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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MISSION STATEMENT

Values

The conference's six values capture the essence of its members and their commitment to the student-athlete experience.

• Integrity – We are dedicated to ensuring our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans treat one another with respect, show a strong commitment to sportsmanship and act with integrity on and off the playing field.

• Academic Success – We are committed to upholding the collegiate model by providing student-athletes with transformative academic experiences integrated in the greater campus community with the ultimate goal of graduation.

• Student-Athlete Well-Being – We will strive to provide the necessary resources to help student-athletes to be well-balanced, healthy, safe and reach their human potential.

• Fiscal Responsibility – We manage our resources responsibly while sustaining viability for the future and striving for growth.

• Competitive Success – We provide a competitive environment for our student-athletes to be successful at the Division I level while gaining experiences that provide lessons for life.

• Community – We are institutions that play a special role in our communities and we strive to ensure our students appreciate the value of being contributing members of society.

Vision

The conference's vision is meant to answer the question of why members are committed to offering collegiate athletics opportunities. The vision of the conference is to be nationally competitive while inspiring student-athletes to realize their academic aspirations, maximize their athletics potential, and cultivate their leadership skills to prepare them for life beyond their collegiate experience.

Mission

The mission focuses on simply stating how the members accomplish the vision.

The OVC is comprised of universities with shared values and regional alignment, providing an exemplary Division I collegiate experience for student-athletes.

Pillars

The strategic priorities point to three pillars which drove the development of the goals and objectives:

• Inspiring Excellence in the Classroom and Beyond.

• Inspiring Athletic Excellence.

• Telling Stories of Inspiration and Excellence.

Ohio Valley Conference History

Now in its 70th year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference.

In May 2011 the Conference expanded for the second time in four years, adding Belmont University which began competition in the 2012-13 academic year. The addition of Belmont gave the OVC 12 members, the most the league has had at one time in its illustrious history. The move added a second team in the city of Nashville and was the first addition to the league since Southern Illinois University Edwardsville joined in 2008. Subsequently, the league has shown its stability over the past decade, seeing only one member institution depart over the past 16 years.

The 2009-10 school year saw a change in leadership as Beth DeBauche was named the seventh full-time Commissioner in league history on July 28, 2009. The last three commissioners of the OVC have moved onto jobs as the commissioner of the Big Ten, Big 12 and the Mid-American Conferences.

The OVC's proud history past dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles (Turkey) Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the 1950s, the OVC became a pioneer on a much more significant scale socially. During times of racial segregation, league member Morehead State became one of the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student. In 1958, Marshall Banks earned athletically-related aid at Morehead, which signed a second black athlete, Howard Murphy, a year later. In 1961, Murphy earned all-conference recognition as a halfback in football. With racial barriers broken, the rest of the institutions in the league began to provide educational and athletic opportunities to African-Americans.

After Title IX legislation passed in 1972, women's athletics began a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC began formulating plans for women's athletics in 1975 and established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), but the overall strength of women's programs in the league was demonstrated by the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982. The conference added women's golf and softball in 1994 and women's soccer in 1998.

Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the Conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship. Most recently, the Conference has also implemented the OVC Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards, which are presented to one institution and 18 sport-specific teams voted by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

Ohio Valley Conference History

The league also had another historical moment in November 2008 when the NCAA awarded Nashville the 2014 NCAA Women's Division I Final Four. The OVC served as the host of the prestigious event, which is one of the biggest sporting events the city of Nashville can host. The event was held at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville on April 6 and 8 and was played in front of sold-out crowds for both the semifinals and championship as UConn topped Notre Dame in a battle of undefeated teams to win its ninth national title.

Over its 69 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf.

The OVC has also produced several Olympic athletes, including Murray State's Morgan Hicks, who was a member of the 2004 United States Olympic Rifle Team and Morehead State's Brian Shimer who competed in five Winter Olympics in bobsled (winning a bronze medal in 2002) and coached the 2010 United States bobsled team to its first gold medal since 1948. Former Morehead State football and Eastern Kentucky track and field athlete Dallas Robinson competed with teh U.S. bobsled team during the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. In addition, some of the greatest players in professional sports were educated at OVC institutions. The list includes former greats such as football's Phil Simms (Morehead State), basketball's Clem Haskins (Western Kentucky) and Bubba Wells (Austin Peay) and two-sport star Steve Hamilton (Morehead State) to present-day standouts like basketball player Kenneth Faried (Morehead State), football player Tony Romo (Eastern Illinois) and baseball players A.J. Ellis (Austin Peay) and Shawn Kelley (Austin Peay). Hamilton is the only athlete to ever play in the NCAA Basketball Championship, a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a NBA Championship Series (Los Angeles Lakers).

The vision of leadership demonstrated by the Founding Fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.

The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle.

Now in its seventh decade of competition, the Ohio Valley Conference has grown significantly from its humble beginnings while increasing the number of athletics opportunities it provides for students. Current league representatives include charter members Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Murray State University, along with Austin Peay State University, Belmont University, Eastern Illinois University, Jacksonville State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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Representatives of Conference Member Institutions

* Committee chairmanship is assigned annually to the representative at the school of the Conference president.

OVC Archives

At the 1980 OVC spring meetings, presidents of the member institutions designated the Eastern Kentucky University Archives as the official depository for the conference's older records of continuing and enduring historical and administrative value. Such material as official correspondence, minutes of meetings, official conference statistics, performance records, schedules, press releases, publications, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photographs, and films can be found in the Archives. All records are maintained under optimal environmental conditions and strict security. Anyone who is interested in researching the conference's history and obtaining information should call (859) 622-2820.

2017-18 OVC Calendar of Meetings

DATE*	EVENT	SITE / HOST
	2017	
June 14	Academic Summit	Nashville, Tenn.
June 15	Compliance Administrators	Nashville, Tenn.
July 13	Sports Medicine Committee	Nashville, Tenn.
July 23	Sports Information Directors	Nashville, Tenn.
July 24-25	Directors of Athletics	Nashville, Tenn.
August 1	Women Coaches Regional Workshop	Nashville, Tenn.
August 3	Track/Field/CC Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
September 6	Baseball Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
September 10-11	Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Nashville, Tenn.
October 23-24	Director of Athletics	Evansville, Ind.
November 2-4	FAR/FARA Meeting	Atlanta, Ga.
November 6	Board of Presidents	Teleconference
November 9	Women's Golf Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
November 9	Men's Golf Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
December 5	Soccer Coaches	Teleconference
December 6	Volleyball Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
December 7	Tennis Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
December 11	Legislative Review	Teleconference
	2018	
January 8	Board of Presidents Legislative Call	Teleconference
January 10	Softball Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
February 2	Rifle Coaches	Murray, Ky.
February 8	Senior Woman Administrators	Teleconference
February 12	Board of Presidents	Evansville, Ind.
February 13	Football Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
February 28-March 1	Directors of Athletics	Evansville, Ind.
May 9	Women's Basketball Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
May 10	Men's Basketball Coaches	Nashville, Tenn.
May 29-Jun 1	Annual Spring Meetings	Nashville, Tenn.

**All dates subject to change*

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DATE	EVENT	SITE / HOST
	2017	
July 24	Football Media Day	Nashville, Tenn.
October 24	M/W Basketball Media Day	Evansville, Ind.
October 28	M/W Cross Country Championships	Charleston, Ill. (Eastern Illinois University)
Oct. 27, 29, Nov. 3,5	Soccer Championship	Higher Seeds
November 16-20	Volleyball Championship	Higher Seed
	2018	
February 3-4	Rifle Championship	Murray, Ky. (Murray State University)
February 23-24	M/W Indoor Track & Field Championship	Charleston, Ill. (Eastern Illinois University)
Feb. 28-March 3	M/W Basketball Championship	Evansville, Ind. Ford Center (OVC Office)
March 15-18	NCAA Men's Basketball 1st/2nd Rounds	Nashville, Tenn. Bridgestone Arena (OVC Office)
April 16-18	Women's Golf Championship	Muscle Shoals, Ala. (OVC Office)
April 20-22	M/W Tennis Championship	Nashville, Tenn. (OVC Office)
April 23-25	Men's Golf Championship	Muscle Shoals, Ala. (OVC Office)
May 9-12	Softball Championship	Oxford, Ala. Chocolocco Park (OVC Office)
May 10-12	M/W Outdoor Track & Field Championship	Cookeville, Tenn. (Tennessee Tech University)
May 22-27	Baseball Championship	Oxford, Ala. Chocolocco Park (OVC Office)

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1
Name

1.1 **Name.** The name of the organization shall be the Ohio Valley Conference, also referred to as the OVC.

1.1.1 The Conference shall have full and complete ownership of the Conference name and logo and of all Conference championship events. The Conference shall have the right to use each member institution's name and logo in conjunction with all Conference championship events and marketing efforts. The Conference shall have the exclusive right to market the Conference name, logo and championship events, and to license products using such name, logo and events. These rights shall be administered by the Conference office. See Appendix V for the Ohio Valley Conference's branding policies.

ARTICLE 2
Purposes

2.1 **Purposes.** The purposes of this Conference are:

(a) To initiate, stimulate and improve intercollegiate athletics programs for student-athletes and to promote and develop educational leadership, physical fitness, athletics excellence and athletics participation as recreational pursuits;

(b) To uphold the principle of institutional control of, and responsibility for, all intercollegiate sports in conformity with the constitution and bylaws of this Conference;

(c) To encourage its members to adopt eligibility rules to comply with satisfactory standards of scholarship, sportsmanship and amateurism;

(d) To preserve intercollegiate athletics records;

(e) To cooperate with other amateur athletics organizations in promoting and conducting national and international athletics events;

(f) To legislate upon any subject of general concern to the members related to the administration of intercollegiate athletics; and

(g) To study in general all phases of competitive intercollegiate athletics and establish standards whereby the colleges and universities of this Conference can maintain their athletics programs at a high level.

ARTICLE 3
Board of Presidents' General Principles

3.1 **Introduction.** In keeping with the philosophical thrust of the Knight Commission, the principles of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), and the standards of regional accrediting agencies, OVC member institutions strive to integrate successfully athletics programs and student-athletes into the university's academic and social fabric. For athletics programs to succeed in enhancing institutional missions, the coaches and student-athletes must be citizens in good standing within the university's academic community. The coaches and student-athletes must commit to academic as well as athletic progress. In the final analysis, financial and philosophical support for Division I intercollegiate athletics on member campuses is based on the premise that athletes are true members of the student body and that they are making normal academic progress while participating in athletics. Administrators, coaches and student-athletes must make a conscious commitment to this model for it to succeed. The Conference Board of Presidents has adopted the following general principles as a guide for each league member.

3.2 **Presidential Authority.** Based upon the founding principles for this Conference, the university presidents are the final authority on their respective campuses and in the Conference for governance of athletics.

3.2.1 **Annual Institutional Certification.** A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an Ohio Valley Conference championship unless its governing board makes an annual institutional certification, on a form approved by the Conference office, attesting that:

(a) responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the chief executive officer of the institution,

(b) the chief executive officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, OVC and all other relevant rules and regulations, and

(c) the chief executive officer, in consultation with the director of athletics and faculty athletics representative, determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference.

3.3 **Student-Athlete Well-Being.**

3.3.1 **Institutional Responsibility.** Led by guidance from the NCAA, OVC member institutions have a responsibility to student-athlete well-being. Members meet this responsibility, in part, by hiring athletics staff and coaches who are dedicated to the education and well-being of young people. This is accomplished by establishing a student-athlete advisory committee on campus, by conducting exit interviews of the student-athletes and by utilizing a grievance process for serious concerns by the student-athletes.

3.3.2 **Responsibility of the Coach.** Primary responsibility to carry out the mission in this area must, on the basis of a daily relationship, reside with the coaches, particularly the head coach. The coach must be committed to the graduation of student-athletes and growth of the young people into responsible citizens of society. The coach should seek the matriculation of individuals who demonstrate the desire and ability to graduate and become good citizens.

3.4 **Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.** A primary justification for the expenditure of campus funds for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics on OVC member campuses is to teach the high values of sportsmanship and ethical conduct in all areas of life, especially in intense athletics contests. The Conference has taken a national leadership position on sportsmanship with the adoption of the most stringent sportsmanship statement in Division I, as set forth in OVC Bylaw 10. The Board of Presidents of the Conference will personally review the OVC Sportsmanship Statement prior to each academic year and express strong expectations that those associated with member universities strictly adhere to the statement's principles. The Board will direct the Conference office to continue to enforce the statement. Everyone involved with athletics programs, and particularly coaches, must be committed to the ideals of sportsmanship and ethical conduct.

3.5 **Compliance Philosophy.** The OVC Board of Presidents expects member institutions to have strict compliance with the rules of the Conference and the NCAA. Accordingly, conformity with the NCAA's compliance operating principles results in the implementation and maintenance of the systems on member campuses that provide the best opportunity for meeting the following:

(1) educating involved parties, including administrators, coaches, student-athletes and boosters,

(2) monitoring athletics operations to ensure rules compliance, and,

(3) enforcing the rules by prompt investigation, self-disclosure and implementation of meaningful corrective actions.

3.6 Academic Integrity and Recognition.

3.6.1 Integrity. The primary mission of member institutions is to educate and graduate students. The athletics administrators and coaches must place a premium on the education and graduation of the student-athlete. Conference members are expected to assist student-athletes to graduate at a higher rate than the student body. The board of Presidents directs athletics directors and coaches to have specific knowledge of classes missed as a result of athletics participation and to structure practices, competition and travel schedules to minimize time away from university life.

3.6.2 Recognition. The Conference's Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives over see the recognition of student-athletes who have outstanding academic performances through a program of Conference awards (scholar-athlete, medal-of-honor, honor roll and academic achievement awards). This is a valuable service that honors the young people and provides positive reinforcement to university communities of the value of the academic opportunity associated with athletics. The Board of Presidents directs the continued emphasis on these programs.

3.7 Gender Equity and Minority Inclusion. The Board of Presidents are committed to diversity and inclusion on member institution campuses; which includes developing plans for process and serious attention to equity and inclusion. In addition, the Board realizes that healthy environments for success in these delicate areas go beyond technical compliance with the rules and require positive attitudes about providing equitable opportunities and experiences. This is accomplished by open and honest communication at the campus and Conference levels about progress in equity and in diversity inclusion.

3.8 Fiscal Integrity. Each university controls and funds its own athletics program. These programs derive supporting income through state appropriations, NCAA revenue distributions, gate receipts, game guarantees and private giving. The Board realizes a reasonable expenditure is warranted for the program on campus that is the most viable promoter of the institution. Nevertheless, the athletics administrators and coaches must take care to operate programs with fiscal prudence.

3.9 Addressing Issues at Conference and National Levels.

3.9.1 Intra-Conference Issue Resolution. Members must be aware of the changing needs of the Conference and individual institutions and display an effort to bring these needs to the attention of the membership in a timely manner. In order to remain effective in addressing Conference issues, the Board directs administrators coaches and other university personnel to handle issues and possible institutional differences in a respectful manner within the established Conference process for meetings and communications, rather than public forums.

3.9.2 Role in NCAA Governance. Since the NCAA's governance structure went into effect in 1996, the Conference has placed several of its members on critical committees and the councils. Every effort should be made to continue such representation and to communicate the work of these and other committees to the rest of the Conference membership. The Conference operates within the NCAA governance structure to assist representatives in their respective assignments to present the position of the majority of the member universities.

3.10 Competition.

3.10.1 Conference Championships. A major strength of the Conference competition is its men's and women's championship system. The Conference has made tremendous strides over the years to provide equitable enhancement of its championships for the student-athletes, coaches and fans. This effort to provide a meaningful experience for the participants should be maintained by the Conference office and member schools that host Conference championships.

3.10.2 NCAA Championships. Another major strength is Conference teams' access to NCAA Championships. The Conference was a leader externally in establish-

ing the NCAA access and internally in setting grant-in-aid and other minimum standards to increase the Conference's national ratings. The Conference should continue these innovative initiatives to expand access of its teams to NCAA competition. All Conference team sports should schedule quality non-conference competition to help the OVC maintain or gain automatic qualification status.

3.11 **Conference Media Exposure.** Print, radio, digital, television and new media are the primary methods of coverage at live, spectator events. Administrators, coaches and student-athletes are the messengers and representatives of member institutions before, during and after these events. Therefore, these individuals must assume responsibility for effectively projecting in an open and articulate manner the positive educational and social messages of member institutions. It is important that coaches are hired with an understanding that Division I athletics are a major component of the university's outreach function.

ARTICLE 4
Membership

4.1 **OVC Membership.** Members of the Ohio Valley Conference are:

Austin Peay State University
Belmont University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Kentucky University
Jacksonville State University
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Technological University
University of Tennessee at Martin

4.2 **General Description of OVC Membership.** A voluntary, non-profit association of institutions committed to the conduct and governance of intercollegiate athletics in proper relationship to the mission and values of higher education.

4.3 **Sports Sponsorship Qualifications.** To be a full member of this Conference, an institution must comply with the following sports sponsorship requirements:

4.3.1 **Men's Sports Sponsorships.** In men's sports, the institution shall sponsor NCAA basketball and is encouraged to sponsor football. In addition, the institution must compete for Conference championships in a minimum of five of the following sports: baseball, cross country, football, golf, rifle, tennis, indoor track/field or outdoor track/field. A member institution currently sponsoring football may petition the league, through the Board of Presidents, to be waived from the requirement of playing football in the Conference. Such petition may be granted only on the condition that the petitioner will not be awarding any grants-in-aid in the sport or become a member of NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision.

4.3.2 **Women's Sports Sponsorships.** In women's sports, the institution shall sponsor NCAA basketball and volleyball. In addition, it must compete for championships in a minimum of four of the following sports: cross country, golf, rifle, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track/field or outdoor track/field.

4.3.3 **Participation in Conference Championships.** Each member institution is required to participate in all championships authorized by the Board of Presidents, unless the member institution does not sponsor the sport in question. A Conference school may not participate as a member in any other Conference in a sport recognized and sponsored by the OVC, except in football for a member that has successfully petitioned under Constitution 4.3.1 above.

4.3.4 **Compliance with NCAA and OVC Requirements.** Member schools must meet the scheduling, minimum number of participants, grant-in-aid minimums and eligibility requirements of the NCAA and OVC in Conference championship sports. An institution shall not be considered eligible to compete for the Conference championship in a particular sport if an NCAA decision or policy renders the institution ineligible for an NCAA Championship in that sport. *(amended 2/13/2012)*

4.4 Election of Full Members.

4.4.1 **Requirements for Consideration for Membership.** Formal application for membership in the Conference shall be considered at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Presidents. Before an institution is considered for membership it must: (a) be a member in a recognized educational association of colleges; (b) be a member of the NCAA; (c) meet description and sports sponsorship requirements of OVC Constitution 4.2 and 4.3 above. Prospective members will be evaluated using principles established by the Conference (see Appendix B - "Ohio Valley Conference Prospective Membership Principles").

4.4.2 **Required Vote for Full Membership.** Applicants to the Conference must be voted in as full members by a three-fourths vote of the membership at a regular or called meeting of the Board of Presidents.

4.4.3 **Fee for New Full Membership.** A new full member shall pay to the Conference a sum equal to the pro-rata share of the Conference Fund Balance as shown on the year-end audited Financial Statement of the year of admission and an entrance fee of $250,000 for a current Division I institution and $300,000 for a transitioning Division II institution. Additionally, a new member will be charged for any necessary expenses incurred by the Conference as a result of the institution's admission to the Conference. For a Division II institution that has elected to transition to Division I, the membership fee shall be paid upon the vote of admission by the OVC Board of Presidents and the acceptance of that admissions offer by the institution. For a current Division I institution that belongs to a Division I multi-sport conference, the membership fee shall be paid to the OVC by July 1 of the fiscal year OVC membership begins. Additionally, by that same date, the institution shall have terminated its membership in its previous multi-sport conference. *(amended 5/2015)*

4.5 Loss of Membership.

4.5.1 **Failure to Attend Meetings.** Any member of this Conference failing twice in succession to be represented at a regular Board of Presidents' meeting may be dropped from membership in the Conference.

4.5.2 **Termination of Membership.** With a minimum three-fourths vote of the Conference membership at a regular or called meeting, a member institution may have its Conference affiliation terminated. For a termination vote to be effective, it must occur a minimum of six months prior to the beginning of the academic year in which the termination is to take effect. Cause need not be shown for termination to be effective under this section.

4.5.3 **Resignation of Membership.** A member institution desiring to terminate its Conference membership shall provide written notice to the Conference president and commissioner a minimum of two years prior to when the member desires to cease Conference membership. Notification must be made no later than the date of the annual OVC Spring Meetings. The member institution providing notice of its termination need not show cause for its termination to be effective. A member institution providing the requisite notice of its intention to resign from the Conference shall pay a $750,000 exit fee plus forfeit both its Conference year-end and OVC basketball pool distributions during the final two years of OVC membership. A member institution failing to provide the minimum two years required written notice shall pay the Conference a sum of $1,000,000 in addition to forfeiting both its Conference year end and OVC Basketball Pool distributions during the final year of OVC membership. A member institution that resigns

from the Conference shall pay at least half of the required exit fee at the time of departure from the Conference, no later than June 30 of that year, and the remaining amount within 12-months of the initial payment, not later than June 30 of the next year (amended 6/2017)

4.5.4 **Effect on Pro-Rata Share.** A member who resigns or is terminated from the Conference shall forfeit its pro-rata share of the Conference Fund Balance.

4.5.5 **Participation in Conference Championships.** A member institution that provides notice of its intention to resign its OVC membership under the terms of Bylaw 4.5.3 shall remain eligible to qualify for an OVC championship, both in team and individuals sports, provided all other NCAA and OVC rules and qualification standards are met.

ARTICLE 5
Governance

5.1 **Officers and Responsibilities.** The officers of the Conference shall be a president, vice-president and commissioner.

5.1.1 **President and Vice President.** The presidency shall be assigned in alphabetical rotation, beginning with "A," to the presidents/chancellors of the member institutions. The vice-presidency shall come from the next institution in the alphabetical rotation. Each shall serve a one-year term, after which the vice-president will then assume the duties of president for a one-year term. In the event a president has prior knowledge that he or she will be leaving an institution during the time they would have been rotated into office, that individual and his or her institution would be bypassed, and the institution would be placed at the bottom of the rotation. The president-elect shall take office at the close of the annual spring meeting and shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Board of Presidents. A vacancy occurring in the presidency between meetings shall be filled by the vice-president. An individual cannot serve in either office for more than two consecutive terms.

5.1.2 **Commissioner.** The commissioner shall be elected by a majority of the Board of Presidents to serve at the pleasure of the Conference. In case of a vacancy prior to the expiration of his/her term of office, a special meeting of the Conference shall be called within four weeks to consider the election and recommendation of a successor or to make arrangements for an interim appointment of an acting commissioner. The term of office of a commissioner shall commence on July 1 unless otherwise provided by agreement and shall be for a period such as the Conference may recommend. The commissioner shall devote full time to this office. Duties of the commissioner are:

(a) To serve as secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Valley Conference.

(b) To interpret and enforce all Conference regulations.

(c) To serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Conference standing committees.

(d) To study the problems within the Conference and to advise in the solutions of those Conference problems for the welfare and promotion of the Conference as a whole.

(e) To promote through all available media, Conference meetings and services provided by his/her office, thereby emphasizing a continuous educational program promoting the development of scholarship, sportsmanship and the understanding of the values of competitive athletics. All reasonable effort should be exerted to acquaint the public with the ethics and high ideals which motivate the Conference in its conduct of intercollegiate athletics. A philosophy of strict ethical standards an integrity should permeate the Conference and the conduct of its programs.

(f) To maintain an up-to-date record of precedents and interpretations of Conference rules and regulations and keep Conference members informed regarding changes and interpretations of NCAA rules.

(g) To conduct a continuous study of scheduling in all sports and to assist athletics directors and coaches in preparation of schedules.

(h) To prepare a proposed annual budget for the operation of the Conference and submit an audited annual financial report of Conference income and expenditures to the presidents.

(i) To provide a report of the Conference actions and affairs, including recommendations for improvements at the annual spring meetings.

(j) To annually post the current Constitution and Bylaws on the OVC's Web site, prior to the beginning of the fall sports season.

(k) To promote Conference welfare through such actions as continuous communication with all members, one to two annual visits to all member institutions, and personal contacts with appropriate Conference officials and coaches; and promotion of the Conference through appropriate outside contacts with other conferences and associations with the further charge of seeking opportunities to improve and publicize the Conference in all possible venues.

(l) To oversee the Conference information program.

(m) To oversee the Conference officiating programs.

(n) To initiate inspections and investigations of member schools when information is received by the Conference office which indicates that either NCAA or OVC regulations have been violated by institutional staff members, representatives of the institution's athletic interest or enrolled student-athletes. Before the commencement of any investigation by the Confer ence office related to violations of NCAA or OVC regulations, the president of the member school under inquiry shall be notified.

(o) To perform all other duties as the Conference Board of Presidents may direct. The Conference shall ensure that the commissioner is granted the authority to fulfill his/her duties and responsibilities as outlined by the Conference and that adequate funding for these administrative duties shall be provided by the Conference.

5.2 **Committees.** There shall be the following standing committees of the Conference: Board of Directors of Athletics; Finance; Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives; Hall of Fame; Planning and Development; Public Affairs; Board of Senior Woman Administrators; Sports Medicine; and Student-Athlete Advisory.

5.2.1 **Board of Directors of Athletics.** The Board of Directors of Athletics is comprised of the directors of athletics of Conference institutions.

(a) **Chair.** This position is assigned annually to the athletics director at the school of the Conference president.

(b) **Quorum.** A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee shall initiate and review legislative proposals concerning the administration of intercollegiate athletics; it may amend the Athletics Directors Administrative Agreements. The chair of the Board of Directors of Athletics shall notify the Board of Presidents at each Conference meeting of such amendments adopted since the preceding Conference meeting. The Board of Presidents may review and/or rescind any

such enactments and amendments. This committee shall be available to the commissioner's office to discuss and advise on matters of athletic administration within the Conference.

5.2.2 **Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives.** The Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives is comprised of the faculty representatives of Conference member institutions.

(a) **Chair.** This position is assigned annually to the faculty representative at the school of the Conference president.

(b) **Quorum.** A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee shall oversee the Conference's academic awards program. It shall have the authority to conduct hearings on appeals from the commissioner's actions for violations of Conference regulations under the process outlined in OVC Constitution 7. It shall initiate and review proposals that impact academic matters. The faculty athletic representative of each Conference member institution shall have access to and meet with his or her university president on an as-needed basis.

5.2.3 **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee is comprised of three presidents appointed by the Conference president.

(a) **Chair.** The chair is assigned by the Conference president.

(b) **Meetings.** Meetings shall be at the discretion of the chair. Business may be handled through correspondence as the chair deems advisable.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee shall recommend to the Board of Presidents prior to the end of the current fiscal year an operating budget for the Conference office for the ensuing fiscal year. This committee shall also recommend to the Board the employment of professional auditors to conduct an annual audit of the financial records of the Conference. The committee shall review the auditor's report and make appropriate recommendations to the Conference and/or the commissioner. This committee shall monitor implementation of the budget throughout the year. The chair, in conjunction with the commissioner, shall administer revisions in the budget through application of OVC Constitution 6.4. This committee shall advise the Conference and the commissioner on the investment of Conference reserve funds. The evaluation of the commissioner will be handled by this committee.

5.2.4 **Hall of Fame Committee.** The Hall of Fame Committee is comprised of the Conference president, the Conference vice-president, and one representative from each of the remaining OVC institutions.

(a) **Chair.** The chair shall be the Conference vice-president.

(b) **Jurisdiction.** The committee will oversee the Conference's Hall of Fame program in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.

5.2.5 **Planning and Development Committee.** The Planning and Development Committee is comprised of three presidents/chancellors appointed by the Conference president.

(a) **Chair.** The chair is assigned by the Conference president.

(b) **Meetings.** Meetings will be scheduled at the discretion of the chair. Business shall be handled through correspondence as the chair deems advisable.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee shall identify and examine long-term trends and problems of intercollegiate athletics at the Conference level. It is responsible for recommending to the Board of Presidents goals, programs and specific actions to enhance Conference development. The committee's responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the study of the following issues: expansion of Conference membership, the role of women's sports within the Conference, sports sponsorship requirements for Conference members, NCAA levels of competition and positions on NCAA legislation.

5.2.6 **Public Affairs Committee.** The Public Affairs Committee is comprised of three presidents/chancellors appointed by the Conference president.

(a) **Chair.** The Chair is assigned by the Conference president.

(b) **Meetings.** Meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the chair. Business shall be handled through correspondence as the chair deems necessary.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee is responsible for recommending methods by which the Conference and member institutions may better present their intercollegiate athletic programs to local, regional and national media outlets. The committee will monitor and evaluate the type and quality of media coverage the Conference is receiving.

5.2.7 **Board of Senior Woman Administrators.** The Board of Senior Woman Administrators is comprised of the senior woman administrators of Conference member institutions.

(a) **Chair.** This position is assigned annually to the senior woman administrator at the school of the Conference president.

(b) **Quorum.** A majority of the membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee will review recommendations by the coaches' committees and forward its position to the athletics directors' committee. The committee may advise on all aspects of the administration of athletics and particularly it is charged with notifying the Conference on the effect of proposals on female student-athletes and staff.

5.2.8 **Sports Medicine Committee.** The Sports Medicine Committee is comprised of one administrator (director of athletics or senior woman administrator), the head athletic trainers of Conference member institutions, and one team physician of Conference member institutions.

(a) **Chair.** This position is assigned annually to the committee member at the school of the Conference president.

(b) **Quorum.** A majority of the membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee will monitor and evaluate issues of student-athlete health and well-being.

5.2.9 **Student Athlete Advisory Committee.** The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is comprised of student-athlete representatives of Conference member institutions.

(a) **Chair.** This position is assigned annually to the student-athlete at the school of the Conference president.

(b) **Quorum.** A majority of the membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) **Jurisdiction.** This committee may review NCAA and OVC proposals and policies that affect student-athletes, and it shall advise the Conference about its position on such matters.

5.3 Conference Meetings.

5.3.1 Annual Spring Meeting. There shall be an annual spring meeting of the Conference Board of Presidents and appropriate committees. There shall also be a winter meeting of the Board of Presidents. The dates and sites will be set by the Conference president.

5.3.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be scheduled by the Conference president or at the request of a minimum of one-third of the member institutions.

5.3.3 Agenda Items. All items of business to be presented at the annual Conference meeting must be forwarded to the commissioner 30 days prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. Any exceptions must be by unanimous consent of the delegates. The agenda shall be distributed to the Conference members prior to the annual spring meeting.

5.4 Legislative Authority and Procedure. The presidents of the member institutions shall determine and direct the policy of the Conference. Authority to amend the Constitution and Bylaws shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Presidents. Each president/chancellor, or his/her designated qualified representative, shall have one vote. A qualified designated representative shall be an individual at least at the level of vice president who is not also the athletics director. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the presidents/chancellors and their qualified representatives. New rules (bylaws and approved rulings) adopted by this Conference shall go into effect immediately, unless otherwise expressly stated.

5.5 Amending Legislation.

5.5.1 Constitution. The membership may adopt legislation to be included in the constitution of the Conference, which sets forth basic principles that generally serve as the basis on which the legislation of the Conference shall be derived and which includes information relevant to the purposes of the Conference, its structure, membership and legislative processes. The constitution may be amended by the Board of Presidents at any Conference meeting by a three-fourths majority vote.

5.5.2 Bylaws. The membership may adopt legislation to be included in the operating bylaws of the Conference, which provide rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of the constitution. The bylaws may be amended by the Board of Presidents at any Conference meeting by a majority vote.

5.5.3 Administrative Agreements. The administrative agreements of the Conference provide rules and regulations for the implementation of policy adopted by the membership as set forth in the constitution and bylaws. They are distinct from the bylaws in that, to provide greater flexibility and efficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the Conference, they may be adopted or amended by a majority of the directors of athletics between Board meetings provided a quorum is present. The Board will review the adopted or amended agreements with authority to rescind.

ARTICLE 6
Conference Financing

6.1 Expenses. Any expenses incurred during the year in carrying out the work of the Conference shall be divided equally among the members of the Conference in case the annual dues are insufficient.

6.2 Conference Office Financing, Dues and Revenue Distribution. The following policy applies to the Conference Office financing, including the determination of dues and revenue distribution.

6.2.1 Conference Financing. The Conference Office shall start each fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) with net cash reserves of a sum equal to the $60,000 multiplied by the number of member institutions in the Conference. It shall use revenue from that fiscal year (including dues) to conduct its operations. Net cash reserve will be used if needed. (amended 10/2011)

6.2.2 Dues. The Board of Presidents shall determine the annual dues of each member at the annual spring meeting. Each year the dues will be invoiced by July 1 and must be received by the Conference Office no later than July 31. A monthly late fee of 1% will be assessed for all payments not received by August 15.

6.2.3 Revenue Distribution.

6.2.3.1 Division I Basketball Fund units either won from the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament or earned as a result of more than one OVC team being selected to the tournament, shall be placed in a separate OVC basketball Distribution Pool. $500,000 of that pool shall be placed in a fund annually to be awarded to member institutions based on the achievement of specified accomplishments de signed to incent the growth of OVC Basketball as determined by the OVC Board of Presidents. In the event the Conference projects that it will not have Division I Basketball Fund units sufficient to place $500,000 in the achievement pool, for a projected two year period, the Conference shall establish a "rainy day fund". This fund shall be established by determining the necessary amount that needs to be set aside annually from the projected end of the year distribution to ultimately ensure funds are available to provide for the enhancement pool. In the event the Conference has received more than $500,000 in Division I Basketball Fund units, the remaining money in the OVC Basketball Distribution Pool shall be distributed equally to member institutions that were members of the Conference and eligible to represent the OVC in the Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, at the time the Basketball Fund unit was won or earned as a result of more than one OVC team being selected to the tournament. *(amended 5/2013)*

6.2.3.2 Prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Conference Office shall distribute to its full members all remaining revenue,excluding revenue referenced in 6.2.3.1, received during that fiscal year after subtracting the fiscal year expenses and the net cash reserve required at the beginning of the next fiscal year, as set forth above in 6.2.1. *(amended 10/2011)*

6.3 Exceeding the Budget. It is the responsibility of the commissioner to carry out his/her duties within the budget approved by the Conference Board. The budget may not be exceeded nor any funds be interchanged between the line items without the written approval of the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee through the revision process described herein.

6.4 Budget Revisions. Should operating requirements prove incompatible with the approved budget because of unforeseen circumstances, a budget revision request should be initiated by the following process: the commissioner, with prior approval of the chair of the Finance Committee (chair of the Finance Committee shall consult with the president of the Confer ence before written approval is granted), may spend up to $10,000 from the unallocated Conference reserves. The commissioner's request for this authority shall contain a statement of the reason(s) for this expenditure. In the event this budgetary procedure becomes necessary, each president/chancellor shall be notified in writing by the Conference office of its occurrence.

6.4.1 Any OVC institution that represents the Conference in the Division I Men's Basketball Tournament and wins a game or games, shall receive the value of an extra institutional share of the unit earned from the NCAA Division I Basketball Fund for each win during the first year the Conference receives the unit. *(amended 2/13/2012)*

6.5 **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament Expense Payment.** Each member that participated in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament shall receive $40,000 out of the NCAA Basketball Pool money that is sent to the Conference Office in order to assist in the payment of expenses for playing in the tournament.

6.6 **Television.** The conference, collectively, owns the broadcast rights of Conference games and owns the revenue produced by the broadcast of Conference games. Conference members shall reference the OVC Broadcast Rights Policy (Appendix U) for details regarding the process by which rights are released to member institutions from the Conference. *(amended 10/2011)*

6.7 **Web Streaming.** To help coordinate Conference messaging and maximize both Conference revenue and visibility for the benefit of all members:

(a) The Conference shall own the video streaming rights to all Conference championship events.

(b) The Conference shall own the streaming rights to regular season home contests.

(c) The member institutions shall own the rights to original content which they develop and stream (e.g., coaches' shows, features of student-athletes and press conferences). *(adopted 5/2013)*

6.7.1 A percentage of the total year end distribution to the membership as described in 6.2.3.1 shall be set aside in a Web streaming accountability fund.This money shall be distributed to member institutions that satisfy certain established and approved webstreaming accountability standards as determined by a Conference-wide review process. [Note: The standards document and audit procedure can be found in Appendix Z.] *(adopted 10/2011)*

6.8 **Dissolution of Conference.** If, for sufficient reason, it becomes necessary to dissolve this Conference, the Finance Committee shall appoint a certified public accountant to examine the financial records. All liabilities will be assumed in equal shares by each member of the Conference. After all obligations and debts are paid, the remaining assets will be distributed in equal shares to the full members of the Conference.

ARTICLE 7
Infractions Process

7.1 **OVC Infractions.** Any information regarding a possible infraction of Conference legislation must be reported to the commissioner immediately.

7.1.1 **Commissioner's Authority.** The commissioner is empowered to take disciplinary action when he/she determines that a violation of Conference legislation has occurred. The commissioner will provide an opportunity to be heard on the matter to the party or parties that may be affected by a penalty. If a member institution has already imposed a penalty, the commissioner will determine whether to accept, modify or reject the action. The president, athletics director and faculty athletic representative shall be notified in writing of the commissioner's action.

7.1.2 **Appeal to the Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee.** The commissioner's decision may be appealed to the OVC Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives by written notice of appeal signed by the president or athletics director; and the appeal must be submitted to the commissioner within 48 hours of the time the commissioner's decision was received by the institution. The penalty will then be suspended until a decision is rendered by the committee. The appeal must state the reason for the appeal. The Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives will convene in person or by teleconference to hear the appeal. The committee may uphold the commissioner's decision or modify it by decreasing or increasing the penalty.

7.1.3 **Penalty Guidelines.** In determining the appropriate penalty, the commissioner and the Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives may impose, but are not limited to, the following penalties:

(a) Private reprimand.
(b) Public censure.
(c) Disqualification to coach, officiate, participate in or attend one or more contests.

7.1.4 **Implementation of Penalty.** The penalty will be directed to the president and the athletics director at the institution involved and they shall be responsible for imposing the action. Failure to impose the penalty will result in the matter being

7.2 **NCAA Infractions.** Conference members shall comply with NCAA legislation, and must consult the NCAA Manual, regarding the processing of possible violations of NCAA rules in their programs. Conference members shall immediately report to the commissioner information that indicates possible level one or two violations.

7.2.1 **Level Three and Four Violations**. If the information appears to indicate that a level three or four infraction occurred, as set forth in NCAA legislation, the involved institution shall investigate the matter and submit a written report to the NCAA enforcement staff via the online reporting database. The conference office shall provide any additional conference action during the online review process.

7.2.2 **Level One and Two Violations**. If the information appears to indicate that a level one or two infraction has occurred, as defined by NCAA legislation, the institution shall contact the NCAA enforcement department for its disposition of the matter and notify the conference office of the alleged violations.

Bylaws

ARTICLE 10
Sportsmanship

10.1 **General Principles.** The OVC is committed to sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. The Conference will strive to create "hospitable" environments. Part of the role of education through sports is to teach our youth and our communities to conduct themselves with respect for all participants and spectators.

10.2 **Administrators.** It is incumbent upon institutional administrators to create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. Conference administrators must treat a visiting team and its fans with fairness, respect, and civility.

10.2.1 **Official Welcome and Security.** The athletics director, or his or her designee, at the host institution must welcome the coach of the opposing team upon arrival at a spectator event to address any concerns, indicate the location of the game manager in the arena or stadium and identify security personnel present for the contest. The athletics director should educate security personnel to ensure that the visiting team is protected from abuse from the home crowd and that security is in very close proximity to the visiting team's bench. Each institution should arrange its seating at spectator events in accordance with Conference ADAA to emphasize sportsmanship and minimize the harassment of the visiting team and its fans.

10.2.2 **Fairness and Respect.** The institution's president or chancellor and athletics director should review periodically with other athletics department staff members, coaches, student-athletes and spirit groups (e.g., cheerleaders, bands, and mascots) precisely what is acceptable conduct.

10.3 **Coaches' Responsibilities.**

10.3.1 **To Student-Athletes.** Coaches must monitor their student-athletes' behavior and continually emphasize the need for sportsmanship and respect. Officials will expect coaches to remove student-athletes who demonstrate disrespect for an opponent, official or others.

10.3.2 **Toward Supporters and Media.** Coaches shall demonstrate at every opportunity, at any competition, the expectation that their fans support their team, while not tolerating abuse of the visiting team, its fans, or the media.

10.3.3 **Support for Officials.** Coaches should support the officials of any competition rather than criticize them publicly.

10.3.4 **At the Contest.** The coaches in any sport should remain in the designated coaching areas and refrain from any action which might incite the crowd. All coaches must realize that the continuation of any scheduled competition is the responsibility of the game officials, and that taking a team from any playing area is not the prerogative of the coach.

10.4 **Student-Athletes and Spirit Groups.** Respect for the game in which the student-athletes and spirit groups (e.g. bands, cheerleaders, dance teams) participate also demands respect for the opponent. Student-athletes and spirit groups at Conference institutions are expected to treat opponents with sportsmanship. There can be no tolerance for verbal abuse, physical abuse, taunting and/or baiting of opponents.

10.5 **Officials.** Officials who are assigned Conference contests must enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship, without tolerance for abuse. The only warning to participants and coaches regarding sportsmanship should come at the beginning of the contest. Once the contest begins, penalties (consequences), not warnings, shall be assessed for unsportsmanlike conduct. Officials shall eject any coach who protests unsportsmanlike conduct calls, in accordance with the playing rules of the involved sport.

10.5.1 Sportsmanship Statement - Read to Participants by Game Officials. Each official assigned by the OVC will be provided a card with the following statement which must be read to the captains and coaches of every contest prior to the beginning of the competition:

"The Ohio Valley Conference requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and student-athletes. There will be no tolerance of negative statements or actions between opposing teams, including verbal abuse, physical abuse, taunting or baiting. If such comments or behavior is observed, a penalty will be immediately assessed. If any coach protests an unsportsmanlike penalty, he/she will be ejected from the contest. We have been instructed not to issue warnings during the competition. It is strongly suggested that you remind your participants of this policy."

Officials who do not follow this policy will be subject to suspension.

10.5.2 Sportsmanship Statement - Read to Spectators by Public Address Announcer. The public address announcer at all home games, including non-conference competition, shall read the OVC Sportsmanship Statement immediately preceding the start of the competition:

"On behalf of the Ohio Valley Conference and (INSTITUTION), welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

10.6 Sportsmanship Affidavit. Conference member institutions are responsible for ensuring sportsmanship and ethical conduct are displayed at all athletics events by student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and fans. Each athletics director is responsible for ensuring all coaches, student-athletes, and other individuals employed by or associated with the institution are aware of the Conference's sportsmanship policies.

All institutional athletics staff members are required to annually review the Conference's sportsmanship policies and sign and date a Conference Sportsmanship Affidavit in accordance with prescribed form and deadline set by the Conference Commissioner, or designee.

10.7 Commissioner. The commissioner is expected and authorized to assess penalties for improper behavior that is not detected or properly addressed during the contest. Institutions and their personnel are expected to cooperate fully with his/her effort to investigate possible violations of sportsmanship.

10.7.1 Altercation Occurrence. If an altercation occurs during competition, all individuals who are on the bench are expected to remain there. It is incumbent upon the head coach to ensure that this occurs. The commissioner is authorized to suspend the head coach of a team whose bench personnel enter the field or court of play during an altercation, regardless of whether those individuals be come involved in the altercation.

10.7.2 Minimum Penalty for Ejection from Conference Contest.

10.7.2.a Conference sponsored sports. Any coach, student-athlete or athletics staff member ejected from a Conference contest in Conference-sponsored sports shall be assessed an appropriate penalty in accordance with NCAA playing rules for that sport. Additional penalties related to the ejection may be imposed by the Commissioner *(amended and approved 2/7/2011).*

10.7.2.b Targeted hits. IIn the sport of football, all targeting fouls are subject to review through instant replay. Upon review, the decision of the instant replay official is final. For games without instant replay, or if there is a malfunction of the replay equipment, the Conference will solely rely on a recommendation from an NCAA panel of independent officiating observers for additional penalties, including possible game

suspensions. If the NCAA panel recommends additional penalties following video review, they shall be applied by the Conference at the first occasion to do so, and there shall be no opportunity for appeal. The OVC coordinator of officials will provide notice to the coach if a play involving one of his student-athletes is being forwarded to the panel for review. (approved 5/2013)

10.8 **Fans.** The sportsmanship statement shall be read at least once in accordance with Bylaw 10.5.2. Institutions shall distribute a letter from the Commissioner, which includes the OVC Fan Code of Conduct, to all season ticket holders, booster club members, student organizations and student-athlete advisory committees on an annual basis promoting the league's stance on sportsmanship and identifying acceptable fan behavior. See Appendix W for the OVC's Fan Code of Conduct. *(adopted 5/31/2012)*

ARTICLE 11
Eligibility

11.1 **Rules and Interpretations.** In situations not covered by the rules of this Conference, the rules and official interpretations of the NCAA shall apply. Conference eligibility requirements shall be identical to the eligibility standards stated in NCAA Bylaw 14 covering eligibility for NCAA Championships.

11.2 **Transfers Between Conference Institutions.**

11.2.1 **Recruited Participating Transfers.** A student-athlete enrolled (or who was enrolled) at a Conference institution and who was recruited (per NCAA Bylaw 13) or who received athletically-related financial aid or who practiced or competed at that institution shall not be eligible at another member institution unless that student fulfills the following conditions at the certifying institution:

(a) attends the second institution for one academic year (excluding summer school),

(b) forfeits one year of the four years of eligibility allowed under NCAA regulations,

(c) receives no athletically-related aid in his/her first year of residency, and

(d) does not practice or compete in his/her first year of residency.

11.2.1.1 **Exception.** If the athletics director of the Conference institution that the student-athlete first attended provides written release based on extenuating circumstances for the student-athlete to transfer to another Conference institution then the student-athlete will be immediately eligible for aid, practice and competition only if he/she is otherwise eligible under NCAA and OVC legislation.

11.2.2 **Non-Recruited, Non-Participating Transfer.** A student-athlete enrolled (or who has been enrolled) at a Conference member institution who has not been recruited at that member institution, has not practiced,competed, or received athletically- related financial aid may transfer to another Conference member institution and participate pursuant to NCAA transfer rules and other Conference eligibility requirements.

11.2.3 **From Two-Year College or Non-Conference Institution.** A student-athlete who has been enrolled at a Conference institution (and has practiced, competed, or received athletically-related financial aid) and then transfers to a two-year college or another non-Conference four-year institution would have his or her eligibility determined by NCAA eligibility rules upon return to another Conference institution as long as the student-athlete has met the minimum NCAA requirements to permit immediate eligibility for practice, competition and athletically-related financial aid.

11.2.4 **Dropped Sport/Nonsponsered Sport.** A student-athlete who has participated in intercollegiate competition within the Conference and/or signed a grant-in-aid with a Conference member institution may immediately become eligible upon transfer to another Conference member institution, per NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6,if the student-athlete changed institutions in order to continue participation in his/her sport because his/her original four-year institution dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program or never sponsored his/her sport on the intercollegiate level while he/she was in attendance at that institution, provided the student-athlete never attended any other collegiate institution which offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

11.3 **Hardship Waivers.** The commissioner shall report to the athletics directors all waivers for injury or illness granted under NCAA regulations. These are deemed to be hardship waivers.

11.4 **Playing an Ineligible Student-Athlete.**

11.4.1 **Team Sports.** In the event a member institution is found to have played an ineligible student-athlete in a team sport (i.e., men's and women's basketball, football, baseball, soccer, softball or volleyball) against a Conference opponent, the victories in such games may be vacated. The Commissioner is authorized to use his/her discretion, after reviewing the totality of the fact surrounding the in eligibility, including but not limited to: weather the ineligible student-athlete made a meaningful contribution to the team's victory, whether there was a purposeful decision to play an ineligible student-athlete, or whether the institution has systematic eligibility certification weakness. It is within the Commissioner's discretion to vacate victories in which an ineligible student-athlete participate or apply other penalties which seems to address the facts surrounding the violation. The Commissioner's decision will be reported to the OVC Board of Directors of Athletics and the involved institution may appeal the decision to the OVC Board of Directors of Athletics. The athletics directors who were involved in the contest in question shall not be permitted to vote on the appeal decision. As appropriate, overall team and divisional records, as well as championship results, including points awarded under the Commissioner's Cup formula, may be adjusted to reflect the vacated wins. (Revised 4/16)

11.4.2 **Individual Sports.** In the event a member institution is found to have played an ineligible student-athlete in an individual Conference championship competi tion where team scores are kept (tennis, golf, cross country, track or rifle), the commissioner is authorized to use his/her discretion after reviewing the totality of the factors surrounding the ineligibility to vacate the ineligible student-athlete's place finish or championship. The team's place finish or championship and any points earned by the team toward the Commissioner's Cup may be adjusted accordingly. All place finishes or championships earned by eligible student-athletes shall be honored.

11.4.3 **Protests.** For all sports, September 1 is the last date that a member institution can file a protest to the awarding of a championship for the previous academic year due to the ineligibility of a student-athlete or other causes.

11.5 **Certification of Eligibility.** The Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) shall certify the eligibility list of the institution he/she represents to the commissioner. The FAR, athletics director, and registrar shall sign the list prior to submitting to the Conference Office. The registrar at each institution shall certify the academic eligibility of all student-athletes.

11.5.1 **Eligibility List to Commissioner.** The athletics director, or his/her designee, shall send an eligibility list to the Commissioner, or his/her designee, before the start of the first competition in each sport. The Commissioner is authorized to send a list of eligible student-athletes(without academic information) in a particular sport to an athletics director at another institution upon the request of that athletics director.

11.5.2 **Complete Record.** Eligibility lists shall include a complete record of each participating student-athlete's academic standing and athletics participation history in each sport.

11.5.3 **Submission on Forms.** All eligibility lists shall be submitted on forms approved by the Conference Office (i.e.; OVC eligibility list; CAi printout).

ARTICLE 12
Letters of Intent and Grants-in-Aid

12.1 **Letters of Intent.** The Conference subscribes to the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program as administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA).

12.2 **Grant-in-Aid Forms.** In all sports, all members shall use its standard institutional grant-in-aid form(s), when signing a prospective student-athlete during the appropriate signing periods established by the NLI Program.

12.2.1 **Grant-in-Aid Transfer to Another Sport.** A student-athlete signed to an athletic grant-in-aid may not be transferred to a grant-in-aid list of another sport until the student-athlete has been in residence for one school year and in accordance with NCAA legislation. This regulation governs awards made for baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, rifle, soccer, softball, tennis or track and field.

12.3 **Grant-in-Aid Minimums.** Member institutions must award minimum grants-in-aid, as set forth on the institution's NCAA squad list form, in certain sports as follows:

12.3.1 **Baseball:** Ten.

12.3.2 **Volleyball:** Nine.

12.3.3 **Women's Basketball:** Thirteen.

12.3.4 **Softball:** Eight.

12.3.5 **Women's Soccer:** Eight.

ARTICLE 13
Academic Awards

13.1 **OVC Scholar-Athlete Award.** The OVC Scholar-Athlete Award will be selected annually by the Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives (FARs).

13.1.1 **Number of Awards.** A maximum of six (6) awards per year (maximum three (3) per gender) will be given to student-athletes having accumulated a minimum of 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours.

13.1.2 **Criteria for Selection.** Selection of the award will be based upon academic performance, athletic performance and evidence of leadership. The nominee shall have:

(a) Earned an overall minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.25 (based on a maximum 4.00) or its equivalent.
(b) Performed athletically with distinction having earned a varsity letter in his/her conference championship sport and used a season of competition in the most recent academic year (i.e. "redshirts" are not eligible for this award).
(c) Participated in service activities (e.g. extra-curricular activities, volunteer programs) preferably where qualities of leadership have been demonstrated.

13.1.3 **Nominating Process.**

(a) Each institution may submit no more than two nominations, one female and one male, who have participated in a Conference championship sport. At the time of nomination the candidate must be a student-athlete enrolled full-time (i.e. undergraduate or graduate student) at the applicant institution,

must have at least one season of competition remaining and is meeting the requirements per Conference Bylaw 13.1.2. Previous recipients of the award may not be nominated.

(b) The call for nominations will originate from the Conference Office no later than August 1. Two nomination forms will be sent at that time to the FAR of each institution.

(c) Each FAR, or his or her designee, will be responsible for completing the nomination forms and forwarding to the chair of the Board of FARs and Conference Office. The completed nomination forms shall be received by the Conference Office (e.g. emailed) no later than September 15, or the next business day after September 15, if September 15 is a Saturday or Sunday.

13.1.4 **Selection Procedures.** The Board of FARs will serve as the selection committee. The chair will certify that all requested information has been received. The chair will forward the completed nomination forms to the Conference office. The Conference Office will copy and distribute the forms and voting ballots to each FAR by September 22, or the next business day after September 22, if September 22 is a Saturday or Sunday. Recipients of the award will be selected by the following process:

(a) Each nominee will be evaluated by each FAR and given a numerical score in each of the criteria listed in Bylaw 13.1.2:

(1) academic performance;

(2) athletic performance;

(3) leadership, activities and conduct.

The range of numerical scores will be 0-10, with 10 being the highest score. The three criteria will be weighted as follows: academic performance - 50 percent; athletic performance - 30 percent; and leadership, activities and conduct - 20 percent. An overall score for a nominee will be calculated by multiplying the weighted percentage by the numerical score for each criterion and then adding each criterion's score.

(b) For each nominee, the overall scores from each FAR will be added to determine a final score. The top three point recipients in each gender shall be declared the OVC Scholar Athletes of the Year.

13.1.4.1 **Ballot Due Date.** Each FAR shall submit the completed OVC Scholar Athlete Award ballot for both male and female nominees to the Conference Office by October 15, or the next business day after October 15, if October 15 is a Saturday or Sunday.

13.1.5 **Forms of Recognition.**

(a) Each recipient shall receive an engraved plaque in honor of winning the award.

(b) All other nominees shall receive a certificate in recognition of the nomination.

(c) It is suggested that member institutions maintain a permanent plaque on display listing all award winners from that institution.

(d) News releases regarding the winners of this prestigious award originate from the Conference Office and may be followed by news release by the appropriate institution.

13.2 **Commissioner's Honor Roll.** The Commissioner's Honor Roll is overseen annually by the Board of FARs.

13.2.1 **Criteria for Selection.** The FARs shall submit to the Conference office no later than July 1 of each year, the name of each student-athlete at the FAR's institution who meets the criteria for the Commissioner's Honor Roll. To meet the criteria, a student-athlete must:

(a) (i) Have passed with a minimum 3.25 GPA, not less than 24 hours of credit during the previous two semesters or three quarters (not including summer school);

(ii) or have passed with a minimum 3.25 GPA, not less than 12 hours of credit in the fall semester and passed in the spring semester the remaining hours of credit needed to earn a first undergraduate degree by the conclusion of the spring semester, even if less than 12 hours of credit;

(iii) or have received an undergraduate degree and be a full-time graduate student at the same institution, and have passed with a minimum 3.25 GPA, at least 16 hours of credit in a graduate degree program during the previous two semesters;

(iv) or have received an undergraduate degree at mid-year (after the fall semester) and be a full-time graduate student at the same institution and have passed with a minimum 3.25 GPA, for fall semester graduation on semesters or quarters, at least 12 semester/quarter hours (or hours necessary to complete the degree) during the fall semester and 8 hours of credit in a graduate degree program during the spring semester and

(b) Have been eligible for the most recent academic year, used a season of competition at a Conference institution in the most recent academic year, and remained on the Conference member's team throughout the academic year in a sport sponsored by the NCAA. Student-athletes competing in non-OVC championship sports are eligible, except for those student-athletes who competed in that sport in another conference. (amended 6/10)

(c) The GPA used to meet the requirement per Conference Bylaw 13.2.1(a) in the above is a GPA determined for the regular academic year (summer excluded). This GPA will be calculated using credit hours and quality points as contained on the official transcript for all regular terms of the academic year.

13.2.2 **Form of Recognition.** Each Commissioner's Honor Roll member shall receive a Conference certificate.

13.3 **Academic Medal of Honor.** The Conference Office shall identify Academic Medal of Honor winners based on student-athlete nominations received from each FAR and criteria in Conference Bylaw 13.3.1.

13.3.1 **Criteria for Selection.** Each FAR shall submit to the Conference Office no later than July 1 of each year, the name of the student-athlete at his/her institution who has the highest GPA on each team competing in an OVC-sponsored championship sport, as long as the individual carried a minimum 3.25 GPA and satisfied the eligibility and participation criteria in Conference Bylaw 13.2.1. The Conference Office shall select and announce the Academic Medal of Honor winners from the individuals nominated by identifying the persons with the highest GPA in the sports in which the OVC conducts a conference championship. (amended 6/10)

13.3.2 **Form of Recognition.** Each Conference Academic Medal of Honor recipient shall receive a commemorative medal.

13.4 **Academic Achievement Awards.** The Conference Office shall identify annually the Conference member institution and individual teams which shall receive Academic Achievement Awards.

13.4.1 **Institutional Academic Achievement Award.** An institutional award will be presented annually to the Conference member institution with the greatest percentage of eligible student-athletes, as defined in Conference Bylaw 13.4.3, who earned for their period of enrollment at the institution that academic year a minimum 3.25 GPA. For purposes of determining an institution's percentage, at the conclusion of each academic year, the total number of the institution's eligible student-athletes who earned for their period of enrollment at the institution that academic year a minimum 3.25 GPA shall be divided by the total number of the institution's eligible student-athletes. An individual student-athlete who competes in multiple sports shall be counted only once when calculating the institution's percentage for purposes of the institutional academic achievement award.

13.4.2 **Team Academic Achievement Awards.** A team award will be presented annually in each OVC championship sport to the Conference member institution's team with the greatest percentage of eligible student-athletes who earned for their period of enrollment at the institution that academic year a 3.25 or better GPA. For purposes of determining a team's percentage, at the conclusion of each academic year, the total number of the team's eligible student-athletes who earned for their period of enrollment at the institution that academic year a 3.25 or better GPA shall be divided by the total number of the team's eligible student-athletes. An individual student-athlete who competes in multiple sports shall be counted in each sport in which the student-athlete competes when calculating the team percentages for the team academic achievement awards.

13.4.3 **Criteria for Selection.** Only eligible student-athletes shall be included in the calculations for both the institutional and the team academic achievement awards. Midyear enrollees are not eligible for this award. The term "eligible student-athletes" is defined as those student-athletes, including midyear graduates, who during that academic year *(amended 12/10)*:

(a) Participated (competed or practiced) in an OVC championship sport;

(b) Were included on the institution's Official Eligibility List for their sport;

(c) Participated (competed or practiced) on the institution's team in their sport during the championship segment; and

(d) Were on the institution's team in their sport at the conclusion of the championship segment.

13.4.4 **Form of Recognition.** The institutions and teams earning Academic Achievement Awards will receive commemorative trophies.

13.5 **Thurston Banks Academic Service Award** *(adopted 3/12)*

13.5.1 **Purpose:** To honor annually one individual for exceptional academic service per the criteria set forth below. *(amended 5/2013)*

13.5.2 **Criteria for Selection.** To be considered for this award, a current or retired administrator must present the following qualifications:

a) Served five or more years as an institutional administrator with job responsibilities in the areas of academic support and scholarship (e.g., academic advisor; professor; tutor) at one or more OVC member institutions;

b) Exhibited outstanding contributions to OVC student-athletes' academic success, learning, and development; and

c) Demonstrated an overall commitment to the institution's athletics program.

13.5.3 **Request for Nominations:** Beginning no later than October 15 (or the Monday after October 15, if October 15 is a Saturday or Sunday), each institution's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), in consultation with Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), may submit to the OVC office no more

than two nominees from their institution for this award.

13.5.4 **Nomination Requirements.** Nominations submitted to the OVC office must be complete to be considered. To be complete, a nomination must include:

a) A brief summary (i.e., maximum 1000 words; 12-point font; one-inch margins; double-spaced) of the nominee's biography and professional credentials.

b) Two letters of support for the nominee (e.g., one from a student-athlete and one from an institutional administrator or faculty member). The letters should describe how the nominee has contributed to the academic success of the institution's student-athletes through service, support, mentoring, and/or teaching, and how the nominee exhibits an active interest and support for the institution's athletics program.

c) Complete award application cover page. The cover page shall be reviewed and signed by the FAR prior to the nomination submission.

13.5.5 **Nomination Deadline.** Complete nominations must be submitted to the OVC office by November 15 (or the Friday before November 15, if November 15 is a Saturday or Sunday).

13.5.6 **Selection Procedures.** The OVC Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives ("Board") will review all completed nominations received by the deadline. The Board may select up to two award winners for any given academic year. The FARs shall select award winners by no later than December 15 (or the Friday before December 15, if December 15 is a Saturday or Sunday).

13.5.7 **Notice and Recognition.** Award winner(s) will be announced by no later than January 15. The award winner(s) will receive a plaque. Award winners will also be publicly recognized through an OVC media release and/or through ceremony at an OVC championship.

ARTICLE 14
Hall of Fame Award

14.1 **OVC Hall of Fame Award and Committee.** The Hall of Fame Committee (as set forth in the Constitution 5.2.4), shall administer this program. The Committee shall be comprised of the chancellors and presidents of conference member institutions.

14.1.1 **Purpose.** The annual award honors up to three person(s) by induction into the OVC Hall of Fame. Inductees must meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.1.3 below.

14.1.2 **Committee Process and Timetable.**

14.1.2.1 **Request for Nominations.** By the first business day in February each year, the Conference staff shall send a written request for the president or chancellor of each member institution to submit by the last business day in February no more than two nominees, along with a full resume of each nominee, who qualify per Conference Bylaw 14.1.3. [Note: An individual who was nominated within the previous two years but who was not eligible for the Hall, as set forth in 14.1.2.4 below, will not be considered.]

14.1.2.2 **Ballots Mailed.** By the second Friday in March, the Conference staff shall distribute a ballot with information on each nominee to members of the Hall of Fame Committee. Nominees who were eligible but not selected the previous year shall also be placed on the ballot and have their information sent to the Committee.

14.1.2.3 **Voting and Ballot Submission.** Committee members will review each nominee and assign a point value of 5, 10 or 15 to each candidate, with 15 indicating the most favorable vote for election to the Hall. Committee members may vote for individuals they nominated. Ballots are due to the Conference office by the last business day in March.

14.1.2.4 **Selection.** The Conference staff will total the votes for each nominee. Those eligible for selection to the Hall must have received at least a total of 10 points times the number of Conference schools voting. Of those eligible, up to the top three in vote-point totals shall be selected for induction. If more than three candidates earn 10 points times the number of Conference institutions voting, the chair of the Committee may grant an exception to induct more than three candidates.

14.1.2.5 **Notice and Ceremony.** By the first business day in April each year, selection of new Hall of Fame members will be completed. The commissioner, or his or her designee, will notify the inductees and plan the induction ceremony at the annual spring meeting.

14.1.3 **Qualifications for Membership.** An institution may nominate former coaches, administrators or faculty athletics representatives who meet the following criteria:

(a) Nominees must have a minimum of five years of association with a Conference institution during its membership in the league and/or a minimum of five years associated with the Conference Office.

(b) Nominees must have provided extensive outstanding service to the Conference.

(c) The nominee can no longer be active in the Conference.

(d) Individuals whose association with the Conference took place at an institution that is no longer a member of the Conference may be nominated by a president or chancellor of a member institution, but such nomination should only be made in extraordinary circumstances and those circumstances should be articulated in the nominee information form that is submitted with the ballot as prescribed in Bylaw 14.1.2.2.

14.1.4 **Awards and Recognition.** The inductee(s) will receive a Hall of Fame memento. The Conference Office shall issue a press release before the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, maintain a listing of all inductees by name and date of induction, and the Conference records shall include an adequate file of each inductee's record of service.

ARTICLE 15
Playing and Practice Seasons - Scheduling Requirements

15.1 **Playing and Practice Seasons.** In addition to NCAA Division I regulations, Conference institutions shall adhere to the following:

15.1.1 **Football.** Football teams in the Conference shall not schedule or play more than two non-Division I contests in any one academic year.

15.1.1.1 **Exception.** In seasons in which 12 games are permissible, a third non-Division I contest may be scheduled and played if a team plays a full 12-game schedule.

15.1.2 **Women's Basketball.** Women's basketball teams shall not schedule or play more than two non-Division I contests in any one academic year. The OVC two-game limit applies to accountable contests only and excludes annual exemptions (e.g. scrimmage, exhibition) *(amended 3/2014)*

15.1.3 **Men's Basketball.** Men's basketball teams shall not schedule or play more than two non-Division I contests in any one academic year. The OVC two game-limit applies to countable contests only and excludes exemptions (e.g. scrimmage, exhibition)

[Note: Pursuant to the NCAA Bylaw 20.9.8.1: An institution may schedule and play not more than four basketball games in an academic year against institutions that are not members of Division I; including exhibition contests.] (amended 3/1/12)

15.1.4 **Baseball.** Baseball teams shall not schedule or play more than four non-Division I contests in any one academic year.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS (ADAA)

ARTICLE 20
Sports Regulations

20.1 **General Rules.** Member institutions shall conduct intercollegiate contests within the rules of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) and the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). The Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, in concert with the Board of Athletics Directors, will act upon issues not addressed directly by NCAA or OVC rules, these procedures or the accompanying appendices.

20.2 **OVC Championship Rotation Schedule.**

UNIVERSITY	CC	RIF	OT
Austin Peay	2020	--	--
Belmont University	2016	--	--
Eastern Illinois	2017	--	--
Eastern Kentucky	--	--	--
Jacksonville State	--	2019	2017
Morehead State	--	2021	2019
Murray State	-	2018	--
Southeast Missouri	2018	--	2020
SIU Edwardsville	2019	--	--
Tennessee State	--	--	2016
Tennessee Tech	--	--	2018
UT Martin	--	2020	--

20.2.1 **Indoor Track and Field Championships.** Eastern Illinois will serve as host for the 2018 OVC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

20.2.2 **Neutral Site Championship.** For championships that may be held at a neutral site, the institution identified above will serve as host at that site.

20.2.3 **Intention to Decline as Championship Host.** The athletics director must inform the Conference office of his/her institution's intention to decline its turn in the rotational championship hosting format for the sports of men's and women's cross country, rifle, and men's and women's outdoor track/field. This declaration must be made annually at the OVC Spring Meetings, effective for the following academic year. An institution also has the option of permanently removing itself from the rotational format for a specific championship.

20.3 **BASEBALL REGULATIONS**

20.3.1 **Rules.** The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the playing of all Conference contests, with the exception that the base coaches may be team members, head or assistant coaches, and must be in uniform.

20.3.2 **UMPIRES.**

20.3.2.1 **Assignments/Fees.** The Conference coordinator shall be responsible for assigning three umpires for each Conference contest. The Conference coordinator is also responsible for overseeing the assignment of umpires for non-conference contests. Officiating fees will be established and announced by the Conference Office annually.

20.3.2.2 **Arrival on Site.** Ohio Valley Conference umpires shall arrive at the game site at least 75 minutes prior to the start of the first game of a series and 60 minutes prior for all other games. Umpires shall be greeted by game management administrator or designee. Game management should contact the coordinator if umpires have not arrived 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. The coordinator of umpires will develop a plan of action to provide umpires in the event inclement weather prevents any official from arriving on site.

20.3.2.3 **Inclement Weather fees.** In the event a contest is cancelled or postponed because of weather or other reasons, and one or more of the umpires have NOT been notified prior to their departure and are on hand and ready to work, the host school shall pay the fee(s).

20.3.2.4 **Admission.** A game official or observer may receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions for each contest to which he or she is assigned. Umpires shall make their own arrangements through the game manager at the host school.

20.3.2.5 **Dressing Room/Supplies.** Game administrators shall provide a dressing room (or designated area) closely located to the baseball facility for the umpires to change into their uniforms and secure their belongings. The dressing room/designated area should be stocked with soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages. When necessary, gender specific umpires' dressing rooms shall be provided. Admittance to this room/designated area shall be limited to umpires, institutional game administrators and Conference office representatives. No guests, visitors, or other institutional personnel (other than game administrator, trainer, or manager upon request) shall be admitted.

20.3.2.6 **Security/Escort.** It is the responsibility of the home management game administrator or designee to provide an escort for game umpires to and from the playing field, as well as an escort to the parking lot at the conclusion of the contest.

20.3.2.7 **Communication with Umpires.** Except for necessary contact by the designated game administrator, institutional representatives are prohibited from talking to the umpires before, during or after games on matters related to the game. All violations of this procedure are to be reported to the Conference office.

20.3.2.8 **Game Umpires Confidentiality.** Game umpires, by the very nature of their duties, are placed in a position of being exposed to privileged information regarding personnel or activities of competing teams. Under no circumstances may a game official relay this privileged information regarding umpires or officiating for Conference games, to the general public, the media or personnel of another institution.

20.3.3 GAME PROCEDURES.

20.3.3.1 **Uniforms.** Home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms and the visiting teams dark-colored uniforms, unless there is mutual consent among the competing teams to alter the policy. In an instance where the difference in color between the light and dark uniforms is not discernible, it is the responsibility of the visiting team to make the necessary adjustments and/or discuss the arrangement prior to the day of the game.

20.3.3.2 **Balls.** The official baseball for the Ohio Valley Conference is the Wilson A1001 Flat Seam Collegiate Baseball (A1001 FS) and shall be used for all conference games and the OVC Tournament. In all Conference contests and playoffs, the home team shall provide the game balls.

20.3.3.3 **Practice.** It is the responsibility of the visiting team to notify the host institution in writing at least one week prior to the start of a series to arrange for a practice opportunity on days preceding a series. The host institution will determine if weather and/field conditions are acceptable and the visiting team may be required to assist in the field preparation (e.g. removal or replacement of the tarp).

20.3.3.4 **Team Dugout Personnel.** Dugout/bench personnel shall be limited to team members, head or assistant coaches who must be in uniforms, institutional administrative representatives, and appropriate number of managers, trainers/medical staff and bat handlers. No other individuals should occupy the dugout.

20.3.4 BEFORE THE GAME.

20.3.4.1 Exchange of Rosters. Coaches shall exchange the 27-player eligibility roster before the start of each single game, and before the first game of a conference series. There may be no additions to the list for a single game or throughout the conference series, once the rosters have been exchanged. The umpire-in-chief will receive a copy of the list. *(amended 5/2011)*

20.3.4.2 Pre-game Protocol. Game administration should start a countdown on the visible clock 90 minutes before game time (if clock is available). For all baseball games hosted by OVC institutions, the following game protocol will be used. The protocol must be followed with senior night being the only allowable exception. All other promotional events must take place during the intermission or other appropriate time (This may be modified in a tournament situation.).

20.3.4.2.1 Batting Practice. Both the home team and visiting teams shall be afforded equal opportunity for batting and infield practice, unless prevented by weather or other conditions beyond the control of the teams. The host team will provide equipment for batting practice. Each institution will specify in its visitors guide what equipment will be provided for the visiting team.

20.3.4.2.2 Pre-game Protocol. The schedule for pre-game procedures will be as follows. It is agreed that this format will be altered for mid-week games to allow the visiting team to hit first when such a change will provide the home team the opportunity to attend morning classes. Under this scenario, the visiting team will assist in field preparation (e.g., pulling the tarp).

OVC BASEBALL PRE-GAME PROTOCOL
40 minutes home-team batting practice
40 minutes visiting-team batting practice
10 minutes for home-team infield
10 minutes for visiting-team infield
20 minutes for field preparation
National Anthem
First Pitch

20.3.4.3 Team Introductions. Team introductions must be done in an expedient manner. The team introduction protocol must be communicated to the visiting team in advance. Please see appendix E for additional instructions about the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.3.4.4 Sportsmanship Statement. Immediately following player introductions the following statement shall be read,

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

20.3.4.5 Laundry. If the visiting team desires the use of institutional laundry facilities, notification at least one week prior to a scheduled contest is desired. It should be understood that not all institutions can afford the visiting team access to laundry facilities, but best effort will be made.

20.3.5 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.3.5.1 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the field, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of game

administrator and practice coordinator and additional information as referenced in the OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines (see appendix X).

20.3.5.2 **Visiting Team Dugout.** In addition to standard supplies, the visiting team dugout should be stocked with ice, water and/or isotonic beverage, and a pre-game protocol sheet (information and notification of any special events).

20.3.5.3 **Visiting Team Practice.** In addition, to standard practice supplies (cups, water, ice, towels, balls, etc.), the visiting team shall have access to training facilities and be provided emergency telephone numbers and procedures.

20.3.5.4 **Travel Squad Size.** Baseball travel squads are limited to twenty-seven (27) players for Conference games. *(amended 5/2011)*

20.3.5.5 **Music.** Music may be played prior to the start of the game, between innings, and when the ball is not in play.

20.3.5.5.1 **Artificial Noisemakers.** Institutions are reminded of the sportsmanship principles, including those related to creating a safe and positive environment for visiting teams. Institutions are not prohibited from purchasing products that are desired to enhance game environments. It is the institution's responsibility to exercise good judgment on game management decisions.

20.3.5.6 **Crowd Control/Game Interruption.** Please see Appendix C for specific Ohio Valley Conference policies to be followed in the event a game is interrupted.

20.3.5.7 **Public Comments.** All reports or comments pertaining to officiating, game management responsibilities, or concerning players, coaches or umpires shall be directed only to the Conference office. Public airing of such matters by coaches, players, administrators or umpires is prohibited and subject to sanctions from the Conference.

20.3.5.7.1 **Code of Conduct.** All institutions should be aware of the Conference's Code of Conduct which details non-permissible comments and provides for specific penalties, including fines, for violations. Specifically:

(a) Tapes shall not be used for public criticism of umpires or officiating;

(b) Coaches shall not contact umpires directly through correspondence or telephone, and all matters pertaining to umpires or officiating shall be directed to the Conference office;

(c) Sports information directors shall make no reference whatsoever to officiating in institutional press releases and shall not publish or make public game officiating assignments more than four hours prior to a game.

20.3.5.8 **Videotaping Policy.** The host institution shall provide an area for videotaping purposes at regular season games. Additionally, institutions may videotape games in which they are directly involved at the OVC tournament.

20.3.5.9 **Scouting.** No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film,verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.3.5.10 **Schedule/Length of Games.** The Commissioner, or his or her designee, shall arrange a Conference schedule. A weekend (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) series with a league opponent will be three games over three days with a single nine-inning game each day. No Friday contests shall be scheduled to begin earlier than 3:00 p.m. local time

or later than 6:00 p.m. local time. Games to be played on Easter weekend and on the final weekend of the regular season shall be scheduled Thursday-Saturday unless the institutions involved agree to play Friday-Sunday.

20.3.5.10.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institutions' Director of Athletics and with permission of the Conference office, Conference games may be changed. A completed change of schedule form shall be submitted to the Conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest. Institutions shall be encouraged to work together in advance of the OVC baseball season to accommodate requested schedule changes pertaining to graduation and final exams. (amended 5/2013).

20.3.5.10.2 Suspended Game / Rainout Procedures. Please refer to Appendix O for the Ohio Valley Conference baseball rainout and suspended game procedures.

20.3.5.10.3 Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See Appendix Y for the complete policy. *(adopted 9/2012)*

20.3.5.11 Regular Season Champion. The regular season baseball champion shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference games won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedule.

20.3.6 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURES.

20.3.6.1 Automatic Qualifier. The winner of the post-season baseball tournament shall be declared the Ohio Valley Conference automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament.

20.3.6.2 Eligibility. Each student-athlete must be eligible under the rules of his own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.3.6.3 Tournament Format/Seeding. The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by a eight-team tournament. The first game of the tournament between the No. 7 seed and the No. 8 seed will be single-elimination. The remaining games will be double-elimination. Teams will be seeded one through eight based on the regular season OVC winning percentage. In the event of ties in the standings at the conclusion of the regular-season, a tiebreaker procedure shall be utilized to determine access to the tournament and/or seeding.

20.3.6.4 Tiebreaker Procedures

20.3.6.4.1 Two-Way Ties

a) Head-to-head competition records are compared, with the higher seed going to the team with the better record.

b) In the event step (a) fails to break the tie (the two tying teams split evenly their regular season series) the records of the tying teams against the No.1 seed shall be compared. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed shall be given to the better seed.

c) The process in step (b) continues through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through the last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

d) If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the better seed for tournament play.

20.3.6.4.2 Multiple Ties

a) Composite records against the tying teams will be used to determine if one team has won more games against the other tying teams.

b) If step (a) does not resolve the multiple-tie situation, then comparison of records of the tying team against the No. 1 seed will occur. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed will get the better seed.

c) This process will continue through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through the last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

d) If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the better seeds for the tournament play and entries into the tournament.

20.3.9 Conference Tournament Guidelines. Guidelines will be published and distributed annually by the Conference office.

20.4 Men's and Women's Basketball Regulations.

20.4.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the playing of all Conference contests.

20.4.2 OFFICIALS.

20.4.2.1 Assignments. The Ohio Valley Conference coordinator of officials will make the three-person crew assignments for all Conference games and non-conference games as stipulated in institutional agreements. Institutions shall forward all non-conference contractual officiating requests to the Coordinator of Officials by August 1 preceding the season.

20.4.2.2 Dressing Room/Supplies. Where possible, the officials' dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing floor. In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the room shall be stocked with a post game snack if available, ice, soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages. When necessary, gender specific officials' dressing rooms will be provided.

20.4.2.3 Officials' Parking Passes/Tickets. Game officials shall be admitted to a parking area close to their building entrance via pass list. A game official or observer may receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions for each contest to which he or she is assigned. Officials shall make their own arrangements through the game manager at the host school.

20.4.2.4 Admission. Only the following individuals shall be granted access to the officials' dressing room for pre-game and post-game activities: the game officials, a representative of home management, Conference office officials and television timeout coordinator (if applicable). No other guests or visitors shall be allowed. Home management shall place a sign on the door to the officials' dressing room that states: "Officials' Dressing Room. No Admittance per Ohio Valley Conference Regulations."

20.4.2.5 Security. Security guard(s) shall be stationed outside the officials' dressing room any time it is occupied. It is the responsibility of home management to provide a security escort for game officials to and from the playing court in pre-game, halftime and post-game, as well as a security escort to the parking lot at the conclusion of the contest.

20.4.2.6 **Pre-game Meeting.** All game officials will meet with designated home management 90 minutes prior to game time to review all emergency guidelines and communications procedures. This meeting will take place in the officials' dressing room. The officials will be advised of the seat location of the primary staff contact in case of an emergency. It is suggested this contact be located at or near the scorer's table. The officials will also be advised as to the location of the security guards when leaving the court at halftime and post game. Approximately 45 minutes prior to tip-off, the bench crew (including scorer, timer, shot-clock operator and public address announcer) will meet with the game officials in the officials' dressing room. In the event of a doubleheader, the bench crew will meet with the game officials of the second game at the conclusion of the first game.

20.4.2.7 **Arrival on Site.** Ohio Valley Conference officials are required to arrive at the game site at least 90 minutes before game time. Game management should contact the coordinator if officials have not arrived in their dressing room 90 minutes prior to game time. The coordinator of officials will develop a plan of action to provide officials in the event inclement weather prevents any official from arriving on site.

20.4.2.8 **Communication with Officials.** Except for necessary contact by the designated game administrator, institutional representatives are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during or after games on matters related to the game. All violations of this procedure are to be reported to the Conference office.

20.4.2.9 **Television Monitors.** When applicable under the rules of basketball (preventing or rectifying a scorer's or timer's mistake, malfunctioning game or shot clocks, and to determine if a fight occurred and those individuals who participated in a fight), game officials shall use the monitor at the television timeout coordinator's position at the scorer's table, not at the television broadcast position. If the timeout coordinator does not have a monitor, it is then permissible to go to the television broadcast position.

20.4.2.9.1 **Instant Replay.** All OVC member institutions shall have courtside instant replay equipment present at all OVC basketball venues. The use of instant replay is required for all non-conference and conference home games. The use of instant replay at a neutral site games shall be at the discretion of the designated home team. The OVC will utilize equipment provided by DVSport for instant replay.

20.4.2.10 **Halftime.** Game officials will delay leaving the court until players and coaches have left the court at halftime. A security escort is to be provided to take officials to their dressing room and to prevent contact or conversation between coaches and officials at this time.

20.4.2.11 **Game Officials Confidentiality.** Game officials, by the very nature of their duties, are placed in a position of being exposed to privileged information regarding personnel or activities of competing teams. Under no circumstances may a game official relay this privileged information regarding personnel or play of an institution's team, or comments regarding officials or officiating of Conference games, to the general public, the media or personnel of another institution.

20.4.3 **GAME PROCEDURES.**

20.4.3.1 **Uniforms.** In Conference and non-Conference contests the home teams shall wear light-colored jerseys and the visiting teams shall wear dark-colored jerseys, unless otherwise agreed upon by the head coaches at each institution. In an instance where the difference in

color between the light and dark uniforms is not discernible, it is the responsibility of the visiting team to make the necessary adjustments and/or discuss the arrangement prior to game day.

20.4.3.2 **Balls.** The home team shall furnish six of the official Conference balls for men and six for women for use in warm-ups by visiting Conference teams. The home team shall also furnish the game balls. A minimum of 12 balls (one full rack) shall be furnished for use during practice times other than warm-ups. The official Conference ball is the Wilson NCAA Solution Game Ball (WTB0700-men, WTB0701-women).

20.4.3.3 **Men's and Women's Doubleheader Regulations.** The following rules apply to Conference doubleheaders.

(a) The first game of all weeknight doubleheaders in men's and women's basketball will start no earlier than 5 p.m. (local time), unless permission for an earlier start is granted by the Conference Commissioner. Immediately following the conclusion of the first game, the floor shall be cleaned and the 25-minute clock must be started for warm-ups prior to the start of the second game.

Exception. The time between the end of the first game and the start of the second game can exceed 25-minutes if the second game has an established start time.

(b) When scheduling practice and shoot-a-round times, the general guideline shall be that the order of game time determines the order of practice time, unless NCAA academic regulations are affected. The head coaches of the host and visiting men's team and the host and visiting women's team shall mutually agree on practice times. As an alternative, any team may practice outside of the scheduled block of practice when the floor is available.

20.4.3.4 **Pre-game Warm-up (Single Game).** A minimum of 60 minutes warm-up shall be allotted before the game. Conditions of the playing floor during this time shall be identical to regular game conditions (i.e. lights, nets,background, etc.).

20.4.3.4.1 **Pre-game Clock.** The game clock shall be set at 60:00 and introduction of starting lineups shall begin when the clock reaches 00:00.

20.4.3.4.2 **Captains' Meeting.** Approximately 12 minutes prior to introduction of starting lineups, the two umpires will secure the respective team captains for a pre-game meeting at the center circle with the referee.

20.4.3.4.3 **National Anthem.** The National Anthem shall generally take place between the 11:00 and 8:00 minute marks on the pre-game clock countdown. As an alternative, the National Anthem may be played once the clock has hit 00:00, this should be noted on the pre-game protocol.

20.4.3.4.4 **Introduction of Starting Lineups.** The introduction of starting lineups will occur when the pre-game clock reaches 00:00. The visiting team starters will be introduced first, followed by the home team and then both head coaches. Game officials are not introduced. See Appendix E for additional instructions about the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.4.3.4.5 **Sportsmanship Statement.** Immediately preceding the tip-off, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous

manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

20.4.3.5 **Halftime.** Any halftime special events or activities must be completed so that the court is cleared five minutes before the start of the second half. At no time shall the halftime clock be held, nor halftime extended without the prior approval of the Conference Commissioner. Any alteration of pre-game or halftime as it relates to timing must be approved by the Conference office.

20.4.3.10.1 Statistics. The home team shall furnish a copy of the statistics, to the visiting team in a timely fashion.

20.4.4 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.4.4.1 **Visiting Team Notification.** At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach and game operations staff shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the arena, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of game administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and game time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.4.4.2 **Visiting Team Dressing Room.** In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the visiting team dressing room will be stocked with ice, soft drinks and/or isotonic beverage, towels (30), chalkboard, training table (or access to such) and other items mutually agreeable to participating institutions. The visiting team trainer/manager shall contact the home team at least 10 days in advance of a game with any special requests (jersey color, post-game snack arrangements, etc.) and to discuss available services. Trainers should forward a list of available on-site services prior to the start of the season to all visiting teams.

20.4.4.3 **Visiting Team Practice.** The home team shall use its best effort to provide the visiting team an opportunity for a closed practice on the game floor the day before a scheduled game and for shoot-around on game day. If adjustments are necessary, request/notification will be done in a timely fashion, as soon as possible but at least 10 days in advance of the game (unless mutually agreed upon). In addition to standard practice supplies (cups, water, ice, towels, balls, etc.), the visiting team shall have access to training facilities and be provided emergency telephone numbers and procedures.

20.4.4.4 **Spirit Groups.** The Ohio Valley Conference does not permit cheerleaders, mascots or bands to travel to Conference road basketball games, with the exception of the OVC Tournament.

20.4.4.4.1 **Restrictions.** Pompon and cheerleading squads shall not use poms or shakers composed of materials which shed and create a safety hazard for players. Spirit squad members shall not cross the two-inch wide, broken restraining line (six feet outside the court boundary and parallel to the end line) when the game clock is running or when a 'live ball' situation is applicable by rule. This includes following a basket. Cheerleaders may not perform on the floor during 30-second time outs. Spirit squads shall conform to the guidelines put forth by the American Association of Cheerleader Coaches and Advisors. It is prohibited to use megaphones as a distraction by pounding them on the floor or beating them.

20.4.4.4.2 **Mascots.** Mascots are prohibited from crossing the six-foot boundary line while the ball is in play and at no time will have interaction with game officials or opposing players. It is the responsibility of game management to enforce this policy.

20.4.4.5 **Band/Audio Play.** No musical instruments, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a 'live ball' situation is applicable by rule. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc., after a basket. This provision also applies to the use of in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The band is allowed to play only during the pre-game, official time-outs and at intermission.

20.4.4.5.1 **Artificial Noisemakers.** Institutions are reminded of the sportsmanship principles, including those related to creating a safe and positive environment for visiting teams. Institutions are not prohibited from purchasing products that are desired to enhance game environments. It is the institution's responsibility to exercise good judgment on game management decisions. Institutions are reminded of NCAA Basketball Rule 10.5-1, which states "the playing of musical instruments and/or amplified music and the use of artificial noisemakers while the game is in progress shall be prohibited. The use of laser pointers by fans, coaches, and team members shall be prohibited."

20.4.4.6 **Basketball Standards.** The basketball goal and rim supports must be painted an orange color and kept painted at all times during the season. Backboard padding is required. All padding shall be a solid color and shall be the same color on both backboards. All rims shall be a 'collapsible' style for flexibility and to eliminate the possibility of catching hands and fingers. A red light placed behind the backboard or LED lights placed around the backboard is required and is to be illuminated simultaneously with the expiration of time at the half and at the end of the game.

20.4.4.6.1 **Spare Backboard.** All institutions shall have a spare backboard, rim and net available for immediate replacement in the event such need arises. Institutions shall take every precaution to reduce or eliminate non-game related activities that could damage rims and/or backboards during pre-game, time-out and half-time activities.

20.4.4.6.2 **Ring Testing.** The NCAA requires ring testing be performed for all Division I men's basketball arenas once prior to the start of the season. The Conference office shall coordinate a ring testing schedule in September of each year that identifies the rotation for the use of the Conference's ring testing equipment. All ring testing must be completed by the NCAA's designated date.

20.4.4.7 **Squad Size.** Basketball squads are limited to 15 players for Conference games on the road. Home teams may dress and participate an unlimited number of players during Conference competition. *(amended 10/23/2012)*

20.4.4.8 **Team Benches.** Both the home and visiting team benches will be located in similar proximity to the scorer's table. Team benches will be set with a maximum of 20 chairs. There shall be sufficient distance between the spectators and the benches for players and coaches so the conduct of the contest is not impaired.

20.4.4.8.1 **Bench Decorum.** NCAA rules regarding the coaching box and bench decorum will be strictly enforced.

20.4.4.8.2 **Assignment of Seats behind Visiting Team Bench.** The first two rows (with at least 30 seats behind the visiting team bench must be designated and assigned to the visiting institution.

20.4.4.8.3 **Security.** A host game management or security person shall sit immediately behind the visiting team bench.

20.4.4.9 Crowd Control/Game Interruption. Please see appendix C for specific Ohio Valley Conference policies to be followed in the event a game is interrupted.

20.4.4.9.1 Code of Conduct. All institutions should be aware of the Conference's Code of Conduct which details non-permissible comments and provides for specific penalties, including fines, for violations. Specifically:

(a) Tapes shall not be used for public criticism of umpires or officiating;

(b) Coaches shall not contact umpires directly through correspondence or telephone, and all matters pertaining to umpires or officiating shall be directed to the Conference office;

(c) Sports information directors shall make no reference whatsoever to officiating in institutional press releases and shall not publish or make public game officiating assignments more than four hours prior to a game.

20.4.4.9.2 Courtside Seating. Institutions that have spectator seating immediately adjacent to the playing court are responsible for distributing a letter from the commissioner prior to each season that will remind these seat-holders of their higher level of responsibility for actions and conduct before, during and after games. Game officials will adopt "zero tolerance" policy towards these individuals in cases of profanity, racial or to her taunting, or any threatening remarks or actions. These individuals must adhere to the same policies as the participating teams regarding standing and moving out of their seat (i.e. standing briefly to cheer in reaction to a big play is permitted). The officials shall have the authority to remove the individuals from the seats and/or assess a technical foul to the home team. (*adopted 5/31/2012*)

20.4.4.10 Video Exchange. The home team is responsible for taping Conference games and/or providing space for the visiting team to tape. The host institution shall provide a video person who will be responsible for operating the camera to assure quality taping. See Appendix M for the Women's Basketball Video Exchange Policy and Appendix N for the Men's Basketball Video Exchange Policy. Any variance from these policies shall be mutually agreed upon by the institutions.

20.4.4.10.1 Video Exchange. See Appendices M (women) and N (men) for specific OVC video exchange policies.

20.4.4.10.2 Scouting. No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.4.4.11 Conference Competition. All teams will play an approved Conference schedule. Game times will be determined by each institution mindful of Title IX expectations. Institutions must ensure each gender has a balanced opportunity to play its games in a prime time evening slot where weekday doubleheaders are scheduled. A team's desire for the early time slot does not alleviate this responsibility.

20.4.4.11.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institutions' Director of Athletics and with the permission of the Conference commissioner (or his/her designee), Conference games may be rescheduled. A completed copy of the conference change of schedule

form shall be submitted to the conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest.

20.4.4.11.2 Postponement/Cancellation. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to arrive on site with enough lead time to start games on time. If inclement weather threatens the opportunity for safe departure and arrival on site, the following individuals must be notified without delay: both athletics directors and head basketball coaches, Conference office basketball liaison, coordinator of officials and game officials. No game may be postponed or cancelled without consultation with the Conference office. The Commissioner will assign a makeup date for any game that is postponed, or shall have the authority to cancel a game if there is no opportunity to reschedule the contest.

20.4.4.11.3 No Contest. Under NCAA rules, no contest is declared when a team does not appear due to inclement weather, an accident, vehicle breakdown, illness or catastrophic causes.

20.4.4.12 Media Timeouts. Each media timeout will be no less that 75 seconds (1st horn at 60 second; 2nd horn at 75 seconds), but may be extended up to 135 seconds (1st horn at 120 seconds; 2nd horn at 135 seconds). The media timeout length must be determined prior to the start of the contest, but may vary from contest to contest. If media partners request media timeouts longer than 135 seconds, schools shall communicate that request with the OVC staff. Media timeout length must be clearly communicated to the visiting institution and listed on the pre-game timing sheet. Network television entities (i.e. ESPN, CBSSN) will determine media timeout lengths for games produced by their network.

Women's Basketball Timeouts. Media timeouts will occur at the first dead ball timeout or below the five-minute mark of each period and at the end of the first and third periods. However, if a team calls a timeout before the five minute mark that would be treated as the media timeout. Additionally, the first team-called timeout of the second half will become a media timeout. The first team-called timeout in each extra period may become a media timeout, if that is part of the media agreement.

Men's Basketball Timeouts. Media timeouts will be called at the first dead ball after 16:00, 12:00, 8:00 and 4:00 in the first half. When a team-called timeout occurs within or up to 30 seconds of the scheduled media timeout (first dead ball under the 16:00, 12:00, 8:00, and 4:00 minute marks), it becomes the subsequent media timeout. In the second half, the first team-called timeout becomes a media timeouts, if that is part of the media agreement.

20.4.4.13 Radio Networks. Each institution will designate one radio outlet to serve as its originator or network flagship station. No other station (except a campus or student station) will be allowed to originate a live broadcast of a game without the written approval of both athletics directors of competing institutions. Institutions are not prohibited by geographic boundaries from securing affiliate stations in the development of a network.

20.4.4.14 Reciprocal Telephone Lines. At the sole expense of each institution's radio network, telephone lines will be installed for the visiting team radio network, to be used on a reciprocal basis in Ohio Valley Conference play. It is the responsibility of the radio networks to cooperate and manage this program.

20.4.4.15 Senior Introductions. The Ohio Valley Conference requires the following guidelines for senior introductions at the last home game of

each institution:

(a) The senior introduction ceremony will take place when the teams are called off the floor for the National Anthem at least 10 minutes prior to the introduction of starting lineups.

(b) The home team will remain on the floor for the National Anthem, followed immediately by the ceremony. The visiting team will remain in the dressing room until the court is cleared. (Note: It is the responsibility of the home team to complete the ceremony in time to allow the visiting team the four-minute warm-up window. This may be accomplished by a shortened ceremony or earlier National Anthem.) Or,

(c) The senior recognition ceremony may be conducted after the game has concluded, when another contest is NOT scheduled within 30 minutes. During doubleheader contests, the senior recognition ceremony shall be conducted prior to the first contest and at the conclusion of the second contest.

20.4.4.16 Pre-game Timing Format. The game clock (for single game or first game of a doubleheader) shall be set to start 60 minutes before the introduction of starting lineups. The following is a sample pre-game timing format for tip-off at 7:05 p.m. See Appendix I for additional instructions about the responsibilities of the scorers and timers.

Scoreboard	Time of Day	Activity
60:00	6:02:00	Clock starts 60 min. prior to introductions
10:00	6:52:00	Horn sounds players exit floor
9:30	6:52:30	National Anthem
5:00	6:57:00	Teams may return to floor
0:30	7:01:30	Horn sounds players to benches
0:00	7:02:00	Player introductions, must be completed in two minutes or less
	7:04:00	Team to benches for 60-second break
	7:05:00	Tip-off

20.4.4.16.1 Adjustments. Institutions may wish to alter this format for special pre-game activities by adjusting the start of the National Anthem. The playing court must be clear by the 5:00 mark prior to starting lineups. The National Anthem must be finished two minutes prior to airtime for a televised game.

20.4.4.17 Post-game Press Conference/Pre-game Interviews. A post-game press conference may be conducted for both the home and visiting coach. After a 10-minute cooling off period, the home sports information director shall designate which team will go first based on the visitor's travel schedule and media deadlines. In the place of a formal press conference, at the discretion of the home team, both locker rooms may instead be opened to the media after the 10-minute cooling-off period. The home sports information director shall also coordinate pre-game radio network interviews with the head coaches to be conducted at a reasonable advance prior to tip-off. Pre-game

and post-game interview procedures shall be included in the pre-game packet or on the timing sheet.

20.4.4.18 In-Stadium Video. The intent of limitations related to in-arena video board operation is to reduce the risk of interference with game management procedures. This policy allows for the use of all replays at full speed but institutions are asked to be cautious in showing controversial replays.

20.4.4.18.1 Replays. Replays of official's calls shall be limited to one replay shown in real time (not slow motion). During game stoppage for a review, the arena video system may NOT show any replays of the play in question. Once the official announces the outcome, ONE replay in real time may be shown. (*amended 5/31/2012*)

20.4.4.18.2 End of Game Replays. For the protection of coaches, student-athletes and game officials, institutions are cautioned to avoid using any controversial replays at the end of a game that may incite unwanted crowd reaction.

20.4.4.18.3 Live Shots. In the spirit of sportsmanship, it is requested that institutions refrain from showing coaches and game officials involved in discussions; inappropriate demonstration by coaches and/or players; and, others in situations that could embarrass or jeopardize the safety of game participants via in-facility production.

20.4.4.19 Regular Season Champions. The men's and women's regular season basketball champions shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference contests won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedules.

20.4.4.20 Conference Tournament Guidelines. Guidelines will published and distributed by the Conference office annually.

20.4.5 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURES.

20.4.5.1 NCAA Automatic Qualifiers. The Conference automatic qualifiers for the NCAA Men's and Women's Division I Basketball Tournaments shall be determined by Conference tournaments at the conclusion of the regular season involving a select number of teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournaments by automatic qualification.

20.4.5.2 Eligibility. Each participant must be eligible under the rules of his or her own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.4.5.3 Tournament Access and Seeding Process.

Men's Basketball Only - Teams shall be seeded 1-8 according to their Conference winning percentage (amended 7/2017)

Women's Basketball Only - Teams shall be seeded 1-8 according to their Conference winning percentage. *(amended 7/2014)*

20.4.5.4 Tiebreaker. The tiebreaker system for seeding the Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament will utilize the following factors, in order, until all ties are broken. *(amended 7/2017)*

20.4.5.4.1 Two-way Ties

(a) Records in head-to-head competition are compared with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most games against the other;

(b) In the event step 1 does not resolve the tie (i.e., if the two teams split during the regular season), then the records for the tying teams against the No. 1 seed shall

be compared. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed shall gain the higher seed.

(c) If the potential No. 1 seed is among the tied teams, the process in step 2 will begin at the highest point in the standings that does not involve a tied team.

(d) The process continues through the No. 12 team, if necessary, skipping any teams involved in a tie.

(e) In the event that the tie cannot be broken, the seedings shall be determined by a coin toss.

20.4.5.4.2 Multiple Ties

(a) Composite records between tying teams will be evaluated to determine if one team has a higher winning percentage against the other tying institutions (in which case that team would receive the higher seed) and/or one team has the lowest winning percentage among the tied teams (in which case that team will receive the lowest seed), and /or two teams have the same composite record (in which case the two-team tiebreaker scenario shall be utilized);

(b) In the event this process does not resolve the multiple ties or reduce the multiple ties to one tie, then a comparison of records of the tying institutions against the No. 1 seed will occur. The team among the tying institutions with the better record against the No. 1 seed will receive the higher seed.

(c) If the potential No. 1 seed is among the tied teams, the process in step 2 will begin at the highest point in the standing that does not involve a tied team.

(d) This process continues through No. 12 team, if necessary, skipping any teams involved in a tie.

(e) In the event this process does not resolve the ties, a coin toss will be the final alternative.

NOTE: If a multiple tie is reduced to a tie between two teams, the two-team tiebreaker formula will then be utilized. Ties involving teams higher in the standings are always broken before ties involving teams lower in the standings. Higher winning percentages shall prevail in tiebreaker situations, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal (i.e. 2-0 is better than 3-1). In the case of tied percentages, 2-0 is better than 1-0 and 0-1 is better than 0-2.

20.5 Men's and Women's Cross Country Regulations.

20.5.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the conduct of all men's and women's Conference competition.

20.5.2 Schedules. There shall be no requirement as to a Conference schedule.

20.5.3 Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.5.4 Conference Cross Country Championship. The Conference men's and women's cross country champions shall be determined by Conference meets at a site determined by the Conference and rotated each year. Guidelines will be

published in the Championship Hosting Guidelines section of this handbook.

20.6 Football Regulations.

20.6.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the playing of all Conference contests.

20.6.2 Schedules. The playing schedule shall be limited to the NCAA maximum num -ber of contests (games or scrimmages) with outside competition (exclusive of postseason competition approved by the NCAA). All scrimmages with outside competition shall be reported to the commissioner a minimum of 48 hours prior to the scrimmage. A Conference schedule will be developed by the Conference office and approved by the league's athletics directors.

20.6.2.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institution's Director of Athletics and with the permission of the Conference commissioner (or his/her designee), Conference games may be rescheduled. A completed copy of the conference change of schedule form shall be submitted to the Conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest.

20.6.2.2 Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*. In the event of snow, the OVC Snow Removal Policy should be followed. See appendix CC for the complete policy (adopted 10/2017)

20.6.3 OFFICIALS.

20.6.3.1 Assignments/Fees. The Conference coordinator shall be responsible for assigning seven officials for each Conference contest. This policy also applies for all non-Conference contests for which the host institution is responsible for obtaining officials. Officiating fees will be established and announced by the Conference Office annually.

20.6.3.2 Hotel Rooms. The host institution will provide 4 hotel rooms for the officials on Friday night (for games played on Saturday) or for game night (for games played on other days of the week). If a Saturday game begins after 5:00pm local time and any official lives more than 200 miles from the host institution, the host shall provide up to four (4) hotel rooms for officials on Saturday night. The coordinator of officials will provide advance notice of any Saturday night hotel needs. Officials are required to be in the city where the game is scheduled on Friday night for Saturday games. For games played on other days of the week, officials will arrive at the hotel a minimum of 6 hours prior to kick-off. If the officials keep one or more rooms beyond the one night, the officials will be responsible for payment for the extra charges.

20.6.3.3 Game Day Meeting Room/Supplies. The pre-game meeting shall be conducted by the Referee, and shall include film review, a rules discussion, and pre-game preparation. The meeting will be held at the hotel. A dressing room will be reserved by home management 2 1/2 hours before game time. NCAA rules shall be used in all games between Conference institutions.

20.6.3.4 Film Review and Pre-game Attendance. Attendance at pre-game meetings shall be limited to the game officials and authorized Conference representatives (e.g., conference office personnel and officiating observers). There shall be no exceptions unless previously authorized by the Coordinator of Football Officials. The host institution should provide the radio or TV liaison with the pre-game meeting locations and time so he/she may confer with the officials

near the beginning of the meeting.

Home management should provide 7 copies of the game program in the officials' dressing room. Home management is also responsible for keeping the officials' dressing room private and secure before and after the game and during the half-time intermission.

20.6.3.5 **Meals.** Home management shall provide sandwiches and beverages in the officials' dressing room 2 ½ hours before kickoff.

20.6.3.6 **Security.** Security should be provided for officials to include the following:

(a) A person outside their dressing room door beginning 1½ hours prior to the game until kickoff.

(b) Necessary person(s) to assist and protect the officials' movement to and from the playing field prior to the game, at half-time, and after the game as well as trips by the referee and umpire to the head coaches office one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) prior to the game.

(c) Necessary person(s) to assist and protect the officials' movement to their vehicles after the game.

20.6.3.7 **Complimentary Tickets.** Each official is entitled to receive two (2) complimentary tickets per game, if requested, with arrangements made through the home team game manager. The seating location for these tickets shall be in the same general seating area as with other complimentary tickets distributed for the game.

20.6.3.8 **Parking.** The officiating crew for each contest shall receive a maximum of two (2) parking passes from the home institution, unless advance notice is given to the home game manager. (*adopted 5/31/2012)*

20.6.4 PRE-GAME ARRANGEMENTS.

20.6.4.1 **Phones/Equipment.** At least three scouting phones shall be made available to visiting teams. This directive is not in place if the visiting team brings its own phones.

Coaches' phones are not subject to NCAA rules before or during the game and therefore are not within the officials' responsibility or authority. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to contact the host institution at least two weeks prior to a scheduled contest to preview details of the sideline telephone operation.

20.6.4.2 **Practice Time.** The visiting team shall notify the host institution 72 hours prior to game day if practice time is needed. If the host cannot provide the preferred option for practice, the host institution will provide an option to reasonably accommodate.

20.6.4.3 **Grounds.** The home management shall mark the field in accordance with football rules. (Please refer to Rule 1, 2010 NCAA Rule Book).

20.6.4.3.1 **NCAA Rule Book.** Section 1-2-8 provides that the host game management is responsible for any hazards or obstructions outside the 12 foot limit lines encircling the playing field. The referee will report any items constituting a hazard to the host game management official after their pre-game field inspection.

The referee may effect any improvements to the field he deems necessary for proper game administration. This includes snow removal.

20.6.4.4 **Balls.** Each team shall furnish a minimum of six (6) NCAA-approved footballs for use in each contest.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, each team should make available storage bags and towels to ball persons to assist in keeping the balls as dry as possible. Towels should also be available for use on the field by the umpire.

The ball may not be altered, which includes the use of any ball-drying substance. Ball-drying devices are not permitted near the sideline or in the team area.

20.6.4.5 **Game Operations Meeting.** The Ohio Valley Conference has implemented a mandatory game operations meeting one hour and 45 minutes (105 minutes) prior to kickoff of every football game. The meeting will be facilitated by the Game Operations Manager from the host school and take place outside the officials' dressing room. See Appendix EE for the Football Game Operations Meeting procedure.

20.6.4.6 **Coaches/Officials Meeting.** The referee and umpire shall report in uniform to the team dressing room at least one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) before game time to discharge their pre-game duties. Coaches are to make themselves available to the officials at this time and to inform them if they intend to use a room at half-time that is different from their dressing room. The officials' jurisdiction begins 60 minutes before the kickoff; therefore, at least two game officials will be on the field one hour before game time.

20.6.4.7 **On-field Meetings and Gatherings — Teams.** At no time (pregame, during the game, post game) may either team engage in any type of "animated huddle", "dance", or similar activity at the center of the field, or on any home team or Conference logo. Additionally, teams shall not gather near the opposing team's entrance to the field. Such activities are limited to the team bench area. *(amended 5/31/2012)*

20.6.4.8 **Time-Clock.** Playing time shall be kept on a visible electric scoreboard clock operated by an assistant (electric clock operator) located in the press box or on the sideline under the direction of the side judge. If the electric clock becomes inoperative, playing time will be kept by a stop watch operated by the side judge or the official clock operator on the field. The clock operator shall report to the officials' dressing room 75 minutes before game time for the following purposes:

(a) Synchronize his watch with that of the side judge, who has the official time of the game.

(b) Advise officials as to his location in the press box or on the sideline.

(c) Discuss coordination of starting and stopping the clock in accordance with the NCAA playing rules and these instructions.

The field clock is to start 60 minutes before game time and to run 20 minutes of the half-time intermission. At half-time, the clock is to be started when the referee signals. All pre-game activities will be synchronized with the official game clock in accordance with the following schedule:

11:30 Starting Time	**Timetable**	**1:30 Starting Time**
11:10	Field cleared of team personnel	1:10
11:11	Start of pre-game band show	1:11
11:25	National Anthem	1:25
11:27	Coin flip	1:27
11:29	Final team huddle	1:29
11:30	Kickoff	1:30

(When starting time differs from above samples, adjust format accordingly.)

National Anthem may be played at a different time. However, this should be noted on the game timeline provided to both head coaches.

20.6.4.8.1 Pre-game Warm-Up — Use of Playing Field. Kickers shall be allowed to kick at both ends of the field until 60 minutes prior to kickoff. At 60 minutes prior to kickoff, the field shall be divided into an "L-shaped" configuration with the 30-yard lines forming the "L". At 40 minutes prior to kick off, the field shall be divided at the 45-yard line (leaving a 10-yard buffer zone between the two teams) until the teams leave the field after warm-ups. The home team is required to post a schematic of the team warm-up areas with the pre-game time sheet in each team's locker room.

20.6.4.8.2 Pre-game Activity. If the bands of both competing teams are to perform during pre-game activity, no more than 6 ½ minutes will be allotted to either band for its performance. If only the band of the home team performs during the pre-game activity, that performance shall be limited to 13 minutes. These times include the time necessary to get the bands on and off the field. Only the band from the home team shall perform during pre-game, unless the visiting band is not permitted to perform at half-time. Pre-game activity is defined as the 20 minute period following pre-game team practice.

20.6.4.8.3 Half-time Activities. Half-time intermissions are limited to 20 minutes (NCAA Rule 3-2-1-b). If bands of both institutions are to perform, each band is limited to a maximum of 7 ½ minute with the visiting band to perform first. If only the home team band performs, that performance and any associated activity is to be limited to 15 minutes. These times include the time necessary to get the bands on and off the field. In all cases, the field must be cleared three minutes prior to the start of the second half. The length of half-time may be shortened (NCAA Rules 3-2-2 and 3-2-2-a). See appendix FF for the Football Halftime procedures.

20.6.4.8.3.1 Participation of Visiting Band. The host institution's Director of Athletics and Band Director must be notified of the desire of a visiting band to perform in pre-game and/or half-time activities. In some instances, previously scheduled activities (homecoming, parents' day, band day or other special recognition activities) may limit or eliminate the opportunity for a visiting band to participate in pre-game or half-time activities, however, in that event, visiting bands shall have the opportunity to perform during the post-game activities.

20.6.4.8.4 Visiting Team Notification. It is the responsibility of home management to notify the visiting team, especially non-conference opponents, of the foregoing timetable and procedures to obtain their cooperation in adhering to these schedules.

20.6.4.8.5 Clearing the Field. Home management is responsible for clearing the field at the beginning of each half and should be mindful of the possibility of a penalty of 10 yards for non-compliance. When any foul for delay of game is enforced on a kickoff to start either half, the referee shall inform both captains before they exercise their options.

20.6.4.8.6 Clock Malfunction. In event of the failure of the official scoreboard clock the electric clock operator, through sideline communications, shall notify the back judge of the time remaining in the period. The side judge will pick up the time on the stop watch he is carrying. The clock operator will then proceed to the field where he will keep the game time using a stop watch. By rule, the clock is to be stopped and both benches are to be notified when there are two minutes remaining in a half. The side judge shall relay to the sideline for the benefit of the coaches, press box and public-address system the time remaining each time the clock is stopped by rule in the final two minutes of each half. See Appendix G for additional instructions.

20.6.4.8.7 Public Address Announcer. Please see Appendix D for specific instructions on the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.6.4.9 25-Second Clock Operator. The play clock operator shall operate the display clocks from the press box or the sideline. The operator shall report to the officials' dressing room 75 minutes before game time to receive instructions from the back judge and must advise officials as to his location in the press box or on the sideline. In the event of failure of the play clock, the operator will notify the back judge immediately. If visual timing devices become inoperative, both coaches shall be notified devices become inoperative, both coaches shall be notified immediately by the referee. See Appendix G for additional instructions.

20.6.4.10 Chains. The official chain and down indicator shall be on the sideline opposite the press box.

20.6.4.11 Auxiliary Down Indicator. The auxiliary down indicator shall be used on the sideline opposite the chains.

20.6.4.12 Ball Persons. Ball persons are to report to the officials' dressing room 30 minutes before the game and will meet with the field judge. Ball persons must be instructed to stay off the playing field. The furnishing of shirts or jackets to ball persons is the responsibility of home management. See Appendix F for additional instructions.

Ball persons should be mature individuals and capable of performing their important duties proficiently. Because of their responsibilities and the potential for injury to players, officials and ball persons, they should be carefully selected and approved by the Director of Athletics. The game officials will monitor and report response to this section.

20.6.4.13 Chain Crew. The box person (one on each side of the field) and the chain person are a most important part of the officiating procedures of the game. The clip-person is part of the chain crew. These men should be high school or college officials and are to be furnished by the home management. They are to be dressed alike but in contrasting color to the players and game officials.

It is strongly recommended that these men wear their standard officiating uniform with the exception that they wear a white shirt instead of the black and white official's shirt. The Conference office will provide a pullover vest to aid in the location of the crew on the sideline. See Appendix H for additional instructions.

20.6.4.14 Sportsmanship Statement. Immediately preceding the kick-off, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

20.6.4.15 Instant Replay. The use of instant replay is required for all non-conference and conference home games. The use of instant replay at neutral site games shall be at the discretion of the designated home team. The OVC will utilize equipment provided by DVSport for instant replay. Conference games played in NFL stadiums will utilize the NFL's instant replay equipment. See Appendix DD for the Football Replay Standards (adopted 7/26/27)

20.6.5 HALF-TIME PROCEDURES.

20.6.5.1 Length. By NCAA rule, half-time intermissions for all games played on Ohio Valley Conference fields shall be 20- minutes. The official clock is to run during the 20- minute intermission and is to be started when the referee signals. Officials shall give a 5- minute warning, in person, to each head coach before the start of the second half. The field of play will be cleared by game management of all band, promotional and event personnel three minutes prior to the start of the second half. See appendix FF for the Football Halftime procedures.

20.6.6 SIGNALS.

20.6.6.1 Time-Out Signals & Procedures.

20.6.6.1.1 Televised Games. At televised games the network television and liaison official procedures will be followed.

20.6.6.1.2 Time-Out Procedure. The referee gives time-out signal and points to that team calling time-out with extended arms. The referee will notify the coach when a team's third time-out is called.

20.6.6.1.3 End of Period. At the end of a period the referee will hold ball over head using only one hand.

20.6.6.1.4 Team Personnel. The following procedures are applicable relative to time-out situations:

(a) Any number of players may converse with their coaching staff near the sideline in the vicinity of their team-box area during any time-out or a televised commercial time-out. A player may converse over the phone with the members of his coaching staff located in the press box.

(b) Trainers may administer to their teams during a time-out charged to a team, a television commercial time-out, a referee's time-out for injury, or during the interval between quarters.

(c) A legal substitute (if so designated) may call a time-out if he is within the nine-yard marks before the snap.

(d) Any player who was in the game on the previous play may call time-out without being within the nine-yard marks.

(e) There will be a 90-second intermission between the first/second and third/fourth quarters in non-televised games.

20.6.6.2 Other Signals.

20.6.6.2.1 Dead Ball Foul. When a dead ball foul is called, the referee is to give the dead ball signal before giving the signal for the foul. This will advise all concerned that the play just completed will count as a down and the penalty will be enforced from the dead ball spot.

20.6.6.2.2 Sideline Plays. On sideline passes that go out of bounds: If completed give the time-out signal; if incomplete, give the incomplete signal.

20.6.7 SIDELINE PROCEDURES.

20.6.7.1 Team Area Limits. Coaches and teams are to stay within their team-area limit lines. Violations in the team area will be enforced.

Home management shall be responsible for policing of the sidelines to keep those on the sidelines behind the limit line area. Officials shall withhold play until the sidelines are clear and the necessary officiating area is established. Non-team personnel, if seated on the sidelines, must be seated away from the sidelines where they will not interfere with the administration of the game.

No media personnel or their equipment shall be in the team area, and no media personnel may communicate in any way with persons in the team area. Practice kicking nets are not permitted outside the team area.

Other than players in uniform, a maximum of 30 individuals directly involved in the game are permitted in the team area, and must be properly credentialed. Only the participants, coaches, and those individuals in a working capacity who have performed these duties throughout the regular season shall be allowed on the sidelines. Coaches who will be in the press box during the game shall be included in the allotment of 30 sideline passes. (*amended 5/31/2012*)

The referee is responsible to order the removal of any hazardous obstructions or markers located on or inside the limit lines; home management is responsible for hazardous obstructions or markers within the playing enclosure but outside the limit lines.

20.6.7.2 Sideline Personnel.

(a) Sideline personnel shall be confined to coaches, players, trainers, and managers of the competing teams and persons assisting the on-field officials or as described in (d).

(b) Team benches should be placed a minimum of 20 feet from the sideline where conditions permit.

(c) Police or security personnel, in sufficient force, should be on hand to keep the limit line area cleared around the field. This is particularly necessary when no fence is used.

(d) Conference staff, photographers, statistics reporters, and others should have proper visual (media credential or arm band) identification and shall be required to adhere to the 12 foot distance from all sidelines and end lines and the six foot area outside and behind the team area. Members of the media are not allowed in the team bench area.

20.6.7.3 Officials. Game officials shall follow NCAA rules in regard to play.

(a) Game officials must stop play until the sideline limit lines are cleared. They cannot run a play with crowds on the sideline. The game and the Conference title race could hinge on a pass or play near the sideline; if an official has tripped over a photographer or other sideline personnel, the play could easily be missed.

(b) Violations of the limit line in the team area will be enforced.

(c) All parties involved are to advise the Conference office immediately of any difficulties experienced in sideline policing. When such notification is received, whether from personnel of home or visiting institutions or game officials, the Conference office will immediately contact those directly responsible to alleviate further difficulties.

20.6.7.4 Sideline Photographers.

(a) Only those photographers on assignment, including student and free-lance photographers, should be given credentials. Each student publication shall be limited to one sideline photo pass. (Special requests shall be submitted to the host Sports Information Director for review.)

(b) Only those papers with weekly and/or daily editions are eligible for sideline passes. The host Sports Information Director will determine the needs for video photographers and reporters. (Special requests shall be submitted to the Sports Information Director for review.)

(c) Cut line writers, equipment carriers, and/or other so-called "assistants" should not be allowed on the sideline.

(d) Photographers must display their credentials at all times. If not, they will be asked to leave the stadium.

(e) Security personnel are to be deployed on the sidelines to ensure that all credentials are properly displayed and to watch for any abuse of privileges by photographers. No media personnel or their equipment shall be in the team area, coaching box, or inside the limit lines except for television or radio liaisons performing their duties during time-outs.

20.6.7.5 Marching Bands. Marching bands assembling at half-time shall assemble outside the 25 to 25 yard line "team area" and outside the area from the sidelines to the grandstand wall until the teams vacate the area at the conclusion of the first half. Bands shall not assemble in the paths of the exiting teams.

20.6.8 TEAM MASCOTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS.

20.6.8.1 Mascots on Field. No mascots shall be on the field of play or end zone at any time during the game, except for pre-game, after a scoring opportunity and halftime activities. Any other activity, including special presentations (e.g., between periods, during time-outs, etc.), should be confined between the end line and 20-yard line.

20.6.9 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.6.9.1 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach and game operations staff shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the stadium, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of game administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and game time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.6.9.2 In-Stadium Video. The intent of limitations related to in-arena video board operation is to reduce the risk of interference with game management procedures. This policy allows for the use of all replays at full speed but institutions are asked to be cautious in showing controversial replays.

20.6.9.2.1 Replays. Replays of official's calls shall be limited to one replay shown in real time (not slow motion). During game stoppage for a review, the arena video system may NOT show any replays of the play in question. Once the official announces the outcome, ONE replay in real time may be shown. (*amended 5/31/2012*)

20.6.9.2.2 End of Game Replays. For the protection of coaches, student-athletes and game officials, institutions are

cautioned to avoid using any controversial replays at the end of a game that may incite unwanted crowd reaction.

20.6.9.1.3 Live Shots. In the spirit of sportsmanship, it is requested that institutions refrain from showing coaches and game officials involved in discussions; inappropriate demonstration by coaches and/or players; and, others in situations that could embarrass or jeopardize the safety of game participants via in-facility production.

20.6.9.3 Crowd Control. Please see Appendix C for specific Ohio Valley Conference policies to be followed in the event a game is interrupted.

20.6.9.4 Band/Audio Play. Bands, or any component thereof, are not to play once the offensive team breaks its huddle, or if no huddle, when the center assumes his position over the ball. NCAA rules provide a penalty for noise from bands that prohibit a team from hearing its signals. This provision also applies to the use of in-stadium sound systems and public address announcements.

20.6.9.5 Game Tape. See Appendix K for specific policies regarding football videotape exchange.

20.6.9.5.1 Scouting. No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.6.9.6 Microphone on the Referee. Microphones, provided by home management, are required on referees. They may be used only for penalty or other game announcements. It should be controlled by the referee and may not be open at other times. Microphones on other officials are prohibited. In announcing penalties, the offending player will be identified by number.

20.6.9.7 Microphones on Coaches or Players. NCAA football rules prohibit microphones being placed on coaches or players.

20.6.9.8 Travel Squad Sizes. Travel squads for Conference competition shall be limited in the sport of football to NCAA Championship numbers (70 players). Home squads are permitted to dress an unlimited amount of players during conference competition. An institution can request the Conference office to grant an exception to this rule under special circumstances. (*amended 6/2011*)

20.6.9.9 Team Benches. The location of the visiting team bench shall be determined by the home institution.

20.6.9.10 Visiting Team Locker Room. The home team shall provide the visiting team a minimum of game programs, crushed ice, and water or carbonated beverages. It is the responsibility of the visiting team trainer and/or manager to notify the home team of any special requests at least 10 days prior to the game. Trainers should forward a list of available on-site services to all visiting teams prior to the start of the season.

20.6.9.11 Suspended Games. If a football game is stopped and is not continued, the following shall apply:

(a) If fewer than three quarters of football have been completed, the game shall be subject to rescheduling;

(b) If a contest is rescheduled, the game shall resume at the exact point when the contest was suspended;

(c) If a football game is suspended, it must be resumed within 24 hours of the original kickoff time, unless otherwise agreed upon by the directors of athletics from the competing institutions. If a mutual

decision cannot be reached, the commissioner will reschedule the game.

(d) If three or more quarters of the football game have been played and a team has a lead of 21 points or more, the game shall be declared a completed contest. If the point difference is less than 21 points, the game shall be rescheduled per section c, unless the directors of athletics of the competing institutions agree for the game to be declared a completed contest.

20.6.9.12 Game Time. Following the change from daylight savings time to standard time, the kickoff time for games in stadiums without lights shall be no later than 12:30p.m. local time.

20.6.9.13 Uniforms. The home team shall wear dark-colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear light-colored jerseys.

20.6.10 TELEVISION.

20.6.10.1 Guidelines. Telecast guidelines established by the Ohio Valley Conference must be followed.

20.6.11 RADIO.

20.6.11.1 Overtime. A 90-second commercial break prior to start of the first overtime only with no commercial breaks during overtime periods.

20.6.11.2 Reciprocal Telephone Lines. At the sole expense of each institutions' radio network, one telephone line will be installed in the visiting team radio booth to be used on a reciprocal basis in Ohio Valley Conference play. It is the responsibility of the radio networks to cooperate and orchestrate this program.

20.6.11.3 Radio Networks. Each institution will designate one radio outlet to serve as its originator or network flagship station. No other station will be allowed to originate a live broadcast of a game without the written approval of both Directors of Athletics of competing institutions. Institutions are not prohibited by geographic boundaries from securing affiliate stations in the development of a network. However, in order to avoid the "cherry-picking" of selected broadcasts, an institution will not permit stations outside of its state but within the Ohio Valley seven state region to broadcast a game involving a team from that state, unless the station carries a majority of that institution's contests. These provisions may be waived with the written permission of the participating institutions.

20.6.12 POOL REPORTER POLICY.

20.6.12.1 Pool Reporter Designee. At the request of the media, the host Sports Information Director, or the designee, may send a pool reporter to the officials' dressing room for a rule(s) clarification by the referee. No question may be asked regarding a judgment call. It is recommended that the host Sports Information Director, or the designee, serve as the pool reporter. If the Sports Information Director does not serve as the pool reporter, he/she must accompany the assigned person to the officials' dressing room. All questions and answers must be tape-recorded and a printed sheet of the responses must be distributed to all media present.

The tape cannot be used for live or taped radio or television playback. In addition to the above, a request for a pool reporter may be made to clarify:

(a) Ejections of players or coaches from a contest;

(b) Substitute officials in cases of emergency; and,

(c) "Unusual" game situations not covered above.

20.6.13 **Conference Champion.** The Conference football champion shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference contests won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams have the same number of losses at the conclusion of the regular season schedule. To be eligible for the champion ship, a member must play a Conference-approved schedule.

20.6.14 **NCAA Automatic Qualifier.** The Conference automatic qualifier to the FCS Football Championship shall be the regular season champion. Since OVC teams are playing an unbalanced Conference schedule, two or more teams will be considered tied for the championship only if they have the same number of losses. Should two or more teams have the same number of Conference losses at the end of the regular-season, a tiebreaker formula, which shall be approved by the league's athletics directors and distributed annually from the Conference office, shall be utilized.

20.6.15 **TIEBREAK PROCEDURES.**

20.6.15.1 Two-Way Ties

(a) A two-way tie shall exist only if the tied teams have the same number of losses.

(b) Should two teams have the same number of losses, and the two teams played each other during the regular season, the winner of the head-to-head contest shall be the league's postseason representative.

(c) If the two tied teams have the same number of losses, but did not play each other during the regular season, the following procedure shall be utilized to break the tie:

(1) A comparison of each team's head-to-head record against the team occupying the highest position in the regular-season standings that each team has played. If one team won its game against that team, the winning team shall be declared the representative.

(2) Should the procedure outlined in Item a. fail to break the tie, the process will continue to the next-place team and beyond until the tie is broken.

(3) When arriving at another group of tied teams, composite records between the tying teams shall be utilized to determine if one of the tied teams has won more games against the group of tied teams.

(4) If the procedures described previously fail to break the tie, the representative shall be determined by a coin flip.

20.6.15.2 Multiple-Ties

(a) A multiple tie (three or more teams) shall exist only if the tied teams have the same number of losses.

(b) If all of the teams involved in the multiple tie played each other during the regular season, then the composite records among the tied teams shall be compared to break the tie.

(c) If the process outlined in Step 2 reduces the tie to a tie among two teams, the two-team tiebreaker formula shall then be utilized.

(d) If not all of the tied teams played each other during the regular season, or if step 2 does not break or reduce the tie, the following procedure shall be utilized:

(1) A comparison of each of the tied teams' head-to-head record against the team occupying the highest position in the regular-season standings that each team has played. If one team won its game against that team, the winning team shall be declared the representative.

(2) Should the procedure outlined in Item a. fail to break the tie, the process will continue to the next-place team and beyond until the tie is broken.

(3) When arriving at another group of tied teams, composite records between the tying teams shall be utilized to determine if one of the tied teams has won more games against the group of tied teams.

(e) If the procedures described previously fail to break the tie, the representative shall be determined by a coin flip.

20.7 Men's and Women's Golf Regulations.

20.7.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the United States Golf Association (USGA) shall govern the play in Conference matches.

20.7.2 Schedules. There shall be no requirement as to a Conference schedule.

20.7.3 Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.7.4 Conference Championship Guidelines. The Conference men's and women's golf champions shall be determined by Conference tournaments at the conclu -sion of regular season competition.

20.7.5 NCAA Automatic Qualifier. The Conference automatic qualifiers for the NCAA Men's and Women's Division I Golf Tournaments shall be determined by a Conference tournament at the conclusion of regular season competition involving all OVC teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

20.8 Men's and Women's Rifle Regulations.

20.8.1 Rules. USA Shooting rules, and NCAA modifications to those rules, shall govern Conference match competition.

20.8.2 Schedules. Match schedules shall be limited to a minimum of eight and a maximum of 13 contests (exclusive of NCAA-approved postseason competition). Institutions sponsoring two teams — men's and women's, mixed and women's — must have separate schedules.

20.8.3 Targets. The host institution shall furnish match targets as specified in the NCAA Rifle rules modifications and USA Shooting rules.

20.8.4 Conference Championship. The Conference rifle champion shall be deter mined by a Conference meet at the conclusion of regular season competition. The institution with the highest aggregate of the air rifle team competition and smallbore team competition will be the Conference champion. Points towards the Commissioner's Cup trophy will also be awarded based on aggre -gate scores of team air rifle and team smallbore competitions.

20.9 Women's Soccer Regulations.

20.9.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the conduct of all Conference contests.

20.9.2 OFFICIALS.

20.9.2.1 Assignments/Fees. The Conference coordinator shall be respon- sible for assigning three officials for each Conference contest. This policy also applies for all non-Conference contests for which the host institution is responsible for obtaining officials. Officiating fees will be established and announced by the Conference Office on an annual basis.

20.9.2.2 Arrival on Site. Ohio Valley Conference officials shall arrive at the match site at least one hour before the match is scheduled to start and greeted by match management. Match management should contact the coordinator if officials have not arrived in their dressing room 45 minutes prior to the start of the match. The coordinator of officials will develop a plan of action to provide officials in the event inclement weather prevents any official from arriving on site.

20.9.2.2.1 Inclement Weather Fees. In the event a contest is cancelled or postponed because of weather or other reasons, and one or more of the officials have NOT been notified prior to their departure and are on hand and ready to work, the host school shall pay the fee(s).

20.9.2.2.2 Ball Crew. A minimum of four ball shaggers, no younger than 10-years old and dressed in distinguishable clothing, shall be available, and shall arrive 30 minutes before match time. The officials will instruct the shaggers regarding their duties.

20.9.2.3 Admission. A match official or observer may receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions for each contest to which he or she is assigned. Officials shall make their own arrangements through the game manager at the host school.

20.9.2.4 Dressing Room/Supplies. Match administrators shall provide a dressing room (or designated area) closely located to the soccer field for the officials to change into their uniforms and secure their belongings. In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the room/area shall be stocked with a copy of the match protocol, ice, soft drinks, water and/or isotonic beverages. When necessary, gender specific officials'dressing rooms will be provided. Admittance to this room/designated area shall be limited to officials, institutional game administrators and Conference office representatives. No guests, visitors, or other institutional personnel (other than game administrator, trainer, or manager upon request) shall be admitted.

20.9.2.5 Security/Escort. It is the responsibility of the home management match administrator or designee to provide a security escort for match officials to and from the playing field in pre-match, halftime and post-match, as well as a security escort to the parking lot at the conclusion of the contest.

20.9.2.6 Communication with Officials. Except for necessary contact by the designated match administrator, institutional representatives are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during or after matches on matters related to the match. All violations of this procedure are to be reported to the Conference office.

20.9.3 MATCH PROCEDURES.

20.9.3.1 Uniforms. In Conference contests, home teams shall wear dark-colored uniforms on the first day (Friday) and light-colored uniforms on the second day (Sunday) of a two-match weekend where one team's contests are both played at home. On Conference weekends where teams play just one single game the home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms and the visiting teams shall wear dark-colored uniforms.

On those weekends in which teams play a "split weekend" schedule (one home, one away contest), the four teams involved in that schedule shall confirm uniform colors ahead of time according to the following formula:

-If the two teams playing the "split" schedule within the group of four are scheduled to play one another, then the two teams not playing the split schedule will follow the regular uniform policy above. The two teams with the "split" schedule will then fill in their uniform color according to what the other two teams should be wearing.

-If the two teams playing the "split" schedule within the group of four are not scheduled to play one another, then those two teams shall wear dark-colored uniforms on the first day (Friday) of the weekend and light-colored uniforms on the second day (Sunday) of the weekend. The remaining two teams that do not have a "split" schedule within that group shall wear light-colored uniforms on the first day (Friday) and dark-colored uniforms on the second day (Sunday) of the weekend.

In an instance where the difference in color between the light and dark uniforms is not discernible, it is the responsibility of the visiting team to make the necessary adjustments and/or discuss the arrangement prior to the day of the match. (*amended 5/2014*)

20.9.3.2 **Balls.** The home team shall furnish five (5) game balls in all Conference matches. OVC institutions must utilize a match quality ball, in a brand of their choosing, for every Conference match. The Ohio Valley Conference shall utilize the current NCAA championship match ball during OVC Championship play. (*amended 5/2013*)

20.9.3.3 **Warm-up.** The facility at each host institution shall be secured and available for warm-up a minimum of one-hour prior to match time.

20.9.3.4 **Team Benches.** Both the home and visiting team benches, separated by a 10-yard neutral zone, will be located in similar proximity to the scorer's table and shall be set at least 10 feet from the touch line. Towels and water shall be available at the end of each bench. There shall be sufficient distance between the spectators and the benches for players and coaches so the conduct of the contest is not impaired.

20.9.4 BEFORE THE MATCH

20.9.4.1 **Pre-match Protocol.** Match administration should start a countdown on the visible clock one hour before match time. For all soccer matches hosted by OVC institutions, the following match protocol will be used. Senior night activities shall take place just prior to team introductions, immediately following the public address welcome. The game clock may NOT be altered in these situations. All other promotional events must take place during halftime or other appropriate time. (This may be modified in a tournament situation.) (*amended 5/31/2012*)

Sample for 7:00 Match

Time of Day	Game Clock	Protocol
6:00 p.m.	60:00	Teams may begin warm-up
6:45 p.m.	15:00	Game rosters submitted/exchanged
6:50 p.m.	10:00	Captains and Officials meet
		Teams clear field/Public address welcome.
		Senior Night activities (if applicable)
		Introduction of players
		1. "Visiting Team" players and head coach
		2. "Home Team" players and head coach
		National Anthem
7:00 p.m.	0:00	Match Begins

20.9.4.2 **Introduction of Line ups.** Team introductions must be done in an expedient manner. The team introduction protocol must be communicated to the visiting team in advance. See Appendix E for additional instructions about the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.9.4.3 **Sportsmanship Statement.** Immediately following player introductions the following statement shall be read,

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

20.9.4.4 Halftime. Any halftime special events or activities must be completed so that the field is cleared five minutes before the start of the second half. At no time shall the halftime clock be held, nor halftime extended without the prior approval of the Conference Commissioner.

20.9.4.4.1 Statistics. The host institution should provide updated match statistics to each coach.

20.9.5 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.9.5.1 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the field, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of match administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and match time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.9.5.2 Visiting Team Bench. In addition to standard supplies, the visiting team bench will be stocked with ice, water and/or isotonic beverage, towels, and a pre-match protocol sheet (information and notification of any special events).

20.9.5.3 Visiting Team Practice. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to notify the host institution in writing at least one week prior to the scheduled match to arrange for a practice opportunity on the day preceding the match. The host institution will determine if weather and/or field conditions are acceptable. Conditions of the playing field during this time shall be identical to regular game conditions (i.e. lighting, etc.).

In addition, to standard practice supplies (cups, water, ice, towels, balls, etc.), the visiting team shall have access to training facilities and be provided emergency telephone numbers and procedures.

20.9.5.4 Travel Squad Size. OVC institutions may determine (individually) the number of eligible players they wish to travel and dress for Conference matches. There is no restriction on the number of players that may dress and participate during Conference competition. *(amended 5/2014)*

20.9.5.5 Music/Spirit Groups. Music may be played prior to the start of the match, at halftime, and when the ball is not in play. The Ohio Valley Conference does not permit cheerleaders, mascots or bands to travel to Conference road matches, with the exception of the OVC Tournament.

20.9.5.5.1 Bands. No musical instruments, including drums, shall play while the ball is in play. This provision also applies to the use of in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. Band play shall be restricted to prior to the official's whistle beginning the match, halftime, immediately following a goal, during official's time-outs, and after the official's whistle ending the match.

The home institution shall have the option of playing the national anthem.

20.9.5.5.2 Artificial Noisemakers. Institutions are reminded of the sportsmanship principles, including those related to creating a safe and positive environment for visiting

teams. Institutions are not prohibited from purchasing products that are desired to enhance match environments. It is the institution's responsibility to exercise good judgment on match management decisions.

20.9.5.6 Crowd Control/Match Interruption. See Appendix C for specific policies regarding crowd control.

20.9.5.7 Public Comments. All reports or comments pertaining to officiating, game management responsibilities, or concerning players, coaches or officials shall be directed only to the Conference office. Public airing of such matters by coaches, players, administrators or officials is prohibited and subject to sanctions from the Conference.

20.9.5.7.1 Code of Conduct. All institutions should be aware of the Conference's Code of Conduct which details non-permissible comments and provides for specific penalties, including fines, for violations. Specifically:

(a) Tapes shall not be used for public criticism of umpires or officiating;

(b) Coaches shall not contact umpires directly through correspondence or telephone, and all matters pertaining to umpires or officiating shall be directed to the Conference office;

(c) Sports information directors shall make no reference whatsoever to officiating in institutional press releases and shall not publish or make public game officiating assignments more than four hours prior to a game.

20.9.5.8 Videotaping Policy. The host institution shall provide an area for videotaping purposes at regular season matches. Additionally, institutions may videotape games in which they are directly involved at the OVC tournament.

20.9.5.8.1 Scouting. No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.9.5.8.2 Video Exchange. See Appendix BB for specific OVC video exchange policies.

20.9.5.9 Schedule. The Conference office shall annually develop a Conference schedule in which each Conference member shall play one match with all other Conference members.

20.9.5.9.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institutions' Director of Athletics and with the permission of the Conference office, Conference matches may be rescheduled. A completed conference change of schedule form shall be submitted to the conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest.

20.9.5.9.2 Time Changes. The coordinator of officials for soccer and the Conference office must receive notification of any contest time changes.

20.9.5.9.3 Rain/Cancellation Policy. Within 72 hours of a cancelled or postponed Conference match, the involved institutions (coaches and administrative staff) must have finalized plans to make up the match at a later date. If the institutions involved cannot come to an agreement within 72 hours, the Conference office will determine when the match will be played. *(Adopted 6/10)*

20.9.5.9.4 Inclement Weather. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.9.6 Regular Season Champion. The regular season soccer champion shall be determined on a points basis of Conference matches won, lost or tied. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedule.

20.9.7 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURE.

20.9.7.1 NCAA Automatic Qualifier. The Conference representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Tournament shall be determined by a Conference tournament at the end of the regular season involving a select number of teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

20.9.7.2 Eligibility. Each student-athlete must be eligible under the rules of his or her own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.9.7.3 Tournament Format/Seeding Process. The OVC post season champion shall be determined by a eight-team single-elimination tournament event. The following policies and procedures for placement of seeds in the postseason tournament shall be used:

20.9.7.3.1 Seedings. Teams will be seeded one (1) through eight (8) at the conclusion of regular season competition. This seeding process is determined by position of finish in Conference standings in descending order, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

20.9.7.4 Tiebreaker. The tie breaker system for seeding the Ohio Valley Conference Soccer Tournament will utilize the following factors, in order, until all ties are broken.

20.9.7.4.1 Two-Way Ties.

(a) Head-to-Head competition with the winner receiving the higher seed. If this does not break the tie, refer to Multiple Ties.

20.9.7.4.2 Multiple Ties. For multiple ties, ties shall be broken as follows. Ties involving higher-seeded teams will be broken before those involving lower-seeded teams.

(a) Compare the head-to-head match record among the teams tied, with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most matches against the others.

(b) Total points (three (3) for a win and one (1) for a tie) of tied teams versus other teams, in rank order beginning at the highest point in the standings that does not involve a tied team. Process continues (if necessary) through rank order, skipping any teams involved in a tie.

(c) Goal differential among tied teams (goals-for minus goals-against with a maximum of three goals).

(d) Goal differential among all teams (goals-for minus goals-against with a maximum of three goals).

(e) Coin toss among tied teams. *(amended 5/2014)*

20.10 Softball Regulations.

20.10.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the conduct of all play with the exception that the International Tiebreaker Rule shall not be used in regular-season Conference play. *(amended 5/2014)*

20.10.2 UMPIRES.

20.10.2.1 Assignments/Fees. The Conference coordinator shall be responsible for assigning three umpires for each Conference contest. The Coordinator of Officials will assign all traditional (non-conference included) season games, exempting tournaments. Institutions may use 2 umpires for non-conference contests but must notify the Coordinator of Officials prior to the start of the season. Officiating fees will be established and announced by the Conference Office annually

20.10.2.2 Arrival on Site. Ohio Valley Conference umpires shall arrive at the game site at least one hour prior to the start of the game and shall be greeted by game management. Game management should contact the coordinator if umpires have not arrived 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. The coordinator of umpires will develop a plan of action to provide umpires in the event inclement weather prevents any official from arriving on site.

20.10.2.2.1 Inclement Weather Fees. In the event a contest is cancelled or postponed because of weather or other reasons, and one or more of the umpires have NOT been notified prior to their departure and are on hand and ready to work, the host school shall pay the fee(s).

20.10.2.3 Admission. A game official or observer may receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions for each contest to which he or she is assigned. Umpires shall make their own arrangements through the game manager at the host school.

20.10.2.4 Dressing Room/Supplies. Game administrators shall provide a dressing room (or designated area) closely located to the softball facility for the umpires to change into their uniforms and secure their belongings. In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the dressing room/designated area should be stocked with soft drinks, water and/or isotonic beverages. When necessary, gender specific umpires' dressing rooms shall be provided. Admittance to this room/designated area shall be limited to umpires, institutional game administrators and Conference office representatives. No guests, visitors, or other institutional personnel (other than game administrator, trainer, or manager upon request) shall be admitted.

20.10.2.5 Security/Escort. It is the responsibility of the home management game administrator or designee to provide an escort for game umpires to and from the playing field, as well as an escort to the parking lot at the conclusion of the contest.

20.10.2.6 Communication with Umpires. Except for necessary contact by the designated game administrator, institutional representatives are prohibited from talking to the umpires before, during or after games on matters related to the game. All violations of this procedure are to be reported to the Conference office.

20.10.2.7 Game Umpires Confidentiality. Game umpires, by the very nature of their duties, are placed in a position of being exposed to privileged information regarding personnel or activities of competing teams. Under no circumstances may a game official relay this privileged information regarding umpires or officiating for Conference games, to the general public, the media or personnel of another institution.

20.10.3 GAME PROCEDURES.

20.10.3.1 Uniforms. Home teams shall were dark-colored uniforms on the first day of a conference series and on the second day home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms unless there is mutual consent among the competing coaches to alter that policy. In an instance where the difference in color between the light and dark uniforms is not discernible, it is the responsibility of the visiting team to make the necessary adjustments and/or discuss the arrangement prior to the day of the game.

20.10.3.2 Balls. The official softball for the Ohio Valley Conference is the Rawlings NCAA NC12L and shall be used for all conference games and the OVC Tournament.

20.10.3.3 Team Dugout Personnel. Dugout/bench personnel shall be limited to team members, head or assistant coaches, institutional administrative representatives, and appropriate number of managers, trainers medical staff and bat handlers. No other individuals should occupy the dugout.

20.10.4 BEFORE THE GAME.

20.10.4.1 Exchange of Rosters. Coaches shall exchange the 20-player eligibility roster before the start of each single game, and before the first game of a conference series. There may be no additions to the list for a single game or throughout the conference series once the rosters have been exchanged. The umpire-in-chief will receive a copy of the list.

20.10.4.2 Batting Practice. The home team and visiting teams shall be afforded equal opportunity for batting and infield practice, unless prevented by weather or other conditions beyond the control of the teams. The host team will provide equipment for batting practice. Each institution will specify in its visitors guide what equipment will be provided for the visiting team.

Please note the infield may be shared by mutual agreement of the coaches, and that batting time will be determined on a site-by-site basis. The home team shall send a written pre-game protocol to visiting teams no later than prior to the start of the Conference season.

20.10.4.2.1 Bat Testing. In order for any bat to be utilized during a regular season OVC contest, the bat is required to pass mandatory bat testing. Bat testing shall occur once before the start of each OVC series. Testing should be scheduled no earlier than two hours prior to the first game of a series and must be completed no later than 30 minutes prior to the first game of the series. See Appendix S for the complete testing protocol. (*adopted 5/31/2012*)

20.10.4.3 Pre-game Protocol. Game administration should start a countdown on the visible clock one hour before game time. For all softball games hosted by OVC institutions, the following pre-game protocol will be used, unless another method is mutually agreed upon by the participating head coaches. Beginning and remaining warm-up time should be announced at the one-minute mark by the public address announcer. The protocol must be followed with senior night being the only allowable exception. All other promotional events must take place during the intermission or other appropriate time. (This may be modified in a tournament situation.)

PRE-GAME PROTOCOL
Home Team Warm-up (8 minutes)
Visiting Team Warm-up (8 minutes)
Umpires and Coaches at Home Plate
Team Introductions
National Anthem
Game Begins

20.10.4.4 Team Introductions. Team introductions must be done in an expedient manner. The team introduction protocol must be communicated to the visiting team in advance. Please see Appendix E for additional instructions on the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.10.4.5 Sportsmanship Statement. Immediately following player introductions the following statement shall be read,

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated.

20.10.4.6 Laundry. If the visiting team desires the use of institutional laundry facilities, notification at least one week prior to a scheduled contest is desired. It should be understood that not all institutions can afford the visiting team access to laundry facilities, but best effort will be made.

20.10.5 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.10.5.1 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the field, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of match administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and match time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.10.5.2 Visiting Team Dugout. In addition to standard supplies, the visiting team dugout should be stocked with ice, water and/or isotonic beverage, and a pre-game protocol sheet (information and notification of any special events).

20.10.5.3 Visiting Team Practice. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to notify the host institution in writing at least one week prior to the start of a series to arrange for a practice opportunity on days preceding a series. The host institution will determine if weather and/or field conditions are acceptable and the visiting team may be required to assist in the field preparation (e.g. removal or replacement of the tarp).

In addition, to standard practice supplies (cups, water, ice, towels, balls, etc.), the visiting team shall have access to training facilities and be provided emergency telephone numbers and procedures.

20.10.5.4 Travel Squad Size. There shall be no restriction on the number of student-athletes that may travel to or dress for an OVC contest, but each institution must declare on an eligibility list no more than twenty (20) student-athletes that are eligible that would be able to compete in each series. This declaration will take place prior to the start of the game (amended 6/2017)

20.10.5.5 Music. Music may be played prior to the start of the game, between innings, and when the ball is not in play.
20.10.5.5.1 Artificial Noisemakers. Institutions are reminded of the

sportsmanship principles, including those related to creating a safe and positive environment for visiting teams. Institutions are not prohibited from purchasing products that are desired to enhance game environments. It is the institution's responsibility to exercise good judgment on game management decisions.

20.10.5.6 Crowd Control/Game Interruption. See Appendix C for specific Ohio Valley Conference policies to be followed in the event a game is interrupted.

20.10.5.7 In-Stadium Video. The intent of limitations related to in-arena video board operation is to reduce the risk of interference with game management procedures. This policy allows for the use of all replays at full speed but institutions are asked to be cautious in showing controversial replays. *(adopted 5/31/2012)*

20.10.5.7.1 Replays. Replays of official's calls shall be limited to one replay shown in real time (not slow motion). During game stoppage for a review, the arena video system may NOT show any replays of the play in question. Once the official announces the outcome, ONE replay in real time may be shown.

20.10.5.7.2 End of Game Replays. For the protection of coaches, student-athletes and game officials, institutions are cautioned to avoid using any controversial replays at the end of a game that may incite unwanted crowd reaction.

20.10.5.7.3 Live Shots. In the spirit of sportsmanship, it is requested that institutions refrain from showing coaches and game officials involved in discussion; inappropriate demonstration by coaches and/or players; and others in situations that could embarrass or jeopardize the safety of game participants via in-facility production.

20.10.5.8 Public Comments. All reports or comments pertaining to officiating, game management responsibilities, or concerning players, coaches or umpires shall be directed only to the Conference office. Public airing of such matters by coaches, players, administrators or umpires is prohibited and subject to sanctions from the Conference.

20.10.5.8.1 Code of Conduct. All institutions should be aware of the Conference's Code of Conduct which details non-permissible comments and provides for specific penalties, including fines, for violations. Specifically:

(a) Tapes shall not be used for public criticism of umpires or officiating;

(b) Coaches shall not contact umpires directly through correspondence or telephone, and all matters pertaining to umpires or officiating shall be directed to the Conference office;

(c) Sports information directors shall make no reference whatsoever to officiating in institutional press releases and shall not publish or make public game officiating assignments more than four hours prior to a game.

20.10.5.9 Videotaping Policy. The host institution shall provide an area for videotaping purposes at regular season games. Additionally, institutions may videotape games in which they are directly involved at the OVC tournament.

20.10.5.9.1 Scouting. No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.10.5.10 Schedule/Length of Games. The Conference office shall annually develop a conference schedule. All games will be a minimum of seven innings, unless the run rule becomes effective (game ends if a team is leading by eight runs or more after five innings). Each team shall play each conference opponent in a doubleheader series. Each team shall play four (4) travel partner weekends through out the year with two doubleheader series scheduled on Saturday/ Sunday. Each team shall play two (2) doubleheader series scheduled on a Saturday. Each team shall play one (1) doubleheader series on Easter weekends scheduled on Friday. Each team shall play its travel partner on the final weekends of the regular season.

20.10.5.10.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institutions' Directors of Athletics and with the permission of the Conference office, Conference games may be changed. A completed conference change of schedule form shall be submitted to the conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest. Institutions shall be encouraged to work together in advance of the OVC softball season to accommodate requested schedule changes pertaining to graduation and final exams. *(amended 5/2013)*

20.10.5.10.2 Rainout/Suspended Game Policy. Please refer to Appendix P for the Ohio Valley Conference softball rainout and suspended game procedures.

20.10.5.10.3 Inclement Weather Procedures. No Conference game shall be started if the outside temperature is 34 degrees Fahrenheit or below at the time of the scheduled first pitch. The game administrator shall utilize National Weather Service readings from weather.com or a weather radio to make the decision. In addition, once a game has been started, only the home-plate umpire may halt the game for reasons of cold temperature.

20.10.5.10.4 Lightning. In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.10.5.11 Regular Season Champion. The regular season softball champion shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference games won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedule.

20.10.6 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURE.

20.10.6.1 NCAA Automatic Qualifier. The Conference representative for the NCAA Division I Softball Tournament shall be determined by a Conference tournament at the conclusion of the regular season involving a select number of teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

20.10.6.2 Eligibility. Each participant must be eligible under the rules of her own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.10.6.3 Tournament Format/Access/Seeding. The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by an eight-team double-elimination tournament event.

Teams shall be seeded 1-8 according to their Conference winning percentage, regardless of division.

In the event of ties in the standings at the conclusion of regular-season play, a tiebreaker procedure shall be utilized to determine

access to the tournament and/or seeding. All ties will be broken starting at the top of the Conference standings and working down. (*adopted 5/31/2012*)

20.10.6.4 TIEBREAK PROCEDURES

20.10.6.4.1 Two-Way Ties

(a) Head-to-head competition records are compared, with the higher seed going to the team with the better record.

(b) In the event No. 1 fails to break the tie (the two tying teams split evenly their regular-season series) the records of the tying teams against the No. 1 seed shall be compared. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed shall be given the higher seed.

(c) The process in Step 2 continues through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through the last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

(d) If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seed for tournament play.

20.10.6.4.2 Multiple Ties

(a) Composite records against the tying teams will be used to determine if one team has won more games against the other tying teams.

(b) If Step 1 does not resolve the multiple-tie situation, then a comparison of records of the tying teams against the No. 1 seed will occur. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed will get the higher seed.

(c) This process will continue through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

(d) If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeds for the tournament play and entries into the tournament.

20.11 Men's and Women's Tennis Regulations.

20.11.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) shall govern play in all Conference matches.

20.11.2 Schedules. The Conference Office shall annually develop a Conference schedule in which each Conference member shall play one match with all other Conference members.

20.11.2.1 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institution's Directors of Athletics and approval of the Conference commissioner (or his/her designee), Conference matches may be rescheduled. A completed copy of the conference change of schedule form shall be submitted to the Conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest.

20.11.2.2 Inclement Weather. In the event a match needs to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the participating institutions shall reschedule the match per one of the following scenarios:

(a) If the participating institutions mutually agree to reschedule the match due to inclement weather prior to the visiting team departing its campus for the match, the participating institutions shall submit a completed change of schedule form per ADAA 20.11.2.1;

(b) If the participating institutions mutually agree to reschedule the match due to inclement weather subsequent to the visiting team departing its campus for the match and the match is rescheduled to occur during the same road trip, a representative from one of the

participating institutions shall notify the Conference commissioner (or his/her designee) by email of the rescheduled match with copy to both participating institutions' Athletics Directors and/or sport oversight administrators, or

(c) If the participating institutions mutually agree to reschedule the match due to inclement weather subsequent to the visiting team departing its campus for the match and the match is to be rescheduled on a date subsequent to the visiting team's return to campus from the current road trip, the participating institutions shall submit a completed change of schedule form per ADAA 20.11.2.1 within seven (7) days of the original match date. (adopted 7/2013)

20.11.3 **Rain/Cancellation Policy**. In the event a match is canceled due to bad weather, the involved coaches shall make every possible effort to reschedule the match. The following method of rescheduling matches due to inclement weather shall be followed:

1. The home institution shall use best efforts to secure indoor courts on the dates of match in question.
2. The home institution shall use best efforts to secure courts on Sunday of the weekend of the scheduled match.
3. The coaches at the two involved institutions should mutually agree to play the match on a future date.
4. If the home institution of the match in question cannot secure courts (outdoor or indoor) to reschedule a match by the Sunday before the conference tournament, then the match shall be played on the Sunday before the conference tournament on the courts at one of the OVC institutions with available backup courts (Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee State) as selected by the home institution

Rescheduling of matches shall take place within a 100 miles radius of the hometown of the home team of the match in question. All matches must be completed by Sunday prior to the OVC tournament, unless the Directors of Athletics at the two participating institutions agree to play on the Monday prior to the OVC tournament. Any direct costs to play rescheduled matches shall be incurred by the home institution of the match in question. No rescheduled match may begin after 6:00 p.m. local time. If courts are secured to reschedule a match by the home team of the match in question in accordance with the guidelines herein, and the visiting institution refuses to participate, then the visiting institution shall forfeit the match with a resulting score of 7-0. (amdended 3/2016)

20.11.4 **Severe Weather / Lightning.** In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.11.5 **Officials.** A United States Tennis Association (USTA) Certified Umpire is mandatory for each men's and women's regular season seed match at the ratio of one umpire for every three courts utilized. *(amended 5/2014)*

20.11.6 **Lineups.** There will not be set lineups during the regular season, with teams making alterations according to ITA rules, and no designated lineup needs to be declared until the OVC Championships.

20.11.7 **Balls.** The host institution shall provide sufficient standard balls to complete all regular season matches and tournaments. Institutions shall follow the ITA Ball Change guidelines.

20.11.8 **Athletic Trainer.** The host school shall provide a readily accessible athletics trainer at all regular season matches.

20.11.9 **Sportsmanship Policies.** OVC institutions hosting tennis competition shall require introductions and handshakes between all participating tennis student-athletes at the beginning of a tennis match. The OVC Tennis Sportsmanship Statement shall be read to all participants prior to the beginning of each match. The OVC Tennis Sportsmanship Statement shall be distributed annually by the Conference office. (*adopted 11/2011*)

20.11.10 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to the season, the visiting head coach shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the field, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of match administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and match time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.11.11 Regular Season Champion. The regular season men's and women's tennis champions shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference matches won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedule.

20.11.12 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURE.

20.11.12.1 NCAA Automatic Qualifiers. The Conference automatic qualifiers for the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Tournaments shall be determined by a Conference tournament at the conclusion of the regular season involving a select number of teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

20.11.12.2 Eligibility. Each student-athlete must be eligible under the rules of his/her own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.11.12.3 Tournament Format/Seeding. The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by a six-team single-elimination tournament event. Teams will be seeded one (1) through six (6) based on their regular season OVC winning percentage. In the event of ties in the standings at the conclusion of regular season play, a tiebreaker procedure shall be utilized to determine access to the Tournament and/or seeding.

20.11.12.4 TIEBREAK PROCEDURES

20.11.12.4.1 Two-Way Ties.

(a) Records in head to head competition are compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most dual matches against the other.

(b) In the event step 1 does not resolve the tie, then the records of the tying teams against the No. 1 seed shall be compared. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed shall gain the higher seed.

(c) If the potential No. 1 seed is among the tied teams, the process in step 2 will begin at the highest point in the standings which does not involve a tied team.

(d) In the event that one of the tied teams did not play the No. 1 seed, the process in step 2 will begin at the highest point in the standings which involves an opponent that both tied teams have played.

(e) The process continues, through the last team in the standings, if necessary.

(f) If the above steps do not break the tie, the composite match scores of the tied teams against all OVC institutions not involved in the tie shall be compared. In the event that the tied teams were not able to play all OVC institutions during the season, the average match scores of the tied teams against all OVC institutions played will be compared. The team with the higher composite (or average) match score shall gain the higher seed.

20.11.12.4.2 Multiple Ties.

(a) Composite dual match records between the tying teams will be evaluated to determine if one team has won more dual matches against the other tying institutions.

(b) In the event step 1 does not solve the multiple ties, or reduce the multiple ties to one tie, then a comparison of composite match scores amongst the tied teams shall occur. The team among the tying institutions with the better composite score will receive the higher seed.

(c) If step 2 does not resolve the multiple ties or reduce the multiple ties to one tie, then a comparison of the match scores of the tying institutions against the No. 1 seed will occur. The team among the tying institutions with the better match score against the No. 1 seed shall receive the higher seed.

(d) If the potential No. 1 seed is among the tied teams, the process in step 2 will begin at the highest point in the standings which does not involve a tied team.

(e) The process continues, through the last team in the standings, if necessary.

(f) If above steps do not break the tie, the composite match scores of the tied teams against all OVC institutions not involved in the tie shall be compared. In the event that the tied teams were not able to play all OVC institutions during the season, the average match scores of the tied teams against all OVC institutions played will be compared. The team with the higher composite (or average) match score shall gain the higher seed.

NOTE: If a multiple tie is reduced to a tie between two teams, the two-team tiebreaker formula will then be utilized. Ties involving teams higher in the standings are always broken before ties involving teams lower in the standings. Higher winning percentage shall prevail in tie breaker situations, even if the number of matches played against a team or group is unequal (i.e. 2-0 is better than 3-1). In the case of tied percentages, 2-0 is better than 1-0 and 0-1 is better than 0-2 (adopted 10/27/2005).

20.12 Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Regulations.

20.12.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern all conference meets unless otherwise indicated.

20.12.2 Inclement Weather (Outdoor Track and Field). In the event of inclement weather and/or lightning, the OVC Lightning and Severe Weather Policy should be followed. See appendix Y for the complete policy *(adopted 9/2012)*.

20.12.3 Conference Championships. The Conference Indoor and Outdoor Men's and Women's Track and Field champions shall be determined by Conference meets, scheduled annually by the Conference office in advance of the NCAA Championships. Guidelines will be published in the Championship Hosting Guidelines.

20.13 Volleyball Regulations.

20.13.1 Rules. The rules and regulations of the NCAA shall govern the conduct of all Conference contests.

20.13.2 OFFICIALS.

20.13.2.1 Arrival on Site. Ohio Valley Conference officials shall arrive at the match site at least one hour before the match is scheduled to start and greeted by match management. Match management should contact the coordinator if officials have not arrived in their dressing room one hour prior to the start of the match. The coordinator of officials will develop a plan of action to provide officials in the event inclement weather prevents any official from arriving on site.

20.13.2.1.1 Line Judges. Line judges must arrive at least 30 minutes before the match. Attire for line judges shall be uniform in dress (white shirt and navy or black pants), with no school designation. The preferred certification for line judges is PAVO. The minimum certification for line judges is: high school certification, state certification, or national certification.

20.13.2.1.2 Line Judges Payment. Line judges are to be paid a minimum of $25 per match. It is acceptable to use 5th year aid to make the minimum payment to line judges, provided they are certified or trained.

20.13.2.1.3 Ball Shaggers. A minimum of three ball shaggers shall be available, and shall arrive 30 minutes before match time. Ball shaggers should assist in shagging balls for the visiting and home teams during pre-game warm-ups. The officials will instruct the shaggers regarding their duties.

20.13.2.2 Admission. A match official or observer may receive a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions for each contest to which he or she is assigned. Officials shall make their own arrangements through the ticket manager at the host school.

20.13.2.3 Dressing Room/Supplies. Match administrators shall provide a room for the officials to change into their uniforms and secure their belongings. Where possible, the officials' dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing floor. In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the room shall be stocked with match protocol, ice, soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages, and a chalkboard/whiteboard. When necessary, gender specific officials' dressing rooms will be provided. No guests, visitors, or other institutional personnel (other than game administrator, trainer, or manager upon request) shall be admitted.

20.13.2.4 Courtside. Towels should be available for the officials' use at courtside (minimum of three).

20.13.2.5 Security Escort. It is the responsibility of the home management match administrator or designee to provide a security escort for match officials to and from the playing court in pre-match, halftime and post-match, as well as a security escort to the parking lot at the conclusion of the contest.

20.13.2.6 Communication with Officials. Except for necessary contact by the designated match administrator, institutional representatives are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during or after matches on matters related to the match. All violations of this procedure are to be reported to the Conference office.

20.13.3 MATCH PROCEDURES.

20.13.3.1 Uniforms. In Conference contests, home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms on the first day (Friday) and dark-colored uniforms on the second day (Saturday) of a two-match weekend. In non-Conference contests the home teams shall wear light-colored uniforms and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored uniforms, unless otherwise agreed upon by the head coaches at each institution. In an instance where the difference in color between the light and dark uniforms is not discernible, it is the responsibility of the visiting team to make the necessary adjustments and/or discuss the arrangement prior to the day of the match.

20.13.3.2 Balls. The home team shall furnish thirty (30) warm up balls for use in practice by visiting teams at all Conference matches. The official Conference ball will be identified by the Conference office (currently Molten IV58L-N Super Touch NCAA).

20.13.3.3 Warm-up/Practice. The facility at each host institution shall be secured and available for warm-up two-hours prior to match time. The visiting team should also be provided a minimum of two hours of practice time the day prior to a match at the competition site or comparable facility. Conditions of the playing floor during this time shall be identical to regular match conditions (i.e. lighting).

20.13.3.4 Team Benches. Both the home and visiting team benches will be located in similar proximity to the scorer's table. Team benches shall be set with a minimum of 12 chairs and six (6) towels, and water shall be available at the end of each bench.

Team benches shall be placed no closer than the attack line and a minimum of two meters (6'6") from the court. There shall be sufficient distance between the spectators and the benches for players and coaches so the conduct of the contest is not impaired.

20.13.4 BEFORE THE MATCH.

20.13.4.1 Pre-match Protocol. Match administration should start a countdown on the visible clock two hours before match time. For all volleyball matches hosted by OVC institutions, the following match protocol will be used. The protocol must be followed with senior night being the only allowable exception. All other promotional events must take place during the intermission or other appropriate time. (This may be modified in a tournament situation.) *(amended 5/2013)*

Sample for 7:00 p.m. Match

Time Allotted	Actual Time	Scoreboard Clock	Protocol
:30	5:00 - 5:30	1:20 - :90	Home Team Serve/Pass
:30	5:30 - 6:00	:90 - :60	Visiting Team Serve/Pass
:41	6:00 - 6:41	:60 - :19	Shared Warm-up
	6:30	:30	Coin Toss
:04	6:41 - 6:45	:19 - :15	Visiting Team Court
:04	6:45 - 6:49	:15 - :11	Home Team Court
:05	6:49 - 6:54	:11 - :06	Visting Team Court
:05	6:54 - 6:59	:06 - :01	Home Team Court
:01	6:59 - 7:00	:01 - :00	Team Huddle
	7:00	:00	National Anthem
			Introduction of Players
			Match Begins

20.13.4.2 Introduction of Line ups. The introduction of starting lineups will occur when the pre-match clock reaches 00:00. Both teams shall send their starting six to their respective end lines. Only the starting six shall be introduced. Any exception to this protocol should be approved in advance of the match by both coaches. If non-starters and starters are introduced, it must be done in an expedient manner. Please see Appendix E for additional instructions on the responsibilities of the public address announcer.

20.13.4.3 Sportsmanship Statement. Immediately following player introductions the following statement shall be read:

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

20.13.4.4 Between Games. The court must be clear of all spectators between games of the match. Promotional activities may take place in the playing area during the intermission between games two and three, or on the home team side only between other games. The intermission between games two and three shall last 10 minutes. All other intermissions shall be three (3) minutes in length. *(amended 5/2013)*

20.13.4.4.1 Statistics. The host institution should provide updated match statistics to each coach.

20.13.4.4.2 Timeouts. All timeouts for OVC volleyball matches shall be 75 seconds in length, unless otherwise dictated by television production, which includes the OVC Digital Network, or by mutual consent of both coaches prior to the match, the length of all timeouts may be reduced to 60 seconds or increased to 90 seconds.

20.13.5 CONFERENCE AGREEMENTS.

20.13.5.1 Visiting Team Notification. At least three weeks prior to a match,the visiting head coach shall receive the following information from the home team: map/directions to the arena, location of parking area and team entrances, name and telephone number of match administrator and practice coordinator, confirmation of practice and match time. See OVC Visiting Team Packet guidelines in appendix X for additional information.

20.13.5.2 Visiting Team Dressing Room. In addition to standard dressing room supplies, the visiting team dressing room will be stocked with ice, water and/or isotonic beverage, towels, a pre-match protocol sheet (information and notification of any special events), chalkboard, training table (or access to such) and other items mutually agreeable to participating institutions.

20.13.5.3 Visiting Team Practice. The home team shall use its best effort to provide the visiting team an opportunity for practice on the match floor the day before a scheduled match and for practice on game day. When team practices are scheduled for just prior to the start of the two hour pre-match protocol, the practice shall not be closed to the opposing players and coaching staff. In instances when the playing court is NOT available prior to the pre-match protocol, a mutually agreed upon practice time shall be set. Host institutions should make every effort to provide a place at the arena for teams and their traveling party to wait prior to the match beginning. If adjustments are necessary, request/notification will be done in a timely fashion, as soon as possible but at least 10 days in advance of the match (unless mutually agreed upon).

In addition, to standard practice supplies (cups, water, ice, towels, balls, etc.), the visiting team shall have access to training facilities and be provided emergency telephone numbers and procedures.

20.13.5.4 Travel Squad Size. Volleyball travel squads limits will be left to the discretion of each institution Home teams may dress and participate an unlimited number of players for Conference competition. *(amended 5/2016)*

20.13.5.5 Spirit Groups. The Ohio Valley Conference does not permit cheerleaders, mascots or bands to travel to Conference road volleyball matches, with the exception of the OVC Tournament.

20.13.5.5.1 Bands. No musical instruments, including drums, shall play while the ball is in play. This includes fan fares, drum rolls, etc., after a point is made. This provision also applies to the use of in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. Band play shall be restricted to prior to the official's whistle beginning the match, between games, during official's time-outs, after the official's whistle ending the match.

The home institution shall have the option of playing the national anthem.

20.13.5.5.2 Artificial Noisemakers. Institutions are reminded of the sportsmanship principles, including those related to

creating a safe and positive environment for visiting teams. Institutions are not prohibited from purchasing products that are desired to enhance match environments. It is the institution's responsibility to exercise good judgment on match management decisions.

20.13.5.6 Crowd Control/Match Interruption. Please see Appendix C for specific Ohio Valley Conference policies to be followed in the event a game is interrupted.

20.13.5.7 Public Comments. All reports or comments pertaining to officiating, game management responsibilities, or concerning players, coaches or umpires shall be directed only to the Conference office. Public airing of such matters by coaches, players, administrators or umpires is prohibited and subject to sanctions from the Conference.

20.13.5.7.1 Code of Conduct. All institutions should be aware of the Conference's Code of Conduct which details non-permissible comments and provides for specific penalties, including fines, for violations. Specifically:

(a) Tapes shall not be used for public criticism of umpires or officiating;

(b) Coaches shall not contact umpires directly through correspondence or telephone, and all matters pertaining to umpires or officiating shall be directed to the Conference office;

(c) Sports information directors shall make no reference whatsoever to officiating in institutional press releases and shall not publish or make public game officiating assignments more than four hours prior to a game.

20.13.5.8 Video Exchange. See Appendix L for the OVC volleyball video exchange policies.

20.13.5.8.1 Scouting. No member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

20.13.5.9 Change of Schedule. By mutual agreement of both institutions' Director of Athletics and with the permission of the Conference office, Conference matches dates and/or times may be rescheduled. A completed conference change of schedule form shall be submitted to and approved by the conference office in advance of the originally scheduled contest with notification to the coordinator of volleyball officials.

20.13.5.9.1 Game Times. All Conference matches shall begin no earlier than 6:00 p.m. for Fridays and mid week contests 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Per mitigating circumstances institutions may deviate from these established times so long as the time is mutually agreed upon by both teams and approved by the conference office. (*amended 3/2011)*

20.13.5.9.2 Scheduling of Midweek Matches. Midweek conference matches must be scheduled, as determined by the home team, within the same week (Monday-Sunday) of the published OVC schedule. (Amended 6/2016)

20.13.6 Regular Season Champion. The regular season volleyball champion shall be determined on a percentage basis of Conference matches won and lost. Co-champions shall be declared in the event two or more teams tie for first place at the conclusion of the regular season schedule.

20.13.7 TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND TIEBREAK PROCEDURE

20.13.7.1 NCAA Automatic Qualifier. The Conference automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Tournament shall be determined by a Conference tournament at the conclusion of the regular season involving a select number of teams that are eligible for the NCAA Tournament.

20.13.7.2 Eligibility. Each participant must be eligible under the rules of his or her own institution, the OVC and the NCAA for championship events.

20.13.7.3 Tournament Access and Seeding Process. The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by an eight-team single-elimination tournament event. Teams shall be seeded 1-8 according to their Conference winning percentage, regardless of division.

In the event of ties in the standings at the conclusion of regular-season play, a tiebreaker procedure shall be utilized to determine access to the tournament and/or seeding. All ties will be broken starting at the top of the conference standings and working down. (*adopted 5/31/2012*)

20.13.7.4 Tiebreaker.

20.13.7.4.1 Two-way and Multiple Ties

(a) Percentage of matches won/lost in Conference play.

(b) In the event step A does not resolve the tie (i.e., if the teams have identical winning percentages), then the head-to-head match record among the teams tied is compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most matches against the other(s).

(c) If the teams remain tied after step 2, then the head-to-head sets record among the teams tied will be compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has the highest sets winning percentage.

(d) If the teams remain tied after step 3, then the overall conference set winning percentage of each team against the rest of the league will be compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has the highest set winning percentage against all conference opponents.

(e) If the teams are tied after step 4, then the total number of matches won against the highest seed not involved in a tie will be compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most matches against the highest seed not involved in a tie. If this does not break the tie, the number of matches won against the next highest seed not involved in a tie will be compared, and so on.

(f) If the teams are tied after step 5, then the total number of sets won against the highest seed not involved in a tie will be compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has the highest set winning percentage against the highest seed not involved in a tie. If this does not break the tie, the number of sets won against the next highest seed not involved in a tie will be compared, and so on.

(g) If the teams are tied after step 6, then the head-to-head point differential of the teams tied will be compared, with the higher seed going to the team that has the highest point differential.

(h) In the event the tie cannot be broken, seeds will be determined by a coin flip.

Game Principles

21.1 **Complimentary Tickets.**

21.1.1 **Football.** The athletics directors of the Conference host institutions shall send a total of 275 complimentary seat football tickets to each Conference opponent ten days before the first contest of the season with 20 of those tickets designated for institutional use.

21.1.2 **Basketball.** The host athletics director shall send for each date 60 reserved seat basketball tickets for the men's program, 60 for the women's program, and an additional 20 tickets for institutional use. All tickets will be sent to the opponents' athletics director and at least 30 of the tickets must be for seats in at least two rows immediately behind the visitors' bench.

21.1.2.1 **Player Comps.** The visiting team shall provide a player-comp ticket list to the home team at least one-hour prior to game time.

21.2 **Scouting Reports.** In all OVC-sponsored men's and women's sports, no member institution shall give a scouting report (written, film, verbal or otherwise) of another member institution's team to anyone outside the Conference.

21.3 **Visiting Team Rights and Privileges.** During an athletics contest, the visiting team shall be given the same rights and privileges as those given the home team, and no mechanical noisemakers, such as cow bells, etc., shall be used during an indoor athletics contest.

21.4 **Pregame/Halftime.** All visiting teams shall be given sufficient notice when extended pre game or halftime programs are presented at intercollegiate atheltics contests.

21.5 **Official Treatment.** Game officials shall be given the same ethical treatment that is expected for all official guests on a college campus.

21.6 **Distance Between Spectators and Benches.** There shall be sufficient distance between the spectators and the benches for players and coaches so the conduct of the contest is not impaired.

ARTICLE 22
Conference Athletic Awards

22.1 **Team Trophies and Awards.** Team trophies and awards will be distributed to members of the championship team. Team trophies shall be provided in each sport in which the Conference sponsors a championship. In addition, each member of a Conference tournament championship team shall receive an award and/or a t-shirt from the Conference office.

22.2 **All Conference Teams, Most Valuable Players "MVP", and Sport-specific Athlete of the Year.** All-Conference teams, MVPs and sport-specific Athlete of the Year awards shall be selected in each Conference-sponsored sport (excluding invitational meets) according to guidelines distributed by the Conference office. Each All-Conference performer shall receive a Conference award or certificate. Each MVP and Athlete of the Year shall receive a trophy.

22.3 **Athlete-of-the-Year Awards.** Conference Athlete-of-the-Year awards will be presented annually to the outstanding male athlete in the Conference and the outstanding female athlete in the Conference. These awards shall be voted on after the Conference Spring Championships.

Each Conference member may nominate one male and one female athlete. The Conference sports information director shall compile the list of nominations which shall be sent to the athletics directors and sport information directors at each Conference member institution for the final voting. Each member institution shall vote on three of the nominations on this list, with a first-place vote receiving five points, second-place three points, and third-place one point.

22.4 **Coach-of-the-Year.** A Coach-of-the-Year award shall be awarded annually in each Conference championship sport.

22.5 **Commissioner's Cup.** One Conference Commissioner's Cup trophy will be awarded annually. In order for a sport to count in the Commissioner's Cup calculations, it must be

considered an OVC championship sport. The formula for determining the Commissioner's Cup champion shall be as follows: Each member institution will count the points earned by the four required sports of football, men's basketball, women's basketball, and volleyball followed by the next eight highest point-earning sports, regardless of gender (Belmont, Morehead State and SIU Edwardsville must count the sport of baseball as one of the four required sports as they do not sponsor football within the Ohio Valley Conference). Points will be awarded for each sport as follows: The champion in that sport will be awarded the number of points that correspond with the number of member institutions in the league.

For each subsequent place in that championship sport (i.e., second place, third place, etc.), the team that achieves that place will be awarded points that equal one less than the team that placed one position higher. For the sports of Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, Men's Tennis and Rifle, the point increments shall be calculated by dividing the total number of OVC member institutions by the number of institutions sponsoring that sport, rounded up to the nearest quarter point. Points will be awarded on the basis of the standings at the end of the regular season, except in the following championship sports, for which points will be awarded on the basis of OVC championship tournament standings: cross country, golf, rifle and track and field.

Conference tournament champions in the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, softball, soccer, volleyball and men's and women's tennis shall earn one additional bonus point towards their institution's total Commissioner's Cup score.

Teams that have been deemed ineligible for postseason play shall not receive points for the Commissioner's Cup in that sport (shall receive 0 points). Additionally, if the ineligible team is one of the four required sports (football, men's basketball, women's basketball, volleyball, or baseball for Belmont, Morehead State and SIU Edwardsville), the institution must still count that sport as one of it's required four in the Commissioner's Cup calculation. *(amended 10/2012)*

22.6 **Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award.** This award will be presented annually to an individual male or female student-athlete of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies characteristics of Steve Hamilton (former student-athlete and athletics director at Morehead State University) including significant athletics performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship. This award shall be voted on after the Conference Spring Championships. Each Conference member may nominate one student-athlete for consideration. The Conference sports information director shall compile the list of nominees which shall be sent to the athletics directors and sports information directors at each Conference member institution for the final voting.

22.7 **Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards.** These awards will be presented annually to the Conference institution and teams selected by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

ARTICLE 23
Guidelines Governing Officials

23.1 **Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to establish proper administration of officiating programs in the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

23.2 **Training and Assignment of Officials.** In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ohio Valley Conference, the control, training and assignment of officials shall be in the hands of the commissioner and the coordinators of officials. The commissioner's decisions regarding officiating disputes shall be final.

23.3 **Officials Selection.** Officials for Ohio Valley Conference contests shall be selected from an approved eligible group. It is understood that an official will not be assigned to any Conference contest in which such official is an alumnus of either institution. No official will be assigned to a Conference contest which is to be played in the city in which the official is a resident if one of the participating teams represents an institution which is located in this city. No official will be assigned to any Conference contest when he/she has a son or daughter enrolled as a student at a participating institution. If warranted, the Commissioner shall make exceptions to this section.

23.4 **Absence of an Official.** If, for any reason, an official is prevented from appearing at an assigned contest and there is insufficient time to advise the commissioner's office so as to

obtain a substitute, the officials present shall conduct the contest according to the NCAA playing rules for that sport.

23.5 **Inclement Weather Policy.** If an official is unable to be present at a contest assigned because of weather conditions, this official must be able to substantiate to the commissioner that his/her preparation and schedules were sufficient and timely for appearance in order that the expense incurred by him/her may be reimbursed.

23.6 **Report of Incidents.** As soon as possible following the contest in which there was an incident of an unusual nature, each official is required to submit, in writing, a brief report as he/she observed it. This report is to be sent to the coordinator of officials and the commissioner.

23.7 **NCAA Rules and Regulations.** In officiating contests assigned by the Ohio Valley Conference, no official shall deviate from the sports rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Ohio Valley Conference unless permission is specifically granted by the commissioner.

23.8 **Complaints Regarding Officials.** An official or coach at no time shall enter into any conversation, discussion, or make any statement with representatives of the press, radio or television except for the purpose of explaining a rule, regulation or matter of a technical nature pertaining to the administration of the contest. If a situation arises that may be in the nature of a complaint, the officials and coaches involved must register, in writing, such a complaint through the coordinator of officials.

23.9 **Officials Cancellation of Assignment.** If, for just reason, the official finds it necessary to request cancellation of an assignment, such request must be made directly to the coordinator of officials who will notify the Conference office, remaining officials and institutions involved.

23.10 **Discussion of Game.** No coach or his/her representative shall discuss the officiating of the game with the officials just prior to, at intermission, or immediately after the contest.

23.11 **Positive and Effective Program.** It is the responsibility of each university to conduct a positive and effective program that will ensure respectful and courteous treatment of the opponents and game officials. The above will include an education program, adequate administrative supervision and police protection.

23.12 **Officials' Dressing Room.** The officials' dressing room will be kept private and secure when officials are present and during contests.

23.13 **Forwarding of Officials' Names.** The names of all officials working in a contest in which an Ohio Valley Conference school participates must be forwarded to the coordinator of officials by the non-Conference school, or its booking agent, as a check against duplication or a failure to assign an official.

23.14 **Scheduling of Games.** For each sport listed below, the director of athletics for each member institution shall furnish the commissioner and respective officiating coordinator the upcoming schedule according to the timeline noted. Each schedule should list the time and place of each contest. Data on games scheduled after the below reporting dates shall be furnished as soon as contracts are completed.

23.15.1 **Volleyball.** On or before January 15
23.15.2 **Football.** On or before March 1
23.15.3 **Basketball.** On or before May 1

ARTICLE 24
Officiating Fees

24.1 **Fees for Baseball.** A three-person umpiring crew assigned to work a three-game Conference series shall receive a flat fee totaling $675 per umpire. This amount is for a Conference series. The home institution shall also provide three hotel rooms (for three umpires) for two nights if the first game of the series is scheduled to start after 2:00 p.m. local time, in accordance with article 24.8 If the first game of the series is scheduled to start prior to 2:00 p.m., the home institution shall provide one, two, or three hotel rooms for three nights, depending on the number of umpires traveling over four hours. There will be no additional payment for travel, per diem or other expenses.

24.2 **Fees for Men's Basketball.** Officials assigned to Conference men's basketball games will be given a flat fee of $1,000 per game. The listed fee reflects the complete cost for each official and there will be no payment for travel, per diem or other expenses.

24.3 **Fees for Women's Basketball.** Officials assigned to Conference women's basketball games will be given a flat fee of up to $750 per game (The Conference coordinator of officials may tier payment at either $700 per official or $750 per official per game). The amount provided to each official shall be determined by the Conference coordinator of officials. There will be no other payment for travel, per diem, or other expenses.

24.4 **Fees for Football.** The Ohio Valley Conference fee for football shall be a flat-rate fee of $800 per official, per game. The flat fee for the instant replay official shall be $800 per game. The host conference institution shall also provide four (4) hotel rooms for officials on Friday (for games played on Saturday) or for game night (for games played on other days of the week). If a Saturday game begins after 5:00 p.m. local time and any official lives more than 200 miles from the host institution, the host shall provide up to four (4) hotel rooms for officials on Saturday night. The coordinator of officials will provide advance notice of any Saturday night hotel needs. The listed fee reflects the complete cost for each official and there will be no additional payment for travel, per diem or other expenses. *(amended 7/2015)*

24.5 **Fees for Soccer.** The Ohio Valley Conference fee for the center official assigned to Conference soccer matches shall be paid a flat-rate fee of $275 per match. The line judges assigned to Conference soccer matches shall be pained a flat-rate fee of $200 per match. The listed feel reflects the complete cost and there will be no payment for travel, per diem or other expenses.

24.6 **Fees for Softball.** The following fee schedule will be used to determine officiating fees for Conference softball games. Fees for each official shall be determined by the Conference coordinator of officials. The listed fees reflect the complete cost and there will be no payment for travel, per diem or other expenses.

$450 flat fee for each umpire working a three-game weekend series.
$300 flat fee for each umpire working a two-game series.
$175 flat fee for each umpire working a single game.

24.6.1 **Regular Season Softball Tournaments.** The Ohio Valley Conference fee for regular season softball tournaments, assigned by the OVC Coordinator of Officials, shall be a flat-rate fee of $140 per official, per game. The regular season policy regarding hotel accommodations shall also apply.

24.7 **Fees for Volleyball.** The Ohio Valley Conference fee for volleyball shall be a flat-rate fee of $300 per official, per match. The listed fee reflects the complete cost and there will be no payment for travel, per diem or other expenses.

24.8 **Additional Expenses.** Institutions are prohibited from paying additional monies to officials in any sport in excess of the fees established by the Conference. In the sports of soccer, softball and volleyball, the host institution will provide double-occupancy lodging rooms for the officials only when an official is assigned to work Conference contests on successive days. If the officiating crew is a split gender crew, single-occupancy rooms will be provided. Institutions are not permitted to provide no-cost lodging for additional persons.

24.9 **Fees for Post-Season Tournaments.** The commissioner may approve an increase to the regular-season fee for officiating post-season tournament games.

24.10 **Inclement Weather Fees.** In the event a contest is canceled or postponed because of weather or other reasons, and one or more of the officials have not been notified and are on hand and ready to work, the host school shall pay the fee(s).

Press Box and Press Row Procedures

25.1 **Press Box / Row Procedures.** The Ohio Valley Conference, in the interest of ensuring a professional environment for the working media and visiting officials, recommends that the following be adopted as policy for press box/row operations.

25.1.1 **Press Boxes.** "The Ohio Valley Conference and (name of host school) remind each person here that this is a WORKING press box and that cheering and other emotional outbursts are inappropriate."

25.1.2 **Press Row (Basketball).** "The Ohio Valley Conference and (name of host school) remind each person on press row that cheering and other emotional outbursts are inappropriate."

25.2 **Access to Press Box / Row.** Working areas of press boxes/rows should be limited to certified media personnel, scouts, athletics officials and necessary game staff.

ARTICLE 26
NCAA Championship Automatic Qualification Standards

26.1 **NCAA Championship Automatic Qualification.** The Ohio Valley Conference, in the interest of ensuring the integrity and continuity of conference representation in each NCAA Championship event the conference receives an Automatic Qualification (AQ) for, shall abide by the following provisions:

26.1.1 **Regular Season Champions.** When the OVC AQ is determined by the Conference regular season, any OVC sport program and or institution that is rendered ineligible for post-season competition will compete in a regular conference schedule even though the program and or institution is disqualified from winning the Conference title.

26.1.2 **OVC Tournament Champions.** In sports where the OVC AQ is determined by a post-season Conference tournament, any OVC sport program and or institution deemed ineligible for post-season competition may be named Conference regular season winner, but will be disqualified from participation in the tournament.

26.1.3 **Seeding and Tiebreak Procedures.** Teams deemed ineligible for post season play shall be included in all tiebreaker scenarios (i.e. other team's records against them during the regular season). For seeding, those teams deemed ineligible for post season play shall be skipped over in the final process (they will not receive a seed). *(adopted 10/2012)*

Championship Hosting Guidelines

SECTION 1
GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Hosting a Conference championship requires a serious commitment on the part of the host institution to assure that top quality conditions are in place so that each participating student-athlete is able to perform at the peak of his or her ability. Full cooperation in achieving this goal is expected. Each host should bear in mind that participation in a Conference championship is the culmination of the competitive season for most student-athletes. The Conference championship represents the ultimate competition among peers.

The following policies shall be implemented for all Conference championships and tournaments, where applicable.

1.1 **Conference Championships.** A major strength of the Conference competition is its men's and women's championship system. The Conference strives to provide a memorable championship experience for its student-athletes by ensuring continuity and consistency from one championship event to another. As the culminating experience for many student-athletes, the Ohio Valley Conference Championship shall rival the atmosphere of an NCAA championship event in every aspect possible.

1.2 **Administration of Championships and Tournaments.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

1.3 **Sportsmanship.** The OVC is committed to sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. The Conference will strive to create "hospitable" environments. Part of the role of education through sports is to teach our youth and our communities to conduct themselves with respect for all participants and spectators.

1.4 **Conduct.** The Conference Commissioner may reprimand publicly or privately and/or disqualify a student-athlete and/or representative of an institution from further participation in the championship for reasons of misconduct. "Misconduct" is defined as any act of dishonesty or unsportsmanlike conduct in practice or in competition or breach of the law that tends to discredit the championship and intercollegiate athletics.

1.5 **Eligibility.** Each participant in the OVC Championships must be eligible under rules of the institution, the OVC, and the NCAA.

1.6 **Crowd Control.** The responsibility of crowd control rests with the Tournament or Meet Director of the host institution. The Director of Athletics of the competing institutions are expected to communicate with their students and other interested fans prior to the competition to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship. The Director of Athletics or their designated representatives (other than coaches) shall be available at the site of the competition to assist in controlling the crowd.

The Tournament/Meet Director of the host institution should be prepared to go to the public address system at the first sign of unsportsmanlike crowd behavior and request cooperation in maintaining proper playing conditions.

Only the participants, coaches, officials, and authorized personnel shall be allowed in the competition area before, during, and at the conclusion of competition.

Artificial noisemakers, air horns, and electronic amplifiers are not permissible. The Director of Athletics or the designated representative of the host institution is responsible for removing such instruments from the competition area.

1.7 **Tournament Director.** The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the host institution's Athletic Director. A Tournament Director may NOT be the head or assistant coach of the sport for which the championship is conducted.

1.8 **Financial Administration.** All Championship operating expenses will be incurred by

the host institution. Ticket prices shall be set by the host institution in consultation with the Conference office. Ohio Valley Conference student-athletes may be admitted FREE with their school identification card. Participating teams will be responsible for its own transportation, housing, meals, and other expenses.

1.9 **Uniforms.** The higher-seeded teams will wear white or light-colored uniforms unless changed per prior agreement by the coaches involved, with the approval of the Conference representative.

1.10 **Conference Awards.** All awards and trophies shall be ordered and purchased by the Conference office. The purpose of the Conference awards is to recognize and honor competitive excellence. To accomplish this goal, the following awards shall be provided:

1.10.1 **Regular Season Champions, Team:** A Trophy for the team that wins the Conference regular season.

1.10.2 **Tournament Champions, Team:** A Trophy for the team that wins the Conference Tournament in sports, where a tournament is held to determine the NCAA Automatic Qualifier.

1.10.3 **Individual Awards:** Olympic-style medals will be awarded to first three finishers in each individual event and each relay at the following championships: Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field.

1.10.4 **All-Conference team:** All Conference team shall receive individual awards. First and second team awardees will receive medals. In addition Newcomer team awardees will receive medals.

1.10.5 **Individual Awards, Team:** Olympic-style medallions, for each member of the official travel party for the team that wins the Conference championship.

1.10.6 **End of season honors:** Awards will be provided for “of the Year” selections.

1.11 **Participation Gifts.** A gift shall be provided for each participant at a Conference championship or tournament. These gifts are provided only to members of the official travel party, and others (coaches, trainers, managers, etc.) at the discretion of each team.

1.12 **Sponsorship.** Any agreements and contracts that result in corporate sponsorship of a Conference championship or tournament must be approved by the Commissioner. This does not preclude a host from obtaining nominal sponsorship and trade outs from local businesses that are interested in supporting the event. The Commissioner has the right of final approval of all commercial sponsorship, merchandisers at a Conference championship or tournament.

SECTION 2
GENERAL HOSTING GUIDELINES CAMPUS

2.1 **Facility and Event Planning.** Secure the facility for the dates of competition, and any necessary practice days prior to the competition.

2.1.1 **Entrances.** Identify the entrances needed and the manner in which they will be staffed:

a) Player/Guest
b) Will Call
c) Team Personnel
d) Media
e) Officials

2.1.2 **Signage.** Prepare necessary signage for public and media areas. The Conference office may supply additional signage intended to brand the championship as an Ohio Valley Conference event. Major focal points for in-house spectators and television/web streaming audiences (i.e. scorer’s table, arena/field entrances, playing surfaces, etc.) will be utilized for such branding.

2.1.3 **Seating/Viewing.** Determine seating and viewing areas for the following:

a) Teams
b) VIP Guests
c) Media
d) Public
e) Officials
f) Team Videotaping
g) Spirit Groups

2.1.4 **Parking.** Determine parking needs and produce parking passes, if necessary, for teams, administrators and media.

2.1.5 **Emergency Plan.** Work with OVC staff and campus security to develop emergency plan.

2.2 **Tournament Director.** The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the host institution's Director of Athletics in conjunction with the Conference Office. A Tournament Director may NOT be the head or assistant coach of the sport for which the championship is conducted. The responsibilities of the tournament director are to:

a) Conduct a conference call at least two months prior to the championship with the OVC staff liaison and coordinator of officials.
b) Serve as a supervisor for the championship.
c) Coordinate all activities of the championship.
d) Provide an OVC office-approved information packet that will be distributed to the coaches and Director of Athletics of competing institutions, and the Conference Office relative to the championship. Tournament packets shall include, but are not limited to the following:
    1. Facilities information
    2. Tournament director's home and office telephone numbers and address
    3. Dates, time and location of the tournament
    4. Parking regulations and permits
    5. Tournament itinerary: practice and event times, meeting, press conference, banquets and/or special events
    6. Training facilities schedule
    7. Medical guidelines
    8. Map
e) Respond to the needs of the participants, officials, and others as prescribed in the NCAA Rules and Regulations of the conference.
f) Secure a certified athletic trainer.
g) Appoint a media coordinator for the championships.
h) In conjunction with the media coordinator, the tournament director, in some instances, will be responsible for All-Tournament selections.
i) Designate all championship personnel and instruct them in their responsibilities as necessary to insure efficient administration and promotion of the championships.
    1. Ball Crew
    2. Scorer's personnel
    3. Stats Crew
    4. Public Address Announcer
    5. Officials
    6. Security/Crowd Control
    7. Sports Medicine
    8. Media Relations Personnel
    9. Team Host
    10. Concessions/Hospitality
    11. Merchandise Sales
    12. Ticket Sales
    13. Photographer

2.4 **Lodging and Transportation.** The host institution for the Conference tournament is to provide the Conference Office and member institutions with a list of recommended area hotels and rates. Institutions are to make their own hotel reservations for the tournament.

2.5 **Media.** The host sports information contact is responsible for coordinating all media arrangements. The sports information contact shall be responsible for providing information

to local, regional and national media during the event, designate a media work area and interview area and coordinate the timing, distribution of media guides and press packet, if produced; coordinate the selection of the all-tournament team and perform other duties pertaining to the media aspect of conducting the event.

2.5.1 **Sports Information Directors.** The Sports Information Director of each competing institution in the tournament shall forward the following materials to the Sports Information Director of the host institution:

a) Brochures
b) Pictures of top individuals and head coaches (only if program utilizing pictures is printed)
c) Up-to-date roster including:
   1. Name
   2. Height
   3. Weight (male student-athletes only)
   4. Class
   5. Hometown
   6. High School
d) Special Awards or recognition
e) Season's record and standing in Conference
f) Individual and team statistics

2.5.2 **Game Scripts.** The host sports information contact is responsible for producing, in conjunction with the Conference office, the game scripts, when applicable, for each contest of the championship. Game scripts shall refer to all competing teams in a similar manner throughout the championship. Scripts shall contain tournament and Ohio Valley Conference sponsor advertisements/PAs and upcoming tournament event PAs only. Host team-specific sponsors and upcoming events may not be addressed.

2.5.3 **Tournament Programs.** The host sports information contact is responsible for producing a tournament program, in consultation with the Conference office. The tournament logo and any tournament sponsor advertisements will be provided by the Conference office. A minimum standards checklist is available detailing the items to include. Host institutions must produce, at a minimum, a digital version of the tournament program to be posted on various online outlets. It is up to the discretion of the host institution whether or not they wish to produce hard copies to sell or distribute. *(amended 10/2013)*

2.6 **Tickets and Passes.** Ticket prices shall be determined by the host institution in conjunction with the Conference office. No complimentary tickets will be provided during the tournament. Each participating team will be provided passes limited to each member of the official travel party (coaches, players, trainers and managers). These passes are not transferable. Presidents, Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators and their guests will be admitted by credential.

2.7 **Officials/Referees.** In the sports of Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Golf, Baseball and Softball the Conference office will contract and assign officials. Officiating expenses for Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Rifle and Men's and Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track will be incurred by the host institution. The host institution should attempt to secure complimentary hospitality for the officials. *(amended 5/2013)*

2.7.1 **Security.** The host institution is responsible for providing a security escort for all officials to and from their vehicles, locker room, and playing areas.

2.8 **Schedule of Events/Accommodations.** In conjunction with the Conference office, determine site and time for scheduled events like meetings and banquets. Each championship will have a pre-tournament meeting that will include the Commissioner or her designated representative and all appropriate representatives of participating institutions. Work with the OVC liaison to determine schedule of events.

2.8.1 **Coaches' meeting.** Depending on the sport and tournament structure, a meeting of the competing team's coaches, the officials' representative, the tournament director and the Conference representative shall be held one day prior to the

beginning of the championship event. The day of the meeting may be moved or replaced by a conference call in instances where there is a first round bye or where circumstances warrant.

2.8.2 **Banquets and Socials.** The host institution may provide a banquet for players and coaches at which time the OVC regular season Championship trophy shall be presented, along with the Coach of the Year and individual player awards. It is up to the discretion of the host school to invite parents and others to the banquet. Should tickets be sold, hosts will consult with the OVC liaison to determine the ticket price. Banquets shall be planned in accordance with the Conference's philosophy regarding neutrality and providing a meaningful experience for all participants. This includes but is not limited to: banquet decorations, programs, centerpieces, and welcome speeches.

2.9 **Practice Times.** Training facilities (unless at a neutral site) shall be made available to the competing teams by the host institution. The host institution is responsible for ensuring that an athletic trainer is available at all times.

2.10 **Hospitality.** The host institution should provide a hospitality room for OVC coaches, referees/umpires, media, and OVC officials.

2.11 **Medical Support.** A qualified athletic trainer must be in attendance for all games and practices. A physician must be on call for all games. Arrangements should be made by the Tournament Director to have access to a medical facility.

All medical staff/personnel shall be appointed by the host institution, which will include the following:

1. A certified athletic trainer shall be available for all practices and present at all through out the championship event.
2. Training facilities must be available for all tournament events.
3. There shall be planned and pre-arranged access to medical personnel and facilities.
4. Transportation services to medical facilities shall be available at all times.
5. Information on medical and training accommodations must be distributed to all participating institutions in the tournament packet.

2.12 **Awards/Gifts.** The Conference Office will provide All-OVC awards, All-Tournament team and MVP awards, t-shirts and participation gifts for each of the Conference championships. Depending on the sport, the following items may be mailed directly to the host institutions by Your Image Works Inc. Mary Shaw (317.396.2647) is the contact.

2.12.1 **Championship T-shirts:** These shirts are provided for all athletes and coaches on the winning team who participate in a championship and shall be distributed following the conclusion of the championship or tournament event to the OVC Champion.

2.12.2 **Gifts.** These gifts are provided only to members of the official travel party, and others (coaches, trainers, managers, etc.) at the discretion of each team and shall be distributed at the coaches' meeting or some time prior to the start of competition.

2.13 **Championship Merchandise.** The Conference office, working with Your Image Works Inc. and Adidas, will provide officially licensed championship merchandise to be sold by the host institution during the championship event. Only OVC approved merchandise may be sold on-site during a championship. The tournament director shall designate an individual that will be responsible for selling these items.

2.14 **Spirit Groups.** Pep bands, cheerleaders, and mascots are allowed to travel to Conference Championships. In the event that two competing teams have a pep band present, a performance schedule shall be coordinated between band directors, the Conference representative, and the Tournament Director. A pep band must be recognized by their institution as such in order to perform during Conference Championships.

SECTION 3
SPORT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

1. **Championship Date and Site.** The Ohio Valley Conference Men's and Women's Cross Country Championship shall be a one day (Saturday) event. Hosts will rotate through the conference on a yearly basis.

2. **Rules.** The NCAA Cross Country Rules and Regulations shall govern men's and women's Conference competition.

3. **Championship Determination.** The Conference champion will be determined by the results of the Conference race.

4. **Administration of Championships.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner, and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by tournament and Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

5. **Officials.** The number of officials needed to conduct the OVC Cross Country Championships will vary depending on the type of terrain and the weather conditions. The following officials are recommended:

GENERAL OFFICIALS	COURSE OFFICIALS
1.Meet director	1.Clerks of Course
2.Referee	2.Starter
3.Course Inspectors	3.Judges at Finish
4.Marshall & Assistants	4.Place Recorders
5.Trainers	5.Scorers
6.Announcer	6.Timers
7.Umpires	
8.Chute Marshals	

6. **Meet Director.** The Meet Director shall be appointed by the Director of Athletics of the host institution in conjunction with the Conference office, and may NOT be a coach. The duties of the Meet Director are as follows:
   1. Serve as supervisor of the meet.
   2. Coordinate the promotional and planning activities with the cross-country coaches and his/her SID department.
   3. Coordinate and supervise the activities of the officials and groups involved in the administration of the meet.
   4. Provide information to the Conference office relative to the meet well in advance of the championship date, to be disseminated to the coaches of the participating institutions.
   5. See to the needs of the participants, officials, and spectators and ensure that all technical details of the meet are taken care of within the rules of the Ohio Valley Conference and as prescribed by these guidelines.

7. **Games Committee.** The Games Committee shall be comprised of the Meet Director, the Meet Referee, and the Conference representative. The Games Committee will preside over any problems and protests that may arise.

8. **Eligibility.** Each institution shall be limited to ten (10) entrants, who must be declared at the coaches' meeting on the evening prior to the start of the championship.

9. **Substitutions.** Substitutions will be allowed as a result of injury, illness or institutional disqualification. The substitute must be on the original eligibility list supplied to the Conference office at the beginning of the season. Substitution requests must be submitted to the Games Committee, accompanied by a physician or trainer's certification of injury or illness, or written confirmation of institutional disqualification from the institution's certifying officer. Substitutions must be approved by the meet referee up to one hour prior to the beginning of the event.

10. **Course Definition.** The host institution is expected to address the following course requirements:

10.1 **OVC Championship Course** should contain the following features:

1. The Men's race course shall be 8,000 meters; the Women's race course shall be 5,000 meters.
2. The start and finish are within a quarter mile of one another.
3. Timers (and signs to mark each mile) stationed at each mile mark to call split times.
4. The course shall be properly marked by a continuous, clearly visible, unbroken line (or a suitable flag system) on the running surface from start to finish. Flags, being at least seven feet in height, will be used to indicate the direction of the race route. The color code will be as follows:
   BLUE - Straight Ahead
   RED - Left Turn
   YELLOW - Right Turn
5. The course should be 15-feet wide in its narrowest place, after the first 500 meters.
6. The first turn of the course should be at least 500 meters from the start, and it should not be a sharp turn but instead a gradual, wide turn.
7. The course shall be available for runners to use at least one day prior to the meet.
8. The course shall be planned in such a way as to avoid the following hazards within the running areas:
   a) Hidden holes
   b) Low stumps
   c) Low branches on trees
   d) Narrow or swinging bridges
   e) Right angle turns too close to start or finish
   f) Deep ditches
   g) Confusing turns or markings
   h) Concrete or asphalt surfaces
   i) Possible deep water areas - should it rain
   j) Boulders on route
   k) Hazards caused by automobiles, bicycles, horses, etc.
   l) Crowding by spectators
   m) Hills too steep to climb in inclement weather
   n) Deep sand or loose gravel

11. **The Start.** NCAA Cross-Country/Track and Field Rules and Regulations will be followed by the starter. Team starting positions will be drawn by lot at the coaches meeting on the eve of the championship. The starting line should be wide enough to provide a 10-foot lane for each team. This will assure each runner a fair and equal start. The start should be located so as to provide a long straight route from the starting line. In no case should there be a turn less than 500 meters from the start, and the first turn should be sweeping and gradual.

11.1 **Championship Start Time.** Start time will be set by the host institution, in consultation with the Conference office.

NOTE: Order of races (Men/Women) shall alternate annually consistent with NCAA race order rotation – odd years men will start first; even years women will start first.

12. **The Finish.** The finish will conform to the NCAA Cross Country/Track and Field Rules. A video tape or photo of the finish should be made from an area in front of the finish line to determine order of finish only in case of protest. Two cameras are suggested, one side view and one front view.

The finish area should be as flat an area as possible, with at least a 130-meter straight run to the finish line. This area should be roped off at least 50 meters from the actual finish line, at least 13 meters on each side of the running path.

Marshals should be provided in this area to see that spectators remain outside of the ropes. A finish chute should be constructed, consisting of rope, banners, and stakes (padded if sharp or dangerous edges protrude). Trained medical staff and ample support staff should be present at the finish to assist as needed. Trainers may follow final runner in a golf cart, if available.

13. Suggested Equipment and Supplies Checklist:

Adding machine or computer
Ammunition - (32 caliber smoke type)
Awards (men & women)
Barriers (to secure important areas)
Blackboard
Bull horn
Cameras or video tape equipment
Carbon paper
Chairs
Clipboards
Container & numbers (Draw for starting positions)
Envelopes (coaches' packets)
Flags and/or directional markers
Hammer(s)
Judges' stand
Chalk or paint
Liner
Magic markers
Measuring wheel
Copy machine and supplies
Numbers & pins for each competitor
Paper clips
Pencils/Pens
Pistols/Stop Watch
Platform - (for filming the finish)
Public address system
Plastic covers - (cover boards in case of rain)
Ropes
Posts - (for roping off areas)
Score board/score clock
Rubber bands/Staple Machine
Table for awards
Safety pins
Tape recorder
Scotch tape
Typewriter(s)/Lap Top Computer
Signs (for the start, finish, and meter marks)
Walkie talkies
Tables
Thumb tacks
Whistle(s)

14. Meetings. There shall be a coaches' meeting on the evening (Friday) prior to the championships (no earlier than 6:00 p.m.), unless otherwise indicated by the Conference office.

14.1 Coaches' Packet. The coaches' packet should be a manila envelope distributed at the coaches' meeting on the evening prior to the race and should include:

1. Safety pins and numbers
2. Meet Programs (if applicable)
3. Two (2) copies of the course map
4. One (1) copy of scoring procedure
5. Quick score envelope
6. Ballots for "of the Year" awards (provided by Conference office)

15. **Scoring and Quick Score.** The scoring shall be determined by the actual finish of each runner. The team score shall be determined by adding the places of its first five finishers. The team with the lowest score is declared Conference Team Champion. Five runners from each team must finish to be included for team scoring. In the case of a tie for first place in the team championship, co-champions will be declared.

The Meet Director will assign an official to each institution to facilitate a quick scoring system. Official results certified by the Meet Director should be made available as soon as possible after the championship at the meet headquarters or at the site of the competition.

16. **Uniforms.** All members of a cross country team must wear the proper and same uniform of the institution they represent.

17. **Numbers.** Each runner will display a number on the front of his/her running jersey. Numbers and pins will be provided by the host institution.

18. **Disqualification.** Competitors who fail to complete the prescribed course as defined by a legal marking system shall be disqualified (NCAA Rule 8-9).

19. **Event Management Checklist.** The host institution shall make every effort to provide the following:

1. Timers and backup at the mouth of the chute
2. Chute marshals to help athletes in the chute
3. As many as three separate and functioning scoring systems.
   a. Actual finish cards given to each athlete
   b. Tags collected at chute
   c. Video
   d. Manual recording of numbers
   e. Tape recording of finish numbers
   f. Computer
4. A certified athletic trainer shall be present at the event; a doctor shall be on call and an ambulance available.

20. **Awards.** The Ohio Valley Conference office will provide the following awards for the men's and women's championship meet:

1. Championship Trophy
2. 14 Championship Team Medallions
3. Male/Female Athlete of the year
4. Men's & Women's Coach of the Year
5. Male/Female Freshman of the Year
6. Male/Female Athlete of the Championship
7. Medals shall be awarded to the members of the All-Conference Teams.

20.1 **All-Conference Selection.** The top seven finishers will be designated members of the All-Conference First Team. Those who finish in places eight through 14, shall be designated Second Team All-Conference performers.

20.2 **Athlete of the Year.** The male and female athletes of the year shall be determined by a coaches' vote prior to the championship.

20.3 **Freshman of the Year.** The male and female freshman of the year shall be determined by a coaches' vote prior to the championship.

20.4 **Coach of the Year.** Coach of the Year shall be determined by a coaches' vote at the conclusion of the championship.

20.5 Athlete of the Championship. The male and female athlete of the championship shall be awarded to the top finishing male and female runner during the championship.

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators at the conclusion of the championship. Host institution should provide a table, public address system, and a PA announcer for this ceremony.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

1. **Championship Date and Site.** The Ohio Valley Conference Women's Soccer Championship shall be a three-day (Sunday, Friday, Sunday prior to the NCAA regionals) event.

2. **Rules.** The NCAA Soccer Rules and Regulations shall govern all play.

3. **Championship Determination.** The tournament winner shall be the Ohio Valley Conference Champion and the Conference's representative in the NCAA Women's College Cup.

4. **Administration of Tournament.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner, and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by tournament and Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

5. **Championship Format.** The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by an eight-team single elimination tournament event. The first round will be played on Friday, with the No. 8 and No. 7 seeds playing the No. 5 and No. 6 seeds, respectively. The first round winners will play the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds in the quarterfinals on Sunday. The semifinals will take place the following Friday with the quarterfinals winners playing the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds. The championship match will be played on Sunday. No less than a 30-minute warm-up period will be given between matches as needed.

6. **Seeding.** Teams will be seeded one through eight at the conclusion of regular season competition. This seeding process is determined by position of finish in Conference standings in descending order, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. The procedure for breaking ties will be as follows:

   6.1 **Two-way Tie.** Head-to-head competition with the winner receiving the higher seed. If this does not break the tie, refer to 6.2 Multiple Ties (adopted 2/5/04).

   6.2 **Multiple Ties.** For multiple ties, ties shall be broken as follows. Ties involving higher-seeded teams will be broken before those involving lower-seeded teams.
   - a) Compare the head-to-head match record among the teams tied, with the higher seed going to the team that has won the most matches against the others. *(adopted 5/2014)*
   - b) Total points (three (3) for a win and one (1) for a tie) of tied teams versus other teams, in rank order *(adopted 2/5/04)*.
   - c) Goal differential among tied teams (goals-for minus goals-against with a maximum of three goals).
   - d) Goal differential among all teams (goals-for minus goals-against with a maximum of three goals).
   - e) Coin toss among tied teams.

7. **Tournament Committee.** The OVC Women's Soccer Tournament Committee will consist of the host tournament director, a representative from the officials' group, and a designated member from the Conference Office staff. This committee will function in the event of protests and general procedures of the tournament. A majority vote is required for all action.

8. **Tournament Director.** The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the host institution's Athletic Director. A Tournament Director may NOT be the head or assistant coach. The duties of the Tournament Director are as follows:
   1. Serve as supervisor for the Conference tournament.
   2. Plan and coordinate all activities of the Conference tournament.
   3. Provide an informational tournament packet to the Conference office to be distributed to participating coaches and Athletics Directors.
   4. Respond to the needs of the participants, officials and others as prescribed in the NCAA Rules and Regulations of the Conference.
   5. Designate all championship personnel and instruct them in their responsibilities as necessary to ensure efficient administration and promotion of the championship.

6. Secure a certified athletic trainer.
7. Appoint a media coordinator for the tournament.
8. In conjunction with the media coordinator, be responsible for All-OVC Tournament balloting.

9. Coaches' Meeting. There shall be a coaches' meeting on the evening prior to the tournament semifinals, unless otherwise indicated by the Conference office.

10. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

10.1 Team Introduction/National Anthem. The National Anthem shall be played before the first match each day and prior to the championship match. All players will line up for team introductions; nonstarters, starters and head coaches will be announced.

Immediately following player introductions, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of the Ohio Valley Conference and (INSTITUTION), welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

10.2 Designation of Home Team. The higher-seeded team in each tournament match shall be designated the home team. The home team shall wear light-colored uniforms, and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored uniforms. The higher-seeded team will occupy the host site's designated home team bench.

10.3 Squad Size. Each team is limited to 22 eligible players. No changes can be made during the tournament for any reason. Only under extreme extenuating circumstances will the Commissioner consider an appeal for substitution. Such an appeal would be made before the Commissioner.

10.4 Game Ball. The Official NCAA Championship ball shall be the official ball for the Ohio Valley Conference championships, and will be furnished by the Conference Office.

10.5 Game Length / Overtime. All Conference tournament matches will consist of two 45-minute periods. NCAA tournament overtime rules shall be followed in Conference tournament matches.

10.6 Officials. The Conference (or designated representative) shall assign four officials (one referee, two linesmen and one bench) for all Conference tournament matches. Under no circumstances shall a player, coach or representative of any institution be allowed in the officials' locker room.

10.6.1 Dressing Room. A dressing room (or designated area) closely located to the soccer field shall be provided for officials. The room/area shall be stocked with a copy of the match/tournament protocol, ice, water and/or isotonic beverages, and towels.

10.7 Passes. Each participating team will receive passes limited to each member of the official travel party (coaches, players, trainers and managers). These passes are not transferable. Presidents, Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators and their guests will be admitted by credential.

10.8 Playing Field. The OVC Tournament field shall agree with the NCAA guidelines, 75 yards by 120 yards (optimum); 65 yards by 113 yards (minimum). (adopted 2/5/04).

10.9 Postponed Game(s). A game postponed due to weather or other causes shall be rescheduled by the Conference office. If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to finish the Conference tournament, the Commissioner is

authorized to determine which team shall be declared the Conference tournament champion and OVC representative to NCAA tournament play.

10.10 **Practice Opportunities.** The host institution shall provide opportunities for one-hour practice times on Thursday prior to the semi finals and on the Saturday prior to the championship. Teams will be allowed priority of practice time based on a first-come, first-served basis. Practice times also shall be available on the day of competition for each team; however, game-day practices will not be held on the game field particularly in those instances of inclement weather. Practice times will be determined in consultation with the Conference office.

10.11 **Pre-Match Protocol.** The NCAA Tournament pre-game protocol will be used prior to each tournament contest.

10.12 **Protest Procedure.** Protests must be lodged with the Tournament Committee immediately following the disputed match. No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an official. All protests must be ruled upon immediately by the Tournament Committee.

10.13 **Event Management Checklist.** The host institution shall provide the following:

1. Game manager
2. Water, cups and towels for both benches
3. Adequate security
4. Athletic trainer for visiting team(s) and immediate access to emergency personnel and facilities
5. Telephone at game site
6. Public address announcer
7. Official scorer(s)
8. Tournament program
9. Cumulative tournament statistics
10. Tournament game reports to wire services
11. Telephone numbers for local weather service
12. Ball personnel (6 preferred)
13. Table for the awards ceremony

11. **Tickets.** The host institution is expected to charge admission. Ticket prices shall be set in conjunction with the Conference office. Tournament ticket packages may be sold for all games, and on an individual game basis.

12. **Awards.** The Conference Office will provide the following awards:

1. Regular Season Championship Trophy
2. Conference Tournament Championship Trophy
3. Freshman of the Year
4. Defensive Player of the Year
5. Offensive Player of the Year
6. Coach of the Year
7. Trophy to the Tournament MVP
8. Medallions to 11-member All-Conference First and Second teams and an 11-member All-Newcomer team
9. 28 Olympic-style Championship team medallions
10. Medallions to an 11-member All-Tournament team, including the MVP

12.1 **All-Tournament Team Selection.** The All-Tournament team will consist of four players (including the MVP) from the championship team, three players from the runner-up team and two players each, from the semi-final match losing teams. No players will be selected from the first-round contests.

12.2 **Awards Distribution.** Post season honors will be distributed during a pre-tournament banquet, if one is held. In the event that no banquet is held, the awards will be given to the coaches to distribute to their student- athletes at a time of their choosing. Tournament awards shall be distributed following the championship. *(adopted 12/6/06)*.

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators at the conclusion of the championship. Host institution should provide a public address system and a PA announcer for this ceremony.

VOLLEYBALL

1. **Championship Date.** The Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball championship shall be a three-day event (Thursday – Saturday, Friday-Sunday or Saturday-Monday) prior to Thanksgiving.

2. **Championship Determination.** The Tournament winner shall be the Ohio Valley Conference Champion and the OVC representative in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

3. **Administration of Tournament.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by tournament and Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

4. **Championship Format.** The Ohio Valley Conference postseason champion shall be determined by an eight-team single-elimination tournament. Teams will be seeded one (1) through eight (8) at the conclusion of the regular season, based upon winning percentage regardless of division. The tournament will begin with four first-round matches. Seed #1 will play seed #8, seed #2 will play seed #7, etc. The winners of the #1/#8 and #4/#5 matches will meet in the second round, while the winners of the #2/#7 and #3/#6 matches will meet in the other second round match. *(amended 5/31/2012)*

   4.1 **Seeding.** Seeding criteria (including tie-breaker formulas) for the tournament will be as follows:
   - a. Percentage of matches won/lost in Conference play.
   - b. Head-to-head match record among teams tied.
   - c. Game winning percentage (not matches) among teams tied.
   - d. Percentage of all OVC games (not matches) won.
   - e. Matches won against the highest seed not involved in a tie, with subsequent seeds used as necessary.
   - f. Games won against the highest seed not involved in a tie, with subsequent seeds used as necessary.
   - g. Head-to-head point differential.
   - h. Point differential for all OVC games.
   - i. Matches won against the highest seed not involved in a tie, with subsequent seeds used as necessary.
   - j. Games won against the highest seed not involved in a tie, with subsequent seeds used as necessary.
   - k. Coin toss among tied teams.

5. **Tournament Committee.** The Tournament Committee will include the tournament director (or his or her designate) of the host institution, the OVC Coordinator of Officials and the official representative of the OVC Office. This committee will function in the event of protests and general procedures of the tournament.

6. **Coaches Meeting.** A coaches meeting shall take place on the evening prior to the first day of competition, attendance is mandatory. *(revised 5/2013)*

7. **TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES**

   7.1 **Team Introduction/National Anthem.** The National Anthem shall be played before the first match each day and prior to the championship match. Teams will line up on the end line for the playing of the national anthem and team introductions. The visiting team (non-starters then starters) and coaches will be announced first, followed by the home team.

   Immediately following player introductions, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

   "On behalf of the Ohio Valley Conference and (INSTITUTION), welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

7.2 **Designation of Home Team.** The higher-seeded team in each tournament match shall be designated the home team. The home team shall wear light-colored uniforms, and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored uniforms. The higher-seeded team will occupy the host site's designated home team bench.

7.3 **Squad Size.** Each team squad size is left to the discretion of each institution. No changes can be made during the tournament for any reason. Only under extreme extenuating circumstances will the Commissioner consider an appeal for substitution. Such an appeal would be made before the Commissioner.

7.4 **Schedule of Matches.** The tournament matches should be scheduled 2 ½ hours apart. Regardless of structure, no less than a 45-minute warm-up time will be given between matches as needed. If time permits, teams will be allowed on the court(s) 60 minutes prior to start time. There will be a three-minute intermission between each set of each match, with the exception of a ten minute intermission between sets two and three. *(adopted 12/07)*

7.5 **Practice Opportunities.** The host institution shall provide only one, one-hour practice opportunity prior to the start of competition for all participating institutions with these practice times assigned based upon seed. Practice times will be assigned based upon match times beginning on the first day of competition. The host institution may conduct a regular practice at their site on the day prior to the start of competition, in addition to the one-hour practice opportunity on the day prior to the semifinals. *(amended 12/06)*

Practice times shall be determined by the host in conjunction with the conference office, the practice schedule (one-hour time slots) once competition has begun should be as follows:

After the First Round	**For the Finals**
Winner of Match 1	Winner of Match 5
Winner of Match 2	Winner of Match 6
Winner of Match 3	
Winner of Match 4	

7.6 **Game Ball.** In the OVC Tournament, league sponsor Molten balls shall be utilized.

7.7 **Officials.** The OVC Coordinator will select four (4) officials for the tournament. At least two (2) of them must be nationally rated officials.

a. The officiating assignments for each tournament match will be as follows: 1st official and 2nd official. The remaining two officials shall serve as line judges.

b. Officials should be on the court 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.

c. Officiating expenses (match fees, mileage reimbursement, per diem, and hotel) will be paid by the Conference office. However, institutions are strongly encouraged to secure complimentary hotel rooms for the officials and coordinator of officials when possible.

7.8 **Video taping.** OVC tournament teams may film quarter- and semi-final games of prospective opponents during the tournament *(adopted 1/13/04).*

7.9 Locker room/Secured Space. The host institution to secure a minimum of four spaces for the OVC tournament; five spaces if the host is not willing to share its home locker room.

a) Showers do not need to be available nor does the space have to be a locker room.

b) The space must be locked for the entirety of the match so that teams may leave bags and personal belongings in the room for the duration of the match.

c) The space shall be designated for one team only for the duration of the match (including pre and postgame) so teams will not have to switch/share rooms, move belongings, etc. during the break.

d) The space must be in the same building as the championship court, which may include other floor levels and classrooms

e) Pipe and draped spaces near the championship court are acceptable for team meetings spaces between sets, but may not be used for locker room purposes.

8. **Awards Presentation.** The awards presentation shall take place at the conclusion of the championship match. The following awards shall be provided by the conference office for the OVC Tournament:

1. Trophy to the Regular Season champion
2. Trophy to Tournament champion
3. Freshman of the Year
4. Player of the Year
5. Defensive Player of the Year
6. Setter of the Year
7. Coach of the Year
8. Medallions for All-Conference first team (14) and second team (7) selections
9. Trophy for the tournament MVP
10. 22 Tournament Championship Team Medallions
11. Medallions to a seven (7)-member All-Tournament Team.

8.1 **Conference Awards Presentation.** Conference Awards will be presented at the tournament banquet held the night prior to the start of competition. If no banquet is held, conference awards will be presented prior to the start of each tournament match, just prior to player introductions. *(amended 5/2013)*

8.2 **All-Tournament Team Selections.** The All-Tournament team as selected by the coaches will consist of two players plus the MVP from the championship team, two players from the runner-up team and one player each from the other two semifinal teams.

Coaches of first-round teams will not receive a vote, nor will any balloting be done following the first round. The coach of each semifinal team will select one (1) of his/her own players following completion of the semifinal rounds. Coaches of the final teams will select following completion of the championship match as follows:

- The coach of the runner-up team will select two (2) of his/her own players.
- The coach of the Championship team will select three (3) of his/her own players (including the MVP) and will identify his/her selection for MVP *(adopted 1/19/05)*.

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators at the conclusion of the championship. Host institution should provide a table and public address system for this ceremony.

RIFLE

1. **Championship Date.** The Ohio Valley Conference Rifle championship shall be a two day event (Saturday-Sunday), five weeks prior to the NCAA finals.

2. **Administration of Championships.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner, and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by tournament and Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

3. **Rules.** The NCAA Rifle and USA Shooting rules and regulations shall govern match competition. The Conference championship must be shot on electronic targets. *(adopted 5/2014)*

4. **Conference Championship.** The Conference rifle champion shall be determined by a Conference match at the conclusion of regular season competition. The institution with the highest aggregate of the air rifle team score and the small bore team score will be the conference champion.

5. **Match Format.** The OVC postseason champion will be determined by a six team match event. Teams will be composed of five shooters and will compete in air rifle and small bore. Prior to the start of competition, points on the lines will be drawn for by the conference representative or range officer. The assigned points shall be utilized throughout the match.

6. **Conference Head Coaches.** The head rifle coaches shall be used as counsel for planning the Conference championships, as their technical knowledge and personal experience in administration of contests will assure the maintenance of the championship reputation for excellence and efficiency.

7. **Match Director.** The Match Director shall be appointed by the Athletics Director and may NOT be a coach. The duties of the Match Director in conjunction with the head coach are as follows:
   1. Serve as administrator of the match
   2. Determine the match schedule
   3. Appoint a range officer and statistical staff (officer and at least three scorers)
   4. Plan and coordinate all activities of the Conference tournament
   5. Provide contest packet (contents described below) to the Conference office for dissemination to participating coaches:
      a. Facilities information
      b. Tournament director's home and office telephone numbers and address
      c. Dates, time and location of the tournament
      d. Tournament itinerary: practice and event times, meeting, press conference, banquets and/or special events
      e. Training facilities schedule
      f. Medical guidelines
      g. Map
   6. Respond to the needs of the participants, officials and others as prescribed in the NCAA Rules and Regulations of the Conference.
   7. Delegate duties and responsibilities to staff members, as necessary, to ensure the efficient administration and promotion of the tournament

8. **Squad Limit.** Each competing team shall have a (10) ten-member team that will compete in small bore (5 student-athletes) and/or air rifle (5 student-athletes).

9. **Match Committee.** The OVC Rifle Championship jury/committee will consist of the host institution's match director, range officer, and a designated member from the Conference office staff.

10. **Officials.** The Match Director shall appoint the officials listed below, they must be knowledgeable and impartial and may not be a coach:

10.1 **Range Officer.** A range officer shall be appointed to conduct and oversee the match on the range. The range officer should not be a coach or any other representative of the host institution.

10.2 **Statistical Officer.** A statistical officer shall be appointed to oversee target scoring and score recording. Three (3) (at least one of the required three scorers should be an experienced unbiased individual) or more scorers shall be responsible for scoring the targets, if paper targets are utilized.

11. **Coaches' Meeting.** There shall be a coaches' meeting on the second day of competition (morning), unless otherwise indicated by the Conference Office.

12. **MATCH PROCEURES**

12.1 **Targets.** The host institution shall furnish match targets as specified in the NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle rules. All targets must be electronic. *(adopted 5/2014)*

12.2 **Range Clock.** The range must be equipped with a large clock that can be seen clearly by the shooters.

12.3 **Practice.** Teams should be allowed on the range 30 minutes before scheduled start time.

12.4 **Scoring.** Statistical staff is responsible for the efficient, correct scoring and recording of all targets and scores and will be responsible for following the rules for scoring and assessing any scoring penalties that may be required.

12.4.1 **Ties.** To determine place finishes in a single- and multiple-position match, tied scores shall be broken in the following order:

a. The highest number of inner 10's;
b. The highest score in the last 10-shot series working backward by 10-shot series in full ring scoring until the tie is broken;
c. If any ties remain, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shotbasis using inner tens (i.e. an inner ten outranks a 10 that is not an inner ten) beginning with the last shot, then the next to last shot, etc.;
b. If any ties remain, and EST are used, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using decimal ring scores beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.;
c. If any ties remain, athletes must have the same ranking and listed in alphabetical order using athlete's family name unless there is a tie to enter the Finals;
e. If decimal scoring is used for 10m Air Rifle or 50m Rifle Prone Elimination or Qualification events, ties will be broken by the highest score of the last ten shot series, etc. (decimal scores) and then by comparing decimal scores on a shot-by-shot basis beginning with the last shot, then the next to the last shot, etc.

12.4.2 **Team-match Ties.** For team ties within a discipline, ties will be decided by the center count of the four counting team members making up the counting score. If a tie remains, the score of the fifth squadded score will break the tie. If the tie is still not broken, the center count of the fifth squadded score will break the tie. If tie still remains the tie will be broken by counting back the combined score in each ten shot series from your four counting scores beginning with the last series.

For aggregate team scores, ties will be first decided by the center count of the eight counting team scores. If a tie remains, the score of the fifth squadded score from both disciplines will break the tie. If the tie is still not broken, the center count of the fifth squadded score from both disciplines will break the tie. If tie still remains the tie will be broken by counting back the combined score in each ten shot series from your eight counting scores beginning with the last series.

12.5 **Match results.** All results shall be posted during the competition after each match in a place(s) where all coaches and student-athletes have equal access to the information.

12.5.1 **Challenges.** A challenge must be registered within one hour after the posting of scores. It shall be the challenging person's privilege to inspect the target during the re-check. Decisions on the value of the shot holes made by means of plug gauges are final and cannot be appealed unless there is a recording error. The value of a shot hole made by means of plug gauges can be changed for arithmetic errors.

12.5.1.1 **Electronic Targets.** If a shooter contests the value of a shot, a challenge will only be accepted when made before the next shot, or if it is the last shot, within three minutes after the last shot.

13. **Awards.** The Ohio Valley Conference will provide the following awards for the Rifle Championships:

1. Overall Team Championship Trophy
2. 13 Championship Team Medallions
3. Freshman of the Year
4. Coach of the Year
5. Team Championship Trophies for: Small bore and Air Rifle
6. Awards for Small bore and Air Rifle Athlete of the Year
7. Medallions for the five-member All-Conference first team Small bore and Air Rifle teams
8. Medallions for the five-member All-Conference second team Small bore and Air Rifle teams
9. Medallions for the 10-member All-Newcomer team (5 individuals from each discipline)

13.1 **Conference Awards.** Conference awards will be presented at the conclusion of the championship.

13.1.1 **Athlete of the Year selection.** The athlete that earns the highest average score from four matches in their discipline will earn the Athlete of the Year award. The four matches will include: the OVC championship and the three highest scoring matches outside of the conference match (these matches must all be at different locations).

13.1.2 **Freshman of the Year.** Coaches shall nominate athletes for consideration and will submit their vote for Freshman of the Year.

13.1.3 **Coach of the Year.** Coach of the Year shall be determined by coaches' vote.

13.1.4 **All-Conference teams selection.** The top five (5) finishers in each discipline (small bore and air rifle) including ties and the Athlete of the Year shall earn all-conference first team recognition. The next five (5) finishers will be designated members of the all-conference second team.

13.1.5 **All-Newcomer team.** The top five (5) finishing newcomers in each discipline (small bore and air rifle) will be designated members of the all-newcomer team. Coaches shall assist the host institution with identifying these individuals (newcomers - first year athletes, freshman, transfers) on their target or score sheet.

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators and take place at the conclusion of the championship.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

1. **Championship Date.** The Ohio Valley Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships shall be a two-day (Friday-Saturday) event. Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State will alternate hosting every other year.

2. **Rules.** NCAA Track and Field Rules shall govern all competition.

3. **Time Schedule.** The order and time schedules are to be announced in advance of the championship.

4. **Administration.** Administration of the event is the responsibility of the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference and he shall delegate duties and responsibilities to Conference Office staff members, as necessary, to assure the efficient administration and promotion of the meet and shall utilize the following groups and individuals in the capacities indicated:

4.1 **Head Track Coaches of the Conference.** The head track coaches shall be utilized as counsel for planning the event, as their technical knowledge and personal experience in administration of meets will assure the maintenance of the meet's reputation for excellence and efficiency. Selection of certain officials, specified by this manual, will be made upon the recommendations of the host coach. Review of planning for the indoor championship meet shall be an item on the agenda for the annual meeting of the track coaches.

4.2 **The Meet Director.** The Meet Director shall be appointed by the Director of Athletics of the host institution in conjunction with the Conference office, and may NOT be a coach. The duties of the Meet Director are as follows:

a. Serve as the administrator and supervisor of the meet
b. Coordinate the promotional and planning activities of the track coaches
c. Coordinate and supervise the activities of the officials and groups involved in administration of the meet
d. Provide information to the Conference office relative to the meet for dissemination to the participating coaches
e. See to the needs of participants, officials, and spectators and ensure that all technical details of the meet have been taken care of within the rules of the Ohio Valley Conference, and as prescribed by this guideline.

4.3 **The Games Committee.** The primary function of the Games Committee is to give specialized assistance and guidance to the Meet Director when questions and problems arise during the conduct of the meet where authority for resolution of such problems is not covered this guideline, the NCAA Track Rules, or the regulations of the Conference. See 4.3.1 for the Games Committee selection process.

4.3.1 **Preferred Selection Process.** The host institution with the approval of the Conference office shall appoint three knowledgeable unbiased individuals (track and field certified coaches and officials - preferred) not including the referee to make up the Games Committee. (adopted 3/07)

5. **Officials.** A head starter, assistant starter, and USTF certified meet referee shall be selected to officiate all races and field events by the Meet Director.

The head starter and meet referee must be approved by the Conference office. These officials must follow the NCAA Track/Cross Country Rules Book in response to their duties.

1. REFEREE. Rule 3, Section 4
2. STARTER. Rule 3, Section 7
3. RECALL STARTER. Rule 3, Section 7

The Meet Director will select and train all other officials in accordance with the NCAA Track and Field Rules. There will be umpires assigned for the championship meet. Umpires will

judge each race, plus the relay passing zones in the relay race. All other officials and their duties will be outlined in the NCAA Track and Field Rules Book, unless Conference rules or this championship guideline stipulates otherwise.

6. **Entry Procedures/Final Declarations.** The host institution (Meet Director) shall prepare a meet information packet no later than one month prior to the competition.

The entry deadline shall be the Tuesday prior to the meet by 4 p.m. host time.

6.1 **Final Declarations.** The final entries and declarations shall include all athletes in all events for all days of the competition. No additions can be made after the Tuesday deadline. Flighting and heating shall be done by the Fully Automatic Timing crew hired to run the track and field meet. Each institution may declare no more than four (4) individuals in individual events, or no more than one (1) relay team. (Note: Declarations of the relay team can include up to eight (8) potential athletes up until relay card is turned in at check in). Any athlete who is "declared" or "qualifies" for an event must compete, or he/she will be disqualified from subsequent events in the meet. *(amended 3/2016)*

6.2 **Seed Marks.** Coaches shall list their athlete's best performance from this indoor season as it appears on the TFRRS performance lists for the purpose of seeding. Any seed marks NOT listed on the TFRRS performance list will not be considered without verification.

7. **Coaches Meeting/Scratches.** A coaches meeting shall take place on the evening prior to the championships (no earlier than 6:00 p.m.), unless otherwise indicated by the Conference office. Coaches' attendance is mandatory. Attendance by the meet referee and members of the Games Committee is strongly encouraged.

At the meeting, final sheets will be distributed. *(amended 3/2016)*

In addition, during the meeting the following items shall be covered (but are not limited to):

1. Distribution of Meet Management items
2. Meet Procedures
3. Announce/Identify Games Committee
4. Result Procedures
5. Post season Awards Selection Procedures (AOTC)
6. Distribute Heat Sheets
7. Event Schedule for next Championship (presented by host institution)

8. **Finance.** Budget preparation, expenditure and receipt of funds, accounting, and other financial matters relating to the event shall be the responsibility of the host institution and a report should be submitted to the Conference office.

9. **MEET PROCEDURES.**

9.1 **Squad Size.** The squad size will be limited to 27 competitors from each institution. *(amended 10/2012)*

9.2 **Uniform.** Each institution's athletes will wear only the university's official equipment (warm-ups and competition equipment) as covered in the OVC Rules. Extra equipment, hats, etc., will be allowed only if reasonable and causing no objections from other competing student-athletes and their coaches.

9.3 **National Anthem.** The national anthem will be played five minutes before the first event of the final day of competition. There shall be absolutely no cheering by coaches, officials or non-participating student-athletes from the infield or track itself.

Immediately preceding the start of the first event, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of the Ohio Valley Conference and (INSTITUTION), welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a

responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

9.4 **Meet Results and Heat Sheets.** All results shall be posted during the competition after each event. Heat sheets (and newly drawn semi-final heat sheets) along with the meet results shall be in a place(s) where all coaches and student-athletes have equal access to the information.

Adequate staff shall be provided to allow for expedient preparation of the championship results. Copies of the results shall be made available to the awards stand following the completion of an event and to the coaches and media as soon as possible following the championship.

9.5 **Team Seating and Coach Area.** Team area assignment will be made by the host institution. Seating for student-athletes and coaches apart from the spectators' section, shall be identified to the head coaches by the Meet Director. The competition area is restricted only to officials and contestants. Coaches must remain in their designated area or in the stands. Whenever possible, a warm-up area other than at the competition site shall be provided.

9.6 **Protests.** There shall be a protest table with an official present at all times. Protest forms will be made available for this purpose. All protests will be made and handled in accordance with the NCAA Track and Field Rules, which spell out this procedure. A fee of $25, payable at the time the protest is filed, shall be assessed for all protests, with the fee refunded if the appeal is successful. (revised 3/2/06)

9.7 **Contestant Numbers.** The host institution will provide numbers for the distance races (1500 meters and up) at the Conference meet.

9.8 **Equipment.** The following equipment is recommended:

a. Stop watches
b. Accutrack equipment or equivalent
c. Pits, standards, cross bars for high jump and pole vault
d. Tapes - 130 feet, 250 feet, 300 feet (all tapes should give metric readings)
e. Indicator boards for field events
f. Umpire flags
g. A sufficient number of hurdles for all lanes
h. Batons (at least 9)
j. Judges and timers stand, plus Accutrack platform
k. A protest table
l. Award stand
m. Starting blocks for each lane
n. Necessary weighing and checking equipment for field implements
o. Equipment to raise and lower the cross bar for pole vault
p. Stop watches for each head judge in field events
q. Clip boards, as needed
r. Ladder for pole vault
s. 32 caliber starting pistols and shells
t. Lap counter cards
u. Numbers and pins
v. A headquarters area
w. A communications system (walkie-talkies) for officials
x. Rakes and brooms

9.9 **Scoring.** The OVC Indoor Track and Field Championship Meet will implement the following scoring system:

If six (6) or more institutions field a team for the championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to eight (8) pleaces utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.
If five (5) or fewer institutions field a team for the championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to six (6) places utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-4-2-1. *(amended 2/8/2012)*

Events

High Jump	Weight Throw	
400 M-Dash	Shot Put	
Mile Run	Long Jump	
Mile Relay	Triple Jump	
Distance Medley Relay	60-M Hurdle (EIU)	55-M Hurdle (TSU)
5000-M Run	60-M Dash (EIU)	55-M Dash (TSU)
200-M Dash	3000-M Run	
800-M Run	Pole Vault	
Pentathlon	Heptathlon	

9.10 **Schedule of Events.** Event times will be set by the host institution in consultation with the Conference office. Day One and Day Two multi events shall begin at 9:00am. Day One field events shall begin at approximately 2:30pm while track events shall begin at approximately 3:00/3:30pm. Day Two field events shall begin at 11:00am while track events shall begin at 1:30pm. Men's open pole vault on Day Two shall begin at approximately 1:00pm. Order of events (Men/Women) shall alternate annually consistent with the NCAA. On odd years the women will begin competition in the track events and in even years the men will compete first in track events. Field event schedules shall also annually rotate based upon the previous year's event schedule. *(amended 8/7/2013)*

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ DAY ONE

Implement Weigh In		
Multi Events	prelims / FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
Weight Throw	prelims / FINALS	MEN
High Jump	FINALS	MEN
Long Jump	prelims / FINALS	MEN
Weight Throw	prelims / FINALS	WOMEN
Pole Vault	prelims / FINALS	WOMEN
55 M / 60 M Dash	prelims (if needed)	MEN/WOMEN
55 M / 60 M Hurdles	prelims (if needed)	MEN/WOMEN
High Jump	FINALS	WOMEN
800 M Run	prelims	MEN/WOMEN
Long Jump	prelims / FINALS	WOMEN
400 M Dash	prelims	MEN/WOMEN
55 M Dash	prelims	MEN/WOMEN
55 M Hurdles	prelims	MEN/WOMEN
200 M Dash	prelims	MEN/WOMEN
Distance Medley	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
5,000 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ DAY TWO

Implement Weigh In		
Multi Events	prelims / FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
Shot Put	prelims / FINALS	MEN
Triple Jump	prelims / FINALS	MEN
Pole Vault	FINALS	MEN
Shot Put	prelims / FINALS	WOMEN
Triple Jump	prelims / FINALS	WOMEN
Mile Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN

400 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
55 M / 60 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
55 M / 60 M Hurdles	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
800 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
200 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
3,000 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
4 X 400 M Relay	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN

10. HEAT, FLIGHTS, QUALIFYING PROCEDURES AND STAGGERS

10.1 Track Events. Electronic timing and photos shall be official. Official pictures under protest will be viewed only by the referee. The jury and the coach involved in the protest may view the pictures with the referee's consent. Eight (8) athletes will qualify for finals in all events with preliminaries. The number of finalists shall be determined by the number of lanes available within a minimum of five. Some races will be run in two heats against time, slowest heat first (balanced or slow-fast).

10.2 Procedures. NCAA indoor track and field heating, flighting and qualifying procedures shall be followed for all events, with the following conference addendums *(amended 2/2014)*:

10.2.1 60-Meter Dash and 60-Meter High Hurdles (EIU)

a. Preferred lane assignments for competition rounds after the first round shall be: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8

10.2.2 55-Meter Dash and 55-Meter High Hurdles (TSU)

a. Preferred lane assignments for competition rounds after the first round shall be: 3-4-2-5-1

10.2.3 200-M and 400-M Dash

a. Lanes 1 and 2 will not be used in the 200-M dash at EIU, Lane 1 will not be used at TSU
b. Lanes 1 and 2 will not be used in the 400-M dash if possible at EIU, Lane 1 will not be used at TSU
c. Preferred lane assignments shall be:
5-6-4-3 (EIU) 4-5-3-2 (TSU)

10.2.4 Pole Vault and High Jump

a. The Games Committee shall determine the starting height/ minimum heights utilizing the current national TFRRS list and present for review to the head coaches at the pre-championship meeting Thursday evening.

10.2.5 Mile

a. The mile shall be run as finals only.
b. If 15 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a single race final. If more than 15 competitors report, then 12 competitors shall run in the fast section and the remainder of the entries (up to 15) shall run in the slow section. If more than 27 \ competitors report, then 12 shall run in the fast section, 12 shall run in the next fastest section, and the remainder shall run in 3rd section. Heats will be run slow section to fast section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after the competitors check in.

10.2.6 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters

a. The 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters shall be run as finals only.
b. If 18 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a

single race final. If more than 18 competitors report, then 14 competitors shall run in the fast section and the remainder of the entries shall run in the slow section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check in.

18 or fewer	1 heat	
19+	2 heats	14 in fast section and all others in 2nd section

11. **Awards.** Awards will be presented throughout the meet. Athletes must report to the awards stand when their event is called. Athletes should report to the awards stand in uniform. The Ohio Valley Conference will provide the following awards for the Indoor Track Championship Meet:

1. Team Championship Trophy (Men and Women)
2. 32 Championship Team Medallions
3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Medals for each event (Individually & Relay Teams)
4. Male and Female Track Athlete of the Year
5. Male and Female Field Athlete of the Year
6. Coach of the Year (Men and Women)
7. Male and Female Freshman of the Year
8. Male and Female Athlete of the Championships

11.1 **Athlete of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Coach of the Year selection.** Each coach shall submit a vote for each of the following awards: Male/Female Track Athlete of the Year, Male/Female Field Athlete of the Year, Male/Female Freshman of the Year, and Men's/Women's Coach of the Year *(revised 3/07)*.

In the event of a tie, for any of the awards listed above, the point-base system used to select the Athlete of the Championships will be utilized in an effort to break the tie.

11.2 **Athlete of the Championships selection.** Total points from the combination ballot-point system shall determine the award winner. The host SID, in conjunction with the conference representative will compile team points individually for the nominees. The total points from the ballots combined with the awards point system will determine the award winner.

a) **Coaches' Vote.** Coaches will nominate up to two student-athletes from their team for consideration. Coaches will then vote for three athletes from the pool of nominees on a first-place, second-place and third-place point system (on the Monday following competition) as follows:

1.	First Place	10 points
2.	Second Place	7 points
3.	Third Place	5 points

b) **Performance.** Team points made by athlete (relay points divided by 4) will be added to the points as earned by the following criteria:

4.	World Record	20 points
5.	American Record	15 points
6.	Collegiate Record	12 points
7.	Conference Record	10 points
8.	NCAA Automatic Qualifier	6 points

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators. Event Awards shall be given out throughout the course of the meet; team champion and conference awards are to be given out at the conclusion of the meet. Host institution should provide a table, public address system, and a PA announcer for this ceremony.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

1. **Championship Date.** The Ohio Valley Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship shall be a three-day event (Thursday-Saturday) two weeks prior to the NCAA first round.

2. **Rules.** NCAA Track and Field Rules shall govern all competition.

3. **Time Schedule.** The order and time schedules are to be announced in advance of the championship.

4. **Administration.** Administration of the event is the responsibility of the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference and he shall delegate duties and responsibilities to Conference Office staff members, as necessary, to assure the efficient administration and promotion of the meet and shall utilize the following groups and individuals in the capacities indicated:

   4.1 **Head Track Coaches of the Conference.** The head track coaches shall be utilized as counsel for planning the event, as their technical knowledge and personal experience in administration of meets will assure the maintenance of the meet's reputation for excellence and efficiency. Selection of certain officials, specified by this manual, will be made upon the recommendations of the host coach. Review of planning for the outdoor championship meet shall be an item on the agenda for the annual meeting of the track coaches.

   4.2 **Meet Director.** The Meet Director shall be appointed by the Director of Athletics of the host institution in conjunction with the Conference office, and may NOT be a coach. The duties of the Meet Director are as follows:

      a. Serve as the administrator and supervisor of the meet.
      b. Coordinate the promotional and planning activities of the track coaches.
      c. Coordinate and supervise the activities of the officials and groups involved in administration of the meet.
      d. Provide information to the Conference office to be disseminated to the coaches of competing institutions.
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   4.3 **The Games Committee.** The primary function of the Games Committee is to give specialized assistance and guidance to the Meet Director when questions and problems arise during the conduct of the meet where authority for resolution of such problems is not covered by this guideline, the NCAA Track Rules, or the regulations of the Conference. See 4.3.1 for the Games Committee selection process.

      4.3.1 **Preferred Selection Process.** The host institution with the approval of the Conference office shall appoint three knowledgeable unbiased individuals (track and field certified coaches (non-OVC) and officials - preferred) not including the referee to make up the Games Committee.

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   The head starter and meet referee must be approved by the Conference office. These officials must follow the NCAA Track/Cross Country Rules Book in response to their duties.

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The entry deadline shall be the Tuesday prior to the meet by 4 p.m. host time.

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At the meeting, final heat sheets will be distributed. *(amended 3/2016)*

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6. Distribute Heat Sheets
7. Event Schedule for next Championship (presented by host institution)

8. **Finance.** Budget preparation, expenditure and receipt of funds, accounting, and other financial matters relating to the event shall be the responsibility of the host institution and a report should be submitted to the Conference office.

9. **MEET PROCEDURES.**

9.1 **Squad Size.** The squad size will be limited to 30 competitors from each institution. *(amended 10/2012)*

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w. A communications system (walkie-talkies) for officials
x. Rakes and brooms

9.9 **Scoring.** The OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship Meet will implement the following scoring system:

If six (6) or more institutions field a team fo rthe championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to eight (8) places utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.
If five (5) or fewer institutions field a team for the championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to six (6) places utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-4-2-1. *(amended 2/8/2012)*

Events	
High Jump	Long Jump
400 M Dash	Discus
Javelin	100-M Dash
Shot Put	1500-M Run
10,000 M Run	4 x 100 Meter Relay
Triple Jump	4 X 400-M Relay
5000-M Run	100-M Hurdle (W)
200-M Dash	400-M Hurdles
110-M Hurdle (M)	800-M Run
Pole Vault	3,000-M Steeplechase
Hammer Throw	Heptathlon
Decathlon	

9.10 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.** Event times will be set by the host institution in consultation with the Conference office. Day One multi events shall begin at 1 p.m. and Day Two multi events shall begin at 9 a.m. Day One field events shall begin at 5 p.m. while track events shall begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. Day Two field events shall begin at 12 p.m. while track events shall begin at 3:00 p.m. Day Three field events shall begin at 11 a.m. while track events shall begin at 12 p.m. The day three schedule shall be set so that all field event competition is complete before the start of the 4x400 relay. Order of events (Men/Women) shall alternate annually consistent with the NCAA. On odd years the women will begin competition in the track events and in even years the men will compete first in the track events. Field event schedules shall also rotate annually based upon the previous year's event schedule. *(amended 6/2/2016)*

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ DAY ONE

Multi Events	Prelims/FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
Hammer	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
Hammer	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
10,000 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ DAY TWO

Multi Events	Prelims/FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
Discus	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
Long Jump	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
Pole Vault	FINALS	WOMEN
Discus	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
High Jump	FINALS	WOMEN
Pole Vault	FINALS	MEN
High Jump	FINALS	MEN
Long Jump	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
3,000-meter Steeplechase	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
100/110 M Hurdles	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN
400 M Dash	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN
100 M Dash	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN
800 M Run	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN
400 M Hurdles	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN
200 MDash	Prelims	MEN/WOMEN

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ DAY THREE

Triple Jump	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
Javelin	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
Javelin	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
Shot Put	Prelims/FINALS	WOMEN
Triple Jump	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
Shot Put	Prelims/FINALS	MEN
4 x100 M Relay	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
1500 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
100/110 M Hurdles	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
400 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
100 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
800 M Run	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
400 M Hurdle	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
200 M Dash	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
5000 M Rrun	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN
4 X 400 M Relay	FINALS	MEN/WOMEN*(amended 6/2/2016)*

9.10.1 Inclement Weather. Published start times on days one and two of the championship shall be followed unless delayed by weather (no event shall start earlier than published due to weather concerns). Day two start times may also be revised in the instance where weather has postponed events from the previous day and those events must now be accommodated by the day two schedule. In the instance when day one events must be run on day two, the following guidelines should be adhered to:

a. The integrity of the order of events shall be maintained, with an allowance for some flexibility based upon the host institution's facilities.

b. Any track events not completed on day one will be run as heats against time. Should an event from day one be postponed after it has already begun, the heats will be reseeded for the following day.

c. The 10,000meter run will be scheduled in the early morning on day two.

No event shall begin after 10:30pm local time on day one of the Outdoor Track and Field Championship.

10. HEAT, FLIGHTS, QUALIFYING PROCEDURES AND STAGGERS

10.1 Track Events. Electronic timing and photos shall be official. Official pictures under protest will be viewed only by the referee. The jury and the coach involved in the protest may view the pictures with the referee's consent. Eight (8) athletes will qualify for finals in all events with preliminaries. The number of finalists shall be determined by the number of lanes available within a minimum of five. Some races will be run in two heats against time, slowest heat first (balanced or slow-fast).

10.1.1 Non-Scoring Competitors. Competitors from non-sponsored sports will not be allowed to compete in the OVC indoor and outdoor track and field championships. (adopted 3/4/05 per the OVC Directors of Athletics 8/4/04).

10.2 Procedures. NCAA outdoor track and field heating, flighting and qualifying procedures shall be followed for all events, with the following conference addendums *(amended 2/2014)*:

10.2.1 100-Meter Dash and 100/110-Meter High Hurdles:

a. Preferred lane assignments for competition rounds after the first round shall be: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8

10.2.2 200-M and 400-M Dash:

a. Lanes shall be assigned in the following order: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8

10.2.3 800-M:

a. Preferred lanes (4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8) shall be used for the final

10.2.4 Relays (4 x 100m, 4x 400m):

a. If the number of teams declared for either relay is greater than the number of lanes available on the track, the final will be run in two sections with no fewer than two (2) teams in the slow section.
b. If the number of teams declared for either relay is equal to or less than the number of lanes available on the track, the final will be run in one section.

10.2.5 Pole Vault and High Jump

a. The Games Committee shall determine the starting heights/ minimum heights utilizing the current national TFRRS lists and present for review to the head coaches at the pre-championship meeting Thursday evening

10.2.6 1500 meters

a. The 1500 meters shall be run as finals only
b. If 15 or fewer competitors report, the even shall be run as a single race final. If more than 15 competitors report, then 12 competitors shall run in the fast second and the remainder of the entries (up to 15) shall run in the slow section. If more than 27 competitors report, than 12 shall run in the fastest second, 12 shall run in the next fastest second, and the remainder shall run in the third section. Heats will be run slow section to fast section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in

15 or fewer	1 heat	
16-27	2 heats	12 in fast section, up to 15 in slow section
28+	3 heats	12, 12, and up to 15 in 3rd section

10.2.7 3,000-meter steeplechase

a. The 3,000-meter steeplechase shall be run as finals only.
b. If 18 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as single race final. If more than 18 competitors report, then 14 competitors shall run in the fast section and the remainder of the entries shall run in the slow section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in

18 or fewer	1 heat	
19+	2 heats	14 in fast section and all others in 2nd section

10.2.8 5,000 meters

a. The 5,000 meters shall be run as finals only. If 30 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a single race final. If more than 30 competitors report, then 18 shall run in the fast section and the remaining competitors will run in the slow section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in.

30 or fewer	1 heat	
31+	2 heats	18 in fast section, and all others in 2nd section

10.2.9 10,000 meters

a. The 10,000 meters shall be run as finals only

11. **Awards.** Awards will be presented throughout the meet. Athletes must report to the awards stand when their event is called. Athletes should report to the awards stand in uniform. The Ohio Valley Conference will provide the following awards for the Outdoor Track Championship Meet:

1. Team Championship Trophy
2. 35 Championship Team Medallions
3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Medals for each event (Individually & Relay Teams)
4. Male and Female Track Athlete of the Year
5. Male and Female Field Athlete of the Year
6. Coach of the Year (Men and Women)
7. Male and Female Freshman of the Year
8. Male and Female Athlete of the Championships

11.1 **Athlete of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Coach of the Year selection.** Each coach shall submit a vote for each of the following awards: Male/Female Track Athlete of the Year, Male/Female Field Athlete of the Year, Male/Female Freshman of the Year, and Men's/Women's Coach of the Year.

In the event of a tie, for any of the awards listed above (with the exception of Coach of the Year), the point-base system used to select the Athlete of the Championships will be utilized in an effort to break the tie.

11.2 **Athlete of the Championships selection.** Total points from the combination ballot-point system shall determine the award winner. The host SID, in conjunction with the conference representative will compile team points individually for the nominees.

The total points from the ballots combined with the awards point system will determine the award winner.

a) **Coaches' Vote.** Coaches will nominate up to two student-athletes from their team for consideration. Coaches will then vote for three athletes from the pool of nominees on a first-place, second-place and third-place point system (on the Monday following competition) as follows:

1.	First Place	10 points
2.	Second Place	7 points
3.	Third Place	5 points

b) **Performance.** Team points made by athlete (relay points divided by 4) will be added to the points as earned by the following criteria:

4.	World Record	20 points
5.	American Record	15 points
6.	Collegiate Record	12 points
7.	Conference Record	10 points
8.	NCAA Automatic Qualifier	6 points
9.	Provisional/Regional Qualifier	3 points

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators. Event Awards shall be given out throughout the course of the meet, team champion and conference awards are to be given out at the conclusion of the meet. Host institution should provide a table, public address system, and a PA announcer for this ceremony.

SOFTBALL

1. **Championship Date.** The Ohio Valley Conference Softball Championship shall be a four day event Wednesday-Saturday prior to NCAA Regionals at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala. In the event an institution is unable to host, the next seed will be awarded the championship.

2. **Rules.** The Ohio Valley Conference Softball Championship shall be conducted according to the NCAA Softball Rules and Regulations.

3. **Championship Determination.** The Tournament winner shall be the Ohio Valley Conference Champion and the Conference's representative in the NCAA tournament.

4. **Administration of Tournament.** Administration and conduct of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships shall be under the control and direction of the Conference Commissioner and is subject to the standards and requirements set forth by tournament and Conference guidelines. The Conference Commissioner, or designated representative, has the authority to make procedural or protest decisions during the championships.

5. **Tournament Format/Seeding.** The OVC postseason champion shall be determined by a eight-team double-elimination tournament event. Teams will be seeded one through eight based on their regular season OVC winning percentage, regardless of division. In the event of ties in the standings at the conclusion of the regular-season play, a tiebreaker procedure shall be utilized to determine access to the Tournament and/or seeding. *(adopted 5/31/2012)*

   5.1 TIEBREAK PROCEDURES:

   5.1.1 Two-Way Ties

   a. Head-to-head competition records are compared, with the higher seed going to the team with the better record.

   b. In the event No. 1 fails to break the tie (the two tying teams split evenly their regular-season series) the records of the tying teams against the No. 1 seed shall be compared. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed shall be given the higher seed.

   c. The process in Step 2 continues through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through the last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

   d. If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seed for tournament play.

   5.1.2 Multiple Ties

   a. Composite records against the tying teams will be used to determine if one team has won more games against the other tying teams.

   b. If Step 1 does not resolve the multiple-tie situation, then a comparison of records of the tying teams against the No. 1 seed will occur. The team with the better record against the No. 1 seed will get the higher seed.

   c. This process will continue through the No. 8 seed (for tournament seeding) or through last place team (to determine tournament qualifiers).

   d. If the tie remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeds for the tournament play and entries into the tournament.

6. **Tournament Committee.** The OVC Softball Tournament Committee will consist of the following:

1. OVC Softball Administrative Liason
2. Umpire in Chief
3. Conference Commissioner or his/her designated representative.

All decisions (such as the single-elimination weather rule) and protests are to be handled through this committee. If a member of the committee is involved in a protest, the tournament director shall select a replacement. A majority vote is required for all action.

7. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

7.1 **National Anthem.** The National Anthem shall be played before the first game each day and prior to the Championship Game. The host institution is responsible for providing a tape recording of or securing a performer for the National Anthem.

Immediately preceding the first pitch, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of the Ohio Valley Conference and (INSTITUTION), welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

7.2 **Team Introductions.** On the first day of the Tournament, each team (players, coaches, trainers, and managers) will line up along their respective foul lines facing the grandstand and be introduced before their respective fans. The same format shall be utilized for the Championship Game. In other games, only starting players will be introduced.

7.3 **Squad Size.** . Each team is limited to 20 eligible players. No changes can be made during the tournament for any reason. Only under extreme extenuating circumstances will the Commissioner an appeal for substitution. Such an appeal would be made before the Commissioner

7.4 **Game Ball.** In the Ohio Valley Conference Softball Tournament, Worth NCAA NC12L softballs shall be used for all tournament games.

7.5 **Home Field Determination.** The home teams for the first round of competition shall be the higher seeded team. In subsequent games the home team shall be determined according to the following formula:

(a) The institution that has been the home team the fewest number of times shall be the home team;

(b) If two teams have been home team an equal number of times but visiting team an unequal number of times, the team that has been the visitor most often shall be designated as the home team;

(c) If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, and if the two teams previously met in the tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team;

(d) If games between the same teams are back to back, the home teams shall be the visitor in the second game regardless of the number of times either team has been home or visitor;

(e) If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, the team that was the visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were the visitor in their preceding games;

(f) If the preceding formula does not prevail, the home team shall be the higher seeded team. *(amended 5/2013)*

7.6 **Umpires.** Umpires will be assigned by the OVC umpiring coordinator. Game rotation will be made available to coaches at the Pre-Tournament Meeting. Three (3) umpires shall work each game of the tournament. Four (4) umpires shall work the championship game. Under no circumstances shall a player, coach, or representative of any institution be allowed in the umpires' locker room.

7.7 **Bat Testing.** Mandatory bat testing for all participating teams shall take place prior to the start of the championship. An approved bat testing protocol and schedule will be distributed from the Conference office prior to the start of the championship. *(adopted 3/2012)*

7.7 **Protest Procedures.** The following protest procedures shall be followed in the tournament:

a) Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident, which caused the protest and before play is resumed.
b) If the game ends (legal contest) in a situation or protest, the offended team must start protest procedures immediately (within 20 seconds).
c) All protests must be made to the home umpire.
d) No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire.
e) All protests must be ruled upon immediately by the Tournament Director or designated Conference representative.

7.8 **Inclement Weather.** A suspended game procedure, as approved by the coaches, shall be utilized. The Tournament Manager will control the start of the games under rain conditions.

a) If rain occurs in any portion of any day, but not sufficient to cancel the entire day's schedule, the bracket will be revised to accommodate full competition.
b) If rain cancels the first day of competition, the tournament will be moved back one day and will be played as scheduled.
c) If rain should cancel any day following the first scheduled day of competition, the tournament will be moved back one day and played on a double elimination tournament basis.
d) If rain cancels two consecutive days of competition, a single-elimination tournament will be played.
e) If rain cancels the Championship Game, the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner will select the league representative to the NCAA Tournament.

7.9 **Field Lights.** A coach's request to turn on field lights must be made through the umpire-in-chief. Lights will be turned on only upon completion of a full inning unless the umpire-in-chief feels that conditions warrant immediate use. To avoid delay, the host institution must provide someone at all late afternoon and night games to turn on the lights.

7.10 **Game Times.** No game during the OVC Softball Championship shall be scheduled to start (first pitch) prior to 9:00 a.m. local time. All games of the OVC Softball Championship shall remain scheduled to start (first pitch) at 10:00 a.m. local time unless the tournament needs to be adjusted. First pitch of any game must start before 11:59 p.m. local time

7.11 **Eight-Run Rule**. A regulation eight-run rule game shall be declared by the plate umpire if one team is ahead by eight or more runs after five or more equal innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team reaches the eight-run lead while at bat in the last inning.

8. **Event Management Checklist.** The host institution shall make every effort to provide the following for the tournament:

1. Ground crew
2. Water, ice bags, cups, and towels for both dugouts

3. Adequate security
4. Laundry facilities
5. Public address announcer
6. Official scorer (With Conference Office approval)
7. Tournament program
8. Cumulative tournament statistics
9. Tournament game reports to wire services (AP, UPI, local)
10. Local weather service phone numbers
11. Tarpaulin
12. Table for the awards presentation

9. **Awards.** The Conference office will provide the following awards:

1. Conference Tournament Championship Trophy
2. Freshman of the Year
3. Player of the Year
4. Pitcher of the Year
5. Coach of the Year
6. 26 Tournament Championship Team Medallions
7. Medallions to a 12-Member All-Tournament Team
8. Trophy for the Tournament MVP
9. All-conference first team and all-conference second team
10. All-newcomer team
11. Team Champion Trophy

9.1 **All-Tournament team Selections.** The 12-member All-Tournament team as selected by the coaches, will consist of four (4) players (including the MVP) from the championship team, three (3) players from the runner-up team, two (2) players from the third place team and one (1) player each from the fourth, fifth, and sixth place teams (adopted 10/19/05).

NOTE: In the event, a coach elects not to make a selection(s), attending media in conjunction with the conference office representative shall make the selection(s) (adopted 10/19/05).

The awards presentation shall be visible to all spectators at the conclusion of the championship. Host institution should provide a table and public address system for this ceremony.

10. **Practice Times.** Available practice times in hour increments will be determined by the host. Coaches will have the opportunity to select their choice of practice time based on seed order (i.e. No. 1 seed will select time followed by No. 2 seed with the remaining times and so on in numerical seed order). This will take place via conference call the day prior to the practice day.

Appendix A

Faculty Athletics Representatives Guidelines

The functions and responsibilities listed herein are either mandated by NCAA and/or OVC regulations (statements using “shall”) or are consensus items that currently apply to the activities of the OVC Board of Faculty Athletic Representatives (statements using “should”).

ADMINISTRATIVE

The faculty athletics representative:

1) shall have access to and meet with the President on an as-needed basis;
2) should serve as liaison between athletics and the University Faculty and Administration;
3) should be a member of the University Athletics Board/Committee;
4) should participate on search committees for a Director of Athletics and any other search committees as assigned by the athletics director;
5) should attend OVC meetings; and
6) shall be a member of the Conference Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives, and fullfil the duties of the Board as prescribed in the OVC Constitution.

ACADEMIC

The faculty athletics representative:

1) shall sign OVC eligibility and other applicable forms;
2) shall oversee the OVC Scholar-Athlete nomination and award process;
3) shall coordinate the submission of student-athlete data for the OVC Commissioner’s Honor Roll, OVC Medal of Honor and OVC Academic Achievement Awards;
4) shall review student-athlete participation schedules and frequency of missed class time for all sports sponsored by the institution; and
5) shall review annual academic progress data (e.g., Academic Progress Rate, Graduation Success Rate) and share this information with campus constituents (e.g., faculty senate, university board).

STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING

The faculty athletics representative:

1) shall review all proposed OVC regular season and post-season schedules and provide feedback to the Board of Senior Woman Administrators and Board of Directors of Athletics on student-athlete well-being impact prior to any schedule’s approval;
2) should monitor and promote student-athlete well-being on campus;
3) should maintain regular contact with the university’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee;
4) should promote academic enhancement of student-athletes, and
5) should participate in student-athlete exit interviews and surveys. *(amended 5/31/2012)*

COMPLIANCE

The faculty athletics representative:

1) shall administer the NCAA Coaches Certification Exam;
2) should assist the Athletics Compliance Administrator with appeals, waivers, and rules interpretations;
3) should participate in the NCAA Institutional Performance Program of the University athletics programs;
4) should participate in investigations of potential OVC and NCAA rules violations, and
5) should receive, in real-time, Level Three and Four violation reports and updates from the Athletics Compliance Administrator.

Appendix B
Prospective Membership Principles

This document is intended to provide guidance for OVC administrators when considering prospective new members.

I. INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE, QUALITY AND GEOGRAPHY

A. INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE AND QUALITY

1. Quality of institution.
2. Institutional funding profile.
3. Institutional leadership and stability.
4. Campus culture.
5. Relationship of athletics to other campus entities.
6. Public or private institution.

B. GEOGRAPHY AND MARKET

1. Distance teams must travel (proximity to member institutions).
2. Media market.
3. Provides entry to new markets or strengthens existing market position.
4. Geographic balance and other regional considerations.
5. Potential impact on divisional alignment.

II. ATHLETICS, STUDENTS, PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

A. ACADEMIC PROFILE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Graduation rate of student-athletes is comparable or superior to rate of general student population.
2. Athletics is viewed as an integral part of the educational process. In recruiting prospective student-athletes, academic as well as athletic advantages and responsibilities are stressed.

B. SPORTS OFFERED

1. Must meet NCAA Division I sports sponsorship requirements.
2. Men's: Must sponsor basketball and is encouraged to sponsor football (see OVC Constitution 4.3.1). Must also sponsor a minimum of five additional Conference sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, rifle, tennis, indoor track and field or outdoor track and field).
3. Women's: Must sponsor basketball and volleyball. Must also sponsor a minimum of four additional Conference sports (cross country, golf, rifle, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor track and field or outdoor track and field).
4. Must have a commitment to maintaining a broad-based program.

C. QUALITY OF ATHLETICS PROGRAM

1. Review of Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) in all applicable sports.
2. Ability of institution to improve Conference RPI.
3. History and perception of institution's program.
4. Qualified, competent coaching and support staff are provided.
5. NCAA certification status.
6. Demonstrated commitment to NCAA regulations.
7. Demonstrated commitment to sportsmanship and ethical conduct.

D. EQUITY

1. Demonstrated commitment to equitable and fair treatment with regard to issues of gender and ethnicity.

E. ATHLETICS BUDGET

1. Budget at or above Conference average preferred (analysis of individual sports and of aggregate athletics budget).
2. Ability to sustain or increase athletics budget.

F. ATHLETICS FACILITIES

1. Football stadium comparable to other OVC stadiums.
2. Basketball arena with minimum seating of 3,000.
3. Ability to televise from football stadium/basketball arena.
4. All other facilities must meet NCAA or Conference specifications.
5. Institution is committed to providing and maintaining facilities, equipment and supplies required of a quality program.
6. Ability to host Conference championships.

G. PATTERNS OF ATTENDANCE AT ATHLETICS EVENTS

1. Focus on football and men's and women's basketball attendance.
2. Attendance comparable to Conference average.
3. Plan to generate increased attendance.
4. Ability of institution to create rivalries or otherwise positively affect the attendance of member institutions.

III. <u>OTHER FACTORS.</u>

A. INDEPENDENT.

B. TRANSFER FROM OTHER CONFERENCE.

Appendix C
Crowd Control and Game Interruptions

The Director of Athletics has the ultimate responsibility to ensure successful crowd control and it is his/her duty to assign and train personnel to perform the various duties. Each institution will have its own method of achieving the desired goals. In order to accomplish safe and fair game conditions, this section is to provide some guidance for an institution's plan.

Whenever a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams mutually agree otherwise. Crowd control shall be a game management responsibility. Administrative personnel, coaches, players and game officials influence crowd behavior by their actions and attitudes. Coaches and players can assist in controlling crowd reactions by controlling their own reactions to the play of game; game officials can materially aid in such situations by clearly and quickly signaling penalties.

1. Crowd Control Officer (CCO). The Director of Athletics will serve as the CCO or appoint an individual knowledgeable in crowd control, to supervise and plan for all games. The CCO shall NOT be a coach. This person must visit briefly with the game officials prior to each game and inform them of his/her availability if they need to contact him/her during the game. He/She is responsible for the control of the entire operation of the arena and must provide supervision prior to and during each contest, until at least one-half hour after the game or until all groups have dispersed.

2. Security Officers and Ushers. Adequate security guards must be present a minimum of one hour prior to game time, throughout the game and up until all groups have dispersed after the game. It is suggested their schedule be staggered from a small number at the beginning and prior to the start of the game until a maximum force is obtained as the game progresses until the entire arena and area are cleared. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECURITY PERSONNEL, including the following:

(a) Plan ahead to have security guards control the area behind both benches and scorer's table. Particular attention should be given to the area behind the visiting team's bench. It is suggested that the faculty and/or responsible adults be seated directly behind the home bench and the visiting team spectators seated behind the visiting team.

(b) Have security trained to take action toward spectators who conduct themselves improperly.

(c) All persons seated at floor level tables must be informed to follow conduct regulations of the scorers' table.

(d) Instruct security that spectators are not permitted to assemble around the edge of the court prior to or at the conclusion of the game.

(e) Arrange for a security escort for the officials to and from their dressing room at halftime and at the end of the game. They should also be provided escort to their car. Be sure that officials have a reserved parking space.

(f) Control handout literature and any objectionable banners, particularly during televised games.

(g) Maximum security should be maintained for the power plant and the public address system.

3. In as much as crowd control is a game management responsibility, each institution should implement a plan of action to minimize the effect of crowd behavior on game administration. In the event of unexpected interruptions, game management should be ready with a plan of action to protect the game participants (student-athletes, game officials and others with game administration responsibilities).

(a) Game management should start the game on time to minimize the chance for demonstration. An advance plan of action (including use of police, ropes for seating areas, communication plans, notification to opponents and officials) should be formulated.

(b) Game officials should not attempt to enter a dressing room or facility that is blocked without security or game administration assistance.

(c) If the playing area becomes occupied either before or during a game, the responsibility becomes a function of game management. Game officials and the teams must return to the bench or dressing room areas and await further instructions.

(d) Under these conditions, neither the game officials nor the teams should leave their respective dressing rooms without the assistance of security.

(e) **Football.** If debris is thrown on the playing field in isolated instances, institutional personnel and game officials shall remove such debris and continue with the playing of the contest. If debris is thrown on the playing field in such a manner that the normal conduct of the game may not be resumed or other conditions prevent normal resumption of the contest, the refree shall request both teams to return to their respective benches or dressing rooms until the home administration has cleared the field. In such cases, the following announcement shall be read to the stadium crowd:

"The game officials, coaches and student-athletes of both teams have been directed by the Ohio Valley Conference to remain off the field until such time as order has been restored. The continued throwing of debris on the field could result in penalties being administered."

(e) Under no circumstances shall game officials forfeit a game due to demonstration or crowd interruptions. The Commissioner, or his or her designee, will take final action in this instance.

4. Public Address Announcer. The public address announcer can be a responsible source of crowd control by being impartial and brief, giving only pertinent information. Public ad dress announcers must adhere to the following guidelines:

(a) Let no one except those authorized by game management use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the public address system.

(b) The primary function of the public address announcer is to give specific information to the fans, not to incite them by unnecessary inflection of his/her voice.

(c) Do not criticize officials' decisions directly or indirectly. Officials are not to be introduced.

(d) As appropriate, make pre-game statement concerning institutional policies regarding throwing debris onto the court or field.

(e) Be aware of the layout of the entire arena so that calm and accurate directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided with clear instructions provided by the announcer Announce convenient exits and routes for leaving the arena and caution the crowd to drive carefully.

(f) The following public announcement shall be made before all home men's and women's basketball games:

"OVC officials have been instructed by the Conference office to enforce unsportsmanlike conduct provisions of NCAA Basketball Playing rules as they apply to coaches, student-athletes and fans. Any activity by student-athletes, coaches or fans which substantially delays the game or which has the potential for injuring student-athletes may, at the discretion of the official, result in a technical foul. Thank you for your cooperation."

5. Cheerleaders. The cheerleaders should be encouraged by the crowd control officer to help maintain good sportsmanship among the students and others in attendance. The following guidelines must be followed:

(a) The head cheerleader should be alert to any unpleasant situation that might present itself. The most popular cheer, in such a case, should be instigated.

(b) Megaphones may never be turned toward the playing court. If the privilege of using megaphones is abused, the crowd control officer should have all megaphones re moved from the area.

(c) Cheerleaders are not allowed to use amplified megaphones.

(d) A positive approach should be used if an official's decision should go against their team. A show of acceptance by the cheerleaders, a quick, popular cheer and a sportsmanlike attitude can have a remarkable effect on the crowd.

(e) Only cheerleaders and mascots shall be permitted on the playing floor to lead cheers from tip-off to conclusion of the first half and from the beginning of the second half to the end of the game.

6. Bands. The only artificial noisemakers allowed in the arena are the official band members' instruments. The band is allowed to play only during the pre-game, official time-outs and at intermission.

7. Visiting Team Monitor. At the request of the visiting head coach (request made to home athletics director 24 hours before tip-off), a full-time home institutional staff member shall (from either inside or outside the athletics department) be seated on the visitors' bench in order to help ensure that the visiting coaching staff and players are provided a safe place to carry out their coaching duties. This monitor shall report to security any conduct by fans which unfairly prevents the visiting coach and players from carrying out their assigned duties.

Appendix D
Public Address Announcers - Football

1. The basis of a successful public-address system lies in the selection of a competent, responsible and informative announcer who will evaluate his job, plan it and work at it. It is essential that the public-address announcer be alert to provide helpful and stimulating comment and information, but is likewise vital to remember to be ancillary of the game and not an attraction. The basic rule is to be thorough but always to "underplay" the part. The public-address announcer should not be a "cheerleader", his/her actions are in an administrative capacity and represents an important role in the administration and conduct of an intercollegiate athletic event.

2. Whether stationed on the field, in the press box, or at the scorer's bench in basketball, good communication with the field, particularly those charged with the administration of the game, is desired. (There is not a more important function than properly interpreting officials' rulings.) To attain this vital end, communication lines with the sidelines for use by home-institution administrative personnel and by game officials with the public-address announcer should be available and utilized. Ohio Valley Conference officials have been instructed to offer ruling explanations when necessary, but it is also the responsibility of the public-address announcer to be familiar with the rules of the game and the signals of the officials. No announcements should be made with the prior approval from game day management.

If, because of technical difficulties, the timing of the game should have to be from the field, the back judge (the official charged with the timing of the game) will periodically communicate with the sideline so that the time remaining might be relayed to the public-address announcer. The time remaining should in turn, be relayed to the fans.

3. Portrayal of the "college atmosphere" is a primary objective for the public-address announcer. The devices for building this necessary and incomparable facet of the game are numerous and include a rundown of starting lineups, with emphasis on captains, announcements directing attention to the bands, special guests, etc. Notes pertaining to post-game and future pre-game activities are quite appropriate (providing they fit within the framework of institutional guidelines). The place the game plays in the Conference race or overall Ohio Valley Conference situation also helps create the special atmosphere evident at collegiate games.

4. Scores of other college games should be read, particularly those of Ohio Valley Conference games. To best call attention to Conference games, such scores should be presented together prefacing this Conference-wide summary with an appropriate introductory remark such as: "In games involving Ohio Valley Conference teams today...." This serves to alert fans in the stadium that a chance to update themselves on the progress of Ohio Valley Conference football is present. Every effort should be made to present scores of Conference games several times during the course of the game and provide the final scores of games involving Conference teams, if at all possible, as a means of increasing interest in Conference competition. Likewise, scores of upcoming opponents should be presented several times to create interest in future games. In reporting scores, the name and score of the institution leading at the moment should be presented first, with the trailing team to be presented last.

5. A well-conceived plan for public-address operations should stimulate and be developed to maintain interest in the game itself. Attempts should be made to:

(a) Give correct starting lineup, including first names of both teams, referring to any revision from the program.

(b) Identify the kickoff man and the deep receivers who might become carriers.

(c) Give the name of the ball carrier (in pass situation, the passer and pass receiver) using both names and numbers during the first part of the game to help familiarize the crowd with both.

(d) Give the same information for tackler(s).

(e) Give the yard-line position of the ball and the down and yardage to go. (If given unobtrusively, this does not necessarily clutter up the announcing pattern and can be useful even where the scoreboard shows downs and yardage.)

(f) Though it is difficult in this period of free substitution to keep up with lineup changes, an effort should be made to keep the fans informed of key changes (quarterback, halfbacks, linebackers, etc.)

(When calling the plays as to who the ball carrier or the receiver and passer might be, extreme caution should be used not to prematurely identify the players involved, giving the defense a possible benefit.)

6. The public-address announcer must be aware of certain administrative announcements of functional importance, particularly those having to do with crowd control (these may include notes regarding exits, seating, safety measures, first-aid stations and protection of the playing field after the game.)

(a) The Ohio Valley Conference has instituted specific procedures regarding crowd control. In the event debris is thrown on the field of play or other incidents interfere with the conduct of the game, the game officials will remove the teams from the playing field. In such an event, the public-address announcer will be directed to make the following announcement:

"The game officials and the personnel of both teams have been directed by the Ohio Valley Conference to remain off the field and on the sidelines until such time as order has been restored."

(b) A standard pre-game and half-time timetable has been instituted. Because of his coordinating position, a primary responsibility for maintaining this timetable rests with the public-address announcer.

Conference procedure calls for the game clock to start 60 minutes before the opening kickoff and 20 minutes before the start of the second half. The public-address announcer should use this clock as his guideline for following his pre-game procedures. Please refer to OVC ADAA 20.6.4.7 for pregame timetable.

IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE KICKOFF, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT SHALL BE READ BY THE PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER:

"On behalf of (institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated."

*Please refer to OVC ADAA 20.6.4.8.2 and 20.6.4.8.3 for pregame and halftime activities featuring band performances.

7. Guidelines relating to emergency calls and announcements of a general nature are to be established by the athletic department of the home institution.

8. When regulation play has ended, a winner will be determined using the NCAA tiebreaker system. As soon as regulation play has ended, the referee will announce via his microphone:

"Regulation play has ended with the score tied. The NCAA tiebreaker system will be used to determine a winner."

Appendix E
Public Address Announcers
Sports other than Football

1. The basis of a successful public address system lies in the selection of a competent, responsible, and informative announcer who will evaluate the job, plan it, and work at being part of game management. It is essential that the public address announcer be alert to provide helpful and stimulating comments and information, but is likewise vital to remember to be adjunct of the game and not an attraction. The basic rule is to be thorough but to always "underplay" the part. The public address announcer should not be a "cheerleader"; his/her actions are in an administrative capacity, and represent an important role in the administration and conduct of an intercollegiate athletic event.

2. The public address announcer must have good communication with the floor, particularly those charged with the administration of the game. (There is no more important function than properly interpreting officials' rulings.) Ohio Valley Conference officials have been instructed to offer ruling explanations when necessary but it is also the responsibility of the public address announcer to be familiar with the rules of the game and the signals of the officials.

If, because of technical difficulties, the timing of the game should have to be conducted by stopwatch, communication should be maintained with the public address announcer so that the time remaining may be relayed to the fans and participants.

3. Though a public address announcer can talk too much (as well as too little) during a game, the plan for operation should stimulate and maintain interest in the game itself. The public address announcer should:

(a) Give starting lineups, announcing the starters by position, number and name for both teams in two minutes or less. Ohio Valley Conference policy dictates that the game officials shall NOT be introduced. Head coaches may be introduced.

(b) Basketball: Identify the scorer, the fouler and all substitutes. Also, the number of free throws awarded should be announced.

(c) Basketball: Identify the team taking a timeout and the type of timeout being taken (e.g. full timeout or 30-second timeout). In a televised game when a media timeout occurs, there should be no reference other than to state: "There is a timeout on the floor."

4. The public address announcer must be aware of certain administrative announcements of functional importance, particularly those having to do with crowd control. (These may include institutional specific information concerning exits, seating, safety measures, first-aid stations and protection of the playing floor after the game.)

(a) In order to reduce the potential for crowd misconduct, the following announcement will be made during the pre-game warm-ups:

"Ohio Valley Conference officials have been instructed by the Conference office to enforce unsportsmanlike conduct provisions of NCAA Basketball Playing Rules as they apply to coaches, players, and fans. Any activity by players, coaches, or fans which substantially delays the game or which has the potential for injuring players may at the discretion of the official, result in a technical foul. Thank you for your cooperation".

(b) The Ohio Valley Conference has instituted specific procedures regarding crowd control. In the event incidents interfere with the conduct of the game, the game officials may remove the teams from the playing floor. In such an event, the public address announcer will be directed to make the following announcement:

"The game officials and the personnel of both teams have been directed to remain off the playing floor and on the sidelines until such time as playing conditions are proper for continuance of the game."

5. Scores of other college games should be read, particularly those of Ohio Valley Conference games. To best call attention to Conference games, such scores should be presented together, prefacing this Conference-wide summary with an appropriate introductory remark, such as:

"In games involving Ohio Valley Conference teams today…". This serves to alert fans in the arena that a chance to update themselves on the progress of Ohio Valley Conference games is present.

6. Guidelines relating to emergency calls and announcements of a general nature are to be established by the athletic department of the home institution.

Appendix F
Ohio Valley Conference
Instructions to Ball Persons - Football

The Ohio Valley Conference believes that proper instruction of the ball persons is very important to the flow of the game and therefore desires to ensure that the following guidelines are presented to them before each game.

1. Four ball persons, two for each sideline, are to present themselves to the officials' locker room 30 minutes before game time for a meeting which will be conducted by the field judge.

2. Ball persons are an integral part of the game and must therefore always be alert to what is happening during the game.

3. Balls will be held onto at all times.

4. The ball persons are to be at the back side of the six foot white strip when the ball is snapped and are to remain behind the strip for the duration of the play. When the play is over they are to step forward in order that they may be seen by the covering officials.

5. Ball persons are to stay off of the field unless they have been instructed to pick up official's bean bags after the play.

6. Do not attempt to rush a new ball into the game. Covering officials will advise when, and if, they desire a new ball.

7. The neutral zone ball person is to be in the vicinity of the neutral zone when the ball is snapped. At the direction of the head linesman or line judge, he/she may position themselves up to five yards down field.

8. The down-field ball person is to be approximately 10 yards down field at the snap. At the direction of the field judge or side judge, he/she may position themselves up to 15 yards down field.

9. Typically, under normal field conditions, the field judge or side judge will request a new ball when the dead ball spot is on or outside the numbers. If the ball is dead anywhere near the numbers, ball persons should be prepared to give up a new ball. In inclement weather conditions, the ball persons must always be ready to give up a new ball regardless of the ball's field position.

10. On an incomplete pass, the new ball will come in from the neutral zone ball person and will be presented to the head linesman or line judge upon request.

11. On a running play from scrimmage, the new ball will come in from the down field ball person and will be presented to the field judge or side judge upon their request.

12. On a field goal/PAT attempt, one ball person will position themselves behind the goal post and be ready to give a ball to the field judge.

13. On kickoffs, the neutral zone ball person will position themselves at the receiving team's 30 yard line. The down field ball person will position themselves at the kicking team's 30 yard line.

After the kickoff:
If it is a touchback, the neutral zone ball person will give a new ball to the line judge coming up field.

If the kick is returned and the head linesman or line judge have the dead ball spot, the ball person will look for the field judge coming down field.

If the kick is returned and the field judge or side judge have the dead ball spot, the ball person will look for the line judge coming up field.

14. On punts, the down-field ball person will position themselves approximately 30 yards down field.

After the punt:

If it is a touchback, the down-field ball person will give up a new ball to the field judge coming up field.

If the kick is returned and the field judge has the dead ball spot, the ball person will look for the line judge coming down field.

If the kick is returned and the head linesman or line judge have the dead ball spot, the ball person will look for the field judge coming up field.

15. On measurements when the dead ball spot is on or outside the numbers, the down field ball person will provide a new ball to the field judge who will in turn give it to the back judge.

16. During a hurry-up offense, ball persons are reminded that the ball in play will remain in play unless a change is requested by the covering official.

17. Anyone doing anything out of the ordinary to a ball must be reported to a game official immediately.

18. It is vital that when teams are using different balls to make certain that the appropriate ball is brought into the game. The ball persons should review the type of ball each team is using with the field judge and the side judge prior to the start of the game and second half.

Appendix G
Ohio Valley Conference
Instructions to Clock Operators - Football

1. Playing time shall be kept with a game clock operated by a clock operator, under the direction of the appropriate on-field official (normally side judge). The play clock shall be timed with a clock operated by an assistant, provided by home management, under the direction of the appropriate on-field official (normally back judge). Both of the persons described above are to report to the officials' dressing room at the stadium 75 minutes before game time for the following purposes:

(a) Synchronize their watch with that of the side judge who has the official time of the game.

(b) Advise officials as to their location in the press box or on the sideline.

(c) Discuss coordination of starting and stopping the clock in accordance with the NCAA playing rules and these instructions.

2. The field clock is to start 60 minutes before game time and to run during the 20 minutes of the half-time intermission. The clock should not be started at half-time until the referee gives signal to the electric clock operator. All pre-game activities will be synchronized with the official game clock in accordance with the following schedule:

11:30 Starting Time	**Timetable**	**1:30 Starting Time**
11:10	Field cleared of team personnel	1:10
*11:11	Start of pre-game band show	*1:11
11:25	National Anthem	1:25
11:27	Coin flip	1:27
11:29	Final team huddle	1:29
11:30	Kickoff	1:30

(When starting time differs from above samples, adjust format accordingly.)

Immediately preceding the kick-off, the following statement shall be read by the public address announcer:

"On behalf of (Institution) and the Ohio Valley Conference, welcome to today's event. In the spirit of sportsmanship we ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. Let's afford the participants and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated".

If the bands of both competing teams are to perform during pre-game activity, no more than 6 ½ minutes will be allotted to either band for its performance. If only the band of the home team performs during the pre-game activity, that performance shall be limited to 13 minutes. The above times include the time necessary to get the bands on and off the field.

Half-time intermissions for Conference football games are limited to 20 minutes. If bands of both institutions are to perform, each band is limited to a maximum of 7 ½ minutes. If only the home team band performs, that performance and any associated activity is to be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes. This includes the time necessary to get the bands on and off the field. In all cases, the field must be cleared three minutes prior to the start of the second half.

3. The electric clock operator shall have an extra stop watch available in case of a failure of the game clock. He shall immediately contact the officials by field telephone, giving them the correct data regarding the official time. The side judge will then pick up the correct game time on the stop watch that he is carrying with him on the field.

In the event the game clock might be inoperable for an extended period of time, the clock operator will proceed to field level where he will time the game using a stop watch under the direction of the side judge.

4. Game Procedures

(a) On kickoffs, start the clock when the ball is legally touched in the field of play. The officials will signal the legal touching of the ball. EXCEPTION: When a Team B player gains possession in the end zone, clock will start when ball crosses goal line or when the ball touches the field of play if it is muffed in the end zone.

(b) Under the NCAA football playing rules, an official will signal a time-out when the team in possession of the ball makes a first down.

(c) Any official may signal a time-out, so be alert to stop the clock on their signal.

(d) The clock is not to be stopped on plays near a boundary line unless an official so signals. Many times the ball goes out of bounds after having been declared dead in the field of play and no time-out legally occurs.

(e) Game officials and clock operators are to see that a time-out is indicated in accordance with Rule 3, Section 3 of the NCAA Rule Book.

(f) After the clock has been stopped, it will be started again on the referee's "Start-the-Clock" signal, or if no such signal is given, the game clock will be started on the snap (Rule 3-2-5, NCAA Rule Book).

5. The electric clock operator is an integral member of the officiating crew and game administration. Unfair advantages accrue when the game clock is not started or stopped promptly. Great care must be exercised to see that no time lag occurs in starting or stopping the clock.

6. The Coordinator of Football Officials is to be notified immediately if there is any breakdown in the cooperation between the game officials and the clock operator during the game or if any malfunction of the electric game clock occurs.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAY CLOCK OPERATORS

Play clock operators, provided by home management, are to report to the officials' dressing room at the stadium 75 minutes before game time. **The play clock operator will be instructed to:**

(a) Report to the back judge for instructions.

(b) To set displays at :25 or :40 seconds.

(c) Advise officials as to the location of the play clock operator in the press box or on the sideline.

(d) To start the clock on the **Referee's Ready for Play** signal, (referee drops his arm and blows his whistle signifying that the ball is ready for play). It will also be used on kickoffs and extra point tries.

(e) To **SHUT OFF** the play clock, when the game clock is running and there is less than 40/25 seconds left in any period.

(f) To reset the 40-second play clock when the ball is snapped and started on a visual signal from the official covering the play. **There will be no ready for play whistle or chop from the Referee.** If you don't see a visual signal, wait until you are sure the play has ended and start the play clock.

(g) To leave the display at **:00 seconds**, if there is a delay of game penalty until the Referee has completed his signals to the Press Box after enforcing the penalty. Set play clock to :25 seconds.

(h) When the ball is in play and there is no delay foul, or if the referee interrupts the 40-second count, the displays should be immediately reset to :25 seconds.

(i) If there is a significant delay in starting the 40/25 second clock, the back judge will interrupt play. The play clock should be reset to :25 seconds and started on the Referee's ready for play signal.

(j) To **turn off the displays** if there is a malfunction, until the problem is corrected. **Both Head Coaches** will be notified when the play clock is no longer official. The back judge will keep the play clock on the field.

(k) When there is an official's timeout for an injured player, the play clock will be set at:
(1) :40 seconds for injury to a player of Team B (Defense)
(2) :25 seconds for injury to a player of Team A (Offense)
Clock will start on the Referee's ready for play signal.

(l) When there is an official's timeout for a helmet coming off, the play clock will be set at:
(1) :40 seconds if the player is on defense
(2) :25 seconds if the player is on offense
Clock will start on the Referee's ready for play signal.

When there is an official's timeout for a helmet coming off, and there is less than 1 minute left in the half, the play clock will always be set to :25 seconds. Clock will start on the Referee's ready for play signal.

(m) The play clock should be set to :25 seconds after the following situations and started on the Referee's ready for play signal:

Penalty Administration	Measurement	Injury Timeout (see item k)
Charged Team Timeout	PAT	Change of Possession
Media Timeout	Replay Reviews	Other Administrative Stops
Start of Each Quarter	Kickoff	
1st Play of Each Series in Extra Periods		

The play clock operator is an integral member of the officiating crew and game administration. Great care must be exercised to see that the clock is started promptly on the referee's signal on every down.

REMINDER TO THE PLAY CLOCK OPERATOR: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE GAME CLOCK OPERATOR RUN BOTH CLOCKS.

Appendix H
Ohio Valley Conference
Instructions to Football Chain Crews

The following standard set of instructions to box persons and chain crews have been adopted so that all crews will operate under the same set of procedures in Ohio Valley Conference football games. Top performance by box persons and chain crew members is essential to the administration and conduct of the game, and all shall carefully observe these instructions.

1. Pre-game Duties

(a) The home management is to provide the box persons and chain crews with a regular officials' uniform with a white long-sleeved shirt, instead of the striped shirt, with the contrasting slip-over vest furnished by the Ohio Valley Conference to distinguish them from the regular officials and the sideline occupants.

(b) Chain crews shall report to the head linesman at the officials' dressing room at least 30 minutes before game time. They shall then make certain that the chains and the down box have been placed on the field on the sideline opposite the press box, in good working condition, with the other down box on the opposite side of the field.

(c) Chain persons and box persons shall meet the head linesman on the sideline 15 minutes before game time and five minutes before the end of the half-time intermission. The head linesman will confirm chains are the proper length with mid-point marking, and boxes are operating properly.

2. Game Procedures

(a) Members of the chain crew must act only on the head linesman's instructions, not moving until signaled to do so by the linesman and then moving quickly to their new position.

(b) When a runner or pass receiver is going out of bounds in their immediate vicinity, the chain persons are to lay their stakes on the ground to prevent possible injury to the players concerned.

(c) The head linesman or side judge will personally set the spot of all first downs by marking on the sideline with his shoe, the exact spot where the rear stake will be set and the front chain person will then be sure the chain is extended to its full length before setting his/her stake. The chains or ground target markers will not be used on "first down and goal" when the ball is put in play on first down inside the opponent's 10 yard line. In these instances, the chains should be moved back out of the way.

(d) The box person (on the chain side) on every new series of downs will set the box at and in front of the rear chain stake and then place the snap on the chain at the point where the rear five yard line intersects the chain. It is recommended that a separate person be used as a clip man. This individual can also assist the sideline liaison official on penalty information. The box must be held at all times in an upright position with the first down correctly shown.

(e) The box persons are to show the number of the down just completed and shall not indicate the new down number until so notified by the head linesman. On instruction from the linesman, they will move the box to the new position with the box placed at the forward point of the ball.

(f) On all measurements for a first down when the chains are moved into the field, the box person (on chain side) is to place his box in the spot of the front stake until a new series of downs has been declared or the chain is returned to its previous position.

(g) The auxiliary box person on the side opposite the chain crew is to delay moving his box until after the chains have been moved and play is about to begin. It is especially important that the box person on the side opposite the chain crew hold the previous spot on all long passes, runs and kicks so that this spot will be maintained in case of need to return to it. This

will allow faster movement of the chain crew on the opposite side of the field in these situations. The chain crew and the box person on that side of the field will therefore move immediately on the linesman's signal, with the box person on the opposite side of the field delaying until play is about to be resumed and he is sure no foul has been called on the previous play.

(h) On all first downs, the box person on the chain side shall move down field immediately at the signal of the head linesman. After the linesman has set the spot of the first down for the box person, the referee will declare the ball ready for play where the officials are in position. (Note: Under this national mechanic, this will mean in some instances, particularly on long-gainer plays, that the ball may be snapped before the chains are completely set in the new first down position.)

(i) Box persons are to place their boxes on the three yard line on all try-for-point situations. This will aid players and officials in determining the line of scrimmage on all plays toward the sidelines.

(j) The chain and box(es) are to be operated six feet from the sideline. The chain will be set up on the sideline and the clip attached to the yard line nearest the rear stake for each new series and then moved back approximately six feet. Ground target markers are to be placed to identify the line to gain. The auxiliary box person's box should not show or reflect down numbers (i.e. 1, 2, 3, or 4) since this can lead to unnecessary confusion.

(k) The modern-day game of football is a game of "inches", and the complete concentration of the chain crew is absolutely necessary if it is to discharge its duties efficiently. The chain crew must refrain from showing any reaction to the events taking place on the playing field. He/she must be prepared to act immediately on any instructions of the head linesman so that the teams and all concerned will know the exact situation as to the down and yards to be gained.

Appendix I
Scorers and Timers
Men's and Women's Basketball

1. Home team management shall designate the official timing device, 30-second shot clock, scorebook and individuals to operate such, in addition to the official scorer. It is the responsibility of each institution to provide a copy of the official NCAA Basketball Men's and Women's Rules and Interpretations (or a copy of Rule 2, as it relates to officials and their duties) to each individual who will serve as a scorer, timer or shot-clock operator.*

2. The scorer shall wear an official's striped shirt or jacket. The location of the scorer shall be clearly marked. It is required that an 'X' or the NCAA logo be placed on the floor out of bounds and directly in front of the scorer for ease of identification.

(a) The scorer is to assume position at the table 30 minutes prior to tipoff and five minutes before the end of halftime intermission.

(b) Squad rosters and starting lineups must be submitted to the scorer's table at least 10 minutes before game time.

(c) Visiting Scorer. The head coaches have agreed in principle that the visiting scorer should be seated next to the official scorer at all sites. In instances where space limitations prevent such, the visiting scorer should be given the choice of being seated next to his/her team bench or as close to the official scorer as possible. This book does not have an official game management function.

(d) The official scorebook must remain at the scorer table throughout the entire game, including all intermissions.

3. The timer shall notify officials and both teams five minutes before the start of the second half.

4. Approximately 45 minutes prior to tipoff, the bench crew (including scorer, timer, shot-clock operator and public address announcer) will meet with the game officials in the officials' dressing room.

5. With the exception of the official scorer, it is expected that the public address announcer, timer, shot-clock operator, scoreboard and other bench crew personnel with appropriate game function wear proper apparel during games. It is requested that these individuals dress in a professional manner (No jeans).

Please refer to the most recent NCAA Basketball Men's and Women's Rules and Interpretations for more specific duties of scorers, timers, and shot clock operators as well as scoring, timing, and shot clock procedures.

Appendix J
Principles and Standards of Sportsmanship

1. Preface. The Ohio Valley Conference is committed to establishing sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. This conference wants to lead the way in abolishing the notion that it is desirable to create a "hostile" environment for intercollegiate athletics contests. Instead, this conference will strive to create "hospitable" environments. It is believed that part of the role of education through sports is to teach our youth and our communities to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and respect for all participants. The following standards are written to emphasize the basic expectations of the Conference related to sportsmanship and provide the Commissioner with broad authority to ensure that Conference activities are consistent with these principles.

2. Standards for Conduct – Administrators, Coaches and Student-Athletes. It is incumbent upon institutional administrators to create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. Ohio Valley Conference administrators must develop the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be in a fair and equitable manner – the same manner in which they would want their teams and fans to be treated. Coaches and administrators shall conduct themselves in a professionally dignified manner. Student-athletes shall similarly conduct themselves as positive role models and represent their institutions in a manner that exhibits the principles of sportsmanship.

The standards for the conduct of administrators, coaches and student-athletes immediately preceding, during, and following athletics events are:

(a) Exhibiting respect and courtesy towards all participants including the coaches, student athletes, and umpires;

(b) Exercising restraint in their actions, both physical and verbal, towards other participants;

(c) Commenting about other institutions, coaches and student-athletes only in a positive manner;

(d) Refraining from making public comments critical of umpires or the quality of their work.

3. Leadership. It is important for umpires, coaches, administrators, faculty and those who support athletic programs to recognize and discharge their responsibility to the student-athlete and their institutions. The duty of this leadership is to promote sportsmanship and foster good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling these ethical principles.

4. Earning the Privilege to Participate. Participation in athletic programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, administrators, coaches and student-athletes must conduct themselves as positive role models who exemplify good character and in a manner consistent with prescribed standards.

5. Principles of Sportsmanship. The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

6. Recruiting. Each institutional staff member shall maintain the highest standards of integrity in his recruitment of prospective student-athletes. The staff shall comply with all NCAA rules and those related to the National Letter of Intent and fully disclose to prospective student-athletes all relevant information regarding the institution, its programs and the nature of any financial aid being offered.

7. Public Comments Regarding Officiating. Coaches, student-athletes and administrators shall not make public comments critical of officiating. Concerns related to officiating shall be forwarded to the Conference for review and response and no contact, direct or indirect, should be made with an official prior to or following an athletic event. The Commissioner shall review all public comments regarding officiating and shall assess appropriate penalties.

8. Institutional Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of each Member Institution to effectively communicate to all coaches and student-athletes the basic principles of sportsmanship and standards for conduct. As a Member Institution becomes aware of an incident in which the standards have been violated, it has an obligation to take appropriate disciplinary action against the administrator, coach or student-athlete.

The institution shall also be responsible for the competitive environment at athletic events hosted on their campuses. It shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the competition is fair and safe for all spectators and participants and that all ancillary activities (e.g., mascots, spirit squads) conform to Conference guidelines.

Each institution has an obligation to act with integrity and honesty in its dealings with other Ohio Valley members. Further, institutional staff members shall only comment about other institutions, coaches, and student-athletes in a positive manner. As a courtesy,an OVC Director of Athletes shall communicate with the Director of Athletics at another Ohio Valley institution prior to making an employment offer to an administrative employee or head coach of that institution and a head coach shall communicate with the head coach in the same sport at another OVC institution prior to making an employment offer to an assistant coach of that institution.

9. Conference Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference to promote and enforce these principles and standards of conduct in connection with all athletic events involving a member institution, including competition against non-conference Member Institutions. The Commissioner shall have broad authority to interpret the standards, review disciplinary action taken by Member Institutions; and, further penalize those deemed to have violated the standards.

10. Procedure.

(a) Incidents that may involve violations of these standards shall be immediately reported to the Commissioner and the Director of Athletics of the involved Member Institution(s). The Director of Athletics shall be responsible for reporting each incident to the Commissioner as soon as possible after learning of the incident.

(b) The Director of Athletics shall immediately review the conduct of institutional administrators, coaches or student-athletes to determine whether these standards have been violated.

(c) As soon as possible but no later than forty eight hours following the report of the incident, the Director of Athletics shall advise the Commissioner in writing as to whether a violation of the standards occurred and the specific disciplinary action, if any, imposed by the institution. The Director of Athletics shall provide a copy of this notification to the institution's Faculty Athletics Representative.

(d) The Commissioner shall promptly review the incident and any institutional action taken and make a determination regarding whether additional penalties should be imposed. The Commissioner may, in the Commissioner's discretion, conduct investigations and hearings prior to assessing additional penalties. The Commissioner shall notify the Director(s) of Athletics at the involved Member Institution of any conference action within forty-eight hours following receipt of the institutional report. The Director(s) of Athletics shall be responsible for notifying those involved and ensuring that any penalties are assessed in strict accordance with the Commissioner's action.

(e) The Commissioner or Director of Athletics may designate another member of their staff to act on their behalf and the Commissioner shall have the authority to waive the timing requirements set forth above.

11. Penalties. The penalties which may be imposed by the Commissioner for violation of these standards may include, but are not limited to, reprimand, and suspension from practice and competition. For incidents that involve flagrant misconduct, the penalty shall be at minimum, a suspension from competition for one or more games. Flagrant misconduct shall include, but not be limited to, striking (e.g., kicking, hitting, throwing objects at) an official, coach, player, or spectator.

Appendix K
Ohio Valley Conference
Football Film Exchange Policy

1. Every game for every team, home and away, must be uploaded via the Internet-based DragonFly system.

2. **CONFERENCE HOME** games played on Thursday must be uploaded by the home team no later than noon (Central Time) on the upcoming Sunday.

3. **CONFERENCE ROAD** games played on Thursday must be uploaded by the road team no later than noon (Central Time) on the upcoming Sunday.

4. **CONFERENCE HOME** games played on Saturday must be uploaded by the home team no later than noon (Central Time) on Sunday (the next day).

5. **CONFERENCE ROAD** games played on Saturday must be uploaded by the road team no later than noon (Central Time) on the upcoming Monday.

6. **NON-CONFERENCE HOME** games played on Thursday must be uploaded no later than noon (Central Time) on the upcoming Sunday.

7. **NON-CONFERENCE ROAD or NEUTRAL SITE** games played on Thursday must be uploaded no later than noon (Central Time) on the upcoming Sunday.

8. **NON-CONFERENCE HOME** games played on Saturday must be uploaded no later than noon (Central Time) on Sunday (the next day).

9. **NON-CONFERENCE ROAD or NEUTRAL SITE** games played on Saturday must be uploaded no later than 4 p.m. (Central Time) on Sunday (the next day).

10. Any technical issues should be reported IMMEDIATELY to DragonFly, the Conference Office and to your opponent you just played. If the issue persists, upcoming opponents should also be notified.

11. Play-by-play forms and flip cards for each game shall be sent by the same deadlines noted above to the head coaches via e-mail. For conference games, only the home team is responsible for sending these forms.

12. Film specifications:
    (a) All twenty-two (22) players should be in the shot breaking the huddle and at the snap of the ball on all scrimmage plays, punts, and kicks.

    (b) Chains and scoreboard must be shot prior to each snap.

    (c) Must show referee making penalty calls.

    (d) Film to be exchanged can be either a straight game feed, or intercut film.

    (e) The upload must be digital film only.

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Appendix L
Ohio Valley Conference
Volleyball Videotape Exchange Policy

1. Every game for every team, home and away, must be uploaded via the Internet-based Krossover system.

2. **WEEKEND CONFERENCE** matches (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) must be uploaded, by the home team, by 12:00pm (noon) central time, the Monday following the matches.

3. **WEEKEND NON-CONFERENCE HOME** matches (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) must be uploaded, by the home conference team, by 12:00pm (noon) central time, the Monday following the matches.

4. **MIDWEEK CONFERENC**E matches must be uploaded, by the home team, by 12:00pm (noon) central time, the day following the match.

5. **MIDWEEK NON-CONFERENCE HOME** matches must be uploaded, by the home conference team, by 12:00 pm (noon) central time, the day following the matches.

6. **NON-CONFERENCE ROAD** matches must be uploaded, by the traveling conference team, by 12:00pm (noon) central time, the day following the team's return to campus.

   a.) **EXCEPTION** - In the instance where an OVC school plays a non-conference institution on the road that utilizes Krossover, that team will upload the game according to their conference guidelines.

7. Any technical issues should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to Krossover, the Conference Office, and your opponent you just played. If the issues persists, upcoming opponents should also be notified.

8. Recording the sound of the game for taping purposes is optional

9. A copy of the match score sheet and final box score must be uploaded as a data file on the Krossover system, by the same deadlines noted above, along with the video of the match.

10. Film specifications:

    (a) The video camera should be set up so that the court is framed from antenna to antenna.

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Appendix M
Ohio Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Video Exchange Policy

1. Every game for every team, home and away, must be uploaded via the Internet-based Synergy system.

2. **CONFERENCE** games must be uploaded, by the home team, by 12:00am (midnight) local time, the day of the game.

3. **NON-CONFERENCE HOME** games must be uploaded, by the home conference team, by 12:00am (midnight) local time, the day of the game.

4. **NON-CONFERENCE ROAD** games must be uploaded, by the traveling conference team, within 24 hours of returning to campus following the game.

5. Any technical issues should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to Synergy, the Conference Office, and your opponent you just played. If the issue persists, upcoming opponents should also be notified.

6. Recording the sound of the game for taping purposes is optional.

7. A complete box, including play-by-play and final box score, shall be sent by the same deadlines noted above to all OVC head coaches via e-mail. For conference games, only the home team is responsible for sending this information.

8. Film specifications:

   (a) The clock and score must be shown at all time-outs, half-time, and after the game.

   (b) Teams shall utilize the shot from the center camera (wide game shot) for video exchange

   (c) All game action, including out-of-bounds plays, etc. should be in the shot.

   (d) Pregame warm-ups and halftime activities should not be recorded for purposes of uploading to Synergy.

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Appendix N
Ohio Valley Conference
Men's Basketball Video Exchange Policy

1. Every game for every team, home and away, must be uploaded via the Internet-based Synergy system.

2. **CONFERENCE** games must be uploaded, by the home team, by 1:00 a.m. local time, the night of the game.

3. **NON-CONFERENCE HOME** games must be uploaded, by the home conference team, by 1:00 a.m. local time, the night of the game.

4. **NON-CONFERENCE ROAD** games must be uploaded, by the traveling conference team, within 24 hours of returning to campus following the game.

   a.) EXCEPTION - In the instance where an OVC school plays a non-conference institution on the road that utilizes Synergy, that team will upload the game according to their conference guidelines.

5. Any technical issues should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to Synergy, the Conference Office, and your opponent you just played. If the issue persists, upcoming opponents should also be notified.

6. Recording the sound of the game for taping purposes is optional.

7. A complete box, including play-by-play and final box score, shall be sent by the same deadlines as noted above to the head coaches via e-mail. For conference games, only the home team is responsible for sending this information.

8. Film specifications:

   (a) The clock and score must be shown at all time-outs, half-time, and after the game.

   (b) All game action, including out-of-bounds plays, etc. should be in the shot.

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Appendix O
Ohio Valley Conference
Baseball Suspended Game Policy

Three-game series

NOTE: All series are scheduled for Fri-Sat-Sun with the exception of Easter weekend and the last conference weekend of the regular season. These two series will be played Thurs-Fri-Sat.

OVC baseball teams shall have only a three day window (consecutive three days) on the originally scheduled weekend of a series to complete that series. To allow for teams to avoid inclement weather when possible, the three day window may be Thursday/Friday/Saturday, Friday/Saturday/Sunday (original scheduled) or Saturday/Sunday/Monday. There must be mutual agreement between both institutions to shift the three day window from its originally scheduled dates and the decision to shift must occur before the start of the series and before the visiting team leaves their campus. The remainder of this policy remains in effect allowing teams to play doubleheaders within the predetermined three day window if necessary due to inclement weather, etc. (amended 3/2014)

Nine-inning games

All games shall be nine-innings, with the following exception:

-If any portion of Game 1 or Game 2 must be completed on the final day of the series, then the series finale shall be 7 innings.

-In the event of a suspended game or rain delay earlier in the series, Sunday games shall start no later than 3:30 pm local time.

-For Sunday games, teams are not allowed to start an inning after 7:00 pm local time.

Halted games

-If a game, other than the last playing opportunity of a weekend series, has been halted, play will be suspended with the game to be completed at the next opportunity within the three-day series window UNLESS:

- A team is leading by 10 or more runs through seven innings (6 ½ if the home team leads), then the game will be considered a complete game.

-The game shall proceed from the point of suspension and all NCAA playing rules will continue to be in effect. It shall be ruled a complete game if such a game is the last playing opportunity of a series and meets the criteria of an official game under NCAA baseball rules. If the score is tied, the game will be treated as a tie in the conference standings (one-half win for both teams).

Game management and weather conditions

-Pre-Series: Where impending weather will affect the competition or disruption of a series, the home game administrator and home team head coach may mutually agree with the visiting team administrator and visiting team head coach to adjust the series format. Contests may be moved ahead to Friday due to anticipated weather problems if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The visiting team will travel on the same day as originally scheduled.

(b) The move is mutually agreed upon by both coaches.

(c) The involved umpires are able to participate at the suggested new time, as the Conference Office will not assist with assigning new umpires. The host institution is responsible for notifying all appropriate parties (teams, umpires and the OVC office) when rescheduling is necessary.

-In-series situations: Where weather is a determining factor and game times on subsequent days must be adjusted, the home game administrator and home team coach, after consultation with the visiting team coach, may adjust the start time of a game.

Appendix P
Ohio Valley Conference Softball
Rainout/Suspended Game Procedures
(amended 10/23/2012)

Please Note: *Work is currently being done to amend the Softball Rainout policy. Please check the OVC website for the most current policy for the 2018 softball season.*

Two-Game Series

For all two-game series weekends, when teams play opponents from the opposite division, the following rainout/suspended game policy shall be utilized:

-The first game of a two-game series shall be scheduled to begin no earlier than 12:00noon local time, unless mutually agreed upon by both institutions.

-No game may begin after 5:00pm local time.

-If the first game of a two-game series is delayed by weather or other circumstances after it has started, the game must resume by 6:00pm local time or shall be called according to NCAA rule (called game, no game, regulation tie game, etc.). Every reasonable effort to complete the first game of the series should be made.

-If the second game of a two-game series is delayed by weather or other circumstances after it has started, the game must resume within 90 minutes of the stoppage. If multiple delays occur, a maximum of 90 minutes total delay time shall be allowed before the game is called either a complete game (per NCAA rule) or a rainout.

-After a game has started, if there is a possibility that the game will be called due to inclement weather, a facility problem, etc; not less than 30 minutes must elapse before that action is taken. *(adopted 10/23/2012)*

Three-Game Series

For all three-game series weekends, the rainout/suspended game procedures below and on the following page shall be utilized.

Every method to determine a winner should be exhausted before a game is declared a tie.

At no time can three games be played in one day.

In a rain-delayed start on Saturday, the home team should make every possible effort to play at least one game.

In the instance of a rain-delayed start on Sunday, the game must begin within three hours of the originally scheduled start time. If weather or field conditions do not allow for the game to begin wtihin that three hour window, the game will be considered rained out. Head coaches and umpires should have input into the discussions *(amended 6/10)*.

After a game has started, if there is a possibility that the game will be called due to inclement weather, a facility problem, etc., not less than 30 minutes must elapse before that action is taken. Play must be resumed within three (3) hours of stoppage *(amended 10/04)*. Consideration should be given by both coaches for a reasonable completion time for a game played on Sunday. The Umpire-In-Chief will make the final decision.

Additional Procedures

In an effort to allow OVC teams opportunity to play as many of their conference games as possible, the appropriate administrator (Athletics Director or Senior Woman Administrator) from each institution may cooperate with one another to make every reasonable attempt to make up games at a later date or to reschedule games (in advance of their originally scheduled competition date) due to weather or other extenuating circumstances, to be completed prior to the end of the conference season, as mutually agreed upon by both institutions. Games that are made up or rescheduled shall count in the league standings. The Conference office shall be involved in discussions to the extent that it assists in ensuring all possible options are considered.

Ohio Valley Conference Softball
Three-Game Series
Rainout/Suspended Game Procedures

Situation	Saturday	Sunday
No Rain.	Two (2) 7-inning games.	One (1) 7-inning game.
Rain Saturday.	Rain.	Two (2) 7-inning games.
Rain Sunday.	Two (2) 7-inning games.	Rain -- no games.
Rain Saturday & Sunday.	Rain -- no games.	Rain -- no games.
Rain Saturday after completion of Game 1 -- Game 2 not yet started.	One (1) 7-inning game.	Play games 2 & 3 -- two (2) 7-inning games.
Saturday -- Game 1 suspended before regulation game.	Game 1 -- Suspended.	Game 1 -- continued from point of suspension. Game 2 -- 7-inning game. Game 3 -- No game.
Saturday -- Game 1 suspended tied game after regulation.	Game 1 -- Suspended.	Game 1 -- continued from point of suspension. Game 2 -- 7-inning game. Game 3 -- No game.
Saturday -- Suspend Game 1 regulation game 4 1/2 innings.	Game 1 -- Declare winner according to regulation game.	Play games 2 & 3 -- two (2) 7-inning games.
Saturday -- Game 2 suspended before regulation game.	Game 1 -- Completed. Game 2 -- Suspended.	Game 2 -- continued from point of suspension. Game 3 -- 7-inning game.
Saturday -- Game 2 suspended tied after regulation.	Game 1 -- Completed. Game 2 -- Suspended.	Game 2 -- continued from point of suspension. Game 3 -- 7-inning game.
Saturday -- Game 1 or 2 is suspended, tie game after regulation. Rain Sunday.	Game 1 or 2 declared tie game according to regulations.	Rain -- no games. Tie game enters into standings (1/2 game in win column; 1/2 game in loss column).
Saturday -- Game 2 suspended before regulation game. Rain Sunday.	Game 1 -- Completed. Game 2 -- Suspended (no contest).	Rain -- no games. Game 2 -- rain out. Game 3 -- rain out.
Saturday -- Game 2 suspended; regulation game 4 1/2 innings.	Game 1 -- Completed. Game 2 -- Declare winner according to regulation game.	Game 3 -- 7-inning game.

Appendix Q
Ohio Valley Conference Baseball
Standards for Removal From the Game

OVC Umpires are entrusted with the authority to remove any participant from a game. This responsibility should never be taken lightly. The Ohio Valley Conference recognizes that every situation is unique and that umpire discretion is essential to proper rule enforcement. While there are unique and extraordinary circumstances, student-athletes and coaches look to the OVC umpiring staff for uniformity in applying consistent standards for ejection. The following general principles should be considered when deciding whether or not to eject a student-athlete, coach, or other person from a game:

1.) Use of profanity specifically directed at an umpire or vulgar personal insults of an umpire are grounds for ejection.

2.) Physical contact with an umpire is a ground for ejection.

3.) Refusal to stop arguing, and further delaying the game after the umpire has provided a student-athlete or coach adequate opportunity to make a point, is a ground for ejection. The umpire should warn the student-athlete or coach that he has been heard and that he should return to his position or be ejected.

4.) If a student-athlete or coach leaves his position to argue balls and strikes (including half-swings), he should be warned to immediately return or he will be automatically ejected.

5.) During an argument if a student-athlete or coach makes reference to having observed a video replay that purportedly contradicts the call under dispute, such person is subject to immediate ejection from the game.

6.) Use of histrionic gestures (e.g. jumping up and down, violently waving arms, or demonstrations) while arguing with an umpire, or stepping out of the dugout and making gestures toward an umpire, are grounds for ejection. Throwing anything out of the dugout (towels, cups, equipment, etc.) is a ground for ejection.

7.) Actions by players specifically intended to ridicule an umpire are grounds for ejection. Examples include drawing a line in the dirt to demonstrate location of a pitch or leaving equipment at the plate after striking out with less than two outs.

8.) Throwing equipment in disgust over an umpire's call may be ground for ejection. In some situations, the umpire can warn the player for throwing equipment, but if the umpire deems the action severe, the umpire may eject the offender.

9.) Any student-athlete or coach who fails to comply with an order from an umpire to do or refrain from doing anything that affects administering the rules and regulations governing play is subject to ejection. Examples of this include failure to stay within the lines of the batter's box after warning from the umpire, refusal to submit a piece of equipment for the umpire's inspection, etc.

While the standards listed here may justify an ejection, NCAA Baseball Rules grant umpires discretion to eject any participant for misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct. in addition, there are situations that result in immediate ejections. These situations include violations such as a pitcher in possession of a foreign substance, batter charging the pitcher with the intention of fighting the pitcher, pitcher intentionally throwing at a batter after a warning, etc.

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Appendix S
Ohio Valley Conference Softball
Bat Testing Protocol

(Adopted 5/31/2012)

In order for any bat to be utilized during a regular season OVC contest, the bat is required to pass mandatory bat testing. Bat testing shall occur once before the start of each OVC series. Testing should be scheduled no earlier than two hours prior to the first game of a series and must be completed no later than 30 minutes prior to the first game of the series. Testing schedules should be communicated to the visiting team at least one day in advance. The home team administrator will be responsible for administering the testing and will utilize the home team's bat testing machine. Coaches are not required to be present for testing unless a bat fails the first test. The head coach, or his/her designee, shall be present for the second test of a bat that has failed. Teams may have a maximum of 20 bats tested for each series.

Testing Process

Each bat will be tested approximately six inches from the end of the barrel and subsequently rotated 90 degrees and retested. If a bat passes on both of these tests, it will be considered legal. A third test of the bat is only necessary if the first two tests resulted in a "pass" and "fail." The bat will pass if two of the three tests result in a pass. If after three attempts the bat does not pass (i.e. bat scores two fails and one pass), it may be set aside. It can be retested one more time through the testing process outlined above (during the dedicated bat testing time frame) before it is officially considered a failure.

NOTE: *With the Easton machine, a beep indicates the bat passes and silence indicates the bat fails. Should a beep be heard (regardless of the length) the bat will be considered legal.*

The home team shall provide stickers to be placed on the knob of all approved bats (placement on another area of the bat makes the bat illegal). Stickers shall be removed following the completion of a series. If a bat is deemed ILLEGAL, the testing administrator will take possession of the bat for the remainder of the series. The testing administrator will notify Vickie Van Kleeck, NCAA Softball Secretary and Rules Editor, of the make and model of the failed bat.

During Game (Per NCAA Guidelines)

If a bat is undetected pregame and is later discovered...

- when batter takes it in the batter's box or anytime before the first pitch to next batter - batter is out and ejected, base runner(s) return to base occupied at the time of pitch. Bat is surrendered, returned post-series, incident report filed.

- any other time - bat is surrendered, returned after series, incident report filed.

Appendix T
Ohio Valley Conference
Awards Naming Criteria

(Naming conference awards after individuals)

(adopted 6/3/10)

Naming Procedure

1. An institution shall begin the process by submitting a nomination to the conference office. The conference office will compile the appropriate supporting information and forward to the designated coaching body (if individual was a coach/athlete in a sport) or administrative committee (if individual was an administrator) for initial consideration.

2. In order for a nomination to progress to the next level of consideration, the reviewing committee must approve the recommendation by a minimum 75% vote in favor of the nomination.

3. Nominations will be considered at each level of the governance structure in the following order: coaching body/administrative committee, Senior Woman Administrators, Directors of Athletics, Board of Presidents.

Categories to Consider

1. Length of tenure in OVC/at OVC institution = minimum of 20 years (individual is not required to have served at the same institution for the duration of tenure)

2. Length of tenure in the sport/field of athletics

3. Significant accomplishments in the OVC, NCAA, and national association of peers

4. Impact on his/her campus and the OVC

5. Contribution to the sport

6. Personal characteristics to consider

   (a) Integrity
   (b) Commitment to the well-being of the student-athlete
   (c) Displayed sportsmanship in all activities
   (d) Respected by peers and student-athletes
   (e) High moral character

7. Must be in the OVC Hall of Fame

Appendix U
Ohio Valley Conference
Broadcast Rights

1. In each conference sponsored sport, all conference regular season, tournament, playoff and championship contests are the property of the Ohio Valley Conference. In addition, the Ohio Valley Conference has the right of first refusal regarding home non-conference contests in all conference sponsored sports for the purpose of regional or national exposure. This includes neutral site contests where the OVC team participates as the "Home" team.

2. In the sport of **football**, the Conference will release the rights to non-conference contests to the member institutions no later than July 1 of each calendar year, and Conference will release the rights to all conference contests that are not included in the conference television package to the member institutions as soon as the conference television package is completed each year, but no later than August 1. The conference television package includes games that are selected by OVC television partners. The conference television package includes all games to be broadcast by an OVC television partner and included in a written agreement between parties.

3. In the sport of **basketball**, the conference will release the rights to non-conference contests to the member institutions no later than September 1 of each calendar year, and the conference will release the rights to all conference contests that are not included in the conference television package to the member institutions as soon as the conference television package is completed each year, but no later than October 1. The conference television package includes all games to be selected by OVC television partners. The conference television package includes all games to be broadcast by an OVC television partner and included in a written agreement between parties.

4. In all conference sponsored sports, once the Conference releases the rights back to the institutions, there are no restrictions on where the host institution may televise a contest.

5. In all conference sponsored sports, there are no restrictions on where the visiting team may televise a contest outside the designated market area of the host institution. The visiting institution may televise in the designated market area of the host institution only if the host institution grants permission.

6. Host OVC member institutions will not charge visiting OVC member institutions a rights fees to broadcast contests in any conference sponsored sports. The Host institution has the right to request that the Visiting institution cover reasonable expenses to televise from the Host institution or take the Host institutions feed. These specific costs will be negotiated by the Directors of Athletics at the participating institutions.

7. All revenue generated from any television contest produced by the Conference shall be retained by the Conference.

8. All revenue generated from the contests (conference or non-conference) outside of those produced by the Conference shall be retained by the participating institutions as per the agreements between those institutions.

Appendix V
Ohio Valley Conference
Branding Policy

(adopted 5/31/2012)

The Conference retains all rights to the use and reproduction of the Conference logo and name. Institutions or private entities wishing to use the Conference logo and/or name for reproduction, promotion or other use shall do so only with the expressed consent of the Conference office.

Licensing Agent
Please note that the Conference maintains the right to secure a licensing agent to coordinate commercial efforts to distribute the Conference logo. (Please refer to Article 1.1 of the OVC Constitution)

Uniform Logo Placement
Institutions shall place an embroidered or screened imprint of the Conference logo on game uniforms for all official Conference sports on designated competition apparel. The imprints may be in the institution's colors. (Please refer to style guide on www.ovcsports.com for PMS colors)

For the sport of basketball, the primary logo placement is between the apex of the front neckline and the shoulder seam right side. It is also acceptable to place the logo on the front, bottom-half of the shorts on the left or right side. The size of the logo shall be contained within a four-sided geometrical space not to exceed $2^{1/4}$ square inches.

For sports with uniform sleeves, the logo must be displayed on the shoulder or chest (the shoulder includes the sleeve in sports such as baseball, softball and soccer). The logo can be placed on the left or right side. For sports (not including basketball) without uniform sleeves, the logo shall be displayed between the apex of the front/back neckline and the shoulder seam. The size of the logo shall be contained within a four-sided geometrical space not to exceed $2^{1/4}$ square inches. Below are additional acceptable locations for OVC logo placement in various sports:

Cross Country - On the team warm-ups.
Golf - On the golf bag used for competition.
Rifle - On the name plate worn on the back of the uniform. The name plate will dictate the space available for the logo.
Tennis - On the team warm-ups.
Track and Field - On the team warm-ups.

In the event the uniform does not meet the approved guidelines, the institution shall consult with the Conference office for approval on placement. *(amended 8/2013)*

Football: Chain Crew Vests/Hats
The OVC logo will be prominently placed on the front and back of the vests worn by the chain crew. The Conference office has arranged that the NCAA provide vests for the schools that sponsor football. Additionally, it is required that all members of the chain crew wear OVC hats during each game, issued by NCAA Football.

Playing Surface - Facilities*
Each institution shall paint the Conference logo in two locations on its basketball court at the institution's expense in the institution's colors or using the Conference colors. (Please refer to style guide on www.ovcsports.com for PMS colors)

The three preferred locations for the logo should be as follows based on each institution's court design and corporate sponsor obligations:

1. The logo should be placed at each free throw line facing the shooter.

2. The logo should be placed between half court and the 3-point line in diagonal locations and it is preferred that the logos shall face the mid-court television camera location.

3. The logo shall be centered between the key and the inside of the 3-point line in diagonal locations and it is preferred that the logos shall face the mid-court television camera location.

The size of the logo on the floor shall be a minimum of two (2) feet long x seven (7) feet wide.

**Institutions are asked to make best efforts to comply with this section of the policy as soon as possible. This section of the policy will be mandated beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year. (approved 7/2013)*

Facilities
Each institution shall display a Conference banner(s) or provide space for banners at all facilities of OVC sponsored sports. The Conference budget will pay for these banners.

Media Guides
Institutions are required to reserve one full-page in each sports' media guide (print or electronic) and each game program for Conference sponsored sports for a Conference advertisement.

Institutions are required to include the Conference logo on the cover (front or back) of all media guides (print or electronic) of Conference sponsored sports. The logo can be printed in the Conference colors or the institution's colors. (Please refer to style guide on www.ovcsports.com for PMS colors)

Schedule Posters
The Conference logo should appear on all schedule posters of Conference sponsored sports. The logo can be printed in the Conference colors or the institution's colors. (Please refer to style guide on www.ovcsports.com for PMS colors)

Institutional Websites
All institutions must provide a website link from its institutional athletic website to the Conference website. The location of the link must be on the front page of the institutional athletic website.

All institutions will promote the OVC web streaming platform both on their institutional website as well as their individual sports schedules.

PA Announcements
All institutions will read PA announcements at Conference football and basketball games promoting upcoming Conference championships. The message will be provided by the Conference office prior to the event. Institutions will also make best efforts to promote televised contests, web streamed events or other Conference announcements as requested by the Conference office.

Radio and Television
All institutions will provide a commercial slot during the institution's radio broadcasts for a Conference produced :30 radio spot where available. In markets with local television broadcasts, institutions will provide a :30 commercial slot for a :30 Conference produced television spot where available.

Effective Date: This policy will be mandated beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, unless otherwise stated within an individual section.

Failure to comply with the OVC's branding policies may result in limiting an institution's Conference media exposure or a like penalty administered by the Commissioner.

Appendix W
Ohio Valley Conference
Fan Code of Conduct

(adopted 5/31/2012)

The Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions are committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all fans attending OVC contests. We ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. When attending an OVC contest, fans are expected to refrain from the following behaviors:

- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature
- Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that results in irresponsible behavior
- Vulgar, abusive, racist, sexist, demeaning or intimidating language or obscene gestures
- Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the playing surface)
- Verbal or physical harassment of opposing teams and their fans
- Failing to follow instructions of stadium personnel

Guests will be treated in a consistent, professional and courteous manner by all facility and institutional personnel. Fans are encouraged to report any inappropriate behavior to the nearest usher, security guard or institutional administrator. Facility staff and/or security will promptly intervene to support an environment where fans and their guests can enjoy the event free from the above behavior. Fans that violate these provisions will be subject to removal from the contest site.

The Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions thank you for adhering to the provisions of the Ohio Valley Conference Fan Code of Conduct.

Appendix X
Ohio Valley Conference
Visiting Team Packet Guidelines

(adopted 5/31/2012)

All visiting team packets (which shall be utilized by all OVC-sponsored sports) shall include the following information:

-Game day directory (with pictures if available)
-Campus maps and directions to facilities
-Laundry availability/procedures
-Parking
-Ticket/will call information and credentialing procedures
-Locker room information
-Training room information (location, times open, etc.)
-Entrances (team, spirit squads, spectators, etc.)
-Area lodging
-Area restaurants

In addition, the following information shall also be included in all **football** visiting team packets:

-Team travel form (to be completed by the visiting team)
-Police escort information
-Parking/unloading for equipment trucks
-Spirit squad positions/seating locations
-Coaches box/sideline details
-Video positions

Basketball visiting team packets shall include all of the above general information plus:

-Team travel form
-Police escort information

Distribution Procedures

All football and basketball visiting team packets should be distributed to the visiting team game operations staff (with the director of athletics copied on the communication) from the home game operations staff no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the start of the season.

All other sports' visiting team packets should be distributed to the visiting team coach (or designee) from the home team coach. Packets should be distributed no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the season.

All Information in the visiting team packets may be posted online.

Appendix Y
Ohio Valley Conference
Severe Weather and Lightning Policy

(adopted 9/2012)

**This policy applies to all OVC - sponsored sports competition.*

-Each member institution shall be responsible for having the capability of predicting or determining when lightning strikes are within specified distances from the competition site.

-The host institution's athletic trainer shall be responsible for monitoring weather activity leading up to and during the competition.

-When lightning is detected within a minimum of 30 miles of the competition site, home team management shall utilize the public address system to inform those in attendance that inclement weather including lightning is within 30 miles and that patrons should be prepared to seek shelter. Additionally, home team management shall notify the game officials that inclement weather is moving into the area.

-When lightning is detected or predicted within a minimum of 10 miles of the competition site, the competition shall be suspended. Competition may be resumed after 30 minutes of no detected or predicted lightning strikes within a 10-mile radius.

-Home team management shall communicate this policy to the visiting team and to game officials prior to the start of competition.

Appendix Z
Ohio Valley Conference
Web Streaming Guidelines Minimum Expectations

(adopted 5/2014)

-OVC member institutions will video stream all Conference men's and women's basketball home games.

-OVC member institutions that sponsor football will stream every home football game.
(Note: Exceptions will be made for contests shown as part of an OVC television agreement.)

-OVC member institutions will make their best effort to video stream at least 20 live events from their other sponsored sports.

-Institutions will take an equitable approach to streaming contests involving participants of both genders.

-Institutions will be encouraged to stream as many events as possible on the OVC Digital Network, but the network needs to remain focused on the quality of productions first, rather than the number of contests/events streamed.

-If the game is being produced for local television, the complete feed, both audio and video, should be streamed to the OVC Digital Network.

Production / Game Quality

Camera

-Football and basketball video casts must feature a minimum three-camera shoot.
-In sports other than football and basketball, a single camera shoot is permitted.
-Video feeds need to be clear and visually appealing for fans.

Audio

-Football and basketball video casts must have audio play-by-play. This can be a feed from a radio broadcast or via assigned talent.
-A PA announcer is acceptable for sports other than football and basketball, with the understanding each institution will take steps to make sure the PA is clear on the video cast.
-The audio must sync up with the actual play of the game.
-Audio commentary must be professional and not place the OVC, a member institution or an individual associate with an institution in a negative light. If an institution fails to comply, they will be required to provide an alternate audio feed for their video casts.
-Institutions shall not be permitted to include audio only feeds on the OVCDN, unless there are weather issues or technical issues beyond their control. (NOTE: The OVC will look to add an audio only button on its website to allow for audio feeds without confusion.)

Graphics and Branding

-Video streams must include:
- -The Conference graphics package with the OVC logo.
- -OVC logo "wipes".
- -A scoreboard.
- -A clock feature incorporated into the scoreboard.
- -Conference messaging, as requested.

-The networks should be referred to as the OVC Digital Network.

Communications

-Schools must test the feed at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.
-Institutions shall contact Sidearm to confirm the feed test is working.
-Schools must begin their stream at least 15 minutes prior to the event.

Staffing
-Schools shall assign a primary web streaming contact, before the start of each sports season, and provide the name and contact information to OVC Assistant Commissioner Brian Pulley.
-Contact information will be associated with all live events and provided to Sidearm, as well as kept on file at the Conference Office.
-Staff members will be expected to participate on scheduled conference calls with Web Stream Sports or the OVC staff.

Communication with the Conference Office regarding streaming for other non-required sports
-Prior to the season, each school should review sports schedules in non-required sports, to determine what games they plan on streaming.
-Schools shall communicate to the Conference Office which additional contests they plan to add to the OVC schedule.
-If games need to be added or deleted after the final schedule is set, notification is required at least 48 hours prior to the event to make those adjustments.
-The Conference Office will manage schedules and be responsible for entering all live events onto the OVC site.

Best Practices
Recommended best practices regarding staffing for football and basketball streams:
-Director (1)
-Replay/Graphics (1)
-Camera operators (3)
-Talent (1-2)

Recommended best practices regarding staffing for other sports:
-Director (1)
-Replay/Graphics (0-1)
-Camera operators (1-3)
-Talent (1-2)

Archiving
-Content in required sports should be archived on the OVC site within 48 hours of completion.

Appendix AA
OVC Digital Network
Program of Excellence

(adopted 5/2014)

The OVC Digital Network Program of Excellence is intended to highlight the outstanding video production work occurring on the member institution campuses.

Pursuant to the terms of the program, by March 25, the OVC Assessment and Accountability Subcommittee shall put out a call for nominations to be sent to all OVC member institutions.

Given that member institutions shall have the best understanding of the efforts made to produce content for the OVC Digital Network; institutions shall be encouraged to self-nominate their exemplary productions. In making nominations, institutions shall focus on demonstrating their overall commitment to excellence.

Institutions submitting nominations shall provide three to four production examples. There shall be two categories of productions: Student run productions and professional staff productions. In the selection process, a distinction will be made between the two productions.

The Program of Excellence shall include:

-A Grand Prize Award of Excellence for the program demonstrating an overall commitment to exemplary productions.

Secondary awards shall be provided acknowledging excellence in the following categories:

-Clarity of production
-Graphics
-Features
-Ancillary programming
-Professionalism in announcing

(Note: The list of categories may expand with time as the OVC Digital Network grows.)

The Assessment and Accountability Subcommittee shall elect the award winners. Awards shall only be given when warranted, so the subcommittee will not be required to give awards for each category annually.

Award winners shall be announced as part of the OVC Spring Meetings programming as well as receive a plaque and acknowledgement on the OVC website.

Appendix BB
Ohio Valley Conference
Soccer Video Exchange Policy

(adopted 5/2017)

1.) Every match (pre-season, conference and non-conference) must be uploaded by the home team via Google Drive by 12 p.m. (noon) central time, the day following the matches. This excludes OVC Tournament matches.

2.) Any technical issues must be communicated immediately to the OVC Championships staff and OVC head coaches.

3.) Recording the sound of the game for taping purposes is optional.

4.) Film specifications:

(a) When possible, the video camera should be set up so that the field is framed from goal line to midfield, as close as possible to capture all play.

CONTACTS

Ohio Valley Conference: OVC Championships Staff (615-371-1698)

Appendix CC
Ohio Valley Conference
Football Snow Removal Policy

If snow is in the forecast for game day, the facility manager must meet with the Referee before the game to discuss field conditions and the procedures for snow removal should snow become a factor before or during the game.

The following rules are in place for removal of snow during the game:

1. Any efforts to remove snow from the playing field must be consistent for both teams participating in the game.

2. Extension of time between periods, during timeouts, and at the half for snow removal can be approved by the Referee.

3. Brushes or other appropriate clearing devices should be used to keep sidelines, goal lines, and end lines as clear as possible.

4. It is permissible to clear the 10 yard intervals, sidelines, goal lines and end lines away from the direction of an offensive team play.

5. The goal line can be cleared if the Referee has any doubt on the location of the goal line when an offensive team is going in for a possible score.

6. Only players are permitted to clear a spot for a point after touchdown (PAT) or field goal attempt by hand or foot.

7. Coaches cannot agree to have a spot cleared for a kicker.

8. It is not permissible to clear any 10 yard intervals when an offensive team is inside its opponent's 20-yard line so that team would get a potential open spot for the placement of a field goal or PAT attempt.

Appendix DD
Ohio Valley Conference
Football Instant Replay Standards

1. The use of instant replay is required for all non-conference and conference home games. The use of instant replay at neural site games shall be at the discretion of the designated home team.

2. The OVC will utilize equipment provided by DVSport for instant replay. Conference games played in NFL stadiums will utilize the NFL's instant replay equipment.

3. The instant replay crew shall consist of the following four persons: replay official, communicator, technician and sideline assistant.

4. The replay official shall be assigned by the OVC coordinator of officials and compensated by the host school at a rate of $800 per game.

5. The communicator shall be assigned by the OVC coordinator of officials and compensated by the host school at a rate of $500 per game.

6. The technician shall be hired and compensated by the host school at a rate determined by the institution.

7. The sideline assistant shall be hired and compensated by the host school at a rate determined by the institution.

8. No member of the instant replay crew shall talk to any member of the media or to representatives of an institution (including coaches, administrators, etc.) at any time regarding instant replay.

9. A replay booth shall be established within each school's press box in an enclosed separate and secure location.

10. The replay booth shall not be available or accessible to any person not directly involved in instant replay.

11. The replay booth shall be able to accommodate three individuals (replay official, communicator, technician) and the replay equipment.

12. View of the field shall not be obstructed from the replay booth. Replay booths shall be equipped with speakers to hear the referee announcements. Replay booths shall have communication to the in-house video production and television production trucks.

13. Reliable communication from the replay booth to the field must be established by the host institution.

14. The scoreboard/clock data feed must be sent from the scoreboard controller to the instant replay equipment in the replay booth.

15. A wired internet connection is required for the instant replay system.

16. All instant replay equipment must be set-up and fully tested to ensure it is working properly two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff. Football instant replay will take precedence over all other streamed events.

17. Instant replay shall use one of the following live feeds: OVC Digital Network production; local television production or network television production (ESPN3). The network television feed (ESPN3) shall be used for games streamed as part of the Conference's television package.

18. A minimum of four (4) HD/SDI feeds must be provided to the replay booth. The four video feeds listed below are required for each game:

    1) Program Feed: The video feed from the OVC Digital Network, local television or network television (ESPN3) production. This feed should have the clock and score embedded in the video, and have the ability to show replays of multiple angles if needed.

    2) High End Zone: The high end zone camera is located at least 25 feet off the ground in the end zone.

    3) Low End Zone: The low end zone camera is located on a platform about 3 feet off the ground in the end zone, and is on the opposite end of the field as the high end zone camera.

    4) Handheld: The handheld camera is a mobile camera that has the ability to roam the sidelines, and capture the action at field level, most notably at both goal lines, depending on where the action is during the game.

19. Television monitors may only be used in the press-box coaching booths to view the live broadcast or web-cast. Game management is responsible for assuring identical television capability and identical video and Internet connectivity in the coaches' booths of both teams.

20. Television replay or monitoring equipment is prohibited at the sidelines or other locations within the playing enclosure for coaching purposes during the game.

Appendix EE
Ohio Valley Conference
Football Game Operations Meeting

The Ohio Valley Conference has implemented a mandatory game operations meeting one hour and 45 minutes (105 minutes) prior to kickoff of every football game. The meeting will be facilitated by the Game Operations Manager from the host school and take place outside of the officials' dressing room. The following individuals are required to attend the meeting:

- Game Operations Manager
- Visiting Team Representative
- Electronic Clock Operator
- Play Clock Operator
- Red Hat
- Television Producer
- Referee
- Umpire
- Back Judge
- Side Judge
- Security Representative/Law Enforcement
- Ball Persons
- Instant Replay Official
- Instant Replay Communicator
  Instant Replay Sideline Assistant

The following items shall be reviewed during the meeting:

- Introductions of Individuals in Attendance
- Pregame Schedule
- Procedure for Entering and Exiting the Field
- Emergency Evacuation Procedure
- Inclement Weather Policy (if applicable)
- Sideline Procedures and Personnel
- Instant Replay Procedure
- Media Timeout Protocol
- Halftime Protocol

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Appendix FF
Ohio Valley Conference
Football Halftime Procedures

End-of-Half Procedures:

The halftime intermission shall be a maximum of 20 minutes for all regular season games with no exceptions. (By rule, exceptions to the length of halftime are permitted for conference championship games and other post-season games.) Following the last play of the first half, the Referee will ensure that there are no penalties to administer, no injured players or other delays and will also ensure that there is no Instant Replay stoppage or coach challenge. If there are no issues, the Referee will declare the period ended.

- The Referee will signal immediately to begin the 20-minute halftime clock. The 20-minute halftime clock shall not be stopped or removed from visibility on the stadium scoreboard until it reaches 0:00. The clock operator shall also use a stopwatch to time the 20 minutes in case of a clock malfunction.
- The teams will clear the field of play, including facilities with shared routes, and any coach interview with TV or Radio personnel shall take place off the field.
- All interviews shall not interfere in any way with the bands' entry onto the field of play or any other halftime activity.

Start of Second-Half Procedures:

Home Game Management is responsible for clearing the field of play and end zones at the beginning of each half so that periods may start at the scheduled time.

Clock time 5:00

- The officials will visit each team's locker room and alert the coach of the halftime status and get the second half toss options. The teams should plan to re-enter the field with 3 minutes remaining in the halftime. (It may be necessary to adjust the 5:00 based on local circumstances, such as field distance from the locker room, construction, etc.)

Clock time 3:00

- The field of play will be cleared by game management of all band, promotional and event personnel.
- The teams will re-enter the field.
- If kicking specialists or other players come out early during the halftime intermission, they are in no way to interfere with the band or any halftime events. Until the field is cleared, all players must keep all their warm-up activity off the field of play.

Clock time 1:30

- The game officials will begin clearing the field of all warm-up activities. When the field is cleared, the teams must be ready to send out their kick-off/receiving units to be in position and ready to go before the clock expires.

Clock time 0:00

- The Center Judge (8-man crew) or Back Judge (7-man crew) will complete his count and then hand the ball to the kicker. If either team is not in place and ready to play at this point, it will be penalized for delay of game.
- The game clock will then be reset to 15:00, and when the officiating crew is in place, the Referee will give the ready for play signal for the second-half kickoff.

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