

SECTION 5: FOOTBALL

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A. REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION

1. Football in the GLVC shall follow NCAA rules.
2. The official football of the GLVC will be used for all conference competition.
3. The host team shall provide no more than six (6) balls for examination by the referee and use in the game. Additional balls may be approved by the referee as conditions warrant. The visiting team may provide six (6) balls to be used when they are on offense.
4. The host institution must provide ball persons for each game, with a recommendation that two ball persons be assigned to each sideline.
5. The host school shall provide a game/electric clock operator, play-clock operator and at least a three-man crew to operate the first down markers (i.e. chain crew).
6. The home team shall provide a person to record penalties. This person should be part of the chain crew.
7. Coaches are required to evaluate officials on a conference approved evaluation form and submit their evaluations to the conference office and the assignor of football officials every Monday during the season by 6:00 p.m. (Eastern) / 5:00 p.m. (Central).
8. ATC Game Services: (Effective 10/4/12)
The following are recommended minimum standards for site provisions:
 - a. Sideline/Locker room
 1. Ice and water source will be provided for visiting team a minimum of 60 minutes prior to kickoff
 2. Minimum of 4-10 gallon coolers of water per half on sideline, 1 chest of injury ice, drinking cups
 3. Minimum of 2-10 gallon coolers of water in visitors' locker room, 1 chest of injury ice, drinking cups
 4. Biohazard materials available on visitor side line
 5. MD/DO on site for entire competition
 6. EMS on site for entire competition
 7. Emergency equipment provided by home team:
 - a. AED
 - b. Crutches
 - c. Immobilizer/splint kit
 - d. Cervical collar
 8. Table(s) in locker room for taping
 9. 2 Tables on the visitors side line
 - b. Transportation of visitor equipment to and from the field/locker room
 - c. Pre event phone call to visiting team certified athletic trainer no later than 48 hours prior to kickoff.

B. REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION

1. The Conference champion shall be decided upon the percentage basis and the percentage shall be based on Conference games only.
2. Tiebreaker Policy:
 - a. In the event of a two-team tie in the conference round robin, the tie will be broken by:
 - i. Head-to-head winner
 - ii. Team which allowed fewer points for all games played in the conference.
 - b. If three or more teams are tied:

- i. Comparison to cumulative records involving games with the tied teams. For example, if team is 2-0 against two other tied teams, that team will be declared champion.
 - ii. Each team's record against the next highest ranked team, excluding the teams which are tied.
For example, Teams A, B, & C are tied. Team D finished 4th.
Case #1 A beat D; B & C lost to D, A is the champion
Case #2 A & B beat D; C lost to D. C is eliminated and the champion is the winner of A & B head to head.
Case #3 A, B & C all beat (or lost to) D. Go to their records against the 5th place team to break the tie.
 - c. Team which allowed the most total points for games among the tied teams is eliminated and head to head competition between the remaining tied teams breaks the tie.
 - d. Team which allowed the most total points for all GLVC games is eliminated and head to head competition between the remaining tied teams breaks the tie.
 - e. If the tie cannot be broken by above procedures, the GLVC champion will be drawn by lot.
3. No more than 60 players may be dressed and eligible for play in a conference road game. The home team is not limited in number of players dressed.
 4. The field will split at the 50-yard line 45 minutes prior to kickoff. Kicking will cease at this time.
 5. The NCAA format for extra periods will be used (Rule 3-1-3).
 6. The halftime shall be 25 minutes in length. Halftime duration can be adjusted within a window of 20-30 minutes if mutually agreed upon by both coaches and ADs prior to the contest. (10/4/12)
 7. Each team will provide their own portable phones.
 8. Visitors must provide their own towels.
 9. Unless otherwise requested, host student trainers are not to be on the visitor's sideline.
 10. Only members of the official party are permitted in the team box and if not properly credentialed, not on the sideline.
 11. Each team plays a round-robin schedule, as established by the conference office. Home and away sites shall alternate on an annual basis.
 12. Home team will set start times.
 13. There will be no live scouting of games involving conference members. Scouting is only permitted through regular tape exchange.
 14. There shall be an exchange of all regular season electronic game files of a conference or non-conference opponent via the conference approved editing system with each institution. (note: Through the first four weeks of the season if the two conference opponents have not played the same number of competitions they shall only be required to share films from the same corresponding competition dates of games played. (example: team 1 has played only two competitions and team 2 has played three). The film exchange shall follow these guidelines:
 - a. All video will be uploaded (shared) via the conference approved editing system by only the home team in conference competition (visiting teams are encouraged to bring filmers at their discretion in case there is an issue with the home teams wide angle shot). Each conference institution will be responsible for uploading the film from any game played against non-conference competition. The upload must consist of an individual "wide" (sideline), individual "tight" (end zone) copy and "intercut" copy of the filmed competition- All games must be uploaded and accessible no later than 12 hours after games scheduled start time (local time) of the filmed home competition (example: 7 p.m. Saturday conference game = film shared (uploaded) by 7 a.m. Sunday morning) . Exception: All non-conference road games must be uploaded and accessible no later than 15 hours after games scheduled start time (local time) of the filmed competition (example: 7 p.m. Saturday road game = film shared (uploaded) by 10:00 a.m. Sunday) .

- b. Game video must be recorded with a camera positioned in the end zone and another on the press box. The end zone “tight” film will film players located inside the tackle box and shall follow the movement of the football. The press box “wide” film will film all players on the field at the beginning of each play and shall be wide enough to follow the movement of the football.
 - c. Penalty for Violation – Failure to adhere to Section 5.B.15.a.b will lead to the following penalties:
 - i. First Offense: \$250 fine payable to the conference office. A letter from the Commissioner will be sent to the offending coach and the Director of Athletics
 - ii. Second Offense: \$500 fine payable to the conference office. A letter from the Commissioner will be sent to the offending coach, AD and President/Chancellor.
 - iii. Third Offense: Loss of video exchange privileges for the remainder of the athletic season.
 - iv. Fines will not be assessed when documented technical issues prevent games from being uploaded by the conference deadline.
15. The home team will wear the dark-colored jersey for all GLVC games. The visitor will wear a light- or white-colored jersey in contrast.
 16. The NCAA pregame protocol will be followed.
 17. The referee is to have control of the field microphone to permit him to explain the reason for stoppage of play and penalty assessment.
 18. Each home team in football contests shall have a physician and a certified athletic trainer available at the field during and immediately after the game.
 19. Police or security personnel must be assigned to each bench to keep unauthorized persons out of this area.

C. OFFICIALS

1. Seven (7) officials will be assigned by the GLVC Football Assignor of Officials for each game: a referee, umpire, head linesman, line judge, back judge, side judge and field judge.
2. The fee for the officials shall be established by the Conference. The contract of employment is the responsibility of the Director of Athletics of the host institution. The fee for officiating must be established at the fall meeting 12 months in advance of the season in which it takes effect. The host institution is required to provide up to four hotel rooms for officials traveling over 200 miles to the site of competition. (10/4/12)
3. A secure locker room with shower facilities and towels shall be provided for the game officials. If such a locker room cannot be provided, the host institution must notify the conference office no later than Wednesday of game week with an alternate plan. It is the responsibility of the host-school management to keep unauthorized persons out of the official's locker room.
4. Uniformed security (campus security, police, student-services) must escort game officials from their locker room door to the playing field during pre-game, halftime, and post-game.
5. The host institution shall provide water and/or sport/soft drinks, as well as access to a television and VCR/DVD player to game officials at their request.
6. The pre-game procedure will be based on NCAA policy.

D. AWARDS (See Section 1 ALL SPORTS, part D.AWARDS; the following are specific additions or changes to the general guidelines given there.

1. **All Conference Team:** A first and second team shall be selected by the coaches. Each team shall consist of 15 offensive members, 15 defensive members, plus three (3) specialists (kicker, punter, kick/punt returner). Each team shall be selected by position with offense consisting of six (6) linemen, one (1) quarterback, three (3) running backs, four (receivers), and one (1) H-back. The defense shall consist of five (5) linemen, five

(5) linebackers, and five (5) defensive backs. An honorable mention list is comprised by any player receiving a vote during the all-conference selections but not named all-conference. The honorable mention team shall not exceed a total of 40 players.

2. **Individual Awards:** Coaches will also select an Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Special Teams Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Coach of the Year in a separate vote.
3. **All Sports Points:** All places will be determined by regular season overall conference standings.
4. Weekly awards will include an Offensive Player-of-the-Week, Defensive Player-of-the-Week, and Special Team Player-of-the-Week, to be selected by the Conference SID.

E. COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Each coaches association shall meet at least once annually, either in person or by conference call. Such meetings shall be scheduled by the conference Commissioner.
2. A Chairman is to be selected annually.

F. PUBLICITY AND STATISTICS

1. The host school will keep the official statistics for the game, including a written play-by-play. Copies of the statistics will be distributed on-site after the conclusion of the game to coaches and media.
2. A designated software package will be officials statistical reference for football. The specific package will be selected by a majority vote of the conference SIDs.
3. Each institution's SID shall provide an updated numerical roster, two-deep depth chart, updated statistics, and a media list for the next week's conference opponent by Monday at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern) of each week to all football-playing institutions. (10/4/12)