

GSAC MEN'S BASKETBALL POLICIES

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I. AWARDS

- A. The Conference coaches shall select recipients for the All-Conference First Team, as well as the Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year (6-8-15), Freshman of the Year (6-8-20) and Coach of the Year.
- B. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or any of their student athletes for any of the awards.
- C. Student-athletes named to an All-Conference First Team, the Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year shall be awarded a certificate from the conference. Plaques shall be awarded to individuals named Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.
- D. All-Conference Team Selections (Adopted 6-5-13)
The following process shall be used in selecting the All-Conference team:
 1. Coaches may nominate an unlimited number of players for Conference awards. The Conference Office will solicit nominees two Mondays prior to end of the season.
 2. Nominations are due to the Conference Office two days after the solicitation of nominees.
 3. The Conference Office shall distribute to the coaches a voting ballot containing all nominations prior to the end of the regular season.
 4. The voting ballot shall be emailed to the Conference Office by no later than noon PST the Monday following the end of the regular season. Players are ranked with highest points being awarded to the player that should be Player of the Year. The final ranking should reflect the order in which the conference submits the All-America nominations.
 5. The Player, Defensive Player and Freshman of the Year shall be selected by write-in vote.
 6. By 2:00 pm PST, the Monday following the regular season, the Sport Chair, Sport Liaison and the Commissioner shall review the final tally of votes.
 7. The All-Conference team shall be released by 10:00 am on the Tuesday following the regular season.
- E. All-Conference awards will be given to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of starters for that sport times the number of conference teams in that sport. If the GSAC All-Conference number does not meet the NAIA minimum number of student-athletes to be recommended for All-America consideration, the GSAC will raise its minimum to meet the NAIA limit. (Adopted 6-5-13)

II. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- A. Annual Coaches Meeting
GSAC Coaches will meet in the spring for their annual business meeting.

III. CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT / TIEBREAKERS

- A. **The top four GSAC teams will participate in the GSAC Tournament in a straight bracket. The format will be Friday-Monday in 2026 with the highest seeds hosting throughout. (6-4-24)**
- B. **#4 at #1, #3 at #2 on Friday. Championship on Monday hosted by the highest remaining seed. (6-4-24)**
- C. The championship game may be moved to accommodate television.

III. CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT / TIEBREAKERS

- D. Playoff ticket prices will be determined by the GSAC Executive Committee.
- E. The GSAC will follow the NAIA Postseason Official Roster limit for Conference Tournament games. Other tickets will be at the discretion of the host institution.
- F. Seeding - The GSAC teams will be seeded based on their final GSAC regular season standings. The tie-break policy will involve the use of three criteria in descending order.
 - 1. The first criterion is head-to-head competition between the teams involved.
 - 2. The second criterion involves head-to-head competition versus the rest of the GSAC in order of finish beginning with the first place finisher(s). If more than one tie occurs in the conference final standings, ties will be broken in descending order.
 - 3. The third criterion will be the point differential in games between the tied teams. (4-3-24)
 - 4. If teams are still tied, then a coaches' vote will decide the seeding of the tied teams.
- G. A net cutting ceremony shall be allowed take place at the tournament championship. (6-4-18)

IV. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- A. There shall be no sharing of information of a fellow conference opponent with any non-conference opponent including video exchange.

V. GAME BALL

- A. All GSAC teams will use the official NAIA basketball for regular season and tournament play.

VI. GUIDELINES FOR PLAY

- A. The GSAC follows the NCAA/NAIA rules and regulations.
- B. Each school will use the NAIA media timeout format in league play. (6-3-25)**

VII. HOST SCHOOL DUTIES

- A. Two weeks prior to each game, the host should contact the visiting team to discuss practice and shootaround times upon arrival.
- B. It is the duty of the host school to provide changing room facilities as well as showers if desired. They should also supply the officials, the game ball, and separate benches for both teams.
- C. All league games must be played on a college regulation court. (5-26-22)
- D. Provide a visual scoreboard and scorekeepers.
- E. The home team is responsible for providing an official box to the coaches at halftime and after the game.
- F. A courtesy radio line should be provided for visiting teams.
- G. The visiting school may request that the home institution reserve a section for visiting fans up to 100 seats.

VIII. NAIA TOURNAMENT BERTH

The GSAC policy for deciding the recipients of one automatic berth in the NAIA National Tournament is the tournament champion. The GSAC policy for deciding the recipients of two automatic berths in the NAIA National Tournament is as follows:

1. The regular season champion gets NAIA automatic berth #1.
2. The tournament champion gets NAIA berth #2 unless it is the regular season champion, then the tournament runner-up gets berth #2.
3. If the regular season ends in a tie, a champion is determined by the GSAC tiebreaker.
 - a) The team winning the GSAC tiebreaker receives NAIA berth #1.
 - b) If the team that earns NAIA berth #1 wins the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the team that tied for the regular season championship.
 - c) If the team that has NAIA berth #1 does not win the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the tournament champion.

The Rationale: The GSAC plays 16 conference games in a regular season and the team that ties for a conference championship needs to receive the berth over a team that is 2-1 in tournament games.

IX. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

- A. The starting lineups should be confirmed in the official book prior to the 10-minute mark on the clock.
- B. The prayer and National Anthem shall be performed at the 0-minute mark.
- C. Appendix A has the full pregame protocol.

X. POST SEASON SELECTION

- A. A selection committee is used for NAIA postseason selection. As part of the process, a representative from the conference is elected to the Area Rating Committee (ARC). A representative is also involved in the Coaches' Poll.

XI. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- A. All conference schools will play a home and home schedule with each conference opponent.
- B. Any schedule change must also be approved by both Athletics Directors and the GSAC Commissioner.
- C. Game times shall be set by August 15 each year.
- D. To designate one date during Play 4 Kay Week to have the men's game first and women's game begin second. This would be a single date for the entire conference. (6-8-15)
- E. To follow the below policy for rescheduling games (6-4-18):

Games Involving Opponents from Same Geographical Region

If a game between opponents from the same geographical region is postponed or suspended, the postponed or suspended game shall be rescheduled at the first available date prior to the end of the regular season that is mutually agreed upon by the directors of athletics of the two institutions.

Games Involving Opponents from Different Geographical Regions

If a game is postponed or suspended after travel costs have been incurred or travel has commenced, and the game should be attempted to be played within the same travel window at the same site. If there is an opportunity to play the game(s) at a different site during the season, it must be mutually agreed upon by the directors of athletics of the two institutions. Otherwise, postponed or suspended contests involving these two teams from different geographical regions shall not be required to be rescheduled with the approval of the Commissioner.

XI. SCHEDULING POLICIES continued

Conflicts/Mediation

If the athletics directors (or designees) of the competing institutions cannot agree upon a date to play a postponed contest, the Commissioner shall assign a date and may utilize the Conducts and Ethics Committee in an advisory role.

Forfeiture

A team which fails to comply with the Conference's rescheduling policies for postponed or suspended games shall forfeit those games.

XII. SPORT CHAIR

The chair is appointed for a two-year term. The chair for 2025-26 is Evan Jenkins.

XIII. STATISTICS AND REPORTING

- A. Game stats will be sent to the Conference SID after each game.
- B. GSAC game stats are to be posted on the school's website immediately after each game.
- C. Player of the Week will be announced by the GSAC Sports Information Director. Voting will be conducted by a committee of the league's sports information directors.

XIV. SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS

- A. The Conference Supervisor of Officials shall assign 3-person official crews for all GSAC games.
- B. Schedules are sent to the Supervisor of Basketball Officials for assignments by August 15 each year.
- C. The Supervisor of Basketball Officials will:
 - 1. Assign all game officials.
 - 2. Provide evaluation of officials.
 - 3. Handle any disputes, which involve officials.
 - 4. Gather input from coaches on officials.
 - 5. Acquaint officials with any NAIA or conference rules.
 - 6. Provide for the officials' evaluation of coaches' conduct.
 - 7. Provide uniformity of assignment - trust, consistency, conference control.
 - 8. Develop an Officials Evaluation Program. Each institution will pay \$150 to have three games evaluated throughout the season. (5-25-16)

XV. UNIFORM POLICY

- A. For sports that do not have uniform color dictated within the playing rules, the home team shall establish jersey color worn for games and communicate that choice to the visiting team within 24 hours of the game being played. (6-4-14)
- B. For sports with numbered uniforms, coaches need to gain approval from their institution's sports information office on the design and numbering of new uniforms to ensure compliance with each sports' rules before purchase (5-23-16)

XVI. VIDEO EXCHANGE

A. Each home game shall be uploaded to the video exchange platform by 1:00 a.m. following the game. All road nonconference games shall be uploaded to the platform by 11:59 p.m. the day after the team returns from a road trip or by 11:59 p.m. the Monday following the game(s), whichever occurs first. A downloadable link shall be supplied from the livestream after the game. (5-26-22)

B. Each video shall include sound, when possible.

C. Failure to comply with the video exchange regulations of will result in a warning for the first offense, a \$100 fine for the second offense, a \$250 fine for the third offense, a \$500 fine for the fourth offense, and a \$1,000 fine for the fifth offense. An exception may be made for demonstrated technical failure. (Adopted 6-5-13)

D. Each school should provide a downloadable link for the visiting team after the game. (5-26-22)

APPENDIX A – GSAC Timing Sheet

1. The court is to be set up and available for warm up for the women's teams 60 minutes prior to the designated start time.
2. The official clock will be set to 54:00 and started 60 minutes before the designated start time. The clock will run down to 0:00 six minutes before the designated start time.
3. Women's Schedule (assuming a 5:30 p.m. start time)

<u>Time of day</u>	<u>Clock Time</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>
4:30 - 5:24	54:00 - 1:00	Each team warms up on one-half of the court
5:15	By 10:00	Starting lineups turned into scorer's table
5:15	10:00	Officials meet with team captains
5:24 - 5:25	1:00 - 0:00	Both teams return to bench
5:25		Prayer/National anthem/Introductions
5:30		Head referee verifies with timekeeper, official scorekeeper and statistician that they are ready. Game begins.

4. The lineup given to the scorer's table is to include starting position for each player.
5. Introductions:
 - a. Except for the first home game of the season and senior recognition day, only the starting lineup and coaches will be introduced.
 - b. First the visiting starters and coaches will be introduced, then the home starters and coaches.
 - c. Starting players run onto the court as they are introduced.
6. No game may begin without an indication from the official scorer, timekeeper and statistician to the head referee that he/she is ready for play to begin.
7. Men's Game
 - a. A minimum of 20 minutes of team warm-up between games
 - b. Second game schedule (assuming a 7:30 start time):

<u>Time of day</u>	<u>Clock Time</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>
7:05 - 7:24	20:00 - 1:00	Each team warms up on one-half of the court
7:15	By 10:00	Starting lineups turned into scorer's table
7:15	10:00	Officials meet with team captains
7:24 - 7:25	1:00 - 0:00	Both teams return to bench
7:25		Prayer/National anthem/Introductions
7:30		Head referee verifies with timekeeper, official scorekeeper and statistician that they are ready. Game begins.