

# **KIAC MEN'S SOCCER BYLAWS**

APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## **1. REGULAR SEASON PLANS**

A. Each participating conference member must schedule and play every team in the conference during the regular season.

B Any conference team that cancels and does not reschedule a match with a conference opponent will be barred from participating in the postseason KIAC tournament. Allowances will be made for exceptional situations as determined by the conference commissioner and executive committee.

C. Officials for conference games shall be assigned by the registered NISOA chapter assigner; an official must be registered by NISOA to work conference games.

1. All conference games must be officiated by no less than a three-person crew (referee and two linesmen). If a three-person crew is not available at the set game time, the following guidelines apply:

a. The teams are to wait a minimum of 15 minutes for the third official.

b. If no third official arrives, then, an agreement in writing to play the game as is or with an alternate official (linesman), may be accepted by both coaches and filed with the commissioner's office.

c. If no agreement can be made, the game shall not take place. The home team will play the match at the visiting team's home site and bear the cost of officials. The playing date is to be mutually agreed upon. If no date can be agreed upon, the game is to be played prior to the conference tournament, or at another date determined by the commissioner.

## **2. CONFERENCE POST-SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A. The Brine NCAA Championship soccer ball is the official NAIA ball and shall be used for all conference tournament games.

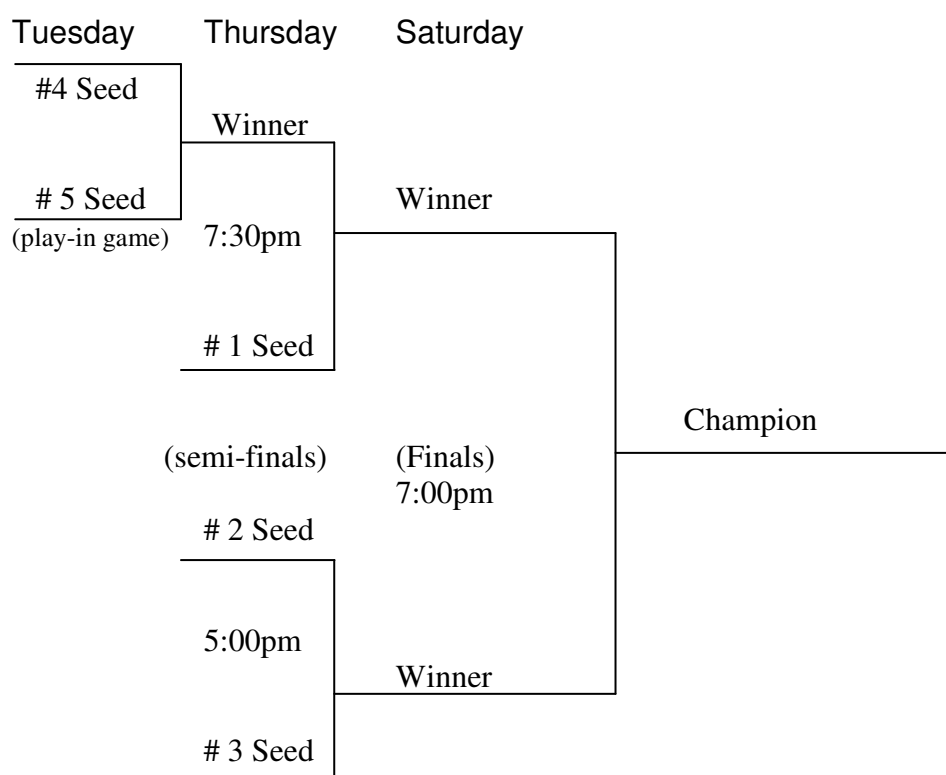
B. The team with the most accumulated points (three for win, one for tie) in regular season conference head-to-head play will be the conference regular season champion and the top seed for the conference tournament.

C. The conference tournament will be seeded at the conclusion of the regular season. Seeding will be based on the conference season record. In the event of a tie

it will be broken in the following manner: (The conference commissioner has final say in any disputes involving seeding.)

1. Head-to-Head competition
2. Goal differential (conference play only)
3. Goals scored (conference play only)
4. Overall season winning percentage
5. Coin flip

D. Brackets for a five team tournament:



E. Dates of play

1. First round matches will be played at the sites of the highest seeds on the Tuesday prior to the final four.
2. Semifinals will be held Thursday at designated times with the finals held Saturday at designated time. The weekend chosen will be one full week prior to the NAIA notification date (to allow for rescheduling due to inclement weather).
3. There will be no conference tournament site. The highest seed for each individual game will be the host for that game only.

KIAC regular season play will conclude at least 10 days prior to the first round play in the KIAC tournament (play completed by no later than the Saturday 10 days prior to the first Tuesday of the tournament). Scheduling for the KIAC regular season play will be block scheduling, done two years in advance, by the sport chair. The schedule will be submitted to the conference commissioner for approval.

F. Officials for the conference tournament championship games shall be assigned by the registered NISAO chapter assigner in conjunction with the conference soccer chair and the KIAC commissioner. The same number of officials used in regular season play will be used in tournament play.

G. Officials fees and expenses for the conference championship tournament will be paid by the KIAC.

1. Because of the April 2008 KIAC executive committee change in the way tournament fees and receipts are treated, the host school will pay the tournament host fee directly to the Conference. The host school will keep all receipts collected in the management of the tournament, including, but not limited to, gate receipts, advertising revenues, concession receipts, program sales, etc.

2. The host institution and soccer chair are responsible for filling out proper paperwork to pay officials.

3. The host institution is responsible for providing scorers, scoreboard operators, statisticians, sports information personnel, ball boys, and other auxiliary officials.

H. The conference tournament champion will be the KIAC's representative for NAIA post-season play. Any remaining places will be filled in the order below.

1. Regular season champion

2. Regular season runner up (as seeded in the tournament)

3. Regular season third place (as seeded in the tournament)

### **3. STATISTICAL REPORTS**

A. Scores for the preceding week must be reported to the sport chair by 7:00 pm on Sunday.

B. All scores, statistical reports, and Player of the Week nominations must be reported to the KIAC sports information director by 12:00 pm each Monday.

C. Updated information will be on the conference web page by Tuesday evening. Coaches are encouraged to use the score reporting form on the web page after matches.

D. Failure to report scores and all information to the conference SID will result in the following sanctions:

1. First miss - reminder letter
2. Second miss - Probation letter from conference commissioner
3. Third miss - student-athletes ineligible for post-season awards
4. Fourth miss - team ineligible for post season competition.

E. The conference SID will be responsible for releasing weekly reports and the Player of the Week. The SID will also will be responsible for making sure web page is updated.

#### **4. AWARDS**

A. The KIAC provides the following awards for men's soccer. Awards will be ordered by the conference commissioner in time to ship them to the host site. It is the responsibility of the soccer chair to give the list of award winners to the commissioner and conference SID by no later than the Monday after the tournament.

1. An All-KIAC team consisting of 12 players will be elected by vote of the coaches.
  - a. Each coach may nominate, in writing, a 12-player team to the soccer chair.
  - b. Each coach may nominate up to five of his/her own players.
  - c. The nominations must be received by the soccer chair prior to the conference tournament.
  - d. All players nominated will be put on a master ballot and voted on by the coaches.
2. An offensive and defensive Player of the Year will be selected by vote of the coaches. Goalkeepers can be voted as part of the defense. The POY must be one of the 12 All-KIAC team.
3. A Coach of the Year will be selected by vote of the coaches.
4. KIAC Scholar Athlete team: All men's soccer players who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 after at least two completed semesters at a KIAC institution shall be named to the Scholar Athlete team. The list of qualifying students must be submitted to the conference chair prior to the tournament. The conference chair will submit the list to the conference SID and commissioner. Schools will be given certificates from the commissioner's office which they may complete and present to the student athletes.
5. Tournament champion and tournament runner-up trophies will be award.

6. The conference regular season champion will also be awarded a plaque.