

# Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



## 2023 MIAC Baseball Season Preview

Baseball

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) baseball teams are gearing up for a return to the diamond.

The regular season is set to begin for some as early as Saturday, February 18. MIAC squads will be in action across the country throughout February and March with games scheduled in Kansas, Florida, Arizona, and Iowa - in addition to a handful of U.S. Bank Stadium games in Minnesota.

The start of April will signal the beginning of conference contests. Teams will grind from April 1 through May 8 to determine the top four teams in the MIAC. Those programs will head to Collegeville, Minn. for the [2023 MIAC Baseball Playoffs](#) played this season at Becker Park on the campus of Saint John's University. The last team standing will receive the conference's automatic bid to the 2023 NCAA Division III Baseball Tournament.

### 2022 FINAL STANDINGS

Bethel (16-4) \*#%

Saint John's (15-5)

Gustavus (13-7)

Saint Mary's (10-10)

Concordia (10-10)

St. Scholastica (10-10)

St. Olaf (9-11)

Macalester (8-12)

Carleton (7-13)

Augsburg (6-14)

Hamline (6-14)

\*MIAC Regular Season Champion

#MIAC Playoff Champion

%NCAA Championship Participant

### RULE CHANGES

The NCAA Baseball Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) [approved a slew of rule changes](#) effective for the 2023 season last summer. Among the more consequential changes is an amendment affecting the 20-second action clock. The pitcher is required to start the motion to deliver the pitch or attempt a pickoff prior to the 20-second time limit. A pitcher shall be limited to one step-off or "fake" move toward a baserunner per batter to reset the clock. A request for "time" by a defensive player would constitute a step-off. The first violation of the 20-second clock will result in a ball to the count.

One permissive NCAA rule change that the MIAC has NOT adopted is to allow teams to start each extra inning (10th inning in a 9-inning game or 8th inning in a 7-inning game) with a runner on second base. The NCAA now allows for this by either conference rule or mutual team consent prior to the game; however, the MIAC will not play under this format in 2023.

### NEW MIAC WEBSITE & APP

The MIAC launched a [refreshed website](#) and new [mobile app](#) over the summer through a new multi-year partnership with SIDEARM Sports. The updated website design is more user-friendly and interactive for student-athletes, parents, alumni, and fans, featuring easy access to stories, schedules, results, standings, and championship information. The new mobile app is free to fans and can be downloaded on both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. The MIAC's previous "Front Row" app will be retired and no longer update as of the 2022-23 academic year.

#### **AWARD WATCH**

MIAC coaches will vote on the 2023 MIAC Baseball All-Conference honors at the conclusion of the regular season. In addition to a 33-player All-MIAC squad, coaches will also vote on individual awards for the MIAC Player, Pitcher, Rookie, and Coach of the Year.

Throughout the regular season, the MIAC will recognize top individual performances with the MIAC Baseball Player and Pitcher of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards will tentatively begin on Monday, February 27, and be announced each Monday following through the end of the regular season. During the week following the MIAC Playoffs, participating coaches will also select an 11-player All-Playoff Team to recognize outstanding performances throughout the conference tournament.

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#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**D3baseball.com Preseason Rankings:** RV Bethel, RV Gustavus

**D3baseball.com Preseason All-America:** Gustavus 1B Jack Hanson (1T), Macalester RP Declan Elias (2T)

**Non-Conference Game Date:** Saturday, February 18

**First Conference Game Date:** Saturday, April 1

**MIAC Playoffs:** Thursday, May 11 - Saturday, May 13

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