

Empire 8 Women's Volleyball
Coach's Conference Call
December 4, 2012

Attendees:

Elaina Braun, Alfred
Rhonda Faunce, Elmira
James Clar, Hartwick
Nancy Cole, Houghton
Janet Donovan, Ithaca
Cal Wickens, Nazareth
Kelly Greapentrog, St. John Fisher
Glenn DeHaven, Stevens
Nichole Higgins, Utica
Janelle Feuz, Associate Commissioner
Michelle Manning, Ithaca

Meeting opened at 12:02pm

Requested changes to the 2013 schedule that were voted on, and agreed upon by the coaches. To be discussed at the AD's January 2013 meeting.

1. To change the last conference weekend play dates from Sat-Sun. October 26 – 27, to Fri.-Sat. October 25 – 26 Proposed by Kelly Greapentrog (SJFC)

Rational: Give athletes Sunday as a day off from practice and classes. This change would be consistent with the two previous weekend play dates that are on a Fri – Sat. schedule.

2. To change all day 1/Friday/travel day tournament match times from 5pm and 7pm, to 4pm and 7pm.

Rational: To allow for additional recovery time for the team that will be playing back to back matches, and who have spent time traveling to site. Allowing 3 hours in between matches will also keep the 7pm matches on time without delay.

3. To change all day 2 (Saturday/Sunday) Tournament match times from 10am, 12pm, and 2pm to 10:00am, 12:30pm, and 3:00pm.

Rational: To allow for additional recovery time in between matches. This will also allow the host to keep the matches on schedule.

Clause: The coach of a 5 set match previous, has the choice of an additional 30 minutes to be added to the clock from the start time. For instance, if Coach A is involved in a 5 set match (10am match start time) ending at 12:20pm, and is scheduled to play Coach B's team in the very

next time slot (12:30pm), Coach A can request an additional 30 minutes before playing Coach B's team. The start time for the match would now be 1:20pm.

Tie Breaker Proposal presented by Kelly Greapentrog (SJFC):

1. To change the current tie breaker procedure in order to clarify that a team would advance in the tie breaker and the remaining teams would go back to the first criteria.
 - a. Current language does not state clearly if a team should advance or be eliminated in a three or more way tie situation. We should also give examples of multi-way ties.
 - b. New language would read: The tie-breakers shall be as follows (in the instance of a three or more way tie, once one team is **advanced** by a tie-breaker, the remaining teams will begin the tie-breaker process anew starting with the first criteria)
 - i. Justification- The language was interpreted differently last year to this year. We need to make the tie breaker clear. We should reward teams by pulling them up not pushing teams out. The best example I can give is the NCAA tournament. They continue to pull teams up and into the tournament; they don't say let's eliminate a team.
2. To change the existing criteria regarding a tie.
 - a. Head to head amongst all tied teams
 - b. Percentage of sets won versus sets played amongst tied teams
 - c. **Percentage of sets won versus sets played amongst all conference teams**
 - d. **Record versus all teams ranked higher than the tied teams**
 - e. Point differential amongst tied teams
 - f. Coin toss

Requirement to Insure quality of match video exchange proposed by Glenn DeHaven (SIT):

Proposal: Tapes exchanged need to be videoed from end line, or within 15' of end line of requested team's court. It is preferable for camera to be raised if possible. If the facility and/or unforeseen circumstances will not allow the requested angle, the coach must contact the requesting coach, and offer an additional option. This offer must be made within 2 working days post requested match.

2014 Conference Scheduling possible revision:

The Committee discussed Janet Donovan's (Ithaca) future proposal to eliminate playing other conference schools more than **one match per date of competition**. It would eliminate conference tri matches, or 2 conference matches in a single date of competition. With a revised conference schedule we would continue to complete all conference play no later than 2 weeks prior to the conference championship. As a committee we agreed that it would be in the best interest of our conference to come up with a revised conference schedule for the 2014 season.

Rational:

- Physically speaking it is in the best interest of the student athlete to limit play to potentially one 5 set match (approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes) vs. potentially two 5 set matches (6 hours of play). The conference matches are too important for the athletes to not be at full strength, and the risk of injury is increased with back to back matches. With the current schedule, the athletes have limited, or zero recovery time between matches.
- Many conferences in DIII throughout the country (HCAC, OAC, SCIAC to name a few), are only playing one match per competition date. All of DI conferences play 1 conference match per day.
- This proposal takes up only 8 competition dates of the 22 the NCAA allows.
- Conference schools will have more opportunity to host, and only have to prepare for a single team per day.

Kelly Greapentrog (SJFC) and Nancy Cole (Houghton) volunteered to create a 2014 schedule to be presented to the conference coaches prior to the June administrators meeting. If passed by the coaches, then it would be presented to the administrators for a vote in their June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.