shall be determined by the host but shall be no earlier than 4 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m.
(Adopted 6/7/00, 6/5/02, 6/9/04, 6/1/11, 5/28/14, 5/31/17)

First-Round (Wednesday at No. 4 seed): no earlier than 4 p.m., not later than 7 p.m.

Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. (or not later than 70 minutes after conclusion of first semifinal). The top seed will determine the order of semifinal games in consultation with the Conference Office.

Championship (Sunday at No. 1 seed): 1 p.m.

E. Incomplete Tournament. If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier. (Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)

F. Tournament Completion Exception. If the tournament is not held on the weekend of NCAA championship selection and the tournament does not conclude on Sunday, the championship match may be continued on Monday if it does not conflict with participating institutions’ final examination schedules. (Adopted 5/26/10)

G. Interrupted Contests. Once play begins, the umpires, in consultation with the Conference representative and games committee at the site of competition, shall have the authority to interrupt the game due to dangerous weather or field conditions. All games will be restarted from the point of interruption; regardless of whether the game is restarted on the same day or the following day, and played until 100 percent completion. If 80 percent of the game has been completed, and the team that is behind, at the point of interruption, elects not to continue, the game will be considered complete and final.

If a game is delayed, the following warm-up times will be allowed before restarting play:
- Up to 45-minute delay - 10-minute warm-up
- 45- to 60-minute delay - 15-minute warm-up
- More than one-hour delay - 20-minute warm-up
- The warm-up times may be waived if both coaches agree.

H. Practice at Championship Site
1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
2. No practice on the game field prior to the semifinals.
3. Prior to a single outdoor championship event, the facility will be made available for official warm-ups 50 minutes prior to the start of play. (Adopted 6/9/04)

I. Uniforms. The higher seed will wear white or light-colored uniforms for all rounds of competition. In competition and during related ceremonies (pre-game/warm-up, introductions, award ceremonies and post-game interviews), student-athletes in the championship shall wear exclusively the official game uniforms of their institutions. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as competitive uniforms. The higher seed will use the bench usually occupied by the home team during the regular season.

J. Game Staffing. The host institution shall provide all table personnel for the first-round game, both semifinal games and the final, including: an announcer, a clock operator, a scoreboard operator, an official scorer, and statisticians. Table personnel should be experienced and knowledgeable of the game of women's lacrosse.

K. **Noisemakers.** Artificial noisemakers, air horns or electronic amplifiers are not permitted.

L. **Programs.** The host institution is responsible for the production of an appropriate number of game programs for the event.

M. **Public Address Announcements.** The public address announcer shall be impartial.

N. **Scorekeepers.** The host institution must provide the official scorekeeper/statistician at the scorer's table for both semifinals and the final. The visiting team is entitled to a representative at the scorer's table. At the conclusion of the contest, the official scoresheet will be the one recorded by the host team.

O. **Pregame Schedule**

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*bench area must be cleared five minutes after conclusion of game*

**Semifinal #2 - not before 3 p.m. and not later than 70 minutes after conclusion of Semifinal #1**

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Section V - Regulations Governing Competition

All US Lacrosse rules apply unless noted below.

A. Starting Times. The starting time for midweek games should not be before 3:30 p.m. before Daylight Savings Time, and 4 p.m. after DST, unless mutually agreed upon by both institutions. Weekend games should start no later than 2 p.m. Pre-game warm-up will end five minutes prior to the listed start time to allow for introductions and national anthem. Institutions with lighted facilities may schedule night games that may start no later than 8 p.m. (Revised 6/4/97, 6/4/03, 6/1/05)

B. Facility Standards. Institutions whose facilities do not meet minimum US Lacrosse standards shall not be permitted to host Conference contests. (Adopted 6/7/95)

C. Officials. Three officials must be used for Conference matches. If three officials cannot be assigned due to availability, then two officials would be acceptable. Fran Trumbo will serve as the Coordinator of Officials for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons. (Adopted 5/30/16)

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travel fee (round-trip mileage): 0-50 ($0), 51-125 ($35), 126-200 ($55), 201+ ($80)

D. Postponements. All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games.

E. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 6/9/04)

F. Code of Conduct. The NCAA spectator code of conduct should be included in all game programs and read over an external public address system if one is available at the game site.

G. Scouting. Scouting information (written or verbal communication) may not be shared with non-Centennial institutions about Centennial teams. Film may only be shared with the non-Centennial institutions who are participating in the agreed upon Open Exchange Library (i.e. Krossover, Team XStream, etc.). Centennial games may not be shared with non-Centennial institutions who are not participating in the agreed upon Open Exchange Library. (Revised 5/28/14)

H. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

I. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

J. Tape Exchange Policy. There is a mandatory tape exchange between Centennial opponents allowing for total access to all video footage. Each school is required to share all games via the Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Team XStream, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is supported by the IWLCA (unless a different system can be agreed upon by all coaches). Coaches agree to follow filming guidelines and upload times as stated by the IWLCA. (Adopted 6/1/11; Revised 5/28/14)

Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of four (4) attackers, three (3) midfielders, four (4) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper, and one (1) at-large position player (attack, midfield, defense). The coaches will also select an Attacker, Midfielder and Defensive Player of the Year. (Revised 6/15/94, 6/7/00, 5/30/12, 5/29/13, 5/30/18)
1. **Nominations.** Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Voting Procedure.** All-Centennial ballots will be distributed to the coaches prior to the last regular season game. Coaches will return the completed ballot on the Sunday following the last regular-season game. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office. *(Revised 5/29/13)*

3. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. **Determination of Player of the Year.** For Attacker, Midfielder and Defensive Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Revised 5/30/18)*

5. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

**B. Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 5/31/06)*

**C. Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

**D. All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution’s head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

**E. Championship Tournament MVP.** The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VII – Calendar**

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**NCAA Date Formula:** Each year, the championship finals are scheduled for the third full weekend in May [semifinals Saturday, with finals Sunday]. Regional competition is held the Saturday through Sunday (Monday if necessary) before the final. First-round games are held the Wednesday before the regionals.

**Future NCAA Championships**

2019 – May 25-26 – Day Field, Ashland, Va. (Randolph-Macon, host)  
2020 – May 23-24 – Homewood Field, Baltimore, Md. (Johns Hopkins, host)  
2021 – May 22-23 – Kerr Stadium, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Roanoke, hosts)  
2022 – May 28-29 – Kerr Stadium, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Roanoke, hosts)
Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in soccer: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haferford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Men's Soccer Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Alanna Shanahan, Johns Hopkins
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Advisory Committee: Craig Appleby, Johns Hopkins (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined). (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. A "unit" is a numerical value assigned to a particular calendar day within the application of the preseason practice formula that is used to determine the first permissible practice date for fall sports other than football. The number of units assigned to a particular day does not determine or limit the number of practices that may be conducted on that day. (Adopted 5/4/09)

   2. Determining the First Permissible Practice Date. To determine the first permissible practice date, an institution shall count back a total of 16 units on a calendar starting with the day before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition, as follows:
      a. Never assign any units to Sundays on the calendar; it is permissible to practice on Sundays;
      b. Never assign any units to calendar days during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted;
      c. The first six units: assign one unit to each of the six calendar days (not including Sunday) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition;
      d. The remaining ten units:
         i. Assign one unit to each calendar day (not including Sundays) that occurs on or after the opening day of classes for the fall term and
         ii. Assign two units to each calendar day before the opening day of classes for the fall term (not including Sundays) until the sum of units on the calendar reaches 16;
      e. The date on which the total count of units on the calendar reaches 16 is the first permissible date for preseason practice. (Adopted 5/4/09)

   3. First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.
      a. An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution’s win-loss record) before the first scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution’s declared playing season and are counted against the maximum number of contests.
      b. An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of the three scrimmages or exhibition games. (Revised 5/27/09, 5/29/13)

   4. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 contests and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

C. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Permissible Practice and Competition. February 1.

   2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period.

   3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)

   4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)

   5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.

   6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to two regulation soccer contests or 180 minutes of competition activity. (Revised 4/17/07)
Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The conference champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams are determined by the most points accumulated in a single round-robin format. Three points will be awarded for a victory, one point for a tie and no points for a loss.

First Round (Wednesday): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): first-round winner at No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed. Top seed determines order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
Championship (Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Revised 6/2/99, 6/6/01, 6/9/04, 11/30/04)

B. Tournament Scheduling Conflicts
If a school hosts two or more fall championship first-round games on the same day at the same unlighted venue, the visiting team that travels the farthest will play its game on Wednesday. The visiting team that is closer will play its game on Tuesday. Mileage matrix determined by the Conference Office.

If the facility has lights, the team traveling the farthest plays the second game on that day.

If there are three fall championship first-round games at the same venue (men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey), the visiting soccer team that is closest will play its game on Tuesday. The other two games will be played on Wednesday with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

If one school hosts two championships on the same venue at an unlighted facility (example: McDaniel soccer), the semifinals between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in both tournaments will be hosted by the No. 2 seed. Both championship games will be played at the highest remaining seed. If both championship games are played at the No. 1 seed, the order will be determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

If one school hosts a championship for both genders at the same venue (example: men's and women's soccer), in odd-numbered years, the men's tournament will by played Friday and Saturday, while the women's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. In even-numbered years, the women's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, while the men's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday.

If field hockey conflicts with either soccer tournament, substitute hockey for the gender not represented. (example: in 2016, Johns Hopkins hosts field hockey and men's soccer: field hockey plays Friday-Saturday, men's soccer plays Saturday-Sunday)

If the tournament conflicts with a home football game, the tournament may be scheduled for Friday night and Saturday night.

If the championships semifinals must be played on Friday due to venue conflicts, the first-round game will be played on Tuesday. (Adopted 6/9/04; Revised 5/26/10)

C. Starting Times. The start time for the first-round (midweek) tournament game shall be determined by the host but shall be no earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 7 p.m. If an institution hosts a first-round match on a non-lighted field, the game shall start no earlier than 2 p.m. A minimum of 45 minutes should be available for warm-up prior to the start of the second semifinal. Conflicts will be worked out between the committee chair and the Conference Office. Travel expense and time will be taken into consideration for start times and order of the semifinal games. (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/5/02, 6/9/04, 5/28/14, 5/27/15)

With certain exceptions for multiple events at one venue or economic concerns, semifinals should start no earlier than noon and the Sunday final no later than 2 p.m. (Adopted 6/1/11)

D. Tie-Breaking Formulas
1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference competition among tied teams;
2. Records vs. teams in descending order of standing;
3. An extra point shall be awarded to the winning team for positive goal differential up to three in games among tied teams. These points shall accumulate throughout the Conference season.
4. Coin flip by Executive Director. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 6/6/01, 6/5/02, 5/29/13)

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F. Practice at Championship Site
   1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
   2. No practice on the game field prior to the semifinals.
   3. Prior to a single outdoor championship event, the facility will be made available for official warm-ups 60 minutes prior to the start of play. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

G. Official Ball. All Conference tournament matches must use a high-quality soccer ball, supplied by the host institution. In addition, the pre-championship conference call agenda shall include a discussion of the ball to be used. *(Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/26/10)*

H. Field Measurements. All fields that do not have a natural barrier between the spectators and the field (i.e. track) should rope off an area five yards between the spectators and the field.

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**Section VI - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will be comprised of 10 players with a minimum of three forwards, three midfielders and three backs, and a one goalkeeper. The coaches will also select a Player of the Year.

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B. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 5/31/06)*

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E. **Championship Tournament MVP.** The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*
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2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VII – Calendar**

- **First Contest:** Friday, August 31
- **All-CC Nominations Due:** Saturday, October 27
- **All-CC Ballot Due:** Wednesday, October 31
- **Conference Tournament:** Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday, October 31, November 3-4
- **Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, November 13

**NCAA Date Formula:** 1st/2nd rounds: three weeks before championship; Sectionals: two weeks before championship; Semifinals and Final: Friday and Saturday, one week after Thanksgiving

**Future NCAA Championships**
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Soccer (W)

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in soccer: Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Women's Soccer Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Wendy Smith, Haverford
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2019)
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Advisory Committee: Megan Patruno, Muhlenberg (term expires 9-2020)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
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A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined). (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. A "unit" is a numerical value assigned to a particular calendar day within the application of the preseason practice formula that is used to determine the first permissible practice date for fall sports other than football. The number of units assigned to a particular day does not determine or limit the number of practices that may be conducted on that day. (Adopted 5/4/09)
   2. Determining the First Permissible Practice Date. To determine the first permissible practice date, an institution shall count back a total of 16 units on a calendar starting with the day before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition, as follows:
      a. Never assign any units to Sundays on the calendar; it is permissible to practice on Sundays;
      b. Never assign any units to calendar days during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted;
      c. The first six units: assign one unit to each of the six calendar days (not including Sunday) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition;
      d. The remaining ten units:
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   3. First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.
      a. An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution’s win-loss record) before the first scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution’s declared playing season and are counted against the maximum number of contests.
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   1. First Permissible Practice and Competition. February 1.
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Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The conference champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams are determined by the most points in a single round-robin format. Three points will be awarded for a victory, one point for a tie and no points for a loss.

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- **Semifinals** (Saturday at No. 1 seed): first-round winner at No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed. Top seed determines order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
- **Championship** (Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. *(Revised 6/2/99, 6/6/01, 6/9/04, 11/30/04)*

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If the championships semifinals must be played on Friday due to venue conflicts, the first-round game will be played on Tuesday. *(Adopted 6/9/04; Revised 5/26/10)*

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Section VII - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will be comprised of 10 players with a minimum of three forwards, three midfielders and three backs, and a one goalkeeper. The coaches will also select a Player and Rookie of the Year.

1. Nominations. Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

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The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. (Adopted 5/29/13)
Section VIII – Calendar

First Contest: Friday, August 31
All-CC Nominations Due: Saturday, October 27
All-CC Ballot Due: Wednesday, October 31
Conference Tournament: Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday, October 31, November 3-4
Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 13 (must be in-person)

Annual Meeting. The committee may elect to hold committee meetings through voice or video call when few or no agenda items are submitted. Meetings cannot be held via conference call in back-to-back years. (Adopted 5/31/17)

NCAA Date Formula: 1st/2nd rounds: three weeks before championship; Sectionals: two weeks before championship; Semifinals and Final: Friday and Saturday, one week after Thanksgiving

Future NCAA Championships
2018 – November 30-December 1 – UNCG Stadium, Greensboro, N.C. (UNC-Greensboro, host)
2019 – December 6-7 – UNCG Stadium, Greensboro, N.C. (UNC-Greensboro, host)
2020 – December 4-5 – UNCG Stadium, Greensboro, N.C. (UNC-Greensboro, host)
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Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in softball: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Softball Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Shawn Carty, Franklin & Marshall
Committee Chair: Annette Hunt-Shepard, Gettysburg (term expires 9-2019)
NCAA East Region Advisory Committee: Lacey Lord, Washington College (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in softball shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to February 1. (Revised 6/4/03)
   2. First Contest or Date of Competition. An institution shall not schedule its first contest against outside competition until the date that permits 11 regular-season Saturdays before the Centennial Conference tournament. In the event an institution's spring break begins prior to that date, the first date of competition may be played on the first day of spring break. (Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09, 5/30/12, 5/30/18)
   3. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its total playing schedule against outside competition during the playing season to 40 contests (games and scrimmages) during the traditional segment and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 8/1/01, 6/9/04, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)
   4. Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. A student-athlete may participate in each academic year in a maximum of 40 softball contests (games, exhibitions or scrimmages) during the traditional segment and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution in accordance with NCAA Bylaws 17.02.4 and 17.02.9. (Revised 5/31/17)
   5. Classes in Session. No more than 30 contests may be played while classes are in session during the traditional segment. There is no limitation on contests during listed vacation periods. (Adopted 6/4/03)

C. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
   2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final regular fall examination period.
   3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
   4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
   5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
   6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to three regulation softball games or 21 regulation innings (e.g., three outs per inning, three strikes per out). (Revised 4/17/07)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
All NCAA championship rules apply unless amended below.

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a four-team double-elimination playoff. The teams will be determined by the best win-loss records in a round-robin format. The top seed will be the host for games 3-7 of the tournament. The top two seeds will host games 1-2. (Revised 5/30/18)

B. Championship Date Formula. The Centennial Conference tournament will be held on the weekend of NCAA championship selection.
C. Tournament Format

1. Home Team. The higher seed is the home team for the first round. Thereafter, the NCAA tournament procedure will determine the home team. *(Revised 6/4/03)*

2. Schedule.

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3. Starting Times. The starting times for the tournament are determined by the Executive Director and the committee liaison. It is recommended that the first game on Friday begin at 2 p.m., and the first game on Saturday at 11 a.m. *(Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/1/05, 5/28/14, 5/30/18)*

D. Tie-Breaking Formula.

1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
2. Record versus teams in descending order of standing;
3. Run differential: Runs allowed versus runs scored in Centennial Conference games;
4. if criteria 1-2-3 does not break the tie
   a. for the final playoff position, a play-in game will be held. The Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine the site;
   b. for other ties among playoff-bound teams, the Executive Director will conduct a coin flip to determine playoff position. In the event of multiple ties, a random drawing will be held for the playoff positions.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). *(Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)*

E. Incomplete Tournament. If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. **Exception:** If the tournament is not scheduled to conclude on Selection Sunday, games 5, 6 and 7 may be played on Monday if they do not conflict with the participating institutions’ final examination schedules. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04, 5/26/10)*

F. Determining the Home Team.

1. For games 1 and 2, the home team is the higher seed.
2. If two teams have been the home team an equal number of times but visiting team an unequal number of times, the team that has been the visitor most often shall be designated as home team.
3. If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, and if the two teams previously met, the visitor in the initial game shall be the home team in the second game.
4. If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, the team that was the visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were the visitor in their preceding games.
5. If the preceding formula does not prevail, the home team shall be determined by a coin toss using the double flip procedure.

**Double Flip Procedure**

1. Two members of the games committee meet with coaches to break a tie.
2. It is explained to coaches that ties are broken by a double flip, which means you flip first to see who gets to call the second flip.

   **Flip No. 1**
   1. Games Committee member No. 1 indicates one team as heads and the other as tails.
   2. Games Committee member No. 2 flips coin, and whichever way the coin comes up (heads or tails) is the team that gets to call flip No. 2.

   **Flip No. 2**
   The team that won flip No. 1 calls heads or tails while coin is in the air.

G. Dugouts. The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout. In the interest of simplicity, the No. 1 seed will occupy its dugout for all games in which it participates. A team occupying one dugout will not be forced to change dugouts in the next game, unless the host institution is involved in that game. *(Adopted 6/6/01, Revised 5/30/18)*
H. **Umpires.** The Conference Office will secure a team of umpires for the Conference playoffs. The team of umpires will consist of four umpires for the entire weekend, including an Umpire-in-Chief. *(Adopted 6/5/02)*

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I. **Practice at Championship Site**

1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
2. No practice on the game field prior to the semifinals. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

J. **Practice Schedule.** It is suggested that batting practice be arranged on a field other than the tournament field in the event that more than one game is to be played on a given day. Each team will be permitted a maximum of eight minutes for infield practice before each game. Ground balls will be permitted before the eight-minute warm-up in foul territory. The host administrator will be responsible for clearing the field when practice time has elapsed.

K. **Length of Contests.** All games shall be seven innings, except that a five-inning eight-run rule will be used in all rounds of the tournament. If play is stopped before a seven-inning game is completed and the eight-run rule is not in effect, it shall resume at the point of interruption.

L. **Uniforms.** Each team must bring two sets of uniforms of different colors. The home team may not wear the same color as the visiting team. Determination of uniform colors must be approved by the games committee. As a reminder, when teams play back-to-back games, they must be prepared to change uniforms, if necessary. In competition and during related ceremonies (pre-game/warm-up, introductions, award ceremonies and post-game interviews), student-athletes in the championship shall wear exclusively the official game uniforms of their institutions. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as competitive uniforms.

M. **Programs.** The host institution is responsible for an appropriate number of programs for the tournament.

N. **Public Address Announcements.** The PA announcer for the Conference tournament shall be impartial. Any music played once the first pitch is thrown **must** be impartial and not derogatory toward visiting teams. By rule, "Audio may not be played in a manner that may incite spectators to react in a negative fashion to umpires' decisions or to visiting players."

Section V - Regulations Governing Competition

All NCAA/ASA Fast Pitch Rules apply unless amended below.

A. **Starting Times.** All conference games should not begin before 2:30 p.m. on weekdays and no later than 1 p.m. on weekends.

B. **Pre-Game Procedure.** The visiting team will be accorded 30 minutes of warm-up time prior to the contracted game starting time.

C. **Length of Games.** The Conference will use the NCAA Halted Game Rule (6.17) prior to the game becoming official. Once the game becomes official, the outcome of the game stands. *(Revised 5/26/10)*

D. **Tied Games.** The Conference will only use the halted-game rule if there are playoff implications (i.e. seeding). The game will be resumed on the first available date after the last regular season Saturday. *(Adopted 5/31/17)*

E. **Break between Doubleheader Games.** There should be at least a 15-minute break between games of a doubleheader.

F. **Postponed Games.** All postponed Conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. Makeup games shall be played on the first available calendar date when neither team is scheduled, with consideration for religious holidays. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference game will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference games. Weekday postponements must be rescheduled within a 10-day period. Any changes must be approved by the Conference Office. *(Adopted 6/15/94; Revised 6/2/99, 5/30/18)*

G. **Official Ball.** The official ball of the Centennial Conference will be the ball used for NCAA Championship competition.


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I. **Protective Gear.** All batters, base runners and catchers must wear protective helmets at all times.

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M. Breakaway Bases. The Conference mandates the use of breakaway bases. (Adopted 6/4/97)

N. Post-Game Procedures. At the conclusion of every inning and the end of every Centennial contest, scorers will meet to compare scorebooks. Discrepancies must be resolved at the field. If no agreement can be reached, the home team's scorebook will be considered official. (Revised 6/1/05)

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   c. Players nominated at the Utility position must have played at least two or more positions with not more than 60% of playing time at one position. The breakdown should indicate the number of innings played at each position on the nominating form (example: 50/P, 50/DP, 10/1st);
   Summary: 36 games, 3 positions played. (This is the NFCA Criteria for All-region).
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**NCAA Date Formula:** Regionals: one week prior to super regionals (Friday-Sunday); Super Regional: One week prior to finals (Friday-Saturday); Finals: Memorial Day weekend (Thursday-Tuesday)

**Future NCAA Championships**

2019 – May 23-28 – Suddenlink Field, Tyler, Texas (Texas-Tyler, host)
2020 – May 21-26 - Suddenlink Field, Tyler, Texas (Texas-Tyler, host)
2021 – May 27-June 1 – Moyer Sports Complex, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
2022 – May 26-31 - Moyer Sports Complex, Salem, Va. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
Swimming

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in swimming: Bryn Mawr (women only), Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, McDaniel, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Swimming Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Susan Fumagalli Mahoney, Gettysburg
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in swimming shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. First Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before September 23. (Revised 6/4/03)

C. First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (contest or scrimmage) against outside competition before October 25. If October 25 falls on a Sunday, the preceding Saturday is permissible as the first date of competition with no prohibition for competition during the ensuing week. If October 25 falls on a Monday through Friday, teams may compete on the previous weekend in lieu of competition during that week. Teams that utilize this option are prohibited from scheduling a game or scrimmage during the following weekdays (Monday-Friday). (Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 9/23/05, 5/27/09, 6/1/16)

D. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 16 dates of competition, except for those contests excluded in the NCAA Manual.

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a championship meet.

B. Eligibility for Conference Championship. To be eligible for the Conference championship, a school must meet every school in dual or tri-meet competition. Schools that do not meet this requirement due to severe weather conditions can request a waiver from the Conference Office. (Adopted 5/31/06)

C. Suspension of Championship. The liaison for the committee should be "on call" in the event that an unforeseen emergency causes the suspension of the championship. The liaison will serve as the administrative component in the decision-making process along with the administrators on the games committee. (Adopted 5/31/06)

Section V - Regulations Governing Championship Competition
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Entry Fees. To defray the expense of operating Conference championship events, the following fee will be assessed: $12 per individual. The fee must be received at the Conference Office before that individual can compete. The deadline for entrants is two weeks before the start of the championship. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 5/27/09, 6/21/12)

B. Sites and Dates for Championships. The championship meet should be conducted over four days on the last weekend of qualifying for the NCAA Division III Women's Championship. The site should rotate every two years between Franklin & Marshall (2021-2022) and Gettysburg (2019-2020). (Revised 6/11/11, 5/31/17)

C. Starting Times for Championship Meet. The start times for the championship will be as follows:
(Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 6/7/00, 6/1/05, 5/30/07, 5/26/10, 6/1/11, 5/28/14, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

- Thursday – 7 p.m.
- Friday – 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Sunday – 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

D. Diving. Diving will not be contested in the Centennial Conference.
E. Roster Size. Teams are limited to an 18-person roster for the men's championship and the women's championship. Coaches may enter 20 swimmers on the team roster for the championship and cut the team down to 18 prior to the 6 p.m. Wednesday scratch deadline. (Adopted 6/9/04; Revised 5/31/06, 5/30/07, 5/31/17)

F. Relay Split Times. An entrant may add 0.7 seconds per 100 yards to verifiable (i.e. proof of performance) relay split times for the breaststroke and butterfly strokes for use as entry times for the championship meet. These times may not be used as qualifying standards. (Revised 6/3/98)

G. Entries. Each swimmer can be entered in four individual events and compete in a maximum of three individual events. Athletes should be listed by their class year in college on entries for all meets, including the championship. (Adopted 6/4/97; Revised 5/30/07, 5/30/12)

H. Entrants for Relays. Each school has the option of entering two relay teams - A and B. All "A" teams swim in the championship final, while the "B" relay swims in the consolation final. (Revised 6/7/00)

I. Entry Times. To be eligible for the Conference championship, an athlete must have achieved a time in that event during the current season. A time in the 1000 freestyle must be submitted for entry into the 1650 freestyle. All teams must have verifiable entry times. All coaches must hand-carry meet results to the championship meet. Challenges to entry times appearing on the unofficial psych sheet should be directed to the meet committee for potential action. (Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/30/12)

J. Championship Administration. The host institution should hire three people – an entry coordinator, an announcer and a timing operator - to assist in the administration of the championship meet. (Revised 6/1/05)

K. Hosting a Conference Championship. To host a Conference championship meet, a minimum of an eight-lane facility is required.

L. Travel/Practice at Championship Site. Teams are prohibited from practicing at the championship site on the Thursday before the championship meet - host team excluded. If the championship is conducted at Franklin & Marshall, teams will not travel on the Wednesday before the championship. Should inclement weather conditions arise, the decision to travel on Wednesday then lies with the institution. (Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 5/31/17)

M. Championship Meet Committee. A championship meet committee will be formed to handle any conflicts or concerns that might arise during the course of the meet. The committee will be comprised of the meet referee, a Conference representative or representative from the host institution, and two coaches who will serve on a rotating basis. (Adopted 6/5/96)

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N. Scratch Procedure. Individual scratch cards should be used on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The form must be initialed by a meet official. Thursday scratches are to be done by Wednesday and are to be sent via e-mail. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 5/31/17)

O. Heats for 1650 Freestyle. The heats for the 1650 freestyle shall be Women - Men - Women - Men. (Adopted 6/7/00)

P. Meet Information. The championship meet information should be sent via email by the second Monday in December so all teams can make necessary arrangements. (Adopted 6/1/05)

Q. Awards Ceremonies. Participants should wear their institution’s official warm-up uniform to the awards stand.

R. Officials. All swim officials must be CSCAA certified. (Adopted 5/30/12)

S. Time Trials. Each swimmer is limited to no more than three individual time trials during the championship. Relay swims shall not count toward the individual maximum of three. (Adopted 5/31/17)

T. Relay Entry Times. Relay entry times must be based on 1) Actual race performances swum in the current season, or 2) an aggregation of four flat-start performances from the current season, with no individual swimmer’s times to be used for the aggregation of both an “A” and “B” relay in the same event. (Adopted 5/31/17)
U. Order of Championship Events  
(Revised 5/30/18)

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Section VI - Dual and Tri-Meet Competition
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Dual Meet Entries. All coaches should send out Hy-Tek roster files to ease dual meet computer entry work, and finalize scheduled prior to the season as needed. Athletes should be listed by their class year in college on entries for all meets, including the championship. (Adopted 5/31/06; Revised 5/30/12)

B. Intermissions. There shall be two breaks of 10 minutes each during the meet.

C. Changes in Meet Format. If mutually agreeable, changes in the normal dual meet format are permitted provided changes are requested with a minimum of five (5) days in advance.

D. Times for Swimmers. The host institution is responsible for providing times for all swimmers, either through electronic timing or hand-held stopwatches for each lane.

E. Officials. There shall be a minimum of two officials for a dual meet, and three officials are highly recommended.

F. Team Score. The running team score for the meet should be displayed and/or announced at all meets.

G. Split Times. All dual meet split times are to be posted on the deck for swimmers to see as soon as possible after each event. (Adopted 5/30/07)

H. Postponed Meets. All postponed Conference meets will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference meet will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference meets.

I. Distribution of Results. The host institution will send out meet results to all other Conference institutions on the Monday following the meet. Results of non-Conference meets must also be forwarded at the same time by all Centennial schools. Relay splits should be included. The results must not necessarily be typed, but must be readable.

J. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

K. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

Section VII - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. The winner of each event at the Conference championship meet will be named All-Conference, while the second-place finisher will be named honorable mention.

B. Outstanding Performers of the Championship. A male and a female swimmer will be recognized at the conclusion of the championship as the meet's outstanding performers. The selection criteria is as follows:

1. Individual Points Accumulated.
2. Number of NCAA "A" Qualifying times established at the meet.
3. Number of NCAA "B" Qualifying times established at the meet.
4. Championship Meet records established at the meet.
5. Conference records established at the meet. (Revised 6/5/97, 6/3/98, 5/29/13)
C. **Outstanding Rookie Performers of the Championship.** A male and a female swimmer will be recognized at the conclusion of the championship as the meet's outstanding performers. The selection criteria is as follows:

1. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of competition.
2. Individual Points Accumulated
3. Number of NCAA "A" Qualifying times established at the meet.
4. Number of NCAA "B" Qualifying times established at the meet
5. Championship Meet records established at the meet.
6. Conference records established at the meet. *(Adopted 5/30/12; Revised 5/29/13)*

D. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

E. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will select an Athlete of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Revised 5/28/14)*

F. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

G. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

H. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VIII - Championship Meet Expenses**

A. **Budget.** The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

B. **Admission Charge.** An admission charge will be assessed at the Conference championship - $55 for all-sessions pass. Tickets will be available online during pre-sale windows prior to the championship. Any remaining tickets will be available for single sessions on the competition days at $5 for morning trials and $10 for evening finals. No students at participating Conference institutions (with valid student ID) nor youth 12 and under will be charged an admission fee. There are no complimentary tickets for the Conference swimming championships, though an institution may purchase tickets for special guests and friends of the institution. *(Revised 6/2/99, 6/1/05, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)*
Section IX – Calendar

Start of Practice: Sunday, September 23
First Contest: Saturday, October 20 with stipulations
Conference Championship: Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 21-22-23-24 at Gettysburg
Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5

Future Centennial Conference Championships
February 21-22-23-24, 2019 – Gettysburg College
February 20-21-22-23, 2020 – Gettysburg College

Future NCAA Championships
2019 – March 20-23 – Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, N.C. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
2020 – March 18-21 – Greensboro Aquatic Center, Greensboro, N.C. (Old Dominion Athletic Conference, host)
**Tennis (M)**

**Section I - Championship Eligibility**
The following schools compete for the conference championship in tennis: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

**Section II - Men's Tennis Contacts**
*Liaison to Delegates: Patricia Epps, Franklin & Marshall*
*Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)*
*NCAA Atlantic South Advisory Committee: Josh Schofield, Franklin & Marshall (term expires 9-2019)*

**Section III - Playing Season Regulations**
*All NCAA rules apply unless amended below*

A. **Length of Playing Season.** The length of an institution's playing season in tennis shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. *(Adopted 1/12/04)*

B. **Traditional Segment.**
   1. **First Permissible Practice.** The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution’s first date of competition). *(Revised 6/4/03, 4/11/11)*
   2. **First Permissible Competition.** Fall: September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, or the first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Spring: An institution shall not play its first contest (including a scrimmage) against outside competition prior to the date that permits 11 regular-season Saturdays before the Centennial Conference tournament. *(Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09, 4/11/11, 5/27/15)*
   3. **Maximum Limitations.** An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition and one alumni scrimmage. *(Revised 6/4/03, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)*

**Section IV - Rules Governing Championship**

A. **Determining the Conference Champion.** The Conference champion will be determined by a five-team tournament. The teams will be determined by best won-loss record in the Conference round-robin dual match format. *(Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/26/10, 5/27/15)*

   **First Round** *(Wednesday at No. 4 seed): No. 5 seed vs. No. 4 seed.*
   **Semifinals** *(Saturday at No. 1 seed): No. 4/5 seed vs. No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed.* Top seed determines the order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
   **Championship** *(Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners.*

   If one school has both men’s and women’s teams participating in first-round tournament matches – and has one head coach for both teams – the matches would be played Tuesday (odd years-women, even years-men) and Wednesday.

B. **Championship Date Formula.** The Centennial Conference championship tournament should be conducted on the weekend of NCAA championship selection.

C. **Tie-Breaking Formula**
   1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
   2. Individual matches won in dual-match play among tied teams;
   3. Record versus teams in descending order of standing;
   4. Number of individual matches won against teams in descending order of standing;
   5. Coin flip by the Executive Director.

   When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). *(Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)*

D. **Starting Times.** *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

   **Semifinals** *(Saturday): 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.* The top seed will determine the order of semifinal matches in consultation with the Conference Office.
   **Championship** *(Sunday): 1 p.m.*
E. Matches. All tournament competition will take place until the winner of the team match is determined, unless coaches mutually agree before the start of the team match to play to completion of the match.  (Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 3/20/07)

F. Incomplete Tournament. If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier.  

(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)

G. Inclement Weather. In the event of rain, the host institution will make provision for indoor backup courts. The host institution must secure a location that guarantees court availability and indoor backup for the duration of the championship.  

(Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/28/08)

H. Officials. The Conference Office will secure a USTA/ITA certified official for each semifinal and for the final match.  

(Adopted 6/1/05)

I. Practice at Championship Site. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to match day.  

(Adopted 6/1/05)

J. Lineups. In order to participate in the Conference championship tournament, a player must be listed in the lineup submitted to the Conference Office prior to the start.  

(Adopted 6/1/16)

Section V - Regulations Governing Team Competition

Conference competition shall follow ITA/USTA rules unless amended below.

A. Order of Match. Team matches shall consist of three (3) doubles, followed by six (6) singles matches. Doubles shall be played first. In Conference matches, each will be worth one point. Conference matches will consist of eight-game pro sets for doubles, and singles will be best-of-three sets.  

(Revised 6/7/95, 6/5/02, 5/31/06)

B. Match Outcome Decided. Once a team match outcome is determined, all individual matches in progress will play 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. Any individual matches not yet begun will be eight-game pro sets.  

(Adopted 6/5/02)

C. Matches Moved Indoors. If a match begins outdoors and moves indoors, the campus indoor facility will be used if available. Individual matches in progress will be played to completion. Matches begun indoors will play 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a third set.  

(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/1/11)

D. Official. Each Conference match shall have one paid ITA/USTA certified official. Only officials may report score, call lines, etc. and perform duties that fall under the jurisdiction of the referee of the match.  

(Adopted 6/15/94; Revised 6/2/99, 6/11/11, 5/30/18)

E. Completing Matches. All team matches must be played to completion unless the coaches mutually agree to terminate competition once the team outcome has been determined. If a match is not played to completion, continuation of the match will be played according to ITA rules, unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches. The ITA rules stipulate that if a match can be continued within 48 hours of suspension of play, the match resumes where it left off. After 48 hours, a new match must begin.  

(Adopted 6/3/98)

F. Warm-Up Time. Players shall have five (5) minutes to warm up, including serves, prior to the start of a match.  

G. Rest Between Matches. Players may receive a 15-minute rest period between matches.  

H. Postponed Matches. All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled within the next seven days upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play prior to the NCAA tournament, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches and administrators for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches. All Conference matches must be rescheduled and played should the original date be postponed.  

(Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/4/03)

I. Attire. Players shall wear proper tennis attire with a team/college logo and/or school colors.  

(Revised 5/31/06)

J. Jewelry. Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform.  

(Adopted 6/1/05)
K. Cut-Off Date. The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 5/26/10)

L. Religious Holidays. A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)

M. Changes to Lineup. A player shall not be moved down in the lineup because of:
1. An injury that has lasted and forced the player out of the lineup for less than three weeks;
2. Disciplinary measures; or
3. Challenge matches after 50 percent of the team’s playing dates have been completed.

N. Court Equipment. All member institutions should supply singles sticks, center straps and any other equipment necessary for an ITA sanctioned match. (Adopted 6/1/16)

Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of (6) singles players and (3) doubles teams. The coaches will also select a Player of the Year.

1. Nominations. Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. Eligibility. To be considered for the All-Conference team or a postseason award, a singles player or doubles team must compete in at least 50 percent of Conference matches during the regular season. (Adopted 5/28/14)

3. Voting Procedure. Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st team selections, and a Player of the Year.

No coach can vote for his/her own player! The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

4. Determination of All-Conference Team. Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team.

5. Determination of Player of the Year. For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

6. Determination of Coach of the Year. For Coach of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

7. Determination of Rookie of the Year. For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. (Adopted 5/30/12)

B. Academic Honor Roll. To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. (Revised 5/27/15)

C. All-Sportsmanship Team. All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. (Adopted 5/30/07)

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3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. (Adopted 5/29/13)

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Section VII – Calendar

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Tennis (W)

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in tennis: Bryn Mawr, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore, Ursinus and Washington College.

Section II - Women's Tennis Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Patricia Epps, Franklin & Marshall
Committee Chair: Dave Woodruffing, Johns Hopkins (term expires 9-2020)
NCAA Atlantic South Advisory Committee: Drew Cohn, Haverford (term expires 9-2021)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in tennis shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. The date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible date of competition (as opposed to the institution’s first date of competition). (Revised 6/4/03, 4/11/11)
   2. First Permissible Competition. Fall: September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, or the first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Spring: An institution shall not play its first contest (including a scrimmage) against outside competition prior to the date that permits 11 regular-season Saturdays before the Centennial Conference tournament. (Revised 6/4/03, 9/23/05, 5/28/08, 5/27/09, 4/11/11, 5/27/15)
   3. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition and one alumni scrimmage. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a five-team tournament. The teams will be determined by best won-loss record in the Conference round-robin dual match format. (Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/26/10, 5/27/15)

First Round (Wednesday at No. 4 seed): No. 5 seed vs. No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): No. 4/5 seed vs. No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed. Top seed determines the order of semifinal games in consultation with Conference Office.
Championship (Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners.

If one school has both men’s and women’s teams participating in first-round tournament matches – and has one head coach for both teams – the matches would be played Tuesday (odd years-women, even years-men) and Wednesday.

B. Championship Date Formula. The Centennial Conference championship tournament should be conducted on the weekend of NCAA championship selection.

C. Tie-Breaking Formula
   1. Head-to-Head Centennial Conference play among tied teams;
   2. Individual matches won in dual-match play among tied teams;
   3. Record versus teams in descending order of standing;
   4. Number of individual matches won against teams in descending order of standing;
   5. Coin flip by the Executive Director.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)

D. Starting Times. (Adopted 6/1/05)
   Semifinals (Saturday): 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The top seed will determine the order of semifinal matches in consultation with the Conference Office.
   Championship (Sunday): 1 p.m.

E. Matches. All tournament competition will take place until the winner of the team match is determined, unless coaches mutually agree before the start of the team match to play to completion of the match. (Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 3/20/07)
F. **Incomplete Tournament.** If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier.  
(Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)

G. **Inclement Weather.** In the event of rain, the host institution will make provision for indoor backup courts. The host institution must secure a location that guarantees court availability and indoor backup for the duration of the championship.  
(Adopted 6/1/05; Revised 5/28/08)

H. **Officials.** The Conference Office will secure a USTA/ITA certified official for each semifinal and for the final match.  
(Adopted 6/1/05)

I. **Practice at Championship Site.** No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to match day.  
(Adopted 6/1/05)

**Section V - Regulations Governing Team Competition**

Conference competition shall follow ITA/USTA rules unless amended below.

A. **Order of Match.** Team matches shall consist of three (3) doubles, followed by six (6) singles matches. Doubles shall be played first. In Conference matches, each will be worth one point. Conference matches will consist of eight-game pro sets for doubles, and singles will be best-of-three sets. (Revised 6/7/95; 6/5/02; 5/31/06)

B. **Match Outcome Decided.** Once a team match outcome is determined, all individual matches in progress will play 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. Any individual matches not yet begun will be eight-game pro sets. (Adopted 6/5/02)

C. **Matches Moved Indoors.** If a match begins outdoors and moves indoors, the campus indoor facility will be used if available. Individual matches in progress will be played to completion. Matches begun indoors will play 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a third set. (Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/1/11)

D. **Official.** Each Conference match must have one paid ITA/USTA certified official. Only officials may report score, call lines, etc. and perform duties that fall under the jurisdiction of the referee of the match. (Adopted 6/15/94, Revised 6/2/99, 6/11/11)

E. **Completing Matches.** All team matches must be played to completion unless the coaches mutually agree to terminate competition once the team outcome has been determined. If a match is not played to completion, continuation of the match will be played according to ITA rules, unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches. The ITA rules stipulate that if a match can be continued within 48 hours of suspension of play, the match resumes where it left off. After 48 hours, a new match must begin. (Adopted 6/3/98)

F. **Warm-Up Time.** Players shall have five (5) minutes to warm up, including serves, prior to the start of a match.

G. **Rest Between Matches.** Players may receive a 15-minute rest period between matches.

H. **Postponed Matches.** All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled within the next seven days upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play prior to the NCAA tournament, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches and administrators for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches. All Conference matches must be rescheduled and played should the original date be postponed. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/4/03)

I. **Attire.** Players shall wear proper tennis attire with a team/college logo and/or school colors. (Revised 5/31/06)

J. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. (Adopted 6/1/05)

K. **Cut-Off Date.** The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. (Adopted 5/26/10)

L. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. (Adopted 5/26/10)
M. **Changes to Lineup.** A player shall not be moved down in the lineup because of:
1. An injury that has lasted and forced the player out of the lineup for less than three weeks;
2. Disciplinary measures; or
3. Challenge matches after 50 percent of the team’s playing dates have been completed.

N. **Court Equipment.** All member institutions should supply singles sticks, center straps and any other equipment necessary for an ITA sanctioned match. *(Adopted 6/1/16)*

**Section VI - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of (6) singles players and (3) doubles teams. The coaches will also select a Player of the Year.

1. **Nominations.** Approximately seven days before the conclusion of the regular season, each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status.

2. **Eligibility.** To be considered for the All-Conference team or a postseason award, a singles player or doubles team must compete in at least 50 percent of Conference matches during the regular season. *(Adopted 5/28/14)*

3. **Voting Procedure.** Shortly after the conclusion of the regular season and prior to the start of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. Coaches should vote for 1st team selections, and a Player of the Year. **No coach can vote for his/her own player!** The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office.

4. **Determination of All-Conference Team.** Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team.

5. **Determination of Player of the Year.** For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

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B. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
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Track and Field

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in track and field: Bryn Mawr (women only), Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Ursinus.

Section II - Track and Field Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Laura Moliken, Ursinus
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)
NCAA Committee: Don Nichter, Dickinson (term expires 9-2019)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to the following:
   (1) An institution that sponsors only indoor or outdoor track and field (but not both) shall be limited to a maximum playing season of 19 weeks.
   (2) An institution that sponsors both indoor or outdoor track and field shall be limited to a maximum playing season of 24 weeks.
   (Adopted 1/12/04)

A. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. Practice in the spring semester shall begin on February 1.
   2. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition, except for those contests excluded in the NCAA Manual.

B. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Practice or Competition. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. Practice in the spring semester shall begin on February 1.
   2. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
   3. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e., 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
   4. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The conference champion will be determined at a conference championship meet.

B. Eligibility for Championship. In outdoor track and field, each Conference school must schedule a minimum of three Centennial schools over two competitive dates during the regular season to be eligible for the Conference championship.

C. Site and Date for Indoor Championship. The indoor championship will be held two weeks before the NCAA Division III Championships. Sites for the championship: 2019-Franklin & Marshall; 2020-Franklin & Marshall.

D. Site and Date for Outdoor Championship. The outdoor championship will be held on the first weekend in May. Sites for the championship will be selected for two years: 2019-Muhlenberg. (Adopted 6/9/04)

E. Suspension of Championship. The liaison for the committee should be "on call" in the event that an unforeseen emergency causes the suspension of the championship. The liaison will serve as the administrative component in the decision-making process along with the administrators on the games committee. (Adopted 5/31/06)
Section V - Regulations Governing Competition
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below.

A. Entry Fees. To defray the expense of operating Conference championship events, the following fee will be assessed: $12 per individual. The fee must be received by the host institution before that individual can compete. The deadline for entrants is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the indoor championship and 6 p.m. Wednesday for the outdoor championship.

Coaches shall be given the opportunity to submit late entries to the Games Committee after the entry deadline and prior to the entry list being published on the internet. The coach can request to have the athlete added to the neglected event but cannot scratch the athlete out of any other events entered in. A letter of reprimand will be created by the Conference Office and sent to the offending school’s athletics director for missing the deadline. Final declarations are Thursday at noon. The performance list can be available Thursday evening. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 6/5/02, 6/4/03, 5/30/12, 6/21/12)

B. Order of Events. The committee will determine the order of events for the Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Unless the facility demands otherwise, the order of events will be standard.

C. Championship Events. The Conference sponsors the following events for the outdoor championship: 100, 100/110 Hurdles, 200, 400, 400 Hurdles, 800, 1500, Steeplechase, 5000, 10000, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Hammer Throw, Javelin, Shot Put, Pole Vault, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 4x800 Relay, Heptathlon (women) and Decathlon (men).

The Conference sponsors the following events for the indoor championship: Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Triple Jump, Pole Vault, 60 Dash, 60 Hurdles, 200, 400, 800, Mile, 3000, 5000, 4x200 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 4x800 Relay, Distance Medley Relay, Heptathlon (men) and Pentathlon (women). (Revised 12/1/98, 6/7/00, 11/30/04, 5/27/09, 5/30/12, 6/1/16)

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E. Outdoor Starting Times. The 10,000-meter run will be conducted on Friday evening with the start time to be determined during a pre-championship conference call, factoring in predicted weather conditions. The first race will not begin prior to 5 p.m. No travel will be done on Thursday. The running events will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The games committee has the authority to move up the start time of the 4x400 relay by 15 minutes based on the estimated conclusion of the 5,000 meters. (Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/1/11, 5/28/14)

F. Scoring. Eight places will score in both the indoor and the outdoor championships. (Revised 6/5/02)

G. Field Events. The number of finalists shall be one more than the number of scoring positions. (Adopted 6/3/98)

H. Implements. For outdoor track, implementation certification will take place 2 1/2 hours before the first throwing events each day for a one-hour period. Implementation certification will end 90 minutes before the start of the first throwing event. (Adopted 6/3/98; Revised 6/4/03)
I. **Heat Advancement.** If there are four or less heats, the heat winners will go to the fast section of the final. If there are five or more heats, the four fastest heat winners go to the fast section and the other heat winners and fastest times fill out heats. If there is a fourth-place tie for heat winners, five runners advance. If there is a tie for eighth place, nine runners advance. *(Adopted 6/5/02)*

J. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

K. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

L. **Indoor Championship Schedule.** Once the indoor championship schedule is published prior to the championship, it shall not be altered by the committee during the pre-championship conference call. *(Adopted 6/1/11)*

M. **Qualifying Performances.** A participant may not use an indoor performance to qualify for the outdoor championship. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

N. **Officials.** The host institution is required to supply six umpires for running events and a field even referee for the outdoor championship. *(Adopted 5/27/15)*

O. **Certified Track Lines.** The host institution must conduct the championship using certified track lines. This is especially apparent in an event where the games committee decided to conduct a running event (100, 100/110 hurdles, 200) in the opposite direction due to adverse weather conditions. *(Adopted 5/31/17)*

P. **Indoor Facilities for Outdoor Championship.** The host institution must have an indoor facility available to host pole vault and high jump in case of adverse weather conditions. *(Adopted 5/31/17)*

**Section VII - Championship Qualifying Standards**

Standards for the Centennial Conference championships will be based on a five-year moving average of the 18th best performance in field events and the 22nd best performance in track events. A minimum of two years in the five-year period should be averaged to create the qualifying standard. For events that do not reach these marks, Conference qualifying standards established pre-2004 remain in place. For the indoor championship, NCAA conversion marks for the 60-meter dash, 60-meter high hurdles and the mile may be used. Also, timed conversions may be used for performances made on either banked or oversized tracks for distances between 200 and 5,000 meters. All programs should be permitted to enter all relays whether or not they have a qualifying time.

**Conversions - 60-meter dash / hurdles:** use NCAA pentathlon scoring sheets to convert into 55-meter times. **Mile:** divide mile time by 1.08 or multiply mile time by 0.925 to convert to 1500-meter time. *(Revised 6/5/02, 10/7/03, 6/1/05, 5/30/07, 5/28/08, 6/1/11)*

To qualify for the indoor multis, an athlete must reach the standard, qualify in at least one individual event, and contest in all multi events during the course of the indoor season. An athlete may replace the 1,000 with either an 800 or mile performance for qualifying. *(Revised 5/28/14)*

**Section VIII - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** The first finisher in each event will be named All-Conference, while the first finishing relay team will also be named All-Conference. The second finisher in each event will be named second team All-Conference, while the third finisher will be named honorable mention. *(Revised 5/30/12)*

B. **Outstanding Performer of the Meet.** The Performer(s) of the Meet will be determined by a coaches’ vote by Tuesday after the conclusion of the championship meet. The coaches will select an athlete for the track events and the field events. A Rookie of the Meet will also be determined. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his or her first year of competition. *(Adopted 6/5/02, Revised 5/30/12, 5/28/14)*

C. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches will be asked to nominate one opposing coach for Coach of the Year. Coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.
D. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
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E. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

F. **Weekly Honors.** The Conference Office, in cooperation with the Sports Information Directors committee, will recognize a track event athlete and a field event athlete as Athletes of the Week for individual performances during a selected period. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*

G. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section IX - Championship Meet**

The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If the expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

**Section X - Calendar**

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NCAA Indoor Date Formula: Second weekend in March (Friday-Saturday)

**Future Centennial Conference Indoor Championships**


**Future NCAA Indoor Championships**

2019 – March 8-9 – Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Mass. (UMass-Boston, host)
2020 – March 13-14 – SPIRE Institute, Geneva, Ohio (Mount Union, host)
2021 – March 12-13 – JDL Fast Track, Winston-Salem, N.C. (Guilford, host)
2022 – March 11-12 – Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Mass. (UMass-Boston, host)

NCAA Outdoor Date Formula: Last full weekend in May prior to Memorial Day (Thursday-Saturday)

**Future Centennial Conference Outdoor Championships**

2019 – May 3-4-5 – Muhlenberg

**Future NCAA Outdoor Championships**

2019 – May 23-25 – SPIRE Institute, Geneva, Ohio (Mount Union, host)
2020 – May 21-23 – Polisseni Track and Field Complex, Rochester, N.Y. (St. John Fisher, host)
2021 – May 27-29 – SPIRE Institute, Geneva, Ohio (Mount Union, host)
2022 – May 26-28 – Irwin Belk Track, Greensboro, N.C. (North Carolina A&T, host)
Volleyball

Section I - Championship Eligibility

Section II - Volleyball Contacts
Liaison to Delegates: Bobbi Morgan, Haverford
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)
NCAA Mid-Atlantic Advisory Committee: Andrew Pile, Dickinson (term expires 9-2021)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   1. First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition. A "unit" is a numerical value assigned to a particular calendar day within the application of the preseason practice formula that is used to determine the first permissible practice date for fall sports other than football. The number of units assigned to a particular day does not determine or limit the number of practices that may be conducted on that day. (Adopted 5/4/09)
   2. Determining the First Permissible Practice Date. To determine the first permissible practice date, an institution shall count back a total of 16 units on a calendar starting with the day before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition, as follows:
      a. Never assign any units to Sundays on the calendar; it is permissible to practice on Sundays;
      b. Never assign any units to calendar days during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution's team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted;
      c. The first six units: assign one unit to each of the six calendar days (not including Sunday) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition;
      d. The remaining ten units:
         i. Assign one unit to each calendar day (not including Sundays) that occurs on or after the opening day of classes for the fall term and
         ii. Assign two units to each calendar day before the opening day of classes for the fall term (not including Sundays) until the sum of units on the calendar reaches 16;
      e. The date on which the total count of units on the calendar reaches 16 is the first permissible date for preseason practice. (Adopted 5/4/09)
   3. First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period. (Revised 5/27/09, 5/29/13)
   4. Maximum Limitations. For the 2018-19 academic year, an institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 20 dates of competition, one exempt scrimmage date and one exempted alumni scrimmage. (Revised 6/4/03, 5/28/08, 5/29/13, 5/31/17, 5/30/18)

C. Nontraditional Segment
   1. First Permissible Practice and Competition. February 1. (Revised 1/12/04)
   2. Nontraditional Season Length. All practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment is limited to a maximum of five weeks and shall be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period.
   3. Practice Opportunities. The Conference permits a maximum of 16 practices with no more than four practices in any one week. (Revised 6/4/03)
   4. Maximum Limitations. The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices (i.e. 15 practices + 1 DOC = 16; 16 practices + 0 DOC = 16). (Revised 6/4/03)
   5. Class/Laboratory Time. No class or laboratory time may be missed for practice or competition.
   6. Date of Competition Limitations. A maximum of eight hours of athletically related activity may occur on the one date of competition for all participants. Further, competition activity on the one date must be included in the eight-hour maximum and is also limited to three regulation matches or 15 regulation sets. (Revised 4/17/07)
Section IV - Rules Governing Championship
All NCAA championship rules apply unless amended below.

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined by a five-team playoff. The teams are determined by the best won-lost records in a round-robin format.

First Round (Wednesday): No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed.
Semifinals (Saturday at No. 1 seed): first-round winner vs. No. 1 seed; No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed.
Championship (Sunday at No. 1 seed): semifinal winners. (Adopted 6/9/04; Revised 11/30/04)

B. Championship Date Formula. The Centennial Conference championship tournament shall be held on the weekend of NCAA tournament selection.

C. Tie-Breaking Formulas
1. Head-to-Head Conference competition.
2. Team with best record vs. 1st place team, 2nd place team, etc. until tie is broken.
4. Point differential in sets among tied teams.
5. Coin flip by Executive Secretary.

When any secondary criteria in a multiple-team tie favors one team over the others, that team earns the seed and is removed from the tie-breaker. Re-apply the criteria to all remaining teams, starting with the Conference's primary tiebreaker for all sports (head-to-head Centennial competition). (Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/27/15)

D. Starting Times. With certain exceptions for multiple events at one venue or economic concerns, semifinals should start no earlier than noon and the Sunday final no later than 2 p.m. (Adopted 6/7/00; Revised 6/6/01, 6/9/04, 6/1/11, 5/30/12)

First Round (Wednesday): 7 p.m.
Semifinals (Saturday): 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Championship (Sunday): 1 p.m.

E. Incomplete Tournament. If the championship tournament cannot be completed and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier. (Adopted 6/5/02; Revised 6/9/04)

F. Practice at Championship Site
1. No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.
2. No practice on the game venue prior to the semifinals. (Adopted 6/9/04)

G. Match Protocol
For tournament matches that begin at top-of-the-hour (1:00, 7:00, etc.)
1. 41 minutes allotted for shared warm-up
2. 4 minutes for visiting team court
3. 4 minutes for home team court
4. 5 minutes for visiting team court
5. 5 minutes for home team court
6. 1 minute for team huddle/announcements
7. National Anthem/player introductions
8. Match begins

Section V - Rules Governing Competition
All NCAA championship rules apply unless amended below. The recommended match protocol appears in the NAGWS rulebook.

A. Official Ball. The official game ball for Centennial Conference matches will be the official NCAA ball (Molten IV58L-N through 2021). (Revised 6/3/98, 6/9/04, 5/31/06)

B. Length of Match. All conference matches will be best three-of-five sets.

C. Pre-Match Procedure. Warm-Up time will be 4-4-5-5. The home team will supply balls to visiting Conference teams for use during warm-ups. (Revised 6/2/99, 6/4/03)
D. **Starting Times.** The start time for weekday matches should be 7 p.m. and weekend matches should be 1 p.m., unless mutually agreed to by the participating institutions. In the event of multiple matches, the Conference match should take place first. The home team should play the first and third matches, while the team traveling the furthest distance to the site should play the second and third match. The second match should begin 45 minutes after the completion of the first match. The starting times and sequence of play should be printed on the contract. *(Adopted 6/7/95, Revised 6/5/96, 6/5/02, 5/31/06)*

E. **Line Judges.** The home team must provide two certified line judges. For tri-matches, the host school is responsible for lines people and a scorer for all three matches. *(Revised 5/30/07)*

F. **Officials.** Officials, including two line judges, should be NCAA and/or PAVO certified and assigned by the local assignor. For tri-matches, the host school is responsible for line judges and a scorer for all three matches. For a Centennial match to be considered official, at least one certified official must be present at the match. Teams should wait a reasonable amount of time for late-arriving officials to reach the site. *(Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 5/31/06, 6/1/11)*

G. **Coordinator of Officials.** Dan Correnti will serve as the Coordinator of Officials for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 seasons. *(Adopted 5/30/16)*

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G. **Postponed Matches.** All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches.

H. **Cut-Off Date.** The cut-off date for the completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the championship. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

I. **Videotaping.** A third party (i.e. anyone not associated with the two competing teams) may not videotape any Conference match without the permission of both coaches involved in the match. *(Adopted 6/7/95)*

J. **Scouting Reports.** Conference members shall not share scouting reports of Conference schools with non-conference schools. *(Adopted 6/9/04)*

K. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

L. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference match scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

M. **In-Match Statistics.** The host institution is required to notify the opposing team’s head coach 24 hours in advance, and on game day, if in-game stats will be done or not. *(Adopted 6/1/11)*

N. **Match Tape Exchange.** There is a mandatory video exchange between Centennial Conference members allowing for total access to all Conference video footage. Each Centennial school is required to share all Conference games via the Centennial Conference Open Exchange Video Library (i.e. Krossover, Hudl, Synergy, etc.). Centennial coaches will use the video exchange system that is agreed upon by the Centennial Volleyball Coaches Committee. Coaches agree to the following video guidelines and upload times: *(Adopted 5/28/14; Revised 5/27/15, 5/30/18)*

- Teams are responsible for making all matches available within 24 hours of the conclusion of the matches, with the exception of matches played on Saturday. Matches played on Saturday are required to be added to the league pool by Monday by 1 p.m.
- Teams are responsible for posting all matches played in the regular season and post-season to the League Pool.
- Audio is not required at this time.
- If the home institution is unable to upload film, it is responsible for notifying the Conference about an alternative film exchange.
Section VI - Awards

A. All-Conference Team. At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise seven (7) players with at least one setter, but not more than two, and a libero. The coaches will select Player of the Year. (Revised 6/1/05)

1. Nominations. Each coach of a participating Conference school should submit nominations of his/her athletes to be considered for All-Centennial status by the Tuesday after the conclusion of the regular season. No Conference-wide limit is made to the number of nominations that can be made for All-Conference consideration, although nominees should be starters or key reserves. Some sport committees may establish maximums for the number of nominees. Only one player may be nominated for Player of the Year status. (Revised 11/28/07)

2. Voting Procedure. After the conclusion of the championship tournament, voting for All-Centennial teams should be concluded. This procedure will be in effect through the 2012 season. Coaches should vote for 1st and 2nd team selections, and a Player of the Year. No coach can vote for his/her own player! The completed ballot should be returned to the Director of Sports Information and sent via email or FAX to the Conference Office. (Revised 11/29/07)

3. Determination of All-Conference Team. Two (2) points will be awarded for a 1st team vote and one (1) point for a 2nd team vote. Players with the most points shall be accorded 1st team All-Centennial status. Ties will be broken in favor of the candidate with the highest number of 1st team votes. If the tie is still not broken, additional players may be added to the All-Star team. Any athlete receiving four (4) points will be assured of at least honorable mention status.

4. Determination of Player of the Year. For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player. Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

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E. Championship Tournament MVP. The Conference will select a most valuable player (MVP) of the championship tournament. The Conference Office will determine the process for selection. (Adopted 5/29/13)

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2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. (Adopted 5/29/13)
Section VII - Calendar

First Contest: Friday, August 31
All-CC Nominations Due: Saturday, October 27
All-CC Ballot Due: Wednesday, October 31
Conference Tournament: Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday, October 31, November 3-4
Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 13

NCAA Championship Date Calculation Formula: Finals will be held on the weekend before Thanksgiving (Friday-Sunday). Regionals will be held one week prior to finals (Friday-Sunday).

Future NCAA Championships
2018 – November 15-17 – A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Saint Vincent, host)
2019 – November 21-23 – U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (American Rivers Conference, host)
2020 – November 19-21 – Capital Center Performance Arena, Columbus, Ohio (Capital, host)
2021 – November 18-20 – Francis Fieldhouse, St. Louis, Mo. (Washington U., host)
Wrestling

Section I - Championship Eligibility
The following schools compete for the conference championship in wrestling: Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, Merchant Marine, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Stevens, Ursinus, and Washington and Lee.

Section II - Wrestling Committee
Liaison to Delegates: Lynn Tubman, Muhlenberg
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)

Section III - Playing Season Regulations
All NCAA rules apply unless amended below

A. Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in wrestling shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks. (Adopted 1/12/04)

B. Traditional Segment.
   2. First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or scrimmage) with outside competition before November 1. (Revised 6/4/03, 6/1/16)
   3. Maximum Limitations. An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 16 dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets that shall count as a single date of competition each, except for those contests excluded in the NCAA Manual.

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

A. Determining the Conference Champion. The Conference champion will be determined at a championship tournament.

B. Eligibility for Championship. To be eligible for the championship, Conference schools must have met all other Conference schools in round-robin competition. Schools that do not meet this requirement due to severe weather conditions can request a waiver from the Conference Office.

C. Suspension of Championship. The liaison for the committee should be "on call" in the event that an unforeseen emergency causes the suspension of the championship. The liaison will serve as the administrative component in the decision-making process along with the administrators on the games committee. (Adopted 5/31/06)

Section V - Regulations Governing Competition
All NCAA Rules shall apply unless amended below.

A. Pre-Match Screening. A preliminary skin infection screening shall be conducted at each team's home site when they weigh-in. This inspection must be done by the team's head trainer or team physician, and a signer statement certifying the absence of infectious skin diseases must be presented to the opposing coaches and referees at the site of competition before the start of the meet. Any wrestler who is not listed on that certification shall not be permitted to wrestle unless cleared by the professional trainer or team physician at the site of the competition. The Conference will follow NCAA guidelines for infectious skin diseases. (Adopted 6/7/95)

B. Tournament Schedule. The recommended schedule of events for the championship tournament is as follows: (Adopted 6/3/98; Revised 6/6/01, 5/31/06, 2/22/08)

1. Registration, Friday, 6 p.m.
2. Coaches Meeting and Seeding, immediately following registration
3. Skin Check, Weigh-In, Saturday, 8 a.m.
4. Quarterfinals, 10 a.m.
5. Semifinals and Consolations
6. Consolation Finals
7. Championship Bouts

C. Officials. Six officials will be hired in accordance with the NCAA Guidelines. The pool of NCAA registered officials can be located on the NCAA website (Division III wrestling). The computer operator should be paid at the same rate as the officials. (Adopted 6/3/98, Revised 6/4/03, 6/9/04, 5/30/18)
D. **Sites and Dates for Championships.** The date for the championship is two weeks prior to the NCAA regional. The championship sites are as follows: *(Adopted 5/28/14; Revised 5/27/15)*

- 2019-Merchant Marine
- 2020-Muhlenberg
- 2021-Gettysburg
- 2022-Johns Hopkins
- 2023-Ursinus
- 2024-McDaniel
- 2025-Washington and Lee

E. **Workout Facility / Scales.** The host institution must provide a workout facility on Friday evening prior to the championship and have one of the official scales available for athletes to check weight. *(Adopted 5/31/06)*

F. **Mats.** The minimum number of mats needed to host the Conference championship is three. *(Adopted 5/28/08)*

**Section VI - Regular-Season Competition**

A. **Match Starting Times.** All Conference weekend matches must start no earlier than 12 p.m. and no later than 6 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by administrators. *(Adopted 6/6/01; Revised 5/31/06, 5/28/14)*

B. **Postponed Matches.** All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches.

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D. **Religious Holidays.** A Centennial Conference game scheduled on a religious holiday will be moved to another date if requested by an institution prior to a receipt of a signed contract. *(Adopted 5/26/10)*

E. **Tri-Match Format.** The team traveling the farthest shall compete in rounds one and two. If the host invites a non-conference opponent as part of a quad-meet, the host school is required to compete against the non-conference opponent first. Visiting teams must be notified of the non-conference opponent in advance. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

**Section VII - Awards**

A. **All-Conference Team.** The winner of each weight class will be named All-Conference. The coaches will select a Wrestler of the Year prior to the championship tournament, based on his regular-season performance. *(Revised 6/1/05)*

1. **Determination of Wrestler of the Year.** For Player of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.

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3. **Determination of Rookie of the Year.** For Rookie of the Year honors, coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. A rookie is defined as a student-athlete in his first year of collegiate competition. **Once again, coaches cannot vote for his/her own player.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named. *(Adopted 5/30/12)*
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1. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

C. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

D. **Scholar-Athlete Award.** The Conference will present a Scholar-Athlete Award for each of the Conference’s 24 championship sports. The candidates for this award should meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a junior or senior;
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher;
3. Must have been selected to the All-Conference team for that season.

The student with the highest cumulative grade point average who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient. Ties will not be broken. *(Adopted 5/29/13)*

Section VIII - Championship Tournament

A. **Entry Fees.** To defray the expense of operating the Conference wrestling championship, a $200 entry fee will be assessed each team. *(Revised 5/29/13)*

B. **Budget.** The host institution should pay for all expenses and submit a Championship Expense Report Form to the Conference Office for reimbursement. If expenses are entirely covered through ticket sales and extra revenue remains, it will be returned to the Conference Office to offset deficits from other championships. If expenses are not covered by the fees, the Conference Office will absorb the deficit, provided the host institution kept expenses within the budget guidelines.

Section IX - Calendar

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**NCAA Date Formula:** Regionals: two weeks prior to finals. Finals: second full weekend in March (Thursday-Saturday).

Future Centennial Conference Championships

- 2019 – February 9 – U.S. Merchant Marine
- 2020 – February 15 - Muhlenberg

Future NCAA Regionals


Future NCAA Championships

- 2019 – March 8-9 – Berglund Center, Roanoke, Va. (Ferrum, host)
- 2020 – March 13-14 – U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (American Rivers Conference, host)
- 2021 – March 12-13 – La Crosse Center, La Crosse, Wis. (UW-La Crosse, host)
- 2022 – March 11-12 – U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (American Rivers Conference, host)
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

I. Mission Statement. As part of our mission statement to faculty and administration, we choose:

A. To recognize that athletics help to develop a well-rounded student, not only by providing discipline and time management skills, but also by allowing the athlete to set and achieve individual and team goals. Our athletic participation enhances our collegiate experience.

B. To facilitate open communication between the athletic and academic communities to discuss issues regarding the aforementioned goals.

C. To have an active role in each decision-making process involving our wellbeing as student-athletes.

II. Composition. The Centennial Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) shall be composed of at least 22 student-athletes in good academic standing from member institutions. Each institution is entitled to have at least two representatives with the following stipulations - representatives must be either sophomores, junior or seniors; representatives should be one male and one female (two of one gender permitted from single-sex institution); one of the representatives shall be the chair of the institution's student-athlete advisory committee. (Revised 6/3/98)

III. Role of the Committee. The role of the SAAC is to give the student-athlete a voice in the policy-making process of the Centennial Conference.

IV. Meetings. The SAAC shall meet two times during the academic year - once in the fall, and once in the spring. Meeting sites, times and dates will be selected by the Conference Office. (Revised 6/3/98)

V. Functions. The SAAC will serve as the liaison between the student-athletes of the Centennial Conference and the Administrative Delegates. The SAAC will be the "voice" to share concerns and to discuss other issues impacting the welfare of the student-athlete. The SAAC shall receive information on and explanations of Conference activities and legislation, and shall review and react to topics referred to it by Conference committees and by the Delegates.

VI. Officers. The chair and vice-chair of the SAAC shall be elected by the committee. The chair must be a member of the senior class at her/his institution and must be in good academic standing. The vice-chair must be either a sophomore or a junior at his/her institution and must also be in good academic standing. (Revised 6/3/98)

VI. Duties of the Officers. The Chair will chair the meetings of the SAAC and will be invited along with the Vice-Chair to attend the Administrative Delegates meetings in the fall, winter and spring. The Chair will be "voice without vote" at the Delegates meeting. The Vice-Chair will assist the Chair in running the meeting and will assume the duties of the Chair in case of her/his absence from the meeting. (Revised 6/3/98)

VII. Voting Procedures. Each institution's delegation has one vote at the SAAC meeting. To endorse or oppose a motion, a two-thirds affirmative vote of the institutions present is required. An abstention is a neutral vote, then requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of the remaining institutions.

VIII. Advisor. The Associate Executive Director will serve as the SAAC advisor.


X. Meeting Dates. The annual meeting of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be in late-September or early-October.
Section I - Athletic Trainers Committee
Liaison to Delegates: Joel Quattrone, Dickinson
Committee Chair: Curt Mauger, Haverford (term expires 9-2019)

Section II - Professional Courtesy (Host Athletic Trainer)

A. Pre-Event. The host institution will extend the following professional courtesies to the visiting institution and its team:
   1. In-person greeting, and check on any travel related problems or special requests.
   2. Provide adequate space and tables for taping. A minimum of 1-2 tables should be available for all visiting team use, for all sports. Also, provide two sideline tables for football games.
   3. Supply ice for injury care and an adequate supply of water at least 30 minutes before a scheduled event. Water should be supplied for visiting locker rooms.
   4. Provide a certified athletic trainer, and/or first aid trained personnel at all Conference athletic events. At all Conference varsity football games, the host institution will provide an on-site physician. Generally, during all Conference contests except golf, the host athletic training room should be open one hour prior and one-half hour post-activity with a certified athletic trainer available.
   5. Provide an ambulance, the telephone number for emergency medical help, and means by which to call an ambulance for Conference athletic events. An ambulance should be at the field for all varsity football games.
   6. It is recommended that each host institution have available as needed, splints, crutches, cervical collar, knee immobilizer, blanket, scoop or spine board stretcher, and an ambulance service for all events.

B. During the event. The host athletic trainer will accompany the event doctor onto the field or court when requested by the visiting athletic trainer. In the case of a serious injury, the host athletic trainer will coordinate any further emergency care.

C. Post-event.
   1. The host athletic trainer will arrange for the event physician to remain in the training room for a brief period after the event to evaluate all injuries sustained during the event by both teams. The host athletic trainer will then personally check with the visiting team athletic trainer for any injuries or problems.
   2. The host athletic trainer will obtain the following personal information in case of injury to any athlete who requires more than immediate first aid:
      a. Athlete's Name
      b. Home address and phone number
      c. Personal physician
      d. Type and severity of injury
      e. Treatment and medication administered
      f. Physician's recommendation
   3. The host athletic trainer should contact the athletic trainer and/or the physician of the injured athlete regarding the evaluation.

Section III - Professional Courtesy (Visiting Athletic Trainer)

A. Pre-event
   1. Teams requiring the assistance of the home athletic trainer should notify that institution's athletic trainer at least two working days in advance of the contest.
   2. If for some reason you require some special medical care or equipment for any of your athletes, the visiting athletic trainer will call the host athletic trainer at least 24 hours in advance and inform him or her of the special needs.
   3. Visiting teams are expected to supply their own taping supplies and medical kit.

B. During the event. The visiting athletic trainer will be responsible for requesting medical assistance from the host athletic trainer in case of serious injury to any athletes.

C. Post-event. The visiting athletic trainer will keep all injured athletes whom he or she believes should be seen by the event physician together after the event so that these medical evaluations can be made promptly and efficiently after the event (Especially in football and during championship events). (Revised 12/11/06)

Section IV - Physicians

A. The host institution will provide for an attending physician or emergency services person for all sessions of the Centennial Conference Wrestling Championships.

B. An attending physician's decision concerning an athlete's ability to participate cannot be overruled by a coach or athlete.
Section V - Centennial Championship Events

A. When the event is hosted by an institution, that institution's athletic trainer is responsible for coordinating all training and emergency services. The athletic trainer may personally cover the event, arrange for one of his/her staff members to cover the event, or arrange for coverage by the participating institutions.

B. The Conference is not liable for any injuries suffered by any athletes during any activities associated with an event, including, but not limited to, warm-ups, practices, competition, travel, etc.

C. The expectations of the host Athletic Training staff at a Conference championship will be determined during the pre-championship conference call.

Section VI - Lightning
The responsibility for the suspension of an intercollegiate athletic contest, due to the presence of lightning, is placed on the host certified athletic trainer in cooperation with the game administrator. This decision will follow the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook (see pages 140-41) unless a more stringent policy is mutually agreed upon. (Adopted 6/2/99; Revised 12/11/06)

Section VI - Miscellaneous

A. The scope of the certification of the Athletic Trainer is that they can legally evaluate and treat injuries that occur within the intercollegiate athletic program.

B. The Conference recommends that all coaches be CPR trained. First Aid training should be highly recommended.

C. The NCAA-required physical should be administered before an athlete participates in activities necessary for the sport.

D. All NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook guidelines should be followed. (Revised 6/4/03)
GUIDELINE 1E
LIGHTNING SAFETY

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Lightning is the most consistent and significant weather hazard that may affect intercollegiate athletics. Within the United States, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that 40 fatalities and about 10 times as many injuries occur from lightning strikes every year. NOAA attributes 48 percent of the fatalities to lightning strikes during organized sport activities at all levels across the country. While the probability of being struck by lightning is low, the odds are significantly greater when a storm is in the area and proper safety precautions are not followed.

Education and prevention are the keys to lightning safety. The references associated with this guideline are an excellent educational resource. Prevention should begin long before any intercollegiate athletics event or practice by being proactive and having a lightning safety plan in place. The following steps are recommended by the NCAA and NOAA to mitigate the lightning hazard:

1. Develop a lightning safety plan for each outdoor venue.

2. Designate a person to monitor threatening weather and to notify the chain of command who can make the decision to remove a team, game personnel, television crews and spectators from an athletics site or event. A lightning safety plan should include planned instructions/announcements for participants and spectators, designation of warning and all-clear signals, proper signage and designation of safer places from the lightning hazard.

3. Monitor local weather reports each day before any practice or event. Be diligently aware of potential thunderstorms that may form during scheduled intercollegiate athletics events or practices. Weather information can be found through various means via local television news coverage, the Internet, cable and satellite weather programming, a lightning detection and notification service, or the National Weather Service (NWS) website at www.weather.gov.

4. Be informed of National Weather Service (NWS) issued thunderstorm “watches” or “warnings,” and the warning signs of developing thunderstorms in the area, such as high winds or darkening skies. A “watch” means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a “warning” means that severe weather has been reported in an area and for everyone to take the proper precautions. It should be noted that neither watches nor warnings are issued for lightning. A NOAA weather radio is particularly helpful in providing this information.

5. Know where the closest “safer structure or location” is to the field or playing area, how long it takes to evacuate to that location for all personnel at the event, and have access to it. A safer structure or location is defined as:
   a. Any building normally occupied or frequently used by people, i.e., a building with plumbing and/or electrical wiring that acts to electrically ground the structure. Avoid the shower, plumbing facilities, contact with electrical appliances and open windows/doorways during a thunderstorm.
   b. In the absence of a sturdy, frequently inhabited building, any vehicle with a hard metal roof (neither a convertible, nor a golf cart) with the windows shut provides a measure of safety. The hard metal frame and roof, not the rubber tires, are what protects occupants by dissipating lightning current around the vehicle and not through the occupants. It is important not to touch the metal framework of the vehicle. Some athletics events rent school buses as safer locations to place around open courses or fields.

6. Lightning awareness should be heightened at the first flash of lightning, clap of thunder, and/or other signs of an impending storm such as increasing winds or darkening skies, no matter how far away. These types of activities should be treated as a warning or “wake-up call” to intercollegiate athletics personnel. Lightning safety experts suggest that if you hear thunder, begin preparation for evacuation; if you see lightning, consider suspending activities and heading for your designated safer locations.

DANGEROUS LOCATIONS

Outside locations increase the risk of being struck by lightning when thunderstorms are in the area. Small covered shelters are not safe from lightning. Dugouts, refreshment stands, open press boxes, rain shelters, golf shelters and picnic shelters, even if they are properly grounded for structural safety, are usually not properly grounded from the effects of lightning and side flashes to people. They are usually very unsafe and may actually increase the risk of lightning injury. Other dangerous locations include bodies of water (pools, ponds, lakes) and areas connected to, or near, light poles, towers and fences that can carry a nearby strike to people. Also dangerous is any location that makes the person the highest point in the area.
locations. For large-scale events, continuous monitoring of the weather should occur from the time pre-event activities occur throughout the event.

The following specific lightning safety guidelines have been developed with the assistance of lightning safety experts. Design your lightning safety plan to consider local safety needs, weather patterns and thunderstorm types.

- As a minimum, lightning safety experts strongly recommend that by the time the monitor observes 30 seconds between seeing the lightning flash and hearing its associated thunder or by the time the leading edge of the storm is within six miles of the venue, all individuals should have left the athletics site and be wholly within a safer structure or location. Individuals just entering the outdoor venue should be directed to the safer location.
- Please note that thunder may be hard to hear if there is an athletics event going on, particularly in stadiums with large crowds. Implement your lightning safety plan accordingly.
- Ensure a safe and orderly evacuation from the venue with announcements, signage, safety information in programs, and entrances that can also serve as mass exits. Planning should account for the time it takes to move a team and crowd to their designated safer locations.
- Lightning can strike from blue sky and in the absence of rain. At least 10 percent of lightning occurs when there is no rainfall and when blue sky is often visible somewhere in the sky, especially with summer thunderstorms. Lightning can, and does, strike as far as 10 (or more) miles away from the rain shaft. Be aware of local weather patterns and review local weather forecasts before an outdoor practice/event.
- Avoid using landline telephones, except in emergency situations. People have been killed while using a landline telephone during a thunderstorm. Cellular or cordless phones are safe alternatives to a landline phone, particularly if the person and the antenna are located within a safer structure or location, and if all other precautions are followed.
- To resume athletics activities, lightning safety experts recommend waiting 30 minutes after both the last sound of thunder and last flash of lightning is at least six miles away and moving away from the venue. If lightning is seen without hearing thunder, lightning may be out of range and therefore less likely to be a significant threat. At night, be aware that lightning can be visible at a much greater distance than during the day as clouds are being lit from the inside by lightning. This greater distance may mean that the lightning is no longer a significant threat. At night, use both the sound of thunder and seeing the lightning channel itself to decide on re-setting the 30-minute “return-to-play” clock before resuming outdoor athletics activities.
- People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge. Therefore, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is safe for the responder. If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR. Lightning-strike victims who show signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need prompt emergency help. If you are in a 911 community, call for help. Prompt, aggressive CPR has been highly effective for the survival of victims of lightning strikes.

Automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) are a safe and effective means of reviving people in cardiac arrest. Planned access to early defibrillation should be part of your emergency plan. However, CPR should never be delayed while searching for an AED.

**Note:** Weather watchers, real-time weather forecasts and commercial weather-warning devices or services are all tools that can be used to aid in the monitoring and notification of threatening weather situations, decision-making regarding stoppage of play, evacuation and return to play.

**REFERENCES**

Sports Information Directors

Section I - Sports Information Committee
Liaison to Delegates: Kim Masimore, Dickinson
Committee Chair: TBA (term expires 9-2021)

Section II - General Minimum Standards
The press box / scorers table is a working area for professionals, and that cheering and excessive noise will not be tolerated.

A. All Team Championship Sports (Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Tennis, Volleyball)
   1. Pre-Game
      a. Make StatCrew roster file available to host in advance of competition either via Conference shared Dropbox folder, updated website download page and/or e-mail.
      b. Have complete and up-to-date numerical roster available on the athletics website for use by other SIDs. A roster in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel should also be available upon request of host. All rosters must include number, name, position, class, height, hometown/high school. Weights should also be available for men’s sports and bats/throws on baseball and softball rosters. Preferred class designations are “Fr.”, “So.”, “Jr.”, “Sr.”.
      c. Up-to-date results and statistics must be available online or be readily available upon request to the opposing SID.
      d. Be prepared to share “tabstats” or CAP files upon request of host.
      e. When time permits, check for records or milestone achievements that may occur during the game.
   2. In-Game
      a. The host SID is responsible for the collection of all statistics relative to that sport, as defined in NCAA Statistics Manuals.
      b. In-Game Scoring using a statistical software program (i.e., StatCrew, PrestoSports) is the preferred method for the collection of required statistics.
      c. Host SID, or designee, should obtain starting lineups from coaches prior to the start of the contest and confirm accurate pronunciations for public address and webcast, if applicable.
      d. A minimum of live statistics should be provided when at all possible.
   3. Post-Game
      a. Ensure game file is complete and all wrap-up information is included.
      b. Host SID must provide visiting SID with complete game file in a timely manner upon conclusion of the game.
      c. Host SID is responsible for uploading statistics to PrestoSports upon conclusion of contest as well as transmitting game file to the NCAA for required national reporting.
      d. Disputes over statistics should be resolved as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game in question. Both SIDs must agree to any changes before any change is made. If an agreement cannot be reached, the host SID has the final say as the host sports information office is considered the official scorer.

B. Sport-Specific Information
   1. Baseball/Softball
      a. The scorekeepers for the competing teams should confer with each other during the game when scoring decisions are in doubt. If no agreement can be reached, the decision of the home scorekeeper is final. Hits, errors, pass balls and wild pitches should not be changed after both teams have left the field. Missing substitutions, incorrectly calculated earned runs and changes to wins, losses and saves should be made as soon as they are discovered. (Revised 5/9/07)
      b. Lineups shall be due to the official scorer no later than 15 minutes before the first pitch. The official scorer shall not share the lineup card with the other team’s head coach until the plate meeting. (Adopted 5/26/10)
   2. Basketball
      a. Live Stats are required for all conference games. Video webcasts are strongly encouraged.
      b. Host SID is responsible for calling the wire services with results immediately following the game.
      c. Both host and visiting SID should make a concerted effort to provide individual and team statistics to the media before the game. If the visiting SID does not travel with the team, the host SID should print the stats off the Web. (Revised 5/9/07)
   3. Field Hockey/Soccer
      a. Ensure the goalkeeper is listed accordingly as “GK” or “G” in the starting lineup of the statistical program.
   4. Football
      a. Provide a preseason prospectus no later than August 1 to all opponents and the Centennial Conference Office. Included items should be school quick facts, team quick facts, coaching information (including all assistant coaches, their alma mater and coaching responsibilities), previous season’s results (including dates and location of games) and current season schedule (including dates and location of games). Additional information added is at the discretion of the SID.
      b. Numerical roster is mandatory. Alphabetical roster should be available if requested.
      c. If available, ensure that phone lines are operational in the press box. Maintain a list of all phone numbers and have readily available for visiting media and SIDs.
      d. Develop a sheet with web-specific instructions for visiting media and SIDs who may need web access during the game. This will include instructions for wireless use and any information necessary if the press box is hard-wired.

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f. Email updated roster and two-deep to opponent SID the Friday prior to your previous game (8 days before the game). Two-deep should include (at a minimum) number, name and position for offense, defense and special teams. Home and visiting SID should do this. Send updated two-deep by Monday morning before the game in list form in Word format.

g. Ensure that opponent SIDs have access to updated statistics and individual game statistics if necessary after previous game.

h. Develop game program and flip card. The production of a flip card is optional if the game program includes a complete numerical roster and two-deep. Both should be available on game day in the press box.

i. If game notes are produced, they should be sent to the visiting SID and the media list that was shared prior to the season. It is essential that notes be sent to any radio or television crew broadcasting the game.

j. Host SID should develop a gameday checklist of items for the press box. At a minimum this should included the following: Game program, notes and flip cards (if produced), statistics manual, stat crew manual, laptop and portable printer (not necessary if there is easy access to printing services outside the press box), backup stat sheets, pencils, pens, scrap paper, call list for other scores of interest and binoculars. If available, snacks and beverages should be ordered. Apprise visiting SID if there are any special circumstances surrounding the game (Homecoming activities, senior day, etc.).

k. Establish seat assignments for all working personnel, media and visitors. Every attempt should be made to have the visiting SID seated near the stat crew to assist with spotting, although the visiting SID should be treated as a guest and not required to do anything. Remind all student assistants and visitors that there is to be no cheering in the press box.

l. Press box should be open and available to media and visiting SID no later than 90 minutes prior to kickoff. Host SID or a representative should be available in the press box no later than 60 minutes prior to kickoff.

m. Discuss any post-game interview procedures with the visiting SID and attending media prior to the game. It is not necessary to conduct a formal press conference, but if it is warranted then all procedures should be reviewed in advance.

n. Live Stats are required for all conference games. Video webcasts are strongly encouraged.

o. Halftime quickie stats should be distributed, at a minimum, to both teams and the visiting SID. Quarter stats are not necessary but are helpful to broadcast media and should be provided if possible.

p. Final score should be phoned in immediately after the game (from the press box) to AP. An AP-style story should be written by the host SID and distributed to the wire services, d3football.com and the CC office. A neutral story should be written for distribution to the above outlets. A write-through or additional story can be written for the host SID’s local media and website if necessary.

q. Ensure that each team’s coaches received a minimum of six complete copies of the final statistics and play-by-play. An additional copy should be provided to the visiting SID and complete statistics should be distributed to all attending media.

r. Send game file to visiting SID for review and send the final file to the Centennial Conference office by the Sunday deadline. If changes are required, every effort should be made to have them completed by Monday morning. (Revised 5/9/07)

5. **Lacrosse**

a. Ensure the goalkeeper is listed accordingly as “GK” or “G” in the starting lineup of the statistical program.

b. It is recommended that each SID be very familiar with the statistical differences between men’s and women’s lacrosse and that special attention is given to using the correct gender settings for the software when entering statistics into TASLC.

d. The conference recommends sending game scores and stories to the following lacrosse-related media: Inside Lacrosse, LaxPower, and Lacrosse Magazine. (Revised 5/9/07)

6. **Tennis**

a. Obtain regional and national rankings for teams and individual players.

b. Tennis records and statistics should include both fall and spring competition.

c. Host SID is to make complete StatCrew file, inserting rankings, records and relevant notes (i.e. player retires, match called due to darkness, played to decision post-season play).

d. Make sure the tiebreaker score is added to the results. (Revised 5/9/07)

7. **Volleyball**

a. It is preferred that the host SID, or designee, compile statistics for both teams. When in-match scoring is done, the play-by-play must be correct and accurately reflect the box score and each individual set score. If compiling statistics through TAS in-match scoring is possible, the host SID’s stats are official.

b. When in-match scoring is not possible, the host SID will be responsible for gathering statistics from both teams and input upon conclusion of the match. If the game is entered manually, the match file must be sent to the opposing SID in a timely fashion after the conclusion of the match.

c. When time permits, check for records or milestone achievements that may occur during the game.

C. **Individual Championship Sports**

a. Have complete and up-to-date numerical roster available on the athletics website for use by other SIDs. A roster in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel should also be available upon request of host. All rosters must include number, name, position, class, height, hometown/high school. Weights should also be available for men’s sports. Preferred class designations are “Fr.”, “So.”, “Jr.”, “Sr.”.

b. Up-to-date results and statistics must be available online or be readily available upon request to the opposing SID.

c. When time permits, check for records or milestone achievements that may occur during the game.

1. **Cross Country/Track & Field**

1. Get complete results and HTML file through the meet director and send to all participating schools.

2. Post HTML on website in a timely fashion. (Revised 5/9/07)
2. Golf
   a. Provide or make available on-line, alphabetical roster to host SID.
   b. Acquire appropriate Golfstat software.
      a. Collect and enter hole-by-hole scores into Golfstat, double-checking for accuracy.
      b. Transmit Golfstat file to Golfstat.
      c. Enter scores into StatCrew.
      d. Transmit StatCrew file to participating SIDs.
   d. Provide score, highlights and other pertinent information to media outlets and CC office.

3. Swimming
   1. Following conclusion of dual meet, disperse Meet Manager.html results to opposing SID, noting any Centennial records broken to opponent and Conference office. (Revised 5/9/07)

4. Wrestling
   a. A proper scorebook should be kept at table and checked against when compiling agate post-competition.
   b. Provide agate to opposing SID as soon as possible (Do not write your story first).
   c. Roster should include weight classes.

Section III - Conference Reporting and Statistics

A. Statistical Reporting. It is the host institution responsibility to ensure that all game results are entered into PrestoSports, at minimum immediately following the game. The host is also responsible for ensuring complete statistics are uploaded for each contest in which PrestoSports allows for that capability.

1. Football. The Automated Scorebook for Football (Stat Crew Software) will be the official software for Centennial Conference football statistical compilation. TASFB should used in-game by the home team to submit stats to the Conference office for all games. It is the responsibility of the host institution to email the packed game files to its opponent immediately following the conclusion of the game. The Conference Office will tabulate statistics and list Conference and overall leaders on a weekly basis. Official statistical forms can be obtained from the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). (Revised 6/6/01, 5/9/07)

2. Basketball. The Stat Crew System for Basketball (Stat Crew Software) will be the official software for Centennial Conference basketball statistical compilation. Stat Crew should be used in-game by the home team to submit stats to the Conference office for all games. It is the responsibility of the host institution to email the packed game files to its opponent immediately following the conclusion of the game. Official box score forms can be obtained from the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). (Revised 6/6/01, 5/9/07)

3. Baseball / Softball. The Stat Crew System for Baseball/Softball (Stat Crew Software) will be the official software for Centennial Conference statistical compilation. It is the responsibility of the host institution to email the packed game files to its opponent immediately following the conclusion of the game. Official box score forms can be obtained from the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). (Revised 6/5/02, 5/9/07)

4. Swimming. Meet Manager will be the official software for Centennial Conference statistical compilation. (Revised 6/5/02, 5/9/07)

5. Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer. The Stat Crew System (The Automated Scorebook) will be the official software for Centennial Conference statistical compilation. It is the responsibility of the host institution to email the packed game files to its opponent immediately following the conclusion of the game. Official box score forms can be obtained from the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). (Adopted 6/9/04; Revised 6/1/05, 5/9/07)

6. Volleyball. The Stat Crew System (The Automated Scorebook) will be the official software for Centennial Conference statistical compilation. Stat Crew should be used either in-game or post-game by the home team to submit stats. It is the responsibility of the host institution to email the packed game files to its opponent immediately following the conclusion of the game. Official box score forms can be obtained from the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org). (Revised 5/9/07)

7. Tennis / Golf. The Stat Crew System (The Automated Scorebook) will be the official software for Centennial Conference statistical compilation. Stat Crew should be used either in-game or post-game by the home team to submit stats to the Conference office for all games. (Revised 5/9/07)

8. All Other Sports. Standings will be updated daily. The Conference Office strongly encourages the use of Stat Crew statistical software for statistical compilation in other sports. (Revised 5/9/07)

B. Weekly Reporting. The Conference Office will select athletes for Player of the Week honors in all championship sports. The nominations are due by 9 a.m. on Sunday for football and noon on Monday (or a specific time designated by the conference office) for all other sports. SID’s can nominate a Defensive Player of the Week for field hockey, football, lacrosse and soccer; Special Teams Player of the Week for football and Pitcher of the Week for baseball and softball. All nominations will be submitted through the PrestoSports online awards portal on the Centennial Conference website. (Revised 5/9/07, 5/28/08)

Section IV - General Policies for Statistics

A. Substantiation of Statistics. Filing a statistics report does not ensure automatically a member institution's inclusion in the Conference statistical rankings. The report shall be mathematically accurate. Unusual statistics that cannot be promptly supported will not be included in the rankings. Refusal to comply with the Conference's official statistical software policies could lead to a school being left off the Conference's official statistical report. (Revised 6/6/01)
B. Countable Opponents.
For games to be considered countable for statistics (including rankings and records), the following must be true:

- The institution must be a four-year, degree-granting institution and must compete as a four-year, degree-granting institution.
- The opponent must be considered a varsity intercollegiate team as defined by NCAA bylaw 17 and must be considered countable competition as defined by NCAA bylaws 31.3.3.1 (Divisions I and II) and 31.3.4.1.1 (Division III).
- The institution must satisfy one of the following:
  - Is an active, provisional or reclassifying member of the NCAA;
  - Is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States;
  - Middle States Commission on Higher Education
  - New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
  - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission
  - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges
  - Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior College and University Commission
  - If the institution is located in Canada, it must satisfy one of the following:
    - Is a member of the Universities Canada;
    - Is a member of the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association; or
    - Is a member of U Sports.
  - Is an active or associate member of the NAIA; or
  - Is an active or provisional member of the National Christian College Athletic Association. *(Revised 7/31/18)*

C. Baseball/Softball Statistics. For purposes of national and conference statistics, games played during the fall shall not be included in a team's won-lost record and statistics. Prior to a "Southern Tour" game, both teams involved shall decide whether the game is to be counted for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics. A game shall be counted or not counted by both teams, not only by one team.

D. Football Statistics. Statistics of extra-period (overtime) games are included in the contest's total statistics. A play-by-play account of the extra-period game shall be forwarded to the conference office for reference purposes in the event that a record or statistics championship is determined to have been the result of the extra period. Effective with the 2004 football season, all individual defensive statistics reported to the Conference office and the NCAA must be compiled by the press box statistics crew during the game. Defensive numbers compiled by the coaching staff or other university/college personnel using game film will not be considered “official” NCAA statistics. *(Revised 5/9/07)*

E. Forfeits and "No Contests". There is no forfeit of a contest until the referee or other appropriate contest official has assumed jurisdiction of the contest in accordance with the applicable playing rules. When a team does not appear (e.g., due to weather conditions, accidents, breakdown of vehicles, illness or catastrophic causes) a forfeit is not recorded. An institution shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for non-fulfillment of a contract. Such instances shall be considered as "no contest."

If a forfeit is declared by the game official while a contest is in progress or a situation occurs that forces a premature end to the contest, all statistics (other than won-lost and coach’s records) are voided unless the contest has progressed to a “reasonable point of conclusion” (see the chart below), in which case all statistics shall count and shall be reflected in all records. If the game had progressed to a “reasonable point of conclusion” and the team that was in the lead at the time was declared the forfeit winner, the score shall stand. If the score was tied or the trailing team was declared the forfeit winner, then refer to the chart below for the final recorded score. Also in these cases, in sports where individuals receive wins or losses such as baseball, softball, field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse, do not credit an individual with a win or loss, but rather enter a team line for these statistics.

If a game in progress is declared a forfeit win to one of the teams by the game officials and the game has not progressed to a “reasonable point of conclusion”, then the official game score should be recorded from the following chart. The team’s won-lost record shall include the forfeit, but if the statistics are voided, all averages in future rankings shall be computed without inclusion of the forfeited contests.

**Forfeit scores:**
- Baseball 9-0; Basketball 2-0; Field Hockey 5-0; Football 1-0; Golf Withdraw; Lacrosse 1-0; Soccer 1-0; Softball 7-0;
- Swimming 11-0; Tennis Withdraw; Volleyball 3-0; Wrestling 60-0

**Reasonable point of conclusion:**
- Baseball 5 innings; Basketball 30 minutes; Field Hockey 48 minutes; Football 3 quarters
  - Men's Lacrosse 3 quarters; Women's Lacrosse 45 minutes; Soccer 70 minutes; Softball 5 innings

For volleyball, all completed sets in a match shall count. The reasonable point of conclusion for the sports of golf, swimming, tennis, and wrestling will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

F. Postseason Records and Statistics. Postseason games including conference and/or NCAA tournaments, or bowl (ECAC) games in football, shall be included in the official records and statistics for all sports. *(Revised 5/9/07)*

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G. **Changing Official Statistics.** When an error or discrepancy in the official statistics is discovered after a contest has concluded and the official statistics have been distributed, use the following procedure.

1. If the sports information director of the home team discovers the error, that SID must alert the visiting team SID of the change within 48 hours. The home SID also must confirm the changes with the visiting SID and must send a copy of the changes to the conference office.

2. If the visiting SID needs to make a change in the final statistics, he or she must call the home team’s SID within 48 hours after the event. If the home team SID agrees, then the home team SID must confirm the changes to the visiting SID and send a copy to the conference office, if applicable.

3. If the home team SID disagrees with the change, then the visiting SID must accept the final statistics as listed by the home team. *The visiting team SID cannot alter any statistics without the consent of the home team SID.* There is no further appeal. However, if the game was televised and/or videotaped, and the dispute involves a non-judgmental call, the box score should be corrected if there is indisputable visual evidence. Example: An official scorer in basketball credited the wrong player with a free throw made and the videotape clearly shows a different player shooting, then the correct player should be credited with the free throw made and attempted. If the dispute is whether there was an assist on a certain play, this is a judgment call and the official box score should stand as is. Another example: In soccer, a player was given credit for a goal scored but videotape shows clear visual evidence that another player actually scored the goal, then the official box score should be changed to reflect the correction.

4. In all cases in all sports, if a change is to be made, the SID making the change must inform the other SID within 48 hours after the event or game has been played. *(Revised 5/9/07)*

H. **Attendance Figures.** Attendance figures for official box scores and/or NCAA reports can be calculated by turnstile count, tickets sold or estimates. *Schools should make every effort to record an attendance figure on each statistical box score it produces.* For baseball and softball doubleheaders, please use one attendance figure (the higher of the two games) and count it as one date or session. For doubleheaders involving the men’s and women’s teams, the attendance figure should be taken at halftime of the first game for it to count on that team’s season home attendance. If no figure is taken for the first game, do not count the game in that team’s season home attendance.

I. **Exhibition Games.** A contest must be counted by both teams as an official contest for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics unless both institutions agree in writing before the game that it is to be an exhibition contest. *If it is an exhibition contest, the win or loss and team and individual statistics should not be counted.*

**Section V - Hosting Conference Championships**

A. **Organization**

1. There is no more important person in the organizational stage of the event that the host Director of Sports Information. Only the SID can best utilize the support potential of the newspapers, radio and television outlets.

2. Planning must be done several months in advance for individual championships (cross country, track, wrestling, etc.) and as soon as possible for team championships determined at the end of the regular season.

3. Host schools with limited support staffs should begin early and determine staff needs and responsibilities. The planners should make sure that sufficient staff is hired.

4. Prepare a checklist of details and personnel required for effective and smooth operation of the championship.

B. **Communications**

1. Under the direction of the SID, it is suggested that a brochure or information sheet be prepared and mailed out well in advance (approximately six weeks prior) to all eligible institutions and administrators (AD, SWA, head coach, SID).

2. Inform SIDs and Conference Office of procedures for distributing results.

C. **Press Facilities and Service**

1. Adequate space and accommodations are needed for writers, radio, television and photographers (still and movie).

2. Provide ample telephone and electrical outlets.

3. Set up a press room/area (away from the general flow of the public) for easy dissemination of information, plus food and beverages, before, during and after the game.

4. Live statistics are required for all championship events in which they can be reasonably provided. It is strongly encouraged that the host institution provide a video webstream of all championship contests on its campus. Neutral commentary should be provided when possible.

5. The host SID is responsible for the selection of a Most Outstanding Performer at the championship in all sports in which a tournament is contested (field hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis).

D. **Official Results**

1. At the conclusion of the championship, send one clean, detailed report to the Executive Director. Send two copies of all reports to each participating institution (head coach, SID).

2. If photographs were taken during the championships, inform each competing school of this service and the procedure for purchasing extra copies.

3. Send results to specialized magazines such as *Wrestling News,* "Swimming World," "Golf World" and the like.

4. Provide complete results to all major media, including wire services and local daily newspapers. This is a crucial service and should be given the highest priority. *(Revised 5/27/15)*

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Equipment Managers

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Section II - Professional Courtesy

A. Football
   1. Pre-Event (Host School)
      Visiting School is responsible for a courtesy call to opposing school (before Wednesday) of game week to plan for upcoming game.
      a. Discuss travel plans, logistics, and times.
      b. Special requests, i.e. post-game receptions, team meals etc.
      c. Verify uniform colors, changes
   2. Host School is responsible for providing the following services:
      a. Meet and greet visiting team and staff
      b. Direct team and staff to locker room area; provide keys, if necessary.
      c. Discuss any pre-arranged or special requests.
      d. For football, assist transporting visitor equipment to game field. When possible, visiting school should allow visiting equipment manager the use of their transportation (i.e. golf cart, Gator, truck, etc).
      e. Host school will provide and set up a kicking net for the visiting team.
   3. During the event
      Be available for situations that may arise, i.e., broken equipment, field phones go down, etc.
   4. Post-game
      a. Ensure set-ups for receptions, post-game meals, etc.
      b. Visiting team is responsible for returning keys to host equipment manager, if necessary.
      c. Assist equipment transport ASAP from field to locker room/bus.

B. Other Events
   1. Regular-Season Game procedures
      a. Host school will meet and greet visiting team and staff.
      b. Host school will provide locker rooms for all visiting teams. Host schools will provide keys and direct teams to locker rooms. Visiting teams are responsible for returning keys after the event.
      c. In the event that locker rooms are not available for a given event, it is the responsibility of the host school to communicate with the visiting team so that they are prepared in advance.
      d. Special requests, i.e., extra table & chairs, post-game reception area, food deliveries, chalk/boards.
   2. Tournaments/Conference Championships
      It is the visiting team's responsibility to contact the host school at least one week in advance (phone/e-mail) to discuss the following:
      a. discuss tournament timetable, special requests.
         i. facilities availability/practice times
         ii. arrange for washing of uniforms/practice gear.
         iii. needs for pre/post-game receptions or meetings
         iv. requests for tables, chairs, practice equipment (balls, pads, protective equipment)
      b. Game day procedures as above.