

## E8 Conference Call

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- Establish E8 Tournament site for the next 4 years.
  - Men and Women
  - Men ~ Ithaca '15 **May 2/3**, Stevens '16 **April 30/May 1**, Nazareth '17 **May 6/7**, Houghton '18 **May 5/6**, Ithaca '19 **May 4/5**
  - Women - Nazareth '15 **October 17/18**, Houghton '16 **October 15/16**, Ithaca '17 **October 14/15**, St. John Fisher '18 **October 20/21**
- Back up courts.
  - Making new coaches aware of schools without
    - Hartwick not many indoor options. More complicated in spring.
    - Playing on two courts at Delhi and first to 5 best option.
    - Possibly moving the conference championship back a week.
  - Making sure everyone knows before matches where backup courts are.
- Quad matches instead of travel partners.
  - Go to a site with 4 teams 1v2 3v4 & 1v3 2v4 on the same weekend.
  - Cut down on travel
  - Make the most of longer trips
  - Curb budgets
  - Play to 5 to make the most of time and multiple matches?
    - Move conference tournament back a week?
      - Allow for a buffer weekend for matches unable to be played during the season
    - Cross over weekend. 5 at one site 4 at the other and play.
    - Move to a full conference tournament. Not every team would have to play each other during the year.
    - Houghton is unable to play on Sunday's. Works against crossover.
    - **Teams willing to play a small cluster let Janelle know, and see if it will work out.**
- Exhibition matches
  - Finding a way to make them more competitive.
  - Putting a point system on them that could be tracked by the conference.
  - Would only apply to teams with enough courts, and players
    - Giving some importance on a 'futures' match.
    - Get more players involved in a meaningful way.
    - If everyone does not incorporate it, it will lose its momentum.

- Time, injuries, weather could effect plans.
- Coaches can agree on terms before match.
- Keeping it exhibition. Wanting players to be hungry for the starting lineup.  
Not just playing for 'futures points'
- Nominations and Voting
  - Timeline of when men's and women's should be finalized
    - Is this something that should be established?
    - Prior or After the conference tournament?
      - After tournament
    - Any way to make the voting process more simple?
      - Keep it simple with records, not getting long winded with responses.
      - In conference records only.
      - Having all of the voting categories in one drop down file.
      - Create new template for voting. i.e. having a space for both players on a doubles team.
  - Misc.
    - Fall 2015 womens schedule. When will it come out?
      - Holding off on it due to the possible changes in the schedule format.