



## **2024-25 Policy Manual**

**Farmingdale State College • Manhattanville University • SUNY Maritime College**

**Mount Saint Mary College • Mount Saint Vincent University • SUNY Old Westbury**

**Purchase College, SUNY • Sarah Lawrence College • St. Joseph's University-Brooklyn**

**St. Joseph's University-Long Island • U.S. Merchant Marine Academy • Yeshiva University**

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## 2024-25 Skyline Conference Championship Schedule

*\* Adjustments will be made to accommodate religious observances*

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
Golf	Sept. 29-30	Bethpage State Park – Red Course (Farmingdale, NY) <i>Hosted by Farmingdale State</i>
Men's Cross Country	Nov. 3	Bethpage State Park (Farmingdale, NY) <i>Hosted by St. Joseph's-LI</i>
Women's Cross Country	Nov. 3	Bethpage State Park (Farmingdale, NY) <i>Hosted by St. Joseph's-LI</i>
Women's Tennis	Semifinals: Oct. 30 Final: Nov. 2	Semifinals - No. 4 at No. 1; No. 3 at No. 2 Final at highest remaining seed*
Men's Soccer	First Round: Nov. 2 Semifinals: Nov. 6 Final: Nov. 9	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4* Semifinals - 6/3 winner at No. 2; 5/4 winner at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed*
Women's Soccer	First Round: Nov. 2 Semifinals: Nov. 6 Final: Nov. 9	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4* Semifinals - 6/3 winner at No. 2; 5/4 winner at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed*
Women's Volleyball	First Round: Nov. 12 Semifinals: Nov. 14 Final: Nov. 16	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4* Semifinals - 6/3 winner at No. 2; 5/4 winner at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed*
Men's Swimming and Diving	Jan. 25-26	Purchase College, SUNY (Purchase, NY) <i>Hosted by Purchase College</i>
Women's Swimming and Diving	Jan. 25-26	Purchase College, SUNY (Purchase, NY) <i>Hosted by Purchase College</i>
Men's Basketball	Quarterfinals: Feb. 25 Semifinals: Feb. 27 Final: Mar. 1	Quarterfinals - No. 8 at No. 1; No. 5 at No. 4; No. 7 at No. 2; No. 6 at No. 3 Semifinals - 8/1 winner vs. 5/4 winner; 7/2 winner vs. 6/3 winner; at higher seeds Final at highest remaining seed*
Women's Basketball	First Round: Feb. 25 Semifinals: Feb. 27 Final: Mar. 1	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4 Semifinals - 6/3 winner at No. 2; 5/4 winner at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed*
Men's Volleyball	First Round: April 8 Semifinals: April 10 Final: April 12	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4 Semifinals – 5/4 winner at No. 1; 6/3 winner at No. 2 Final at highest remaining seed*
Men's Tennis	Semifinal: TBA Final: TBA	Semifinals - No. 3 at No. 2; No. 4 at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed*

Men's Outdoor Track and Field	April 27	Farmingdale State College (Farmingdale, NY) <i>Hosted by FSC</i>
Women's Outdoor Track and Field	April 27	Farmingdale State College (Farmingdale, NY) <i>Hosted by FSC</i>
Softball	Single-Elimination First Round: May 6 Four-Team Double Elimination: May 8-10	Single Elimination: No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4 Double Elimination at highest seed
Women's Lacrosse	First Round: April 28 Semifinals: April 30 Final: May 3	First Round - No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4 Semifinals - 6/3 winner at No. 2; 5/4 winner at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed
Men's Lacrosse	Semifinals: April 29 Final: May 2	Semifinals - No. 3 at No. 2; No. 4 at No. 1 Final at highest remaining seed
Baseball	Single-Elimination First Round: May 7 Four-Team Double Elimination: May 9-11	Single Elimination: No. 6 at No. 3; No. 5 at No. 4 Double Elimination at highest seed with lighted facility

***If a championship cannot be completed, the highest remaining seed will be declared champion. If no games/matches are played, the team that was seeded the highest prior to the championship shall be declared the conference champion. The only exception is baseball and softball, where the highest remaining seed in the winners bracket advances after the completion of the two out bracket games.***

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Reflecting the tremendous and vital diversity of the New York metropolitan region, the **mission** of the Skyline Conference is:

The Skyline Conference champions equitable and inclusive athletics competition for its diverse membership of public, private, faith based and military schools, enhancing each members' dedication to providing a holistic education and fostering institutional success and connection.

Our **Core Values** are:

**Diversity:** We celebrate the varied identities of the students, staff and schools we serve by providing flexibility for members to adhere to their unique value systems while ensuring an inclusive environment across the conference.

**Respect:** We honor the dignity of all people engaging with the conference, uphold high standards for ethical conduct on and off the playing field, and practice empathy in personal interactions. We hold each other accountable to providing consistent and equitable opportunities for all student-athletes and schools in the conference.

**Growth:** We provide student-athletes with opportunities to reach high levels of academic and athletic performance while practicing leadership and other life skills. We prioritize the wellbeing of students and staff, providing resources to support mental health and overall safety. Member schools help each other improve through accountability to athletics standards and a commitment to community engagement.

**Sustainable Access:** We protect our compact geographic footprint to ensure efficiency of travel time and environmental sustainability. Also, we promote opportunities for in-person interaction, consistent with our focus to educate through exposure to diverse personal identities, perspectives and activities.

**Competitive Spirit:** We invest in high-quality athletic programs to help student-athletes reach their full potential, and to enhance the overall vibrancy of campus and community life. Members strive to be competitive in each sport and maintain high standards for athletics operations.

### Executive Committees

#### **Presidents Council**

Dr. Susan R. Burns, Mount Saint Vincent University (*chair*)

Dr. Milagros "Milly" Peña, Purchase College, SUNY (*chair elect*)

Dr. Frank Sanchez, Manhattanville University (*vice chair*)

#### **Directors of Athletics Executive Committee**

Melody Cope, St. Joseph's University-Long Island (*past chair*)

Julene Caulfield, Manhattanville University (*chair*)

Phil Stern, Mount Saint Vincent (*chair elect*)

Shane Bell, Mount Saint Mary (*vice chair*)

**Commissioner:** Melissa Reilly

**Associate Commissioner:** Bobby Ciafardini

#### **Coordinators of Officials:**

Mel Chettum, MBB; Michael Schmidt, WBB; Steve Miller, M Lacrosse; Debbie Martin, W Lacrosse;

Mark Garcia, M/W Soccer; Nick Zibelli, Baseball; Brandon Cruz, Softball; Paul DeCurtis, M/W Volleyball

### **Athletic Directors Executive Committee Rotation**

Academic Year	Chair	Past Chair	Chair-Elect
2021-22	Maritime	Yeshiva	St. Joseph's-L.I.
2022-23	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Maritime	Manhattanville
2023-24	Manhattanville	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Mount Saint Mary
2024-25	Mount Saint Mary	Manhattanville	St. Joseph's-Brooklyn
2025-26	St. Joseph's-Brooklyn	Mount Saint Mary	USMMA

### **Presidents Council Executive Committee Rotation**

*Future rotation policies to be determined.*

### **SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT**

Each Skyline Conference institution is to strive to provide the best possible competitive circumstances for student-athletes. Participation in NCAA championships is mandatory for any team selected for competition in that event.

All competitions are to be conducted in a non-discriminatory manner, encouraging enthusiastic support while maintaining good sportsmanship. Coaches and athletes will abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and will respect the spirit of competition and participation, regardless of the outcomes of the competitions.

All coaches, student-athletes, and administrators shall conduct themselves in a manner which upholds the spirit of good sportsmanship at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including verbal remarks about the conference, other member institutions, and game officials will not be tolerated and will be considered unsportsmanlike behavior, subject to the specified Skyline Conference sanctions.

### **DELAY OF CONTESTS/LATENESS POLICY**

In the event that a visiting team traveling to the site of conference competition is delayed by travel conditions (e.g.: traffic, weather, vehicle, etc.) that will postpone their arrival and possibly the scheduled start of a contest, the following procedure should be followed:

1. A member of the travel party shall call an administrator at his/her institution to relay the problem. In the event that an administrator cannot be immediately reached, the visiting team is responsible to make contact with the host team to be certain that they are aware of the delay.
2. The visiting team administrator shall contact the host to review the possible time of arrival and then determine how to proceed:

A. Provided there are no facility restrictions, if the visiting team can arrive on site no less than 30 minutes before the contest is scheduled to begin, the regular pre-game protocol/warm-up will be allotted with the game time adjusted appropriately. Teams arriving less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time will

be allotted 15 minutes of warm-up time but will not be afforded “extra time” to get ready, etc. No game will be pushed back more than 30 minutes past the scheduled start time.

B. The host is under no obligation to play the contest on the scheduled date under any of the following circumstances:

1. The visiting team is more than one hour late or estimates that will be their arrival time.
2. The visiting team arrives past the scheduled time of the contest, without notification.
3. Facility is unavailable to complete the game within the confines of new start time.

*\*The Conference office will determine if/when game should be rescheduled or if further action – including forfeiture – should be taken.*

*Multiple occurrences are subject to review and/or additional sanctions by Athletic Directors, or Presidents, executive committees.*

### **RESCHEDULING OF GAMES POLICY**

All conference games will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the participating Directors of Athletics. Make-up games should be played on the first available open date for both teams when possible. A make-up date must be selected and agreed upon within 48 hours of the postponed/canceled game. If the institutions involved cannot come to an agreement on a future date, the conference office will select a satisfactory date. Conference games take precedence over non-league games.

Specifics for baseball rescheduling are noted in the baseball section of this manual.

## SPORT SPONSORSHIP

### FALL

<i>MXC</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>WXC</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>GOLF</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM	MSV	OW	PC			SJL		YU
<i>MSOC</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>WSOC</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>WTEN</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM			PC	SLC		SJL		YU
<i>WVB</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU

### WINTER

<i>WBB</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>MBB</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>MSWIM</i>			MAR#	MSM			PC	SLC			USMMA#	
<i>WSWIM</i>			MAR#	MSM			PC	SLC		SJL	USMMA#	

### SPRING

<i>BASE</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC		SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>SOFT</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM	MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL		YU
<i>MLAX</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV		PC			SJL	USMMA	
<i>WLAX</i>	FSC	MVL	MAR	MSM	MSV	OW	PC			SJL	USMMA	
<i>MTEN</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM			PC	SLC	SJB	SJL	USMMA	YU
<i>MOTF</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM						SJL	USMMA	
<i>WOTF</i>	FSC	MVL		MSM						SJL	USMMA	
<i>MVB</i>		MVL			MSV	OW	PC	SLC	SJB	SJL		YU

# denotes institutions sponsor diving

### KEY

FSC = Farmingdale State College; MVL = Manhattanville University; MAR = Maritime College; MSM = Mount Saint Mary College; MSV = Mount Saint Vincent University; OW = SUNY College at Old Westbury; PC = Purchase College, SUNY; SLC = Sarah Lawrence College; SJB = St. Joseph's University-Brooklyn; SJL = St. Joseph's University-Long Island; USMMA = U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; YU = Yeshiva University

**Associate Members:** New Jersey City University (MVB); Ramapo College of New Jersey (MVB).



## **Roster Management**

In sports where the number of participants must be declared prior to the start of the event, specific directives will be forwarded in advance of the event. All head coaches shall be responsible for adhering to the established deadlines.

## **In-Season Conference Transfer Policy**

As noted in the Skyline Conference Constitution and Bylaws, a student-athlete shall not compete for more than one Skyline institution in the same sport in the same academic year in which he/she will be charged with a season of eligibility at the original institution.

## **Championship Hosting**

For championships that award home games to higher seeds, the event must be held at a venue that the host regularly uses as a home site. In the event this is not possible, the championship site will be awarded to the next highest seed team which meets the criteria. In addition, all participating schools are required to travel with an athletic trainer to championship events with the exception of cross country, golf, swimming (unless an institution has diving – in which case, it must travel with an ATC) and tennis. In the sport of track and field, the host institution will receive support from other institutional athletic trainers on a rotating basis.

### **Skyline Conference Championships Committee**

1. The Championships Committee shall be comprised of three Directors of Athletics.
2. Responsibilities of the Championships Committee shall include:
  - a. Annual review of all conference championship event policies to ensure continuity, student-athlete experience, quality of venue, and adherence to NCAA regulations as related to facility, format and competitive regulations.
  - b. The committee will address issues prior to or during the conduct of a championship (rescheduling, behavior, venue issues, etc.), with the ultimate goal of ensuring the seamless conduct of the event.
  - c. The committee, in conjunction with the commissioner, shall have ultimate authority during a championship to make decisions that go into effect immediately, and can be in place for the duration of the event.
  - d. As directed by the commissioner, the CC will address issues during the year regarding championships. The CC should confer with the chair of each sport committee as needed.
  - e. Prior to the AD's spring meeting, the CC shall review all of the recommendations related to championships as proposed by each coaches group through their respective chairs. The CC shall establish a position on those issues for review and final vote by Directors of Athletics.
  - f. The CC shall also review information submitted by institutions for pre-determined championship sites and make selections for approval by AD's.
  - g. Other duties may be assigned by the commissioner, as needed.
  - h. Committee terms are for three (3) years, and are subject to renewal.

## **Sport Committees**

1. A committee will be established for each sport in which the conference conducts a championship. It will be comprised of the following:
  - a. Chair: An administrator from an institution which sponsors the sport shall serve as chair and will perform duties in conjunction with the conference office. Responsibilities include: representing the concerns of coaches to the ADs and/or championships committee; the conduct of all conference calls and meetings; attendance at championship (when possible). The chair shall also work with the conference office regarding issues which arise during the year relative to officiating, rescheduling, event management, *et al*.
  - b. Members of the committee are the head coaches in each sport. The conference reserves the right to offer additional representation in the event that there are separate head coaches in a men's and women's individual sport.
2. Specific responsibilities of chair:
  - a. Schedule a pre-season call with coaches to review policies, procedures, etc. May include coordinator for officiating.
  - b. Work with conference office during season regarding rescheduling, officiating, and event management.
  - c. Participation on pre-championship organizational call.
  - d. Conduct a post-season meeting/call with coaches group to review season, formulate recommendations for presentation to AD's/championships committee.
3. Sport Committee meetings
  - a. Sport Committee meetings may include the attendance of an assistant coach with the head coach, for observation/professional development purposes only.
  - b. An assistant coach may replace the head coach with prior approval of the conference office.
4. Terms
  - a. Committee terms are for three (3) years, and are subject to renewal.

**Skyline Conference**  
**Championship Committee – 2024-25**

Tom Azzara, chair, Director of Athletics – Farmingdale State College  
Megan Valentine, Director of Athletics – St. Joseph’s University-Brooklyn  
Dan Federico, Associate Director of Athletics – Mount Saint Vincent University  
Samantha Howe, Associate Director of Athletics – Mount Saint Mary College

*Sport Committee Chairs – all appointments effective 2024-25, unless otherwise noted*

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Baseball	Chris Bisignano	Director of Athletics	Purchase
Men’s Basketball	Phil Stern	Director of Athletics	Mount Saint Vincent
Women’s Basketball	Kris Schnatz	Director of Athletics	USMMA
Cross Country (M/W)	Melissa Mapes	Associate AD	Yeshiva
Golf	Chris Lukas	Associate Director Operations	St. Joseph’s-Long Island
Men’s Lacrosse	Alexa Barbato	Interim Director of Athletics	Maritime
Women’s Lacrosse	Melissa Guglielmo	Assistant AD	Maritime
Men’s Soccer	Thomas Emberley	Director of Communications	Farmingdale State
Women’s Soccer	CAPT Bill Fell	Deputy AD	USMMA
Softball	Joe Mandile	Assistant AD	Manhattanville
Swimming & Diving (M/W)	Francesca Levine	Associate AD	Purchase
Men’s Tennis	Greg Fox	Director of Athletics	Yeshiva
Women’s Tennis	Chris Ehmer	Associate AD	Sarah Lawrence
Track and Field (M/W)	Deana Ward	Senior Associate AD	Farmingdale State
Men’s Volleyball	Donna O’Connors	Assistant AD	St. Joseph’s-Long Island
Women’s Volleyball	Kristin Maile	Director of Athletics	Sarah Lawrence
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Athletic Training	TBA		
Sports Information	Bobby Ciafardini	Associate Commissioner	Skyline Conference
SAAC	TBA		
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***Note:*** appropriate rotations take effect on July 1

# **BASEBALL**

## **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. Each team shall play a doubleheader against all other conference teams. The format for conference doubleheaders is 7-9 with the 7-inning game being played first. **Note:** if the first game of the doubleheader goes to extra innings, the second game of the doubleheader will become a 7-inning contest. If the teams elect to split up the doubleheader and play separate games, both games shall be 9-inning games as per rules 5-7 and 5-8 in the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations book.
3. If a game is postponed or cancelled, the game must be completed at the first available date; if a weekend conference game is postponed, the game must be completed on that Sunday/Monday. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances can be presented to the conference office, which will make the final determination on when game(s) will be played. The rescheduling of conference games shall take precedence over any non-conference game. Any incomplete games (see #6 for definition) shall be made up at the first opportunity, preferably within seven days.
4. Changes to conference schedule dates shall not be made without approval by both institutional AD's as well as the conference office. Changes to the block schedule (i.e. – reordering of opponents, splitting of a series, ...) are impermissible unless extenuating circumstances are presented to the conference office.
5. All outdoor sports venues must be available for the appropriate amount of time for a contest to be completed during daylight hours, or be equipped with field lighting. This requires a minimum of three hours for a single baseball contest, and a minimum of five hours for a doubleheader.
6. If an official conference game (completed 5 innings) is tied and cannot be finished, the game shall be completed at a mutually agreed later date. An official game that is tied shall be recorded as a tie in the conference standings if it is not completed.
7. Any conference game that is not official (less than 5 full innings if the home team does not have the lead ) and all games called for some reason that did not finish the fifth inning must be replayed in their entirety.
8. After the completion of 7 innings, if one team leads by 10 or more runs, the game shall cease with the winning team being awarded the victory.
9. All Conference doubleheaders shall start at Noon unless agreed upon by the participating institutions. Contests may start later if teams have a lighted facility.
10. A maximum of 30 minutes is permitted between doubleheaders.
11. Individuals coaching first base and third base are required to wear protective helmets.
12. If batting practice is scheduled and the field is deemed playable, the visiting team must be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes of batting practice on the game field, assuming normal (satisfactory) weather and field conditions.

13. Two umpires shall be assigned by the conference assignor to work all regular season games. In the event that one umpire does not arrive at the contest and/or is injured, the single umpire will work behind the plate. Three umpires may be supplied upon advance mutual agreement of the participating teams.

14. The low (flat) seam baseball is to be used for all conference games.

15. All protests shall be filed in accordance with NCAA regulations.

### **Championship (May 7; May 9-11, 2025)**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round-robin doubleheaders where each team plays all teams in the Conference.

2. Following a single-elimination First Round on May 7, four teams will advance for a double-elimination tourney (May 9-11) to be played at the site of the highest seed with a lighted facility.

Game #1:	Wednesday	#5 at #4 (single-elimination)
Game #2:	Wednesday	#6 at #3 (single-elimination)
Game #3:	Friday	Winner Game 1 vs. No. 1 seed
Game #4:	Friday	Winner Game 2 vs. No. 2 seed
Game #5:	Friday	Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
Game #6:	Saturday	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Game #7:	Saturday	Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6
Game #8:	Sunday	Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 7
Game #9:	Sunday	(if necessary)

### **Determination of Home Team (in double-elimination portion of the championship only) - Commencing with Game 5 (*per NCAA Champ. Policy*)**

- The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament.
- If the two teams are equal in this respect but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor more often will be designated the home team.
- If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the committee representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:
  - If the two teams have met previously in that particular tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question (Exception: In a two-team tournament where both teams have been the home team twice, the fifth game will be determined by lot);
  - The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games; or
  - If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by lot.

3. The host institution may use its own home dugout even if they are the designated visiting team during the championship. The designated home team for each game of the championship should wear its light-colored uniforms, with the visiting team wearing dark jerseys.

4. Three umpires shall be assigned to work each tournament game by the conference assignor. The officials are secured and paid for by the host institution.

5. If the tournament cannot be completed, the format may be changed to a single-elimination tournament. If a single-elimination tournament cannot be completed, the champion will be the highest remaining seed in the

winners bracket after the completion of two out bracket games. That team would advance and receive the AQ as the NCAA Representative. If no games are played, the regular season champion shall be declared the conference champion and NCAA representative.

6. Any protest will be ruled on at the game site, by a committee of the observing umpire with an administrator from both institutions.

7. The start time for all games shall be determined by the commissioner and the host Director of Athletics.

## **MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.

2. The home team is to provide at least six conference balls to the visiting team for warm-up.

3. Visiting teams are to be provided with bench space near the scorer's table, and space must be reserved for the visiting team's scorer and sports information director at the score's table. Where applicable, hosts are to reserve space behind the opponent's bench for visiting fans.

4. Three officials, assigned by the conference assignor, must be used in all games. In the event that one official does not arrive or is injured, the game will be played with two officials. A game may not be played with one official. If a game is played with two officials for the first half of the contest, it shall be completed with two officials, regardless if the third official becomes available.

5. A minimum 20-minute break will be given between doubleheader games.

6. The host institution is to provide a completed NCAA box score to the home and visiting team at halftime, as well as at the end of the game.

7. In men's basketball the floor markings in the defensive arc shall be on the court for all conference games.

8. In men's basketball, uniform game times (where applicable) will be utilized on the final date of regular-season play to allow for equitable rest and preparation.

### **Video Exchange**

1. Participation in the exchange through the use of Synergy is mandatory for all conference teams.

2. All tapes must be uploaded by 12 p.m. the day following the contest. Men: All home conference and non-conference games; all away non-conference games. Women: All home conference and non-conference games; all away non-conference games (exception: prior written notice given before season commences that a non-conference away game cannot be videoed). Coaches not adhering to the deadline will be locked out of access to all games until the issue is corrected.

3. Coaches are prohibited from exchanging tapes and/or information with non-conference opponents (including verbal reports) about conference teams.

## Championships (Feb. 25-March 1, 2025)

1. Conference standings are determined based upon a round-robin schedule in which every school plays two games against every other conference school (women's), or a divisional schedule (men's; double round-robin within division, and one game against all non-division opponents).

Men's Basketball – Black Division: Farmingdale State; Maritime; Merchant Marine; St. Joseph's-Long Island; St. Joseph's-Brooklyn; SUNY Old Westbury

Men's Basketball – Gold Division: Yeshiva; Manhattanville; Sarah Lawrence; Mount Saint Vincent; Purchase; Mount Saint Mary

2. A conference tournament, involving the top eight teams for the men, and top six teams for the women, shall be conducted following the regular season. **Men's**: the first-place teams in each division will be the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds, respectively; the second-place teams in each division will be the Nos. 3 and 4 seeds, respectively; the third-place teams in each division will be the Nos. 5 and 6 seeds, respectively; the Nos. 7 and 8 seeds will be the teams with the next-highest conference winning percentage, regardless of division.

3. **Men's**: An end-of-season single-elimination tournament of the top eight seeded teams will be conducted under the following format and must be concluded by the NCAA selection date.

Game #1	Tuesday	#8 at #1
Game #2	Tuesday	#5 at #4
Game #3	Tuesday	#7 at #2
Game #4	Tuesday	#6 at #3
*Game #5	Thursday	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
*Game #6	Thursday	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
*Game #7	Saturday	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

*\*hosted by higher seed*

4. **Women's**: An end-of-season single-elimination tournament of the top six seeded teams will be conducted under the following format and must be concluded by the NCAA selection date.

Game #1	Tuesday	#5 at #4
Game #2	Tuesday	#6 at #3
Game #3	Thursday	Winner Game 1 at #1
Game #4	Thursday	Winner Game 2 at #2
*Game #5	Saturday	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

*\*hosted by higher seed*

5. The start time for all games shall be determined by the commissioner and the host Director of Athletics.

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### General Regulation

1. An information letter will be sent to the visiting team at one month prior to the meet with the following information:

- a) Date and time of the meet
- b) Length and condition of the course
- c) A sketch or map of the course, if possible
- d) Type of shoes to be worn
- e) The time needed to review course

**Championship (Nov. 3, 2024)**

**Hosted at Bethpage State Park (Farmingdale, N.Y. - by St. Joseph's-Long Island)**

1. A Conference championship for men and women will be held at a predetermined site at least two weeks prior to NCAA Regionals.

2. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.

3. The Championship meet starts no later than 3:00 p.m.

4. A coaches meeting is held 60 minutes prior to the first championship race.

The distance for conference championship meets for women is 6,000 meters with the allowable limits of 3.5 to 4 miles; for men, the standard is 8,000 meters with the allowable limits of 4.75 to 5.25 miles unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by coaches.

5. The course will be marked by one or more of the following methods, in preferential order:

a) Tall signposts with large directional arrows on boards fastened to the tops of the posts so that the arrows will be plainly visible to contestants approaching the posts. The posts will be placed at every point where the course turns and wherever doubt exists as to the direction of travel.

b) A double white line will be laid on the ground along the entire distance of the route (if possible).

c) Flags are positioned to mark the shortest perimeter of the course.

- Red to indicate a turn to the left.
- Yellow to indicate a turn to the right.
- Blue to indicate the course is straight ahead.

6. A minimum of two officials shall be retained to oversee the conduct of the meet.

7. The following procedure shall be followed for protests and appeals:

a) Protests relating to matters that develop during the conduct of the meet should be made at once and not later than 20 minutes after the results have been posted or announced. All implicated coaches must be notified of the protest.

b) Any such protest may be immediate and oral by a competitor or a competitor's coach in order to protect and



preserve evidence used in the determination of a written protest filed in the appropriate manner. A protest shall be any communication by the athlete that requests the preservation of evidence.

c) The protest shall be reviewed by the referee, who shall render a decision after determining and considering evidence. Evidence specifically excluded is all visual material, except that produced in conjunction with officiating an event, official photo timing and official video designated by the games committee before the meet.

d) Results that are revised because of a protest shall be posted and announced. Coaches of competitors affected by the referee's decision shall be notified.

e) As part of the protest process, the decision of a referee may be appealed through an appointed jury of appeal (all head coaches not involved in the appeal), in writing, not later than 20 minutes after the decision of the referee has been announced. Any official evidence available to the referee may be reviewed. If such evidence is not conclusive, the decision of the referee shall be upheld. No further appeal is available. The result of an appeal shall be posted and the affected coaches notified.

## **GOLF**

### **General Regulations**

1. USGA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. Conference members must host at least one event during the academic year (Fall or Spring) in which other members can participate.
3. All players must wear proper golf attire; T-shirts, jeans, or non-golf footwear are not permitted. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification for that match if the violation occurs in an in-season match. If the violation occurs in the conference championship, the golfer is disqualified from the championship.
4. The order of the line-up is according to ability. A line-up must be available before the start of each match. Five players may play with the lowest four counting for a gross stroke score. For regular-season matches, coaches may play six and count four for that match if all agree.
5. The sports advisory committee settles differences concerning USGA rule interpretations during regular-season and championship matches. Local rules at the host course must be explained before the match.
6. Tie-breaker for conference matches during the regular season shall be the same used for the championship.
7. During regular-season and championship matches, no players may use caddies or motorized golf carts unless it is a requirement of the host golf course. Use of pull carts by student-athletes is permissible.

### **Championship (Sept. 29-30, 2024) – Bethpage State Park (Red Course), N.Y.**

1. Each team may enter a maximum of five players. The team with the lowest aggregate score as determined by the best four-of-five scores for the tournament will be declared conference champion and NCAA representative. A team does not have to play the same five players both rounds.

2. The individual champion is determined on the basis of aggregate or gross score. In the event of a tie, co-champions are named.
3. All players must wear proper golf attire; T-shirts, jeans, or non-golf footwear are not permitted. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification for that match if the violation occurs in an in-season match. If the violation occurs in the conference championship, the golfer is disqualified from the championship.
4. The order of the line-up is according to ability. A line-up must be available before the start of each match. Five players may play with the lowest four counting for a gross stroke score. For regular-season matches, coaches may play six and count four for that match if all agree.
5. The sports advisory committee settles differences concerning USGA rule interpretations during regular-season and championship matches. Local rules at the host course must be explained before the match.
6. Tie-breaker for conference matches during the regular season shall be the same used for the championship.
7. During regular-season and championship matches, no players may use caddies or motorized golf carts unless it is a requirement of the host golf course. Use of pull carts by student-athletes is permissible.
8. For second-day pairings, no more than two (2) players from the same team can be placed in a tee-time grouping.

## **MEN'S & WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. The host institution assures the following game management conditions:
  - a) Three officials assigned by conference assignor. In the event that one official does not show or is injured, the game will be completed with two officials. A game may not be played with one official.
  - b) A visible score clock.
  - c) A qualified time keeper with time-keeping signals.
  - d) A scorekeeper with an official scorebook who is accessible to both teams. All scorebook details must be rectified at the end of the game.
  - e) At least two ball persons to work the sidelines. Ball persons must be of college age and not bench players from either of the competing teams.
3. All outdoor sports venues must be available for the appropriate amount of time for a contest to be completed during daylight hours, or be equipped with field lighting. This requires a minimum of three hours for a lacrosse game.

### **Tape Exchange**

1. Participation in the exchange through the use of Hudl (men's and women's, via IMLCA / IWLCA exchanges, respectively) for all conference teams.

2. Men's coaches are responsible for uploading all home games and away non-conference contests by 4:00 p.m. on the day after games – and continuing through the Skyline Championship. Women's coaches are responsible for uploading all home games and away non-conference contests by midnight the day of the game per IWLCA. Coaches not adhering to the deadline will be locked out of access to all games until the issue is corrected.

3. Coaches are prohibited from exchanging tapes and/or information with non-conference opponents (including verbal reports) about conference teams.

### **Men's and Women's Championships (Women's: April 28-May 3, 2023; Men's: April 29-May 2, 2025)**

1. Standings are determined on the basis of single round-robin play. To be eligible for the Conference championship, each team must play all other teams.

2. In men's lacrosse, an end-of-season single elimination tournament of the top-four seeded teams will be conducted.

Game #1	Tuesday	#4 at #1
Game #2	Tuesday	#3 at #2
Game #3	Friday	Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2 (at highest remaining seed)

3. In women's lacrosse, an end-of-season single-elimination tournament of the top-six seeded teams will be conducted under the following format and must be concluded by the NCAA selection date.

Game #1	Tuesday	#5 at #4
Game #2	Tuesday	#6 at #3
Game #3	Thursday	Winner Game 1 at #1
Game #4	Thursday	Winner Game 2 at #2
*Game #5	Saturday	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

*\*hosted by higher seed*

4. The start time for all games in the men's and women's lacrosse championships shall be determined by the commissioner and the host Director of Athletics.

### **MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER**

#### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.

2. The host institution assures the following game management conditions:

- a) Three officials assigned by the conference assignor. In the event that one official does not appear or is injured, the game will be played with two officials. A game may not be played with one official.
- b) A visible score clock.
- c) A qualified time-keeper with time-keeping signals.

- d) A scorekeeper with an official scorebook who is accessible to both teams. All scorebook details must be rectified at the end of the game.
- e) At least two ball persons to work the sidelines. It is recommended that ball persons be of college age and not bench players from either of the competing teams.
- f) A minimum of five Skyline-approved balls. Each ball person should have a ball available at the same time another ball is in play.

3. All outdoor sports venues must be available for the appropriate amount of time for a contest to be completed during daylight hours, or with field lighting. This requires a minimum of three hours for a soccer game.

4. An official NCAA game roster, including the names and numbers of all players, coaches and other bench personnel, shall be submitted to the official scorekeeper no later than 30 minutes before game time.

5. All fields need to be “game-ready” (field lined, goal nets up, benches in place) at least one hour prior to kickoff. An exception is allowed if another match precedes the game on the same field.

6. Following each regular-season conference match, head coaches are to submit to the associate commissioner the names of three opposing student-athletes for the “star” system, which will be tallied following the season to be utilized for all-conference consideration. All submissions to be sent to the associate commissioner within 24 hours of the conclusion of each contest.

7. The field will be cleared and announcements/anthem done no later than five minutes prior to kickoff time. If there is a different “pre-game routine”, it must be given to the visiting coach at least one hour prior to kickoff.

8. For men’s soccer, officials are to read a statement to teams on field prior to the game which stress zero tolerance regarding “provocative, personal, public” comments.

9. For men’s soccer: An additional one-game suspension will be enforced for any student-athlete/coach who receives a red card that was not the result of the accumulation of two yellows in one game. Red cards issued for denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (NCAA Rule 12.5.5), or denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick (NCAA Rule 12.5.6), will not carry the additional penalty.

10. For women’s soccer: Halftime for regular-season conference games will be 12 minutes, with the ability to reduce further if both coaches are in agreement.

11. All head coaches must hold College Services membership in United Soccer Coaches, in order to ensure all student-athletes in the conference are eligible for all-region, *et al*, awards consideration at the end of the season.

## **Video Exchange**

1. Participation in the exchange through the use of Hudl is mandatory for all conference teams.

2. All in-conference matches must be uploaded by 12 p.m. the day following the contest by the host institution - including those matches in the conference championship (Women’s: video of common non-conference opponents to be shared, as well). Coaches not adhering to the deadline will be locked out of access to all games until the issue is corrected.

3. Videos shall be shot from an elevated midfield position.

4. Coaches are prohibited from exchanging tapes and/or information with non-conference opponents (including verbal reports) about conference teams.

### **Men's and Women's Championships (Nov. 2-9, 2024)**

1. Standings in the Conference are based on the number of points accrued during the season, with 3 points awarded for each win and 1 point awarded for each tie.

2. An end-of-season single elimination tournament of the top six seeded teams will be conducted according to the following schedule and must be concluded by the NCAA selection date.

*Game #1	Saturday, Oct. 29	#5 at #4
*Game #2	Saturday, Oct. 29	#6 at #3
Game #3	Wednesday, Nov. 2	Winner Game 1 at #1 seed
Game #4	Wednesday, Nov. 2	Winner Game 2 at #2 seed
*Game #5	Saturday, Nov. 5	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (At highest remaining seed)

3. A fourth official shall be retained for all semifinals and final rounds. Host institutions are responsible for payment of officials for all rounds, with the conference office reimbursing for semifinals and finals play.

\* accommodations will be made for religious observances

## **SOFTBALL**

### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.

2. Each team shall play a doubleheader against all other conference teams.

3. All outdoor sports venues must be available for the appropriate amount of time for a contest to be completed during daylight hours, or be equipped with field lighting. This requires a minimum of two hours for a single softball game, and a minimum of four hours for a softball doubleheader.

4. Any Conference game that is not official (less than 5 full innings if the home team is not ahead) and all games called for some reason that did not finish the fifth inning must be replayed in their entirety.

5. The "international tie-breaker" policy goes into effect in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning (*NCAA Tie-breaker rule 6.15*).

6. *Per NCAA Rule 6.13* - 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. Any hit that results in an eight-run lead by the home team (after 4½ innings) is treated as a game-ending hit. (*NCAA Rule 14.6.*) Whenever the visiting team reaches the limit in the fifth or any inning thereafter, the home team must have its opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning. [*Note: The eight-run rule may not be set aside by competing teams, league, conference or tournament rule.*]

7. A maximum of 20 minutes is permitted between doubleheaders.
8. The home team takes fielding practice for 10 minutes, beginning 25 minutes before game time. The visiting team also gets 10 minutes of fielding practice, 15 minutes before the game. No pitchers may warm up on the game field at any time.
9. Metal spikes may be worn. Batters, base runners, and catchers must wear protective helmets at all times.
10. Games must be played on a field with an outfield fence meeting NCAA requirements.
11. Two umpires per game assigned by the conference assignor are required. If only one umpire is present, the game is played, and the single umpire works behind the plate. Additional umpires may be supplied upon mutual agreement of the participating teams.

### **Championship (May 6; 8-10, 2025)**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round robin doubleheaders where each team plays all teams in the Conference.
2. Following a single-elimination First Round on May 6, four teams will advance for a double-elimination tourney (May 8-10) to be played at the campus site of the highest seed with a lighted facility.

Game #1:	Tuesday	#5 at #4 (single-elimination)
Game #2:	Tuesday	#6 at #3 (single-elimination)
Game #3:	Thursday	Winner Game 1 vs. #1 seed
Game #4:	Thursday	Winner Game 2 vs. #2 seed
Game #5:	Friday	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Game #6:	Friday	Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
Game #7:	Friday	Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 5
Game #8:	Saturday	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7
Game #9:	Saturday	(if necessary)

### **3. Determination of Home Team (in double-elimination portion of the championship only) - Commencing with Game 5**

- The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament.
- If the two teams are equal in this respect but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor more often will be designated the home team.
- If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the committee representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:
  - If the two teams have met previously in that particular tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question (Exception: In a two-team tournament where both teams have been the home team twice, the fifth game will be determined by lot);
  - The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games; or
  - If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by lot.

4. The host institution may use its own home dugout even if they are the designated visiting team during the championship. The designated home team for each game of the championship should wear its light-colored uniforms, with the visiting team wearing dark jerseys.
5. Three umpires shall be assigned to work each tournament game by the conference assignor.
6. The “mercy-rule” policy used during regular season play is also utilized during the Skyline Softball Championship.
7. The “international tie-breaker” policy goes into effect in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning (*NCAA Tie-breaker rule 6.15*).

## **MEN’S & WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING**

### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. Each team shall compete against all other conference teams during the regular season, with all meet formats eligible to fulfill this requirement (dual, tri, etc.).
3. The format for dual-meet competition shall follow the default NCAA 16-event program. Coaches may alter the program upon mutual agreement.

Event 1 Women 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
Event 2 Men 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
Event 3 Women 500 Yard Freestyle  
Event 4 Men 500 Yard Freestyle  
Event 5 Women 200 Yard IM  
Event 6 Men 200 Yard IM  
Event 7 Women 50 Yard Freestyle  
Event 8 Men 50 Yard Freestyle  
Event 9 Women 200 Yard Medley Relay  
Event 10 Men 200 Yard Medley Relay  
Event 11 Women 400 Yard Medley Relay  
Event 12 Men 400 Yard Medley Relay  
Event 13 Women 400 Yard IM  
Event 14 Men 400 Yard IM  
Event 15 Women 100 Yard Butterfly  
Event 16 Men 100 Yard Butterfly  
Event 17 Women 200 Yard Freestyle  
Event 18 Men 200 Yard Freestyle  
Event 19 Women 100 Yard Breaststroke  
Event 20 Men 100 Yard Breaststroke  
Event 21 Women 100 Yard Backstroke  
Event 22 Men 100 Yard Backstroke  
Event 23 Women 1000 Yard Freestyle  
Event 24 Men 1000 Yard Freestyle  
Event 25 Women 200 Yard Backstroke  
Event 26 Men 200 Yard Backstroke  
Event 27 Women 100 Yard Freestyle  
Event 28 Men 100 Yard Freestyle  
Event 29 Women 200 Yard Breaststroke  
Event 30 Men 200 Yard Breaststroke  
Event 31 Women 200 Yard Butterfly

Event 32 Men 200 Yard Butterfly  
Event 33 Women 400 Yard Freestyle Relay  
Event 34 Men 400 Yard Freestyle Relay  
Event 35 Women 1 mtr Diving  
Event 36 Men 1 mtr Diving  
Event 37 Women 3 mtr Diving  
Event 38 Men 3 mtr Diving

### **Championship (Jan. 25-26, 2024) – Purchase College, SUNY**

1. The conference championship meet shall consist of two days with three sessions. The following is the event schedule for the 2024 Championship:

#### *Saturday, Jan. 25, Session 1*

1. 200-yard freestyle relay (followed by 10-minute break)
2. 500-yard freestyle
3. 200-yard individual medley
4. 50-yard freestyle (followed by 15-minute break)
5. 200-yard medley relay

#### *Saturday, Jan. 25, Session 2*

6. 400-yard medley relay (followed by 10-minute break)
7. 400-yard individual medley
8. 100-yard butterfly
9. 200-yard freestyle
10. 100-yard breaststroke
11. 100-yard backstroke

#### *Sunday, Jan. 26*

12. 1,000-yard freestyle
13. 200-yard backstroke
14. 100-yard freestyle
15. 200-yard breaststroke
16. 200-yard butterfly (followed by 15-minute break)
17. 400-yard freestyle relay

2. Qualifying times will be established for all swimming events.

3. Each team may submit a list of up to 20 swimmers on its original entry form. Qualifying times will be established in advance for all events.

4. Each student-athlete is permitted to compete in up to eight total events, with a maximum of four individual events and four relays at the championship.

A time must be submitted for the season in all events. The meet is a timed final meet. Women will swim first, then the men, with each event seeded with the slowest heat first and the fastest heat last.

5. Entries are due by 5:30 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the championship. ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. No new entries or lineup changes may be submitted after the initial entries have been submitted. Relay lineups may be changed any time prior to the relay event.



6. Scratches are due by 9 p.m. on the night prior to the first day of competition. If scratches are not in on time, the swimmer must compete in that event. Scratches must be provided via email; no scratches will be accepted by phone.
7. A coaches meeting shall be held one-hour prior to the start of the championship.
8. The top 12 places in each individual event will score. The championship will mirror the NCAA scoring format (*pg. 74, NCAA rulebook*) for 12 places (16-13-12-11-10-9-7-5-4-3-2-1). Relays will score 32-26-24-22-20-18 (men) and 32-26-24-22-20-18-14-10 (women). Only one relay per team may score.
9. A minimum of two officials positioned on deck for the championship.
10. Official results are announced after the results are referee-certified.
11. Swimmers are prohibited from “shaving down” at the site of the championship.

## **MEN’S & WOMEN’S TENNIS**

### **General Regulations**

1. ITA rules shall govern conference play. The format for Division III matches is 3-6 (three doubles matches followed by six singles matches) with nine team points.
2. The minimum number of players necessary to participate in a conference match is four. Fewer than that shall constitute a forfeit unless the other team chooses to allow rescheduling. Defaults will occur from the bottom of the line-up.
3. Fifteen minutes before the start of the match, the coaches shall simultaneously exchange their complete singles and doubles line-ups. Once submitted, no substitutions may be made unless by mutual agreement of the coaches.
4. The line-up shall always be based on order of ability. “Matching up” or “stacking” is prohibited. In singles, players must compete in order of ability with the best player on the team playing at the No. 1 position, the second best at No. 2, and so on through all positions.
5. Coaches are required to bring scorebooks (match records/results-to-date) to every contest. Any coach has the right to review these records upon request.
6. Scorecards are mandatory for all Conference matches.
7. Stat Crew statistical files must be submitted to the Conference office at the completion of each match.
8. Whenever possible, all competitors must wear their official team uniform during competition and warm-up, or wearing apparel with school emblems or initials are recommended. College players’ use of all athletic equipment and clothing from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise shall adhere strictly to NCAA rules. In all cases competitors must wear appropriate tennis attire.
9. Coaches are not permitted to make calls, nor talk to opposing student-athletes.

10. A five-minute warm-up period with the opponent shall be provided prior to both doubles and singles play in conference matches (regular-season and championship).

11. Players shall be introduced (i.e. – starting lineups) prior to the start of all conference matches.

12. The host institution has the option of securing indoor courts as back-up for inclement weather, to facilitate the playing of matches on the originally scheduled date. Otherwise, matches may be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather, with the understanding that the conference office and sport committee chair will address issues related to the timely completion of the conference schedule.

### **Championships (Men’s Tennis – TBA; Women’s Tennis – Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2024)**

1. Standings are determined on the basis of single round-robin play. To be eligible for the Conference championship, each team must play all other teams.

2. An end-of-season single-elimination tournament of the top-four (women’s) / top-six (men’s) seeded teams will be conducted according to the following schedule and must be concluded by the NCAA selection date.

#### **A) *Women’s Championship***

Match #1	Wednesday, October 30, 2024	#4 at #1
Match #2	Wednesday, October 30, 2024	#3 at #2
*Match #3	Saturday, November 2, 2024	Match 1 Winner vs. Match 2 Winner

#### **B) *Men’s Championship***

Match #1	TBA	#4 at #1
Match #2	TBA	#3 at #2
*Match #3	TBA	Match 1 Winner vs. Match 2 Winner

*\* Final round hosted by highest remaining seed; in all rounds, accommodations will be made for religious observances*

3. All conference tournament matches must be played to a point of decision (e.g., until one team has five points). In case of an unfinished match due to darkness and/or rain, play will resume the next day at the point play was stopped.

4. An ITA umpire will be required at all conference championship matches, and shall be secured by the host institution.

5. All conference tournament matches must be played outdoors, with indoor play only permissible due to weather issues.

6. The women’s championship may be rescheduled to allow for outdoor participation at the discretion of the commissioner and the sport chair.

7. In the men’s championship: Tuesday matches are to be played outdoors, with Wednesday a “must play” date – either outdoors (preferred) or indoors. Thursday matches are to be played outdoors, with Friday a “must play” date – either outdoors (preferred) or indoors. Saturday matches are to be played outdoors, with Sunday a “must play” date – either outdoors (preferred) or indoors. In the event Sunday is necessary for the championship final,

enough time shall be allotted to ensure the full match is completed by the NCAA's 6 p.m. deadline for the submission of the conference's automatic qualifier.

## **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (OUTDOOR)**

### **Championship (April 27, 2025 – Farmingdale State College)**

1. The following is the event schedule for the Championship:

Field events (*all events permit four throws/jumps per athlete; no final, and all performances measured*)

- Men's Javelin / Women's Hammer *followed by:*  
Women's Javelin / Men's Hammer
- Women's Shot Put / Men's Discus *followed by:*  
Men's Shot Put / Women's Discus
- Men's and Women's Long Jump (dual runways) *followed by:*  
Men's and Women's Triple Jump (dual runways)
- Women's Pole Vault *followed by:*  
Men's Pole Vault
- Men's High Jump *followed by:*  
Women's High Jump

Running events (*rolling schedule; all events a final on time – women's events first, followed by men*)

- 3,000-meter steeplechase
- 4x100-meter relay
- 1,500 meters
- 100/110-meter hurdles
- 400 meters
- 100 meters
- 800 meters
- 400-meter hurdles
- 200 meters
- 5,000 meters
- 4x400-meter relay

### 2. Scoring

- Scoring in the championship will follow the NCAA's prescribed scoring system based on the amount of institutions participating in the meet.

### 3. Entries

- An institution may enter a maximum of four (4) student-athletes into any particular individual event
- An institution may enter one (1) relay team into any particular relay event
- All entries must include a verified time/mark from the current season only; otherwise, the entry is to be entered as no time / no mark
- All entries are due to the timing company by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025

## **MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

### **General Regulations**

1. USA Volleyball rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. The home team must have two line judges assigned for matches in the conference championship by the conference assignor.
3. In the absence of a scoreboard, the home team provides visible scorecards, placing them opposite the players' benches.
4. Two officials will call each match. Matches may be conducted with one official due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. – injury, travel).
5. The gym must be fully set up and available for warm-up one hour prior to the match starting time. Host institutions are required to keep stats for both teams.
6. In conference tri-matches, the host institution will play the first and third matches of the day.
7. Single-match warm-up will follow NCAA policy:

<b><i>Protocol</i></b>	<b><i>Game Clock</i></b>	<b><i>Time Allotted</i></b>
Shared Warm-Up (no crossover)	60:00-40:00	20min
Split Court (serve/pass, controlled hitting)	40:00-25:00	15min
Visiting Team Court	25:00-20:00	5min
Home Team Court	20:00-15:00	5min
Visiting Team Court	15:00-10:00	5min
Home Team Court	10:00-5:00	5min
Line up, Anthem/Intros	5:00	

For the second and third matches of a double dual/tri-match: clock will start at “50” and the first 10-minutes will be for warm-up and each team will have complete use of their side. Split court will begin at 40 minutes on the clock.

### **Video Exchange**

1. Participation in the exchange through the use of Hudl is mandatory for all conference teams.
2. All in-conference matches must be uploaded by 12 p.m. the day following the contest by the host institution -- including those matches in the conference championship. Coaches not adhering to the deadline will be locked out of access to all games until the issue is corrected. Institutions hosting a conference tri-match are responsible for filming, and uploading to Hudl, the “neutral-site” match.
3. Videos shall be shot from an elevated position as the facility allows (mid-court or end line are permissible).
4. Coaches are prohibited from exchanging tapes and/or information with non-conference opponents (including verbal reports) about conference teams.

## **Championship (April 8-12, 2025)**

1. Standings in the Conference are determined on the basis of double round-robin play.
2. The top four teams participate in a single-elimination tournament to determine the conference champion.

Match #1	Tuesday	#6 at #3
Match #2	Tuesday	#5 at #4
Match #3	Thursday	#6/3 Winner at #2
Match #4	Thursday	#5/4 Winner at #1
*Match #3	Saturday	Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4

*\*hosted by highest remaining seed; accommodations will be made for religious observances*

3. Four officials shall be assigned to work the championship rounds, with two of the officials serving as line judges. Officials are to be paid for and secured by the host institutions.

## **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

### **General Regulations**

1. NCAA women's volleyball rules apply unless superseded by conference rules.
2. The home team must have two line judges assigned for matches in the conference championship by the conference assignor.
3. In the absence of a scoreboard, the home team provides visible scorecards, placing them opposite the players' benches.
4. Two officials will call each match. Matches may be conducted with one official due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. – injury, travel).
5. The gym must be fully set up and available for warm-up one hour prior to the match starting time. Host institutions are required to keep stats for both teams.
6. Pre-match warm-up will be as follows: for single matches: shared warm-up will start with 60 minutes on the clock. For the second and third matches of a double dual/tri-match: clock will start at "40" and shared warm-up will commence.

### **Video Exchange**

1. Participation in the exchange through the use of Hudl is mandatory for all conference teams.
2. All in-conference matches, and home non-conference matches, must be uploaded by 12 p.m. the day following the contest by the host institution -- including those matches in the conference championship. Coaches not adhering to the deadline will be locked out of access to all games until the issue is corrected.
3. Videos shall be shot from an elevated position at mid-court.

4. Coaches are prohibited from exchanging tapes and/or information with non-conference opponents (including verbal reports) about conference teams.

### **Championship (November 12-16, 2024)**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round-robin play where each team plays all teams in the Conference.

2. The top six teams participate in a single-elimination tournament to determine the conference champion.

Match #1	Tuesday	#5 at #4
Match #2	Tuesday	#6 at #3
Match #3	Thursday	Winner Match 1 at #1 seed
Match #4	Thursday	Winner Match 2 at #2 seed
*Match #5	Saturday	Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4

*\*hosted by highest remaining seed; accommodations will be made for religious observances*

3. Four officials shall be assigned to work the championship rounds, with two of the officials serving as line judges. Officials are to be paid for and secured by the host institutions.

### **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

#### **Baseball**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round-robin doubleheaders where each team plays in the Conference. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes.
2. In the event that there is a tie, the following tie-breaker procedure shall be used in order listed:

#### **Two-Team Tie**

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference games only)
- b) Each team's conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Winner of the first game of the doubleheader

#### **Three or More Tied Teams**

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2

records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.

- b) Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Total runs given up against each other

### **Men’s Basketball**

1. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The Black divisional winner and Gold divisional winners, the second place teams in both divisions, and the third place teams in both divisions will automatically advance to the championship as the top-six teams. The two divisional winners will be awarded seeds Nos. 1 and 2 in first tie breaker; the second-place teams will be awarded seeds Nos. 3 and 4 in the second tiebreaker; and the third-place teams will be awarded seeds Nos. 5 and 6 in the third tiebreaker.

#### **Determination of divisional finish (i.e. – for first, second and third-place positions)**

1. Conference winning percentage
2. Head-to-head record
3. Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the division, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual teams.
4. Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the opposite division, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual teams.
5. Record versus common non-conference opponents
6. Athletic Director Executive Committee decision

#### **Determination of the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds (first-place division winners), Nos. 3 and 4 seeds (second-place teams in each division), and Nos. 5 and 6 seeds (third-place teams in each division)**

1. Conference winning percentage
2. Head-to-head record

#### **Determination of the Nos. 7 and 8 seeds**

1. Conference winning percentage
2. Head-to-head record
3. Each team’s conference winning percentage versus other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual teams. **NOTE:** for the purpose of this tiebreaker, the Nos. 1-through-6 seeds will be utilized, in seed order, to start this portion of the tiebreaker.
4. Record versus common non-conference opponents
5. Athletic Director Executive Committee decision

**NOTE:** Tiebreakers involving Three or More Tied Teams

- a) The head-to-head competition tiebreak step will involve using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record (based on winning percentage) versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- b) Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, regardless of division, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.

**Women’s Basketball**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of a double round-robin schedule where each team plays two games against every other school in the Conference. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes.

Two-Team Tie

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference games only)
- b) Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Record versus common non-conference opponents
- d) Athletic Director Executive Committee decision

Three or More Tied Teams

- c) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- d) Each team’s conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team’s record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.



- e) Record versus common non-conference opponents
- f) Athletic Directors Executive Committee decision

### **Men's & Women's Lacrosse**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of single round-robin play. To be eligible for the Conference Championship, each team must play all other teams.
2. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes:

#### **Two-Team Tie**

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference matches only)
- b) Each team's conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Goal differential in league contests (goals scored and goals allowed – maximum of 10 per game)
- d) Fewest goals allowed in conference games

#### **Three or More Tied Teams**

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- b) Each team's conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Goal differential between the tied teams (goals scored and goals allowed – maximum of 7 goals per game)
- d) Fewest goals allowed in conference games

## **Men's & Women's Soccer**

1. Conference standings are based on the number of points accrued during the regular season, with three (3) points awarded for each win and one (1) point awarded for each tie. Conference point totals at the conclusion of the regular season are used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes:

### **Two-Team Tie**

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference matches only)
- b) Most wins in conference play
- c) Fewest losses in conference play
- d) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standing and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- e) Goal differential in conference matches (goals scored and goals allowed – maximum of three goals per game)
- f) Fewest goals allowed in conference matches
- g) Greatest number of goals scored in conference matches (maximum of three goals per game)

### **Three of More Tied Teams**

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- b) Most wins in conference play
- c) Fewest losses in conference play
- d) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standing and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- e) Goal differential in conference matches (goals scored and goals allowed – maximum of three goals per game)
- f) Fewest goals allowed in conference matches
- g) Greatest number of goals scored in conference matches (maximum of three goals per game)

## **Softball**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round-robin doubleheaders where each team plays all teams in the Conference. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes.
2. In the event that there is a tie, the following tie-breaker procedure shall be used in order listed:

### **Two-Team Tie**

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference games only)
- b) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Total runs given up against each other
- d) Winner of the first game of the doubleheader

### **Three or More Tied Teams**

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- b) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standing and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Total runs given up against each other

## **Men's & Women's Tennis**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of round-robin doubleheaders where each team plays all teams in the Conference. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes.
2. In the event that there is a tie, the following tie-breaker procedure shall be used in the order listed:

### **Two-Team Tie**

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference matches only)
- b) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records,

use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.

- c) Match ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of singles and doubles matches won versus matches lost in head-to-head competition).

#### Three or More Tied Teams

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gain the advantage. For example – if the head to head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, and 1-3, the tie is considered broken. The “3-1” team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the “3-1” and “2-2” teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The “3-1” team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the “1-3” team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.
- b) Each team's conference play winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Match ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of singles and doubles matches won versus matches lost in head-to-head competition).

### **Men's & Women's Volleyball**

1. Conference standings are determined on the basis of regular-season play.
2. Overall league winning percentage, at the conclusion of the regular season, is used to seed the field for the Championship. The following policies are set up to break ties at the end of the regular season for seeding purposes:

#### Two-Team Tie

- a) Head-to-head competition (conference matches only)
- b) Each team's conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Game ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of games won versus number of games lost in head-to-head competition)
- d) Game ratio in Skyline play (number of games won versus number of games lost in all league contests)
- e) Point ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of points won versus points lost in head-to-head competition)
- f) Point ratio in Skyline play (number of points won versus points lost in all league contests)

#### Three or More Tied Teams

- a) Head-to-head competition, using the cumulative record against the other teams involved in the tie. The team or teams with the best combined record versus the other tied teams gains the advantage. For example – if the head-to-head records of the three tied teams are 3-1, 2-2 and 1-3, the tie is considered

broken. The "3-1" team would earn the berth; if two spots were open, the "3-1" and "2-2" teams would earn the two berths; you would not move to a two-team tie-breaker unless head-to-head competition did not clearly break the tie. For example, two berths remaining to be filled and four teams are tied. The head-to-head records of the four tied teams are 3-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-3. The "3-1" team would earn the first berth. Since the next two teams are tied with 2-2 records, you would remove the "1-3" team from the equation and revert to the two-team tie-breaker.

- b) Each team's conference winning percentage versus the other teams in the conference, beginning with the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down the standings until one team gains an advantage. When arriving at a pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the tied teams as a group rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
- c) Game ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of games won versus number of games lost in head-to-head competition)
- d) Game ratio in Skyline play (number of games won versus number of games lost in all league contests)
- e) Point ratio versus teams involved in the tie (number of points won versus points lost in head-to-head competition)
- f) Point ratio in Skyline play (number of points won versus points lost in all league contests)

## Awards

All-Conference selections are made by the head coaches in each sport except for swimming, golf and cross country, which are predicated on championship performance. Coaches cannot vote for their own players. Following the completion of voting, balloting results will be sent to institutional directors of athletics. The conference office will communicate with directors of athletics as needed prior to a vote being finalized if a perceived issue has been recognized.

The Skyline Conference provides weekly and end-of-season awards:

<b>Weekly Award</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Rookie</b>	<b>Pitcher</b>	<b>Track</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Diver</b>
Baseball	X	X	X				
Men's Basketball	X	X					
Women's Basketball	X	X					
Men's Cross Country	X	X					
Women's Cross Country	X	X					
Golf	X	X					
Men's Lacrosse *		X					
Women's Lacrosse *		X					
Men's Soccer *		X					
Women's Soccer *		X					
Softball	X	X	X				
Men's Swimming/Diving		X				X	X
Women's Swimming/Diving		X				X	X
Men's Tennis	X	X					
Women's Tennis	X	X					
Men's Track/Field (O)		X		X	X		
Women's Track/Field (O)		X		X	X		
Men's Volleyball *	X	X					
Women's Volleyball *	X	X					

\* In the sports of lacrosse (M/W) and soccer (M/W), weekly awards to include Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week; in men's and women's volleyball, in addition to Player of the Week, there will be a Libero of the Week award and a Libero of the Year (Beginning for the 2024 and 2025 Seasons).

## Postseason Awards

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Coach of Trophy the Year</b>	<b>Player of the Year</b>	<b>*Rookie of the Year</b>	<b>Pitcher of the Year</b>	<b>All-Conf. 1st Team</b>	<b>All-Conf. 2nd Team</b>
Base	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Soft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MBB	X	X	X	X		X	X
WBB	X	X	X	X		X	X
MXC	X	X	X	X		X	X
WXC	X	X	X	X		X	X
Golf	X	X	X	X		X	X
MLax	X	X		X		X	X
WLax	X	X		X		X	X
MSoc	X	X		X		X	X

WSoc	X	X		X		X		X
MSD	X	X				X		X
WSD	X	X				X		X
MTen	X	X	X	X		X		X
WTen	X	X	X	X		X		X
MOTF	X	X		X				
WOTF	X	X		X				
MVB	X	X	X	X		X		X
WVB	X	X	X	X		X		X

	<i>Off. Player of the Year</i>	<i>Def. Player of the Year</i>	<i>Swimmer of the Year</i>	<i>Diver of the Year</i>	<i>Track Ath. of the Year</i>	<i>Field Ath. of the Year</i>
MBB		X				
WBB		X				
MLax	X	X				
WLax	X	X				
MSoc	X	X				
WSoc	X	X				
MSD			X	X		
WSD			X	X		
MOTF					X	X
WOTF					X	X

• *Rookie is defined as a first-year collegiate performer; note that a Rookie of the Year is also eligible to win the Player of the Year award in his or her sport.*

### **Baseball**

1. Each team shall consist of (2) SP, (2) RP, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, three (3) OF, DH and a UTIL. A utility player is defined as an individual who has played a maximum of 50 percent of the team's games at one position. A player must play at least 50 percent of his games at a particular position to be nominated at that position. A relief pitcher is defined as a pitcher who pitches the majority of his innings in relief, including a minimum of 16.0 innings pitched in relief in all contests. Field position players must average a minimum of 2.5 total plate appearances per game played, as well as play in a minimum of 70 percent of his team's contests – both criteria need to be met in overall, and conference, play.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. The Player and Pitchers of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing additional players to be named to the All-Conference Team.

### **Men's & Women's Basketball**

1. There will be a First Team and Second Team All-Conference consisting of five players each. Each coach will rank the top 10 players in the conference with the best player receiving a 10, the second-best a 9, etc. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Defensive Player of the Year. The Player of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing an additional player to be named to the All-Conference Team.

## **Men's & Women's Cross Country**

1. There will be a First Team and Second Team All-Conference for both men's and women's cross country. The first seven runners in each race will be named First Team All Conference. The next seven runners will be named Second Team All-Conference.
2. The Runner of the Year is the top finisher in the conference championship meet.
3. The Rookie of the Year is the top rookie finisher in the conference championship meet. (**NOTE**: this individual may also be the Runner of the Year)

## **Golf**

1. Top 5 scorers (1-5) in the championship are named All-Conference First Team while the next five scorers (6-10) are named to the All-Conference Second Team.
2. The Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year are the golfers with the lowest two-round scores in the championship.

## **Men's Lacrosse**

1. Each team shall consist of three attackers, three midfielders, three defenders, one goalie, one LP, one SSM and one face-off midfielder.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Offensive/Defensive Players of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Players of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing additional players to be named to the All-Conference Team.

## **Women's Lacrosse**

1. Each team shall consist of four attackers, four midfielders, four defenders and a goalkeeper.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Offensive/Defensive Players of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Players of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing additional players to be named to the All-Conference Team.

## **Men's & Women's Soccer**

1. The team consists of three forwards, three backs, three midfielders, a goalkeeper, and one at-large player who shall be the next-highest vote-getter among players not selected to the First Team.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Players of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing an additional player to be named to the All-Conference Team.

## **Softball**

1. Each team shall consist of P, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, three (3) OF, DP, UTIL and one at-large player who shall be the next-highest vote-getter among players not selected to the First Team. A utility player is defined as an individual who has played a maximum of 50 percent of the team's games at one position. A player must play at least 50 percent of her games at a particular position to be nominated at that position.
2. A separate vote shall be conducted for Player of the Year, Pitcher of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Player and Pitcher of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing additional players to be named to the All-Conference team.



### **Men's & Women's Swimming**

1. The top finisher in each event is named to the All-Conference First Team, while the second finisher is named to the Second Team.
2. The Swimmer of the Year, Diver of the Year and the Rookie of the Year are the top point scorers at the championship meet.

### **Men's & Women's Tennis**

1. An All-Conference First Team and Second Team consisting of six players each shall be selected by the head coaches. Coaches shall rank the top 12 players in the conference, with the top player receiving 12 points, the second-best 11, etc.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Player of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing an additional player to be named to the All-Conference Team.

### **Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field**

1. The top finisher in each event is named to the All-Conference First Team, while the second finisher is named to the Second Team.
2. The Track Athlete of the Year, Field Athlete of the Year and the Rookie of the Year are the top point scorers at the championship meet.

### **Men's & Women's Volleyball**

1. An All-Conference First Team and Second Team each consisting of seven players, plus a libero, shall be selected by the head coaches. Coaches shall rank the top 14 players in the conference (including at least two liberos) with the top player receiving 14 points, the second-best player 13, etc.
2. A separate vote will be conducted for Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The Player of the Year will be separate from the First Team, allowing an additional player to be named to the All-Conference Team.

All-Conference selections for men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's outdoor track and field and golf are based on performance at the conference championship in those respective sports. In all other sports, coaches vote for All-Conference awards, as noted.

A Most Outstanding Player is selected at the following championships: baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's volleyball and women's volleyball, based on performance during those championships. The individual will be selected by the SID's with input from coaches who are present.

### **Coach of the Year Awards**

1. Each coaches group shall be responsible for voting for a Coach of the Year representing its sport, using clearly stated criteria and a defined process to insure the integrity of such awards.
2. Every effort shall be made to limit selections to one institution's coach; under no circumstances may more than two coaches be named co-recipients. In the event that three or more individuals are tied in the voting, run-off votes must be taken until a maximum of two individuals remain.

3. The conference will provide each honoree with a plaque.

### **Presidents Cup**

1. The Presidents Cup trophy shall be awarded annually to the institution with the highest competitive percentage rating from championship and regular season play.

2. For each sport, the maximum number of points an institution can earn is the number of Skyline Conference teams competing in that sport. For example, 11 institutions compete in baseball, so the conference champion receives 11 points with the runner-up receiving 10 points, etc.

3. For sports with both regular-season and conference tournament play, an institution's points are calculated based on an average of regular-season and tournament finish. In baseball, if an institution finished first in the regular-season and second in the conference tournament, it would have an overall rating of 10.5 (11 points for the regular-season + 10 points for the tournament / 2 = 10.5). All institutions not earning a spot in the conference tournament receive the points for their regular-season finish. Tie-breakers are used in these sports for Presidents Cup points.

4. For sports with only conference championships (i.e., men's and women's cross country), finish in the championship determines Presidents Cup points.

5. An institution's overall rating is determined based upon a ratio of actual points earned over the possible number of points for that institution.

### **All-Sportsmanship Team**

Each sport will recognize an All-Sportsmanship Team, to be announced at the end of each playing season (fall, winter, spring).

### **Academic Honor Roll**

1. The conference shall compile an Academic Honor Roll on an annual basis. In order to be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, each individual must achieve a GPA of 3.30 or greater during his or her season of competition. The GPA for winter sport athletes (MBB, WBB, M/W Swimming) will be based upon a combined fall and spring semester GPA.

2. The conference will provide a certificate to each member of the Academic Honor Roll.

3. A Scholar-Athlete of the Year shall be selected annually in each sport. The Scholar-Athlete of the Year shall be the individual on the All-Conference First Team with the highest semester GPA (minimum 3.30) during his or her season of competition. If no individual on the First Team meets the criteria, then the individual with the highest semester GPA on the Second Team (minimum 3.30) shall be selected. If no individual on the Second Team meets the criteria, then the individual with the highest semester GPA not selected to the All-Conference team shall be selected Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

4. At the conclusion of each academic year, the Scholar-Athletes of the Year in each of the conference's sports will be considered for an overall Scholar-Athlete of the Year award – one male and one female award will be selected by a vote of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR).

The conference will provide each Scholar-Athlete of the Year honoree with a plaque.

### **Other Regulations**

Other conference policies can be found in the constitution and bylaws as well as information sent directly to sports information directors and athletic trainers.

### **Code of Sportsmanship Violations**

1. Once a member institution is aware that a violation has taken place, the respective Director of Athletics shall inform the commissioner immediately.
2. The commissioner will discuss the situation with the appropriate people (officials assignor, coaches, administrators, AD Executive Committee) to ascertain if a violation of the policy occurred. *Amended in June, 2021*
3. The commissioner will report to the respective Director of Athletics the action that is being recommended. This can include: suspension from the next conference competition (or multiple ones), letter of reprimand, required written apology, ineligibility for postseason awards. Other sanctions might be levied, depending on the circumstances (i.e. require anger management counseling, etc.)
4. The Director of Athletics has the ability to accept the commissioner's ruling or request an appeal to the conference's AD's Executive Committee. The Director of Athletics must make the intention to appeal known within 24 hours of the commissioner's ruling.
5. The Director of Athletics will participate in the appeals process by making an opening statement to the committee, via conference call.
6. No sanctions shall be in place during an appeal. For example, if the recommended penalty for a student-athlete is suspension from competition, it would occur after the appeals hearing, if the decision was upheld.
7. The president of the institution will be informed of all actions either prior to or following the incident, depending on the nature of the violation, by the commissioner. This also includes informing the president of the institution's intention to appeal the commissioner's decision.
8. An institution has the option to levy sanctions that may be accepted by the conference office as adequate and not requiring further action. Additionally, the institution may add penalties to conference sanctions.
9. The commissioner may allow sanctions that are inherent in the playing rules of the game to serve as appropriate action.
10. All sanctions, whether imposed by the institution, conference office, or playing rules shall be a violation of the code of sportsmanship and will be considered when determining if an individual has multiple violations, which will then make him/her subject to more stringent sanctions as determined by the commissioner.
11. The decision of the Executive Committee is final relative to appeals, unless the president of the institution wishes to bring the issue to the President's Council Executive Committee.

### **Sanctions**

- In all sports, any student-athlete or institutional personnel who are suspended from a contest/s are not permitted to be within sight and sound of the suspended contest/s.
- Any student-athlete who is ejected from a contest shall not be eligible for conference award honors during the next weekly opportunity that awards are announced following the incident.
- The conference's sportsmanship policy shall be applicable for the entire official playing season in the respective

sport, but once the conference season commences, suspensions can only be served for conference competition. NCAA playing rules may be used in lieu of these suspensions.

- If an institution has a consistent problem with crowd control/fan behavior, the commissioner has the authority to prevent the hosting of championships or further regular season competition at that institution, by moving competition to the visitors site or the next highest seeded team.
- The use of an ineligible player that results in a forfeiture of game/games will also change conference records accordingly (*enacted 11/17/14*)

### **Skyline Men's Soccer Penalties/Card Accumulations**

A one-game additional suspension will be enforced for any student-athlete or coach that receives a red card that was not the result of the accumulation of two yellows in one game. Red cards issued for denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (NCAA Rule 12.5.5), or denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick (NCAA Rule 12.5.6), will not carry the additional penalty.

**NOTE:** As per NCAA rules, all suspensions shall be served in the game/s immediately following the match when the cards were issued; this includes matches in the Skyline Conference Championship.

***Q: A student-athlete is required to serve a one-game suspension for the team's upcoming game but the contest gets rescheduled. When will he be required to sit?***

A: He will sit for the next game on the schedule.

### **NCAA Men's & Women's Soccer Penalties/Card Accumulations**

***A.R. 12.8.1.a. A player has accumulated a total of five cautions and wishes to play in the next regularly scheduled game. RULING:*** Players accumulating a total of five cautions shall not compete in the next game, including postseason games.

***A.R. 12.8.1.b. A suspended player participates in the next regularly scheduled game and/or additional games before being detected. RULING:*** The player's team forfeits all games in which he or she was ineligible to compete. In addition to the forfeit: (1) the original term of suspension for the player shall be doubled, and the head coach shall be suspended for the same term of suspension. Actions beyond those set forth in the rule (for example, additional forfeitures, game suspensions, etc.) may be assessed by the appropriate governing sports authority.

***A.R. 12.8.1.c. A player enters a game with an accumulated total of four cautions and proceeds to receive an ejection. RULING:*** The player's team plays short and he or she is ineligible to compete in the remainder of the game in question and the next regularly scheduled or postseason game. The player also continues to carry four cautions in his or her accumulation.

***A.R. 12.8.1.d. A player receives a caution and a second card in the same game. RULING:*** The player shall be charged with one card (yellow) with reference to the five-, three- or two-caution accumulation system and one card (red) with reference to the two-ejection accumulation system.

***A.R. 12.8.1.e. A player receives two "yellow" cards in the same game. For accumulation purposes, how many "yellow" cards does she or he have? RULING:*** One. It is impossible to accumulate more than one "yellow" card per game since the second card issued to the same person in the same game shall be red.

***A.R. 12.8.1.f. An ejected player is scheduled to serve a game suspension in the next game, which subsequently is forfeited. Does the player have to miss the next regularly scheduled game? RULING:*** Yes. Game suspensions shall be served with reference to actual games played.

***A.R. 12.8.1.g. A player has not yet served his or her penalty with reference to a rule that no longer requires such a penalty. RULING:*** Unless the new rule specifically states that the penalty has been rescinded, the player shall serve the penalty according to the rules in effect at the time the offense was committed.

*A.R. 12.8.1.h. An ejected player or coach is serving a game suspension in a game that is suspended before it has reached the 70th minute and not resumed the same day. RULING:* Since the game was not resumed the same day and is ruled “no contest,” any player(s), coach(es) or bench personnel shall sit out the next regularly scheduled game, including a playoff or tournament game. (See Rule 10.10.)

*12.12.1 A player(s), coach, or bench personnel involved in a fight shall be ejected from the game and is required to sit out the following two games, including postseason games.* A player(s), coach, or bench personnel involved in a second fight in the same season shall be ejected from the game and shall not compete for the remainder of the season, including postseason games. If the first fighting offense in a season occurs after any non-fighting ejection, the fighting offense, along with the necessary two-game suspension for a previous red card, shall carry an additional game suspension (for instance, three games).

#### **Postseason Games**

Caution accumulations will carry over into postseason play, which includes conference tournaments and the NCAA tournament. Players or coaches participating in postseason play will receive a one-game suspension when a total of eight cautions have been accumulated. Further, each three additional cautions shall result in additional one-game suspensions. Moreover, if the total is reached in the final postseason game of the season, the player(s), coach(es) or bench personnel shall not participate in the first scheduled game(s) of the next season.

*A.R. 12.11.2.a. A player finishes the regular season with a total of four cautions and proceeds to receive a caution in the first postseason game. RULING:* The player now has an accumulation of five cards toward eight allowable cautions since the accumulation system allows eight for the postseason.

*A.R. 12.11.2.b. A player with four cautions enters the final game of the regular season and proceeds to receive a caution. RULING:* The player is ineligible to participate in the first game of the postseason.

*A.R. 12.11.2.c. A player with four cautions enters the final game of the regular season and proceeds to receive an ejection. RULING:* The player shall leave the game and is ineligible to compete in the first game of the postseason since the ejection carries its own one-game suspension.

*A.R. 12.11.2.d. A player enters the game with an accumulated total of four cautions, proceeds to receive a caution and then later in the game receives an ejection. RULING:* Upon receiving the ejection, the player’s team plays short and he or she is ineligible to participate in the remainder of the game in question, and the next two regularly scheduled games, including postseason games. *(The player shall sit out one game for the ejection and another for the five-card accumulation.)*

*A.R. 12.11.2.e. A player enters the postseason with one caution. How many additional cautions may he or she accumulate before a game suspension is assessed? RULING:* Seven. However, a second caution in any game results in an ejection for which a one-game suspension shall be served.

*A.R. 12.11.2.f. A player is ejected in his or her final game of postseason play. RULING:* The player is ineligible to participate in the first game of the next season.

#### **Ejections and Player Suspensions**

*12.12.1* A player(s), coach or bench personnel ejected from a game cannot participate in the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games, or, if the offense occurs in the final game of the season, in the first scheduled game of the next season. If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and his/her team plays short. A player(s), coach or bench personnel receiving a second red card in the same season shall not compete in the next two regularly scheduled games, including postseason games.

Per NCAA Rulebook

## **2024-25 Skyline Game Balls**

**Baseball** – Diamond • *D1-SKYLINE*

**Basketball** - Wilson

- *Men's*: WLWZ1003XB7
- *Women's*: WLWZ10033XB6

**Lacrosse** – STX

- *Men's*: 1377140 (white)
- *Women's*: 1377138 (yellow)

**Soccer** (*Men's & Women's*)

Wilson Vivido Match Soccer Ball

**Softball** – Rawlings RWNC12L (Maximum Compression 375)

**Tennis** – Wilson Championship Tennis Balls

- MTWILCAN

**Volleyball** - Molten

- *Women's*: IV58L-N
- *Men's*: V5M5000-3N