

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Athletic Administrators Council Meeting Report
July 9, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To approve the minutes from January 15, 2026, Athletic Administrators Council Meeting.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Tennis.

2. Recommendation. To form a working group to evaluate the implementation of a coordinator of officials for women's tennis.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The women's tennis coaching group and administrators of tennis sponsoring institutions have interest in implementing a coordinator of officials. Forming a working group will provide an opportunity to evaluate all aspects of implementing a coordinator of officials to assist the group in the decision-making process.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 21-0-10.

3. Recommendation. To add language to the NSIC Handbook under "Conference Tournament Procedures" to address any exhibition matches player during the NSIC Tournament.

4.7 Exhibition Matches. Any exhibition matches played by NSIC schools during or around the NSIC Tournament must have zero impact on the tournament, including but not limited to tournament structure and financials. Both coaches must agree to play any exhibition matches.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. This would give exhibition players a chance to play on the "stage" of the conference tournament without interfering with the flow of the team matches.

Defeated by the Athletic Administrators Council 5-15-11.

Cross Country.

4. Recommendation. To require live results during the NSIC Cross Country Championship races, with a minimum of two split times.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. The NSIC handbook does not state that live results were required at the championship. The group felt that live results were a championship enhancement that would elevate the viewing experience for anyone following the races. There would be a cost associated with this to the host school, but the next two host already had planned to use the technology.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

5. Recommendation. To approve Wayne State College as the host for the 2027 NSIC Cross Country Championships at the Wayne Country Club.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Wayne State has hosted meets, including NSIC Championships, in the past and has done a wonderful job of giving the student-athletes a first-class experience.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Track & Field.

6. Recommendation. To adopt recommendations 6a-e as a consent package.

Effective Date. Immediate.

- a. Recommendation. To reelect Mason Rebarchek of Winona State University as coaches' chair for both cross country and track & field for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years.

Effective Date. Immediate.

- b. Recommendation. To have Minnesota State University, Mankato host the 2028 NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championship in Mankato, Minnesota.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Minnesota State has hosted many meets including NSIC Championships in the past at their indoor facility. The Minnesota State staff has done a tremendous job in the past of running championships and will provide a first-class experience for all involved.

- c. Recommendation. To have Minnesota State University, Mankato host the 2028 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championship in Mankato, Minnesota.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Minnesota State has hosted many meets including past NSIC Championships at their outdoor facility. The Minnesota State staff has done a tremendous job in the past of running championships and will provide a first-class experience for all involved.

- d. Recommendation. To approve the 2026-27 NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championship schedule as shown in Supplement T&F-A.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. NSIC Indoor Championship schedules are reviewed each year by the coaches. MSU has hosted the indoor annually for the past several years. The schedule presented has been adjusted over the years to best fit the championship. The coaches did agree to adjust Friday's schedule to move all events track events back 30 minutes. This would allow track events to end approximately the same time as field events. The Coaches also swapped start times of the 60m hurdles and mile on Saturday to allow for smoother warmups for each event.

- e. Recommendation. To approve the 2027 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championship schedule at Minnesota State as shown in Supplement T&F-B.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. NSIC Outdoor Championship schedules are reviewed each year by the coaches. Minnesota State adjusted the timing of the javelin to allow the synthetic surface to be used during the championship.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Women's Golf.

7. Recommendation. To adjust the language in items 2.5 and 2.6 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding team and individual medalist ties for the NSIC Championship.

2.5 In the case of a team score tie, all players from the teams involved in the tie will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. The best four scores from each team will determine the winner. This process will continue until the tie is broken.

2.6 In the case of a tie for the individual medalist, a sudden victory playoff will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. A playoff for the individual medalist will be played after any team playoffs have been played.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The group provided clarity around what they would prefer the process be for which holes are used to break any team and individual medalist ties during the conference championship. Previously the handbook stated the committee would come up with the playable holes with little to no direction for what the coaches desired. This was experienced this past year during the first ever playoff for individual medalist in the women's championship. The verbiage above was the action taken this past year and the coaches thought it would be good to put it into the policies for guidance. Doing this provides clarity but still flexibility dependent on the course that the championship is taking place at to determine any hole after hole 18 if necessary to break any team or individual medalist ties.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-4.

8. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.7 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding the practice round shotgun start time for the NSIC Championship.

*2.7 The Championship Format: **Practice Round** – The practice round will take place the day before the first day of the competition and shall be played with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. unless otherwise determined by the championship course and conference office (Revised 6/22/2022). There will be a mandatory rule meeting for players and coaches immediately following the practice round.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to put in place a start time for the practice round to help teams save money in traveling to the championship on the day of the practice round but also being conscious of daylight to fit in the round before dark. They also noted that due to course availability or other

unforeseen issues the start time could be adjusted if necessary but wanted to have their desired start time listed in the handbook.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-4.

9. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.7 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding the shotgun of the final round for the NSIC Championship.

*2.7 The tournament format: **Day 3** – the individuals and teams will be seeded in order of finish from days 1 and 2 combined. After the completion of rounds one or two if there are any team ties, they are broken by using the previous NCAA Regional Ranking of the teams involved to determine pairings for the following day (Adopted 7/13/2023). The shotgun final round of the tournament will be a modified shotgun format with the top three teams' golfers all going off hole one to start the round. In addition, the order of golfers will have the five-spot start followed by the 4-1 golfers. This is dependent upon the championship course if allowed, otherwise a normal shotgun start will take place.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. Adopting this language provided clarity into what the coaches desired for their final round of the championship with it being a shotgun start. This also offers a fun championship experience for those top teams that would be vying for a title and having all their team gather on the 18th hole to finish the round makes for a better championship experience.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-4.

Men's Golf.

10. Recommendation. To continue the use of Paradise Pointe Golf Complex as the 2027 NSIC Men's Golf Championship site on April 20-23, 2027.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The golf course staff at Paradise Pointe have provided the men's teams this past year with great hospitality and they shut down the course to the public during the duration of the championships held there and allow the conference office to use it however needed. The course management is sticking money into course improvements which will benefit the league in its championship. The cost of hosting the championship at Paradise Pointe is way less than other courses and less than the women's championship at Adams Pointe. The coaches desire to see what the course will do in year two before they determine whether they want to go into a longer-term commitment as this past year was the first year the course has been in good shape when being there in the past.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 21-0-10.

11. Recommendation. To adopt recommendations 11a-c as a consent package.

Effective Date. Immediate.

- a. Recommendation. To adjust the language in items 2.7 and 2.8 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding team and individual medalist ties for the NSIC Championship.

2.7 In the case of a team score tie, all players from the teams involved in the tie will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament

manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. The best four scores from each team will determine the winner. This process will continue until the tie is broken.

- 2.8** *In the case of a tie for the individual medalist, a sudden victory playoff will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. A playoff for the individual medalist will be played after any team playoffs have been played.*

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- b. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.9 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding the practice round shotgun start time for the NSIC Championship.

- 2.9** *The Championship Format: **Practice Round** – The practice round will take place the day before the first day of the competition and shall be played with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise determined by the championship course and conference office (Revised 6/22/2022). There will be a mandatory rule meeting for players and coaches immediately following the practice round.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to put in place a start time for the practice round to help teams save money in traveling to the championship on the day of the practice round but also being conscious of daylight to fit in the round before dark. They also noted that due to course availability or other unforeseen issues the start time could be adjusted if necessary but wanted to have their desired start time listed in the handbook.

- c. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.9 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding the shotgun of the final round for the NSIC Championship.

- 2.9** *The Championship Format: **Day 3** – The individuals and teams will be seeded in order of finish from days 1 and 2 combined. After the completion of rounds one or two if there are any team ties, they are broken by using the previous NCAA Regional Ranking of the teams involved to determine pairings for the following day (Adopted 7/13/2023). The shotgun final round of the tournament will be a modified shotgun format with the top three teams' golfers all going off hole one to start the round. In addition, the order of golfers will have the five-spot start followed by the 4-1 golfers. This is dependent upon the championship course if allowed, otherwise a normal shotgun start will take place.*

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Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 21-0-10.

Wrestling.

12. Recommendation. To elect Chayse Jackson, Southwest Minnesota State University as the Wrestling Coaches Chair for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 20-0-11.

13. Recommendation. To adopt the following language in the NSIC Wrestling sport handbook as item 2.3.6 to read:

2.3.6 Practice Times. *The preferred practice times for visiting teams shall be 90 minutes before weigh-ins and be an hour in length. The visiting team practice hour should be completed at least thirty minutes prior to the start of weigh-ins. ~~This practice time needs to be exclusive use of the facility.~~ The wrestling room may be shared as mutually agreed upon by the coaches, if not mutually agreed upon, a practice mat needs to be provided in the athletic facility for the opposing team or another scheduled time for the wrestling room. Scheduling issues that operate outside these protocols and cannot be mutually resolved between the two teams will be referred to the institution's administrators. Changes to this policy will be accepted upon agreement between both head coaches. (Adopted: 7/13/2017; Revised: 7/15/2021)*

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to remove exclusivity to the wrestling room for practice times as some institutions cannot provide this and have mutually agreed upon sharing the room. With this policy in place, they would not be forced to provide exclusive access if the wrestling room is not able. This would provide them with the option to share the wrestling room for practice at the same time or provide a mat in another space/another time for the wrestling room to be used by the opposing team.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 20-0-11.

Softball.

14. Recommendation. To amend the NSIC Dome Roof Rules outlined in the NSIC Softball Handbook as follows:

3.5 Dome Roof Rules for NSIC Contests.

3.5.1 For a batted ball that contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory:

3.5.1.1 If there are no runners on base, or there are two outs, it is an automatic out.

3.5.1.2 If there are runner(s) on base with less than two outs:

3.5.1.2.1 If caught, it is an out, and runners may advance at their own risk; if not caught, it is a foul ball, and runners may not advance.

- 3.5.1.3 For a batted ball that contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory and goes over the home run fence, it will be considered a home run.
- 3.5.2 For a batted ball that contacts the roof in foul territory: The ball is foul no matter if it is caught or not, and runners may not advance.
- 3.5.3 If a thrown ball hits a wire/cable, it is a live ball.
- 3.5.4 The NCAA Infield Fly rule takes precedence over the Dome Roof Rules.
 - 3.5.4.1 For a batted ball that is declared an infield fly that contacts the dome roof and the ball is caught, the batter-runner is out, and runners may advance at their own risk.
 - 3.5.4.2 For a batted ball that is declared an infield fly that contacts the dome roof and falls to the turf in fair territory uncaught, the ball is dead with the batter-runner out due to the Infield Fly and runners may not advance.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. Current dome roof rules outline that no matter if a runner(s) is on base and no matter the number of outs, when a batted ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory if caught it is an out, if not caught it is a foul ball. The recommendation creates scenarios for what happens when a batted ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory dependent on the presence of base runners and the number of outs in the inning. Creating these scenarios provides a common ground from both an offensive and defensive standpoint.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 29-2-0.

15. Recommendation. To amend the NSIC Dome Roof Rules outlined in the NSIC Softball Handbook as follows:

When a ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory and does not go over the homerun fence, to allow the umpire crew judgment to deem the batted ball a homerun.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. During games that are played in domes, there are times when a ball is batted that on an outside field would clearly be a homerun, but due to height restrictions or roof angles of domes, the ball hits the roof and does not clear the homerun fence. Under current NSIC dome roof rules, if the batted ball hits the roof and does not clear the homerun fence it cannot be considered a homerun. With the amended language, if a batted ball hits the roof and the umpire crew unanimously agrees the batted ball would have been a homerun even though it did go over the homerun fence, the umpires can deem the batted ball a homerun. The NSIC Coordinator of Officials will develop language for implementing the proposed dome roof rule. Following the 2027 season, the group will review how the new dome roof rule went.

Unanimously Defeated by the Athletic Administrators Council.

16. Recommendation. To eliminate the travel squad size maximum outlined in the NSIC softball handbook:

~~**3.7 Travel Squad Size.** The size of the conference travel squad shall be a maximum of 24 players.~~

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The group felt there is not a competitive equity issue with the squad size that a team travels with. When teams have needed to leave some student-athletes at home during the regular season due

to the handbook policy, it has diminished the student-athlete experience on their team. Eliminating the travel squad size maximum allows institutions the autonomy to determine how many student-athletes they will travel during the season. Additionally, with the potential change in Division II eligibility rules, coaches anticipate rosters will increase for a period due to the use of five seasons; eliminating the travel squad policy provides institutions flexibility to manage their roster size through the legislative change.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

17. **Recommendation.** To adopt Augustana University as the host of the 2027 & 2028 NSIC softball tournaments.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The conference received bids to host the 2027 & 2028 NSIC softball tournaments (a two-year bid cycle) from two host sites – Augustana University and Minot State University/Visit Minot. To coaching group reviewed the two bids and voted on Augustana as the host site to move forward with.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Baseball.

18. **Recommendation.** To adopt the following language in the NSIC Baseball sport handbook as item 2.8.2 in Appendix A to read:

2.8.2 *The fourth and final game of the series must be the non-conference single game. The non-conference single game can be played as a 7 or 9 inning contest as mutually agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the series. If and ONLY if both coaches agree to not play the non-conference game, it is permissible not to play the contest and needs to be submitted to the conference office by December 1.*

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to have flexibility if both coaches would agree to not play the currently mandatory non-conference game during the February Neutral Site Series that they could do that otherwise if one coach wanted to play the contest, they would have to play the non-conference game. This provided them with the flexibility to not play a fourth game in the series to then use that to pick up another non-conference game outside of the league. The language also provides them with the ability to mutually agree upon whether the non-conference contest is a seven or nine-inning contest to be decided prior to the start of the series.

Defeated by the Athletic Administrators Council 0-29-2.

19. **Recommendation.** To adopt the following language in the NSIC Baseball sport handbook as item 2.8.2 in Appendix A to read:

2.8.2 *In the two scheduled neutral site contests a fourth (non-conference) contest can be played if mutually agreed upon by the coaches and submitted to the conference office no later than December 1.*

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The administrators wanted to remove the mandatory non-conference contest from the handbook but still allow the coaches to play a fourth non-conference contest if they desired just like they do during other conference contests later in the season. It was the consensus of the group that as a conference we should not be mandating non-conference conference contests but allow them to take place if chosen to do so. The deadline of December 1 is to make sure the series is reflected in RefQuest correctly and time is provided for the Coordinator of Umpires to assign based on what the desire of the two teams is during these two series.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 29-0-2.

20. Recommendation. To adopt the following language as item 3.7.2 in the NSIC Baseball sport handbook to read:

3.7.2 Video Review. *Video review is required to be used at all home sites for conference contests and is allowed at neutral sites but not a requirement. Umpires must be able to test out the equipment prior to the start of the game. Criteria for implementing video review will follow what is outlined in the NCAA playing rules.*

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The coaches desired there to be a requirement for all institutions to have at least some sort of video review system that can be utilized at their home sites. The group noted that 8 of 15 institutions had some sort of video review system in place for the 2026 season. The group felt they have operated in the space of permissible for multiple years and have followed the same process as other sports to then implement a mandate for video review at home sites only knowing that neutral sites can be problematic for it to be a mandate across all conference games.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 29-0-2.

Women's Soccer.

21. Recommendation. To adopt the following language in the NSIC Soccer sport handbook in Appendix SOC-A for the Pre-Match Protocol.

30:00 Headset check with officials and game management staff.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches felt that there needed to be a headset check with the officials and game management staff at this time so they are ready to go for the match and if something is not working game management would have time to fix the issue if able or communication to the coaches that the headsets are not working. This mimics the group's decision to have the officials perform a video replay system check during the pre-match protocol with game management staff.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Football.

22. Recommendation. To add to pregame protocol that at the 75-minute mark, both teams must meet at a space designated by the home team to test the kill switch for coach to player communication on at least one helmet from each team.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The group agreed to a universal policy in the pre-game protocol for testing coach to player communication devices for both teams. The timing allows the visiting team to get to the field and suited up before testing devices while allowing for ample time before the game starts. With each facility being unique, the space will be designated by home team and shared with the opposing teams prior to arrival.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-2.

23. Recommendation. To adjust the language under 3.3 Squad Size as follows:

3.3 Squad Size. For all conference games, the visiting team may travel and dress an unlimited number of players dress up to 64 players.

3.3.1 A visiting team may have an unlimited number of non-uniformed student-athletes on the sideline for conference games provided they arrive and enter the playing field with their respective team. All members of the team shall report to the locker room before taking the field. Student-athletes shall not be granted free admission through ticket gates. The non-uniformed student-athletes must remain inside the team sideline box and will be held to the same conduct standards as the rest of the team.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. Amending the squad size policy to permit institutions to travel and dress an unlimited number of players allows institutions the autonomy to determine how many student-athletes they will travel and play during the season. With the potential change in Division II eligibility rules, amending the policy provides institutions flexibility to manage their roster through the legislative change.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-2.

24. Recommendation. To allow visiting teams to provide their own ball personnel and be on both sidelines. If a visiting team brings their own ball personnel, they must notify the host team the week of the game and bring all necessary equipment.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. Allowing visiting teams to provide their own ball personnel can help the visiting team manage the care (i.e. in inclement weather) and pace of footballs being rotated into competition during the game.

Defeated by the Athletic Administrators Council 3-24-2.

25. Recommendation. To submit all three angles from SkyCoach to Hudl for film exchange.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. This adds clarifying language to handbook with the requirement of three angles for the 2026 season.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-2.

26. Recommendation: To add additional information to 5.2.3 of handbook that states “any updates to the 2-deep after Monday should be updated no later than Thursday at 12 p.m.”

Effective Date: Immediate.

Rationale: This will help give updated information to CSC for the upcoming contest which can be shared with media for them to have the most up to date information come game day.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 27-0-2.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time.
2. Approval of January 2026 Minutes. The group reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2026, meeting. No further discussion was had; a recommendation was made to accept the minutes.
3. Reports from the Summer Sport Meetings.
 - a. Athletic Trainers. No formal action was taken during the athletic trainers' summer meeting. USCAH presented and encouraged partnership usage. The league will continue to use the Weather Sentry app for the 2026-27 academic year; a weather app vendor for future years will be reviewed during the academic year. The group was informed of concern from athletic trainers in not being communicated with during site reversal and neutral site changes; the group was encouraged to connect with their respective coaches to include athletic trainers in competition changes conversations.
 - b. Women's Tennis. A recap of the tennis coaches' meeting was provided. Coaches have interest in hiring a coordinator of officials to improve consistency and standards in the league. The group discussed the need to evaluate all aspects of implementing a coordinator of officials for tennis prior to considering a recommendation to hire a coordinator of officials. A recommendation to form a working group to evaluate the implementation of a coordinator of officials was made. The group considered a recommendation from the coaching group to allow for exhibition matches to be held at the conference tournament; the group defeated the recommendation.
 - c. Swimming & Diving. A recap of the swimming and diving coaches' meeting was provided. There were no action items from the meeting. The coaching group will form a working group to review tiebreaker criteria for the swimmer of the meet award. The coaching group discussed adding back the practice day before the championships, however coaches agreed to pause the discussion until after the 2027 championship.
 - d. Cross Country. A recap of the cross-country coaches' meeting was given. The group moved motions to require live stats and adopt a site for the 2027 championship.
 - e. Track & Field. A recap of the track & field meeting was provided. Multiple recommendations were brought forward as a consent package and unanimously approved. It was noted an NCAA Rules Editor interpretation was issued stating Meta glasses are not allowed at competitions per NCAA rules.
 - f. Women's Golf. Three recommendations were brought forward. The 2027 NSIC championship will take place April 15-18 at Adams Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs, Missouri.
 - g. Men's Golf. A recommendation to adopt a 2027 host site for the conference championship was made. Multiple recommendations were brought forward as a consent package and approved. It was noted that the men's golf conference championship will be mid-week for the 2027 championship, taking place April 20-23.
 - h. Wrestling. A recap of the meeting was given to the group with two recommendations.
4. Idea Sharing Session.
 - a. Post Eligibility Insurance. Information on how the NCAA post eligibility insurance program works was shared and discussed by the group.

- b. Managing On-Campus Difficult Situations. The group shared past experiences and best practices for communicating and responding to difficult situations/circumstances that occur on campus.
- c. Open Discussion. The group engaged in open discussions on multiple topics including how different campuses engage current student-athletes in coach searches and if campuses have hour restrictions for when practices take place.

5. Reports from the Summer Sport Meetings.

- a. Softball. Four recommendations were brought forward from the coaching group. The group defeated the recommended adjustment to the NSIC Dome Roof Rules to allow the umpire crew judgement to deem a batted ball a homerun. The coaching group will form a working group to review an idea to adjust the competition dates on the conference schedule from Saturday/Sunday to Friday/Saturday. A reminder of two NCAA playing rules that go into effect for the 2027 season were provided: all sideline and home run fences constructed of wood, concrete or brick must have padding and a double first base is required.
- b. Baseball. A recap of the baseball coaches' meeting was provided. Coaches discussed language for allowing the non-conference games during the February Neutral Site Series to not be played if mutually agreed upon. The original recommendation from the coaching group was defeated while an adjusted recommendation to remove the mandatory non-conference contest language from the handbook while still allowing the coaches to play a fourth non-conference contest if desired was adopted. Healthy discussion was had on future schedule development. In the coming weeks, the conference office will ask for feedback on scheduling priorities from baseball coaches. The group was encouraged to connect with their respective coaches during the feedback process.
- c. Women's Soccer. One recommendation was brought forward from the coaching group to ensure a headset check with officials and game management prior to the game. The NSIC soccer tournament will take place Monday, November 2, Friday, November 6 and Sunday, November 8. Discussion continues around the Spideo National League Exchange with no current action to join. Administrators discussed exploring an experimental rule for overtime in soccer to eliminate the large number of ties in the league and allow for PKs to add an additional point only for the conference standings to mimic what the sport of hockey does with a shootout in their conference standings.
- d. Volleyball. The coaching group will have a zoom meeting in the upcoming weeks. A couple reminders were shared with the group: starting with the 2026 season the NSIC coordinator of officials will assign line judges for all contests; for challenge review system a minimum of three cameras is required.
- e. Football. A recap was given from the time the head coaches had with Justin Ingalls, Coordinator of Officials, White Hats, and the head coaches' business session. Multiple recommendations were brought forward from the coaching group. Of note, the group amended the squad size language to allow a visiting team to travel and dress an unlimited number of players. Additionally, the group engaged in healthy discussion on whether visiting teams should be allowed to provide their own ball personnel for competition, the recommendation was defeated. Lastly, more information on how the player to coach communication devices work was shared.

6. Miscellaneous.

- a. Future AAC Meetings: August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19.
- b. Fall Game Management Zooms. The conference office is solidifying dates for fall game management virtual meetings. It was noted several playing rules changes will affect game management.
- c. BOSCA Regional Workshop. The group was informed BOSCA will be hosting a regional workshop at Winona State on October 5.

Participants.**Unable to attend*

Name, Title	Institution
Josh Morton, Director of Athletics	Augustana University
Dr. Kimberly Miller, Senior Woman Administrator	Augustana University
Britt Lauritsen, Director of Athletics	Bemidji State University
Erin Mykleby, Senior Woman Administrator	Bemidji State University
Regan McAthie, Director of Athletics	Concordia University, St. Paul
Allison Meadows, Senior Woman Administrator	Concordia University, St. Paul
Brian Mistro, Director of Athletics	University of Jamestown
Hannah Griffin, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Jamestown
Marcus Wagner, Director of Athletics	University of Mary
Jeni Walsh, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Mary
Stephanie Helgeson, Director of Athletics*	University of Minnesota Crookston
Bridget Steffes, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Minnesota Crookston
Forrest Karr, Director of Athletics	University of Minnesota Duluth
Abbey Strong, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Minnesota Duluth
Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Morgan Goedken, Senior Woman Administrator	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Chad Markuson, Director of Athletics	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Shannon Curtin, Senior Woman Administrator	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Kevin Harmon, Director of Athletics	Minot State University
Jordan Boisner, Senior Woman Administrator	Minot State University
Nate Davis, Director of Athletics	Northern State University
Terri Holmes, Senior Woman Administrator	Northern State University
Ashley Gauer, Senior Associate Athletic Director	Northern State University
Jon Hart, Director of Athletics	University of Sioux Falls
Carley Neumann, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Sioux Falls
Travis Whipple, Director of Athletics*	Southwest Minnesota State University
Allison Monson, Senior Woman Administrator	Southwest Minnesota State University
Devin Gorter, Associate Athletic Director	Southwest Minnesota State University
Holly Schreiner, Director of Athletics	St. Cloud State University
Abby Rittenhouse, Interim Senior Woman Administrator	St. Cloud State University
Mike Powicki, Director of Athletics	Wayne State College
Jadin Wagner, Senior Woman Administrator	Wayne State College
Jen Flowers, Director of Athletics	Winona State University
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Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Andrea Palmen, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference 2026-27 Indoor Schedule

Friday

Time	Field Events	Round
9:20 am	National Anthem & NSIC Pledge	
9:30 am	Heptathlon 60m	Final
*10:15am	Heptathlon Long Jump	
*11:30 am	Heptathlon Shot Put	
*12:45 pm	Heptathlon High Jump	
12:00 pm	Pole Vault (W)	Prelim/Final
12:00 pm	Long Jump (M)	Prelim/Final
1:00 pm	Weight Throw (M)	Prelim/Final
2:30 pm	Long Jump (W)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Pole Vault (M)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Weight Throw (W)	Prelim/Final
4:00 pm	High Jump (M)	Prelim/Final

Time	Running Events	Round
12:00 pm	5000 Meters (W)	Final (2 Section) #
12:45 pm	5000 Meters (M)	Final (2 Section) #
2:15 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (W)	Prelim
2:30 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (M)	Prelim
2:45 pm	400 Meters (W)	Prelim
3:00 pm	400 Meters (M)	Prelim
3:15 pm	600 Meters (W)	Prelim
3:30 pm	600 Meters (M)	Prelim
3:45 pm	60 Meters (W)	Prelim
4:00 pm	60 Meters (M)	Prelim
4:15 pm	800 Meters (W)	Prelim
4:30 pm	800 Meters (M)	Prelim
4:45 pm	1000 Meters (W)	Prelim
5:00 pm	1000 Meters (M)	Prelim
5:15 pm	200 Meters (W)	Prelim
5:30 pm	200 Meters (M)	Prelim
5:45 pm	DMR (W)	Final
6:00 pm	DMR (M)	Final

*Heptathlon times are approximate after first event.

If combined event entries are over 12 then two flights will be used for LJ,

SP, HJ. Flights will be based off of HJ pits.

No declaration period is required for the 5k. However, coaches must make any final scratches in the event at least 90 minutes before the start of each gender's first section of the event so that reseeding or an elimination of a section may be done if necessary. An announcement will be made at that point if there is a change.

Saturday

Time	Field Events	Round
8:50 am	National Anthem & NSIC Pledge	
9:00 am	Pentathlon 60mH	Final
*9:45 pm	Pentathlon High Jump	
*11:30 am	Pentathlon Shot Put	
*12:15 pm	Pentathlon Long Jump	
9:45 am	Heptathlon 60mH	Final
*11:00 am	Heptathlon Vault	
1:00 pm	Shot Put (M)	Prelim/Final
1:00 pm	High Jump (W)	Final
1:30 pm#	Triple Jump (M)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Shot Put (W)	Prelim/Final
3:45 pm#	Triple Jump (W)	Prelim/Final

Time	Running Events	Round
1:30 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (W)	Final
1:40 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (M)	Final
1:50 pm	Mile (W)	Final
2:05 pm	Mile (M)	Final
2:20 pm	Heptathlon 1000m	
2:30 pm	Pentathlon 800m	
2:40 pm	400 Meters (W)	Final
2:50 pm	400 Meters (M)	Final
3:00 pm	600 Meters (W)	Final
3:10 pm	600 Meters (M)	Final
3:20 pm	60 Meters (W)	Final
3:30 pm	60 Meters (M)	Final
3:40 pm	800 Meters (W)	Final
3:50 pm	800 Meters (M)	Final
4:00 pm	1000 Meters (W)	Final
4:10 pm	1000 Meters (M)	Final
4:20 pm	200 Meters (W)	Final
4:30 pm	200 Meters (M)	Final
4:40 pm	3000 Meters (W)	Final (2 Sections)#
5:05 pm	3000 Meters (M)	Final (2 Sections)#
5:30 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (W)	Final (2 Sections)**
5:50 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (M)	Final (2 Sections)
6:25 pm	Awards Ceremony	

*Heptathlon & Pentathlon times are approximate after first event. If combined entries are over 12 then two flights will be used for HJ, SP, LJ. Flights will be based off of HJ Pits.

**4X400 should be moved earlier by 10 minutes per section of 3000 Meters that would be added due to field size.

#Triple Jump starts 20 minutes after the boards are set following the Pentathlon Long Jump or start time whichever is later. The next gender Triple Jumps starts 20 minutes after the boards are set.

Must declare for Women's 3k by 3:10p and Men's 3k by 3:35pm. If 24 or fewer athletes declare will be combined to 1 heat.

2027 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championships Schedule of Events

Thursday

Combined Events

1:00 pm	Decathlon 100 Meters
1:30 pm	Heptathlon 100 Meter Hurdles
~1:45 pm	Decathlon Long Jump
~2:15 pm	Heptathlon High Jump
~3:00 pm	Decathlon Shot Put
~4:00 pm	Heptathlon Shot Put
~4:15 pm	Decathlon High Jump
~5:15 pm	Heptathlon 200 Meters
~6:00 pm	Decathlon 400 Meters

FRIDAY

Combined Events

9:00 am	Decathlon 110 Meter Hurdles
9:30 am	Heptathlon Long Jump
~9:45 am	Decathlon Discus
~10:45 am	Heptathlon Javelin
~11:15 am	Decathlon Pole Vault
~12:00 pm	Heptathlon 800 Meters
~2:45 pm	Decathlon Javelin
~4:10 pm	Decathlon 1500 Meters

^^Standard schedule format: To find approved schedule for upcoming championship, visit championship website: www.NorthernSun.org/NSICODTF

No declaration period is required for the 5k. However, coaches must make any final scratches in the event at least 90 minutes before the start of each gender's first section of the event so that reseeding or an elimination of a section may be done if necessary. An announcement will be made at that point if there is a change.

Friday

All running events are preliminaries except 10K & 3000m steeplechase

Time Field Event

12:00 pm	Hammer (M)
12:30 pm	Shot Put (W)
12:30 pm	High Jump (W)
12:30 pm	Long Jump (M)
3:00 pm	Pole Vault (W)
3:30 pm	High Jump (M)
3:30 pm	Hammer (W)
3:30 pm	Shot Put (M)
3:30 pm	Long Jump (W)

Time Running Event

10:00 am	10,000 Meters (W) - Final
11:00 am	10,000 Meters (M) - Final
12:00 pm	Heptathlon 800 Meters (W)
12:50 pm	3000 Meter Steeple (W) - Final
1:10 pm	3000 Meter Steeple (M) - Final
2:00 pm	100 Meter Hurdles (W)
2:15 pm	110 Meter Hurdles (M)
2:30 pm	400 Meters (W)
2:45 pm	400 Meters (M)
3:00 pm	100 Meters (W)
3:15 pm	100 Meters (M)
3:30 pm	800 Meters (W)
3:50 pm	800 Meters (M)
4:10 pm	Decathlon 1500 Meters (M)
4:20 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (W)
4:40 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (M)
5:00 pm	200 Meters (W)
5:15 pm	200 Meters (M)

Saturday

Relays will be run as 2-section final with the fast section running last

Time Field Events

10:00 am	Javelin (M)
11:00 am	Triple Jump (W)
11:00 am	Pole Vault (M)
11:15 am	Discus (W)
1:15 pm	Javelin (W)
2:00 pm	Triple Jump (M)
2:30 pm	Discus (M)

Time Running Events

1:00 pm	National Anthem/Pledge
1:05 pm	4x100 Meter Relay (W)
1:15 pm	4x100 Meter Relay (M)
1:25 pm	1500 Meter Run (W)
1:40 pm	1500 Meter Run (M)
1:55 pm	100 Meter Hurdles (W)
2:10 pm	110 Meter Hurdles (M)
2:20 pm	400 Meters (W)
2:25 pm	400 Meters (M)
2:35 pm	100 Meters (W)
2:40 pm	100 Meters (M)
2:45 pm	800 Meters (W)
2:50 pm	800 Meters (M)
3:00 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (W)
3:10 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (M)
3:20 pm	200 Meters (W)
3:25 pm	200 Meters (M)
3:35 pm	5000 Meters (W)
4:00 pm	5000 Meters (M)
4:25 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (W)
4:40 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (M)
5:00 pm	Awards Ceremony