

2025-26 BIG WEST CONFERENCE MANUAL

SECTION 6 – MEN’S BASKETBALL – January 2026

6.1 Awards

6.1.1 All-Conference Teams

The Conference coaches shall select recipients for the All-Conference First and Second Teams, as well as the Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and Coach of the Year.

1. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes for any of the awards. (Adopted 9/26/22)
2. Student-athletes named to the All-Conference First Team shall be awarded a plaque from the Conference. Those named to the All-Conference Second Team shall be awarded a certificate from the Conference. Plaques shall be awarded to individuals named Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and Coach of the Year.
3. Student-athletes will be named Honorable Mention if they receive votes on two or more ballots but are not named to the All-Conference First or Second Team. They shall be awarded a certificate from the Conference.
4. The All-Conference teams shall consist of six players on the first team, including the Player of the Year, and five players on the second team.

6.1.2 All-Conference Team Selections

See Bylaw 4.10 for the timing and process for all-conference awards. (Adopted 9/26/22)

6.1.3 Specialty Award Selections

The Best Sixth Player, Best Defensive Player, and Best Hustle Player honors shall be awarded using the same process and timeline as all-conference awards. See Bylaw 4.12 for more information. (Revised 9/26/22)

6.1.4 Players of the Week

The Conference shall select a “Player of the Week” using the following process:

1. Sports Information personnel shall submit nominations by no later than 10:00 a.m. PT every Monday.
2. Institutional votes must be recorded by no later than noon PT Monday.
3. A sports information director may not vote for his/her own nominee.
4. In case of a tie, Conference Office personnel may also vote.
5. A sports information director who misses the voting deadline shall incur a letter of admonishment from the Commissioner with a copy to the Director of Athletics.

6.1.5 Academic All-Conference

The Conference shall sponsor annual Academic All-Conference teams in each Conference sport. Student-athletes shall be named to the Academic All-Conference Teams for their respective sports if the following standards are met:

1. Student-athlete must carry a minimum 3.00 cumulative institutional grade point average (no rounding);
2. Student-athlete must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is being received (at least a sophomore academically);
3. Student-athlete must have competed in at least 50 percent of the institution's contests in the student-athlete's respective sport.

Academic All-Conference forms shall be supplied to each institution and a submission date shall be determined by the Conference Office. All students so honored shall receive a certificate appropriate for framing, as well as recognition in the form of a media release.

6.1.6 Championship Awards

The Conference Championship team(s) shall receive a trophy.

6.2 **Bands/Rally Squads**

Institutional bands (limit of 30), cheerleaders (limit of 12), and mascots (limit of 1) may travel and perform at televised Big West Conference road basketball games that do not conflict with a home contest of the opposite gender upon mutual agreement of the competing Directors of Athletics.

- 6.2.1 Band seating or the placement of bands shall be restricted to the half of the arena (split on a straight line bisecting both baskets) opposite the team benches.
- 6.2.2 The home institution's band shall be limited to 80 participants.
- 6.2.3 If a visiting band were to be present, a schedule of playing times should be coordinated through the institution's Game Management Director.

6.3 **Coaches Meetings**

Head coaches shall meet if issues warrant. The Big West Council Liaison for men's basketball, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall determine if a meeting is to be scheduled.

- 6.3.1 Head coaches are required to participate in all official Conference meetings of their sport's coaches.
- 6.3.2 All excused absences must be granted by the Conference Office prior to the meeting. In the event of an excused absence or a head coach vacancy, the institution must be represented by an athletics department staff member. All substitutes must be approved in advance by the Conference Office.
- 6.3.3 Institutions that are represented by an assistant coach, rather than the head coach (unless he or she is excused per 6.3.2), lose their voting privileges at the meeting of head coaches.
- 6.3.4 Institutions that are either not represented or do not receive prior approval for a head coach's absence at a Conference meeting are subject to an institutional private reprimand and a \$1,000 penalty to be paid to the Conference Office.

6.4 **Conference Signage**

Each member institution is required to display the Conference logo on the arena floor in the facility regularly used by the institution for its home games.

6.5 Contest Arrangement and Contact Information

The home team's Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator (or designee) shall send out Conference contest arrangement and contact information to the visiting team's Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, Sports Information Director and the Head Coach at least 30 days in advance of each Conference contest. See [Appendix 1](#) for a recommended format for this purpose.

6.6 Contracts

There shall be no financial agreement between institutions in Conference Basketball contracts.

6.6.1 The Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator (or designee) of the home institution shall send out conference pregame information at least one month in advance of each Conference game. The Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator (or designee) of the visiting institution shall respond with visiting team information at least 21 days prior to the contest.

6.7 Crowd Control

Should any situation arise in which there is a concern about the crowd, the Event Manager should be alerted. The Event Manager must inform the visiting team's head coach regarding procedures to follow if a situation arises requiring his/her immediate attention. At no time are either the home or visiting coaches vested with the authority to either stop or refuse to continue to play. Coaches unilaterally taking their teams off the court or refusing to play will be subject to conference sanctions and possible forfeiture of the contest. If need be, the Director of Athletics, his/her representative, or head coach should go to the public address system and request cooperation when unsporting crowd behavior becomes prevalent.

6.7.1 Debris

The throwing of debris by spectators shall not be tolerated, nor encouraged or condoned by the host institution, at any Big West Conference event. In the event debris is thrown onto the playing surface during a contest, play shall be halted at the discretion of the game officials until such a time that the host institution game management staff has removed the debris to the satisfaction of the officials. The host institution at Big West contests shall make every effort to prevent the throwing of debris through public address announcements, etc. Spectators who violate this policy shall be subject to expulsion from the athletic venue. Institutions that violate this policy shall be subject to penalties imposed by the Big West Conference Compliance Committee.

6.7.2 Noisemakers

The use of irritants (i.e. artificial noisemakers, portable amplifiers other than for band instruments, derogatory banners, or public address systems by cheerleaders or spectators) is prohibited at Big West basketball facilities.

6.7.3 Team Security

1. The visiting team's bench must be set up from the side-court hash mark to the court's end line. Each institution must control the area behind the visiting players' bench. Each host institution is required to provide 60 seats directly behind the visiting team bench for visiting team spectators, parents, and/or faculty. Spectators creating problems in these areas shall be immediately removed.
2. Spectators will not be permitted to come so close to the sidelines as to interfere with the teams' ability to easily gain access to the floor, to warm up, to play the game and to exit the playing floor. No one other than the teams, their official parties, game management personnel, university-recognized uniformed spirit squads, officials, and credentialed members of the media is to be allowed on the floor. Everyone else is to remain in designated spectator areas.
3. A two row or aisle "buffer" zone shall exist between team benches and spectators. In the event that a sufficient barrier is not possible, additional security should be provided in order to ensure player safety. All fans must be in the venue's designated seating area. Any fans in portable chairs on the playing floor shall not be students.
4. At the conclusion of men's basketball games, all uniformed personnel from the visiting team shall immediately exit the floor and a uniformed security person shall escort the visiting head coach during the post-game handshake and exit.

6.7.4 Sporting Behavior Announcements

One or more of the following sporting behavior announcements shall be made a minimum of twice per contest. It is suggested that the announcement be made prior to the contest and during any intermission periods. In addition, the same or similar announcement should be included in a prominent place in the line up cards or programs distributed to fans. This shall serve as a "first warning" to unruly spectators.

1. The (name of institution) promotes good sporting behavior by student-athletes, coaches and spectators, and requests 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 of competition. Spectators are prohibited from entering the playing area. Violators will be removed from the venue.
2. The (name of institution) promotes good sporting behavior by student-athletes, coaches and spectators, and requests your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity or any remarks or actions referring to a participant's name, number, heritage, body parts or sexual orientation will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Spectators are prohibited from entering the playing area. Violators will be removed from the venue.

3. In the spirit of sporting behavior, the (name of institution) asks that all fans act responsibly and courteously to those around you. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome (here, in our home, at name of institution etc.) Spectators are prohibited from entering the playing area. Violators will be removed from the venue. Let's afford the student-athletes and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated.

6.7.5 Procedures in Event of Spectator Disruption

The referee has the authority and the discretion, under the playing rules, to suspend play for any reason. In the event of a disturbance, which is of such character and proportions it disrupts the game, the following action should be initiated:

1. The referee shall call a halt to the game (Official's time-out) and instruct each team captain to send his teammates to their respective benches. Coaches will make special efforts to see that players do not become involved in the disturbance by holding them in the team area, or upon instruction, taking them to their dressing rooms.
2. The referee will make note of the time and ball possession. The clock operator will freeze the game clock at that point. This being accomplished, the officials will return to the sideline. The referee must then be available to Game Management ("Game Management" is the host Director of Athletics or a designated representative), for further instruction.
3. Game Management will assume responsibility immediately after the teams and officials have cleared the court. Under no circumstances are players, coaches or officials to become involved.
4. Should the disturbance be of such proportions that a long delay is imminent, or is such that it threatens the involvement and safety of the players, coaches or officials, the teams and officials will be instructed by Game Management to return to their respective dressing rooms.
5. Teams and officials will remain in their dressing rooms until the disturbance has been brought under control.
6. Game Management will notify the referee of the "All clear" when order has been restored, making continuation of play possible.
7. The teams will return to the floor, after which a five-minute warm-up period will be permitted. Following the warm-up period, the game will be resumed from the exact point at which it was stopped.
8. Should the disturbance be of such proportions that further play would be impossible, the status of the game will revert to the Directors of Athletics of the institutions involved.
9. At no time are either the home or visiting coaches vested with the authority to either stop or refuse to continue to play. Coaches unilaterally taking their teams off the court or refusing to play will be subject to Conference sanctions and possible forfeiture of the contest.

6.8 External Disruption Procedures

If the contest is disrupted due to weather, power failure or any other occurrences that make it impossible to either start or continue a contest, the procedures outlined in [Appendix 2](#) should be implemented.

6.9 Facilities

6.9.1 Baskets

The home institution is responsible for seeing that the baskets and the basket support (braces which hold the basket to the backboard) are painted an orange color, and are kept painted at all times throughout the season.

1. The home institution shall have a spare backboard and rim available for immediate replacement in case of need at all times. In the event a ceiling drop basket and backboard are used to replace a shattered or broken floor basket standard at one end of the court, the other floor basket standard will also be replaced with a ceiling drop basket and backboard.
2. If there is need for replacement and none is available, the game will be discontinued and handled as an “interrupted” game, following the guidelines set forth in these procedures for “interrupted” games in Appendix 2 and 5.
3. Should replacement equipment not be available, and if regulation equipment can be secured by the home institution’s game management staff from another source, that equipment may be substituted, upon approval of such equipment by the Head Referee of the contest.
4. Once the Head Referee suspends play for repair or replacement of damaged equipment, such becomes the home institution’s game management responsibility, with final approval of the repaired or replaced equipment the responsibility of the Head Referee.
5. After any delay for the repair or replacement of damaged equipment, both teams shall be provided time to warm-up again before play is resumed, time to be determined by the head official.

6.9.2 Benches

The home team shall have the choice of player bench location. The benches of both teams shall be placed along the side of the court on which the scorers’ and timers’ table is located. This choice of player bench location shall be made prior to the start of the Conference season so that the visiting teams’ allotment of 60 complimentary tickets may be located directly behind their bench.

6.9.3 Locker Rooms

The host institution shall provide adequate facilities for the visiting team and officials prior to the contest, during intermissions, and after the contest. Toilets, showers, soap, towels and drinking water shall be made available.

- 6.9.3.1 The visiting team locker room should be made available two hours prior to the game start time.
- 6.9.3.2 Twenty-five clean towels should be made available per half to each bench.

6.9.3.3 Access to the locker rooms shall to be restricted to those people having official business or possessing proper credentials to enter the locker room.

6.9.4 Parking

The home team will provide free parking for a maximum of five vehicles used to transport the official traveling party of the visiting team. Parking shall be in a lot close to the competition facility.

6.9.5 Photographer Areas

At least one-fourth of the baseline at each end of the floor shall be designated specifically for media photographers. The designated areas on the baselines shall be diagonal from each other.

6.9.6 Practice Facilities

If the visiting team requests practice time for the day prior to the contest, the home team shall arrange for practice time in the game (or other suitable) facility. Requests must be made a minimum of three weeks prior to the contest. If the visiting team requests practice time for the day of the contest, the home team must accommodate them in the game facility for a minimum of one hour. If the game facility is not available for the visiting team but time is reserved for the home team, then the home team shall either share time with the visitors or use the alternate site as well. The visiting team should contact the home team as soon as possible if it intends to cancel any practice time that has been reserved. The host institution shall have someone assigned to greet the visiting team at this practice site. This person shall be available to review the practice schedule, the pregame schedule, etc., and to make sure the visiting team has all of its requirements met (e.g., balls available for practice, nets on the baskets, towels and soap available for showering). (Revised 6/7/24)

6.10 Game Ball

Wide seam balls shall be used in all Conference games.

6.10.1 The host institution shall provide the visiting team six wide seam practice balls of the same brand and model to be used in the game for warm-up purposes before the game and at halftime.

6.11 Game Countdown

The Big West Conference has a standard countdown format for all hosted basketball games. See [Appendix 3](#) for this format.

6.12 Game Management Director

At each Conference game, the home institution shall provide and identify to game officials and the competing teams an athletics department designee on the premises as the person in charge of game management at that event. See [Appendix 4](#) for the Game Management Directors' responsibilities.

6.13 NCAA Automatic Qualification and Non-NCAA Postseason Events

See Section 4.14 for Seeding and Tiebreaking policies applicable to all sports, which shall be used as needed to supplement or clarify any sport-specific bylaws. (Adopted 8/23/23)

The winner of the Big West Men's Basketball Championship shall be the Conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

6.13.1 In the event a postseason Conference Basketball Tournament is not held, the Conference regular-season champion shall be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament.

6.13.1.1 In the event that playoff games cannot be held, the Big West Men's Basketball Championship seeding tie-breakers shall be used to determine the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

6.13.2 In the event a postseason Conference Basketball Tournament begins but cannot be concluded, the highest remaining seed shall be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

6.13.2.1 If the Big West Men's Basketball Championship cannot be held and there is a tie for the regular season championship, the winner of the two-game series between the tied teams shall be declared the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

6.13.2.2 In the event of a tie and the two tied teams have split the two-game series, a one-game playoff shall be played at a time and site to be determined by the Commissioner. The winner of this game shall be declared the automatic qualifier.

6.13.2.3 Teams with identical win-loss records in Conference shall be declared Conference regular season Co-Champions.

6.13.2.4 In the event of tri-champions, a two-game playoff shall be played at a time and site to be determined by the Commissioner. Highest net ranking will determine which team will draw the first game bye. The winner of the first game will then play the bye team. Net proceeds from playoff games shall accrue to the Conference Office. (Revised 8/23/23)

6.14 Official Scorers and Timers

The scorer, timer, and shot clock operator at all basketball games shall be competent non-student adults regularly assigned for the games through the Athletic department. Current squad members, including redshirts, or recent squad members (within two years of completion of eligibility) shall not be allowed to serve as the official scorer, time clock operator, or shot clock operator at Big West member institutions.

6.14.1 Failure to comply with the regulations of 6.14 will result in a reprimand from the Conference office.

6.14.2 Scorers

1. The scorer shall wear a "black and white" striped garment. The scorer is to be at the scorer's table at least 15 minutes before game time and 5 minutes before the end of the halftime intermission.
2. A seat shall be provided at the scorer's table, next to the official scorer, for

the visiting team's scorer.

3. The referee is not required to physically sign or check the scorebook. (S)he is only required to look in the direction of the scorer to confirm that the game is over. Lack of protest by the scorer indicates approval of the score.

6.14.3 Timers

1. The timer shall set the clock for 15 minutes at halftime and start it immediately after both teams have left the court. The clock can then be used as a time guide for any halftime programming.

- 6.14.4 The scorekeeper, scoreboard operator, PA announcer, shot clock operator, instant replay technician and timeout coordinator shall meet with the officials at the scorer's table at least 20 minutes prior to the start of each game. (Adopted 12/5/25)

6.15 **Officials**

6.15.1 Assignments

Officials shall be assigned as follows:

1. Officials (referees) shall be assigned by the Conference's Coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials. Costs associated with the assigning program, including the coordinator's fee and the cost of traveling any officials to conference games, are to be prorated out among the conference members.
2. Three-person officiating crews shall be used for all Conference basketball games.
3. Composite officiating assignments for each institution will be posted on the assigning web site one week prior to the game.
4. The home institution is responsible for providing the funds to the Big West to pay these referees.
5. The home institution shall make available two complimentary tickets for each official assigned to a basketball contest, which must be requested by the official at least 48 hours in advance of the contest.
6. Game officials are to arrive at the venue one and one-half hours before the scheduled starting time of the contest. Officials must contact the Coordinator of Officials if their arrival will be delayed or if they are unable to make the contest. If they are unable to reach the Coordinator of Officials, they must contact the Home Game Management Director. The game officials will take the court 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

6.15.2 Communications

Communications with officials shall conform to the following guidelines:

1. Communication between game officials and coaches, student-athletes or other members of each team's official party shall be prohibited before and after the game except for common courtesies. Communication during the game is permitted only for rules clarification. If a prolonged conversation is required, both coaches should be present. Following the game, officials shall leave the court immediately.

2. Officials should not assess sanctions against spectators or the crowd. The host institution event management and event security personnel shall be responsible for crowd control and handling any unsportsmanlike actions of the crowd.
3. Coaches shall not contact officials directly through correspondence or telephone. All matters pertaining to officials or officiating shall be directed to the Conference Office or the Conference Officials Coordinator. Likewise, this policy precludes officials from contacting coaches directly.
4. Officials should not be included in any social gatherings held in conjunction with the game.

6.15.3 Complimentary Items

Under no circumstances are officials to be provided with any complimentary items such as hats, shirts or promotional items by the host institution.

6.15.4 Criticism of Officials

1. Institutional personnel and student-athletes are prohibited from commenting on the game performance of officials to or through any source other than the Conference Office or coordinator of officials. Failure to comply with this policy may lead to disciplinary action by the Conference office as described in Big West Constitution 1.9.
2. All reports or comments pertaining to officiating, game management responsibilities, players, coaches or officials shall be directed only to the Conference office.
3. Video shall not be used by coaches or other institutional personnel for criticism of contest officials or officiating. Specifically, this prohibits the use of footage for the purpose of highlighting officiating calls. No reference shall be made in any public forum on officiating matters.

6.15.5 Crowd Control

1. The Director of Athletics or a designated representative shall attend the officials' pregame conference on game day to review procedures to be followed in the event of a spectator disturbance and to acquaint them with game management officials available in the vicinity of the court.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the home institution's game management staff to provide at least two security guards to escort the officials on and off the playing floor at halftime and at the conclusion of the game. Such guards shall be stationed in the vicinity of the baseline nearest the exit through which officials return to their dressing room. These guards will remain at the door of the officials' dressing room during the half and at the end of the game. Additional security should be provided at the opposite end of the court prior to the end of the game to guard against spectators rushing onto the floor. Officials shall be escorted to their vehicles by security or game management staff if requested by the official or deemed necessary by game management staff.

See [Section 6.7](#) regarding general crowd control regulations and procedures.

6.15.6 Game Review

If requested, the host institution shall provide video of the game to the participating officials immediately following each contest.

6.15.7 Locker Rooms

A secure and private locker room must be provided for the officials' use.
(Revised 12/5/25)

6.15.8 Parking

The home team shall provide parking for the game officials' vehicles in a secure lot close to the competition facility. Parking passes or arrangements for complimentary parking shall be provided to the officials prior to the contest.

6.15.9 Rules Clarification

In those situations requiring rule interpretations following the game, the home institution's Sports Information Director (or his/her designated representative) may request admittance to the officials' dressing room for consultation with the referees. Any information provided by the referees shall be confined to rules interpretation only and shall not relate to judgment decisions.

6.16 Postseason Revenue Sharing

Revenues generated by the Big West Conference as a result of its member institutions' participation in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships shall be divided as determined by the Big West Board of Directors.

6.17 Public Address Announcer Regulations

Member institutions shall provide public address announcers at all home Conference basketball games.

6.17.1 Use of Microphone

The public address facilities should not be available to or used by spectators, student yell leaders or any non-contest administrative personnel.

6.17.2 Sporting Behavior

- a. The public address announcer shall instruct the spectators that the visiting players, coaches, and game officials are guests of the home institution and should be treated as such.
- b. One or more of the designated sporting behavior announcements should be made a minimum of twice per contest (See [Bylaw 6.7.4](#)). It is suggested that the announcement be made prior to the contest and at intermission.

6.17.3 Disciplinary Action

Public address announcers are considered to be part of game management staff and as such are subject to disciplinary action under Big West Constitution for any violation of these basketball game administrative guidelines.

6.18 Schedules, Conference

The Conference regular season schedule shall include two games with each member institution, with one game played at each home institution's home site. All member institutions must compete for the Conference regular season basketball championship. The Conference regular season championship shall be determined by the win-loss percentage of Conference games played. In the event of a tie, Co-Champions shall be declared. (Revised 5/26/22, 12/8/22)

6.18.1 Conference basketball games shall be conducted on Thursdays and Saturdays. Any exception shall require the approval of the Commissioner and should be made only for television, arena conflicts or academic issues.

6.18.2 Single weekday conference games shall commence no earlier than 6:00 p.m. and no later than 8:05 p.m. The first game of a weekday doubleheader shall commence no earlier than 5:30 p.m. Saturday conference games shall start no earlier than 1:00 p.m., and Sunday Conference games shall start no earlier than 2:00 p.m. and no later than 4:05 p.m. with the specific start time to be determined by the home institution. Exceptions may be made for televised games as part of a conference package or by mutual agreement of the Directors of Athletics or their designees of the member institutions involved. (Revised 6/23/21)

6.18.3 Any game that is scheduled to be the first game of a doubleheader must be started at least three hours prior to the scheduled start of the second game if the latter is to be televised live or at least two hours and 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the second game if the latter is not being televised live. At least 35 minutes must be allotted between the conclusion of the first game of the doubleheader and the start of the second game. The actual tip-off time of the first game in this case shall be left to the discretion of the home institution's Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator or his/her designee.

6.19 Schedules, Nonconference

Each Conference institution may schedule no more than two non-Division I contests in any season. A transitioning institution that qualifies as an NCAA NET counter shall qualify as a Division I opponent for Big West nonconference scheduling purposes.

6.19.1 The Commissioner shall have the authority to review all member institutions' basketball schedules in order to confirm compliance with the regulations in Bylaw 6.19.

6.19.2 An institution not in compliance will be fined \$500 per game and may be declared ineligible for the Conference postseason tournament that year and ineligible to receive Conference revenue derived from NCAA Basketball Championships at-large financial units.

6.20 Scouting/Video Exchange

6.20.1 Institutions must use a Conference-approved platform to access and/or upload game film.

- 6.20.2 Each institution is responsible for ensuring that all other Conference institutions have access to all of its games, including tournaments, nonconference, and conference contests.
- 6.20.2.1 When a game is streamed online, the institution is not required to upload it to any particular server or platform.
- 6.20.2.2 For all conference games, the home team must provide a copy of the game to their current opponent upon request. Video must be an MP4 file and provided to the opponent within one hour following the game. All videos must comply with ESPN+ broadcast standards.
- 6.20.2.2.1 Failure to comply with the video exchange regulations of 6.20.2.2 will result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, a \$250 fine for the second offense, a \$500 fine for the third offense, and a \$1,000 fine for the fourth offense. An exception may be made for demonstrated technical failure.
- 6.20.2.3 In the event of a demonstrated technical failure during a conference game, the home institution is required to distribute the game to all other Conference institutions within two hours following the game.
- 6.20.2.3.1 Failure to comply with the video exchange regulations of 6.20.2.3 will result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, a \$250 fine for the second offense, a \$500 fine for the third offense, and a \$1,000 fine for the fourth offense. An exception may be made for demonstrated technical failure.
- 6.20.2.4 In the event of a demonstrated technical failure during a nonconference game or if a nonconference game is not streamed online for any other reason, the participating Conference institution shall distribute it to all other Conference institutions by 11:59 a.m. local time on the day after the game.
- 6.20.2.4.1 Failure to comply with the video exchange regulations of 6.20.2.4 will result in a \$100 fine for the first offense, a \$250 fine for the second offense, a \$500 fine for the third offense, and a \$1,000 fine for the fourth offense. An exception may be made for demonstrated technical failure.
- 6.20.3 All institutions are required to provide game film to the Conference Office upon request. Video must be an MP4 file (unless a different file type is requested).
(Revised 6/5/25)

6.21 Seeding/Tiebreakers

See Section 4.14 for Seeding and Tiebreaking policies applicable to all sports, which shall be used as needed to supplement or clarify any sport-specific bylaws. (Adopted 8/23/23)

6.21.1 Seeding

Seeding for the Big West Men's Basketball Tournament is determined by the final regular season conference standings. Eight teams will advance to the tournament bracket.

6.21.2 Tiebreakers

6.21.2.1 In the event two teams tie for a position in the final standings, the higher seed shall be determined using the following tiebreaker formula:

1. The winner of the two-game series between the tied teams shall be declared the higher seeded team in the Tournament.
2. If still tied, the team with the best win-loss record in Conference games against common opponents beginning at the top of the standings and working down the standings until the tie is broken shall be declared the higher seeded team. Ties among teams at the top of the standings should be broken first to establish a ranked order.
3. Only for the last position in the tournament field, if still tied, the team with the best winning percentage in away Conference contests shall be declared the higher seeded team and earn the final spot in the tournament.
4. If still tied, the higher seeded team shall be the team with the highest NET ranking. (Revised 8/23/23)

6.21.2.2 In the event that more than two teams tie for a position in the final standings, the higher seed shall be determined using the following tie-breaker formula:

1. The teams shall be ranked based on win-loss record against the other tied teams. If a team is ranked ahead of the other team, it shall receive the higher seed and the remaining teams shall be seeded based on the two-way tiebreaker formula.
2. If more than two teams are still tied, the teams shall be ranked based on win-loss record against the other tied teams. If a team is ranked behind the other teams, the remaining teams (if still tied based on wins and losses against the other tied teams) shall be seeded based on the two-way tie-breaker formula.
3. If more than two teams are still tied, the teams shall be ranked based on the best win-loss record in Conference games against common opponents beginning at the top of the standings and working down the standings. Ties among teams at the top of the standings should be broken first to establish a ranked order. If a team is ranked ahead of other teams, it shall receive the higher seed and the remaining teams shall be seeded based on the two-way tie-breaker.
4. If more than two teams are still tied, the teams shall be ranked based on the best win-loss record in conference games against common opponents beginning at the top of the standings and working down the standings. Ties among teams at the top of the

standings should be broken first to establish a ranked order. If a team is ranked behind the other teams, the remaining teams (if still tied based on results against a common opponent) shall be seeded based on the two-way tiebreaker formula.

5. Only for the last position in the tournament field, if still tied, the team with the best winning percentage in away Conference contests shall be declared the higher seeded team and earn the final spot in the tournament.
6. If still tied, the higher seeded team shall be the team with the highest NET ranking. (Revised 8/23/23)

6.22 Sports Information/Media

Each Sports Information Director (“SID”) is charged with the responsibility of keeping the Conference information director advised as to schedule changes, time alterations, etc., for all Conference recognized sports.

- 6.22.1 A visiting SID’s attendance at the site of a Conference basketball contest shall be optional. If a SID, or a designee, is in attendance at a Conference basketball contest, he or she shall be at the game site prior to tip-off.
- 6.22.2 The SIDs must exchange pertinent information (i.e. updated cumulative statistics and the latest box scores, where applicable) with the SID(s) of the next week’s opponent(s) on the same day of the last game the week/weekend or ensure their next opponent has equivalent access to the information. In situations where there are multiple events that week (i.e. Thursday and Saturday basketball), opposing SIDs must exchange the latest box score and updated statistics on the middle day or ensure their next opponent has equivalent access to the information.
- 6.22.3 The home institution’s SID must provide credentialed working media with a parking pass and working space, including access to internet and electrical outlets. (Revised 12/14/21)
- 6.22.4 The home institution’s SID must provide for equal access by media to coaches and competitors from each team after a 10-minute cooling-off period. Equal access must be given to all media representatives regardless of gender at any time interviews with coaches and/or student-athletes are conducted, including after competition. Equal access is defined as access to coaches and/or student-athletes at the same time and the same place. Bringing student-athletes to a separate area for reporters of the opposite sex is not considered equal access. The exact method of ensuring equal access shall be determined by the institution.
- 6.22.5 Ample workspace shall be made available in each Conference basketball facility for members of the visiting institution’s media to work and file their stories.
- 6.22.6 SIDs and coaches will make no reference to officiating in institutional press releases or in any other institutionally published materials, such as coaches’ newsletters, game programs, etc. Names of game officials will not be listed in the official game program, but may be carried in the “speed card” distributed in the press box and in the box score.

6.23 Sports Medicine

A certified athletic trainer is required to be on site or on call for all home basketball games. "On call" is defined as being within five minutes of the site.

- 6.23.1 Each host institution shall provide reasonable athletic training facility access for the certified athletic trainer of the visiting team prior to or during practice preceding a Conference contest. Advance scheduling awareness and communication are the responsibility of the visiting institution's athletic trainer. Training facilities shall be made available to both teams prior to and at the conclusion of each contest.
- 6.23.2 Host institutions must provide the visiting team with a bio-hazard kit consistent with OSHA guidelines.
- 6.23.3 Host institutions shall provide drinking water for the visiting team's use during and immediately after the contest as well as during any scheduled practice sessions. These items shall be made available one hour prior to the start of competition and practices.
- 6.23.4 In the case of an injury to a visiting player, the home team is not required to provide transportation to a hospital or other medical facility. The host institution should assist in making arrangements and should provide directions to the closest emergency room available when ambulance service is not deemed necessary.
- 6.23.5 All Big West conference head coaches and assistants must attend an in-person, hands-on training course in CPR/AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator) and First Aid and be certified. New coaches shall have a 45-day window from his/her start date at the institution to be certified.

6.24 Suspended Coaches

A coach who has been suspended from a contest by the Big West Conference, the NCAA or as a result of a violation of Playing Rules shall not be within sight and sound of the contest. Additionally, a suspended coach shall be precluded from communicating with any team personnel or officials, from participating in any official pre-game activities at the site of the contest directly preceding the competition and from being in the facility once pre-game activities have started through the end of the contest.

6.25 Tickets

1. The home institution shall provide information regarding ticket arrangements to each visiting institution prior to the beginning of each season. This information shall be provided to the ticket manager with cover letter copied to the Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator, Sports Information Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach. This information must include a means for distribution of complimentary and or tickets purchased by the visiting team. The home team shall make every effort to facilitate such distribution for the visiting teams.
2. The host institution shall make available to the visiting team, upon request, a total number of tickets up to, but not exceeding 150 tickets or five percent of the total capacity of the playing site, whichever is less, for sale to students and/or boosters. The visiting team must request these tickets at least one week in advance of the

- game; Any unsold tickets must be returned to the host institution twenty-four hours prior to the game.
3. A total of 60 complimentary tickets for seats located directly behind its bench shall be provided for the visiting team. Under no circumstance are any of these complimentary tickets to be resold. The home team shall submit a copy of the pass list to the visiting team's compliance office within seven business days of the completion of the contest.
 4. The home institution shall make available two complimentary tickets for each official assigned to a basketball contest, which must be requested by the official at least 48 hours in advance of the contest.
 5. Member institutions shall include an All-Session tournament ticket purchase option in all season ticket applications.

6.26 Uniforms

- 6.26.1 In all Conference men's basketball games, the home team shall wear light jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys which contrast with light. Any deviation must be mutually agreed upon by the Directors of Athletics or his/her designee of the participating institutions.
- 6.26.2 All team members shall wear uniforms that prominently display the Big West logo. A single competition exemption of the rule shall be permitted annually for special occasion uniforms.
 - 6.26.2.1 Failure to adhere to the stipulation in 6.26.2 shall result in a \$250 fine. An additional fine shall be levied if conference logos are not displayed at the next available opportunity.

6.27 Video Board Replays

Member institutions with video scoreboards are limited to showing one replay of controversial plays or officials' calls. During timeouts or inaction, institutions may show unlimited replays of non-controversial plays.

APPENDIX 1 - Contest Arrangement and Contact Information

The home team's Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator or his/her designee shall send out Conference contest arrangement and contact information to the visiting team's Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, Sports Information Director and the Head Coach at least 30 days in advance of each Conference contest. Institutions may use the Big West Conference suggested format for this purpose or they may use other similar methods of communicating the information. Any changes in scheduled time, date or contest site made subsequent to approval of the final master schedule must be mutually agreed upon by the parties involved, approved by the commissioner and submitted in writing.

The home team will provide the following information to the visiting team in writing at least 30 days in advance of the contest. Items 6-12 should be provided in a separate visitor's handbook to include any additional information that may be of use to teams traveling to the institution.

1. Event Manager Contact
2. Home Team/Visiting Team
3. Sport
4. Contest Location
5. Day, Date and Time of Contest
6. Colors worn by the home team
7. Parking Arrangements for Visiting Team Vehicles
 - a. Parking Contact
 - b. Directions or map to parking and game facility
8. Individual to contact regarding practice arrangements
 - a. Contact no later than
 - b. How to cancel practice if not using the reserved practice time (voice mail etc.)
9. Locker Room Facilities Available
 - a. Training Facility Contact
10. Laundry Service Availability
 - a. Equipment Room Contact
11. Media Information
 - a. Media Contact
12. Ticket Exchange Information
 - a. Procedures for Will Call and Player Complimentary Tickets

APPENDIX 2 - External Disruption

If a contest is disrupted due to weather, power failure, or any other occurrences, making it impossible to either start or continue a contest, the following will be implemented:

1. If a contest cannot start, the home game management official, the visiting institution's senior athletic department representative, if present, and the assigned game officials will confer to determine:
 - a. If the contest can be played;
 - b. An alternate start time in the event the contest can possibly be played on the day scheduled;
 - c. An alternate date if it cannot be played as scheduled. The contest must be rescheduled unless it is determined that it has no bearing on the Big West Conference Championship and both institutions and a majority of the remaining Big West Conference institutions agree via vote.
2. Once a contest is started and an external disruption occurs, NCAA playing rules will be in effect.

APPENDIX 3 - Game Countdown

Standard Men's Basketball Game Countdown*

TIME	CLOCK	ACTIVITY
5:28	90:00	Court available for warm up
5:58	60:00	Doors open/Countdown Clock begins
6:38	20:00	Scoreboard Clock Operator, Shot Clock Operator, Official Scorer, and Replay Technician to meet with officials at scorers table.
TBD*		National Anthem - Teams line up at free throw line extended (if teams are on-court for National Anthem).
6:58	0:00	Team introductions - Players go to free throw line as they are introduced. Visiting team starters (F/F/C/G/G) Home team starters (F/F/C/G/G)
7:02	20:00	Tip-off

* It is at the host institution's discretion to set the timing of The National Anthem and/or alma mater, provided that The National Anthem (and the alma mater if it is played) is completed before the ESPN/2/U/+ broadcast goes live on air and does not delay the tip-off time mandated by the broadcast requirements at :02/:32. The full game countdown/pre-game timesheet must be communicated in writing to the opponent and officials no later than the day before the contest. For televised games, the television entity may dictate the time the National Anthem will be played.

Senior Recognition Program Countdown

Permitted one time during the season using the following protocol:

TIME	CLOCK	ACTIVITY
5:28	90:00	Court available for warm up
5:58	60:00	Doors open/Countdown Clock begins
6:38	20:00	Scoreboard Clock Operator, Shot Clock Operator, Official Scorer, and Replay Technician to meet with officials at scorers table.
TBD*		National Anthem - Teams line up at free throw line extended (if teams are on-court for National Anthem).
6:46	12:00	Horn to Clear Floor – Visiting team to locker room
6:53	5:00	Visiting Team returns to floor
6:58	0:00	Team introductions – Players go to free throw line as they are introduced. Visiting team starters (F/F/C/G/G) Home team starters (F/F/C/G/G)
7:02	20:00	Tip-off

* It is at the host institution's discretion to set the timing of The National Anthem and/or alma mater, provided that The National Anthem (and the alma mater if it is played) is completed before the ESPN/2/U/+ broadcast goes live on air and does not delay the tip-

off time mandated by the broadcast requirements at :02/:32. The full game countdown/pre-game timesheet must be communicated in writing to the opponent and officials no later than the day before the contest. For televised games, the television entity may dictate the time the National Anthem will be played.

Television coverage may dictate changes in tip-off time. The home team shall make the actual game day countdown available to the coaches, SIDs, officials' table, officials, band director, cheerleaders and others no later than 90 minutes before game time. In addition, countdown sheets should be posted in both locker rooms. The countdown sheet shall inform the visiting team and contest officials of the procedures to be followed during the introduction of players, playing of the national anthem, or special activities during intermissions.

APPENDIX 4 - Game Management Director Responsibilities

At each Conference game, the home institution shall provide and identify to game officials and the competing teams, an athletics department designee on the premises as the person in charge of game management at that event. The Game Management Director should have access to means of electronic communication in order to promptly address any game management issues during the contest. He/she shall be available to the game officials and the visiting team's personnel for any matters that may arise during the contest.

The Game Management Director is charged with the administration and operation of the facilities that host Big West Conference intercollegiate contests. To assist in establishing a top quality environment at these facilities, the following responsibilities are recommended:

1. Coordinate pre-game and intermission activities when applicable and inform both coaching staffs. It is recommended that there be a coordinator for pregame and/or intermission.
2. Plan to play the national anthem during the pre-game interval.
3. Coordinate a schedule of playing times if a visiting band will be present.
4. Arrange for adequate security for officials to and from their locker room. In some situations, an escort to their vehicles after the game may be necessary. All reasonable precautions should be taken. See Section 6.15.5.
5. Secure the playing area, if possible, at game's end, and have all coaches, players, and officials depart to their locker rooms as soon as possible.
6. Meet during the preseason and postseason on campus with the appropriate representatives to review all aspects of positive contest control. These individuals may include the following:
 - a. Athletic Director or other Senior Administrator
 - b. Head coach for respective sport
 - c. Sports information directors
 - d. Campus security director and/or staff
 - e. Public address announcer
 - f. Head cheerleader and adviser
 - g. Student body president or official student representative
 - h. Student newspaper sports editor
 - i. Student booster head
 - j. Alumni director
 - k. Band director
 - l. Other pertinent officials as needed
7. Establish a command post in the venue to coordinate crowd control programs.
8. Avoid placing the visiting team in front of the home team student section.

9. Restrict access to the locker rooms to only those people having official business or possessing proper credentials to enter the locker room.
10. The Game Management Director and staff should make every effort to identify troublemakers and do everything possible to remove them from the facility.
11. Ensure that all visible posters, signs and handout literature are positive, non-inflammatory, non-derogatory and in good taste.
12. Take immediate corrective action in the event of any objectionable and/or improper chants by the host institution's fans. Each institution must have in place a procedure to deal with this issue and have it stated in its institutional policy manual for game management and good sporting behavior.
13. Be familiar with the layout of the venue, so that accurate directions can be given in the event of an emergency. A listing of any emergency procedures should be furnished to the public address announcer.
14. Game management personnel should have specific procedures in place to accommodate medical aid situations in the spectator areas. All game management personnel should be briefed regarding the steps to take in the event of an emergency.