

Empire 8 Men's Soccer Conference call

8/26/14

Alfred – Matt Smith
Elmira – Keith Moore
Houghton – Matt Webb
Ithaca – Andy Byrne
SJFC – Rob Searl
Stevens – Devin Rensing
Utica – Brian Marcantonio
E8 – Janelle Zera

Missing: Danny Gilbertson, Nazareth

Meeting opened at 1:00 pm

1. Welcome new coaches
 - a. Matt Smith – Alfred University
 - b. Brian Marcantonio – Utica College
2. Select Ball agreement: Agreement is good through Dec. 31, 2014. Select Brillant Super is the official ball of E8 men's soccer and is to be used during the regular season and post season matches by all conference teams.
3. Tape exchange
Coaches agreed unanimously to the following policy: **The teams will be able to request one HOME game, conference or non-conference, from all conference opponents. When making your request please specify if you prefer URL link or DVD format. Requests need to be sent to the respective coaches by September 5, 2014.**
4. Soccer Assignor – Kevin McGoff
5. Reporting to the E8 office – yellow and red cards - if coaches need access to the E8 admin site, let Janelle Know. She will get Matt and Brian set up with accounts following the conclusion of the call.
6. E8 tournament
 - a. Format/dates (Nov. 7-8 at the highest seed): The E8 Championship will be a Friday/Saturday format with the top seed hosting. If the men's and women's teams from the same school host and they do not have lights an alternate plan may need to be determined. The dates for 2014 will be Nov. 7-8.

- b. Eligibility to participate (Houghton): The ADs approved in May 2014 that Houghton can participate in conference tournaments if they earn a seed; and if they win the tournament the runner-up will get the AQ. As a result Houghton games will count in conference standings and conference statistics since their games will be considered in NCAA selection criteria.
 - c. All-tournament team (selection): All Tournament team will be named by the participating coaches in the tournament. The two semifinalists place two members, the finalist places three members and the champion team places four members including the tournament MVP. The MVP will be announced on the field after the championship game, and the remainder of the team will be announced in a press release on Monday/Tuesday following the tournament.
7. All-Conference selections

As a result of Houghton games counting in conference standings and conference statistics since their games will be considered in NCAA selection criteria, the E8 All-Conference teams will be straight up, no longer adding an additional member for each Houghton player that is awarded.

Format will remain the same with nominations and voting taking place online. Rookie of the year must be a 1st year player in college but does not have to be a freshman.

 - Nominations due week of Oct 27
 - Ballot sent out Monday Nov 3
 - Vote sent back to Janelle Thurs Nov 6
 - Team released on Tues Nov 11
 - All Conference Teams, players of year, rookie of year and coaching staff of year announced after the championship.
8. Schedules: The 2015 schedule is approved. If you make changes to your conference schedule please fill out a change of game request form on the E8 admin site and send it to the conference office. Please CC the other schools involved in the change.

The 2016 schedule is being drafted and will be sent out for feedback