

# Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



## 2025 MIAC Football Season Preview

Football

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) football teams have reported to camp in preparation for the 2025 season.

Augsburg University will be the first MIAC team to kick off the new year when the Auggies travel to North Dakota for a matchup under the lights at Valley City State University on Thursday, September 4. Two days later, seven other MIAC programs will begin their 2025 non-conference schedules on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, September 6.

Conference play begins on Saturday, September 20, as the MIAC returns to a full round-robin schedule format this fall. Each MIAC team will play nine conference contests. The team with the best record in conference play at the end of the season will be crowned MIAC champion and receive the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Football Playoffs. After the automatic qualifiers have been awarded to conference champions across Division III, the remaining NCAA Playoff qualifiers will be selected "at-large" via the [NCAA Power Index \(NPI\)](#). The [Football NPI](#) will calculate winning percentage, strength of schedule, home-away results, quality wins, and overtime to rank teams for postseason consideration.

The 2025 NCAA Division III Football Playoffs will run from Saturday, November 22, 2025, through Saturday, January 10, 2026. The Stagg Bowl national championship game on January 10 will be played at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio.

## 2024 FINAL STANDINGS

### Northwoods Division

Saint John's (11-1, 8-0, 4-0)\*%  
St. Olaf (7-3, 5-3, 2-2)  
Carleton (5-5, 4-4, 2-2)  
Gustavus (5-5, 4-4, 2-2)  
St. Scholastica (4-6, 3-5, 0-4)

### Skyline Division

Bethel (11-3, 6-2, 4-0)%  
Concordia (7-3, 6-2, 3-1)  
Augsburg (4-6, 3-5, 2-2)  
Hamline (3-7, 1-7, 1-3)  
Macalester (0-10, 0-8, 0-4)

\*MIAC Champion

%NCAA Playoff Participant

## RULE CHANGES

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) [approved modifications to the injury timeout rules](#) in April. Under the new rule, if the player presents as injured after the ball is spotted by the officiating crew for the next play, that player's team will be charged a timeout. If the team does not have any timeouts remaining, a five-yard delay-of-game penalty will be assessed.

The panel also approved a rule change regarding overtime timeouts. If a game reaches a third overtime, each team will have one timeout beginning with the third overtime until the game is ended.

In addition to transitioning from a divisional structure to a single round-robin scheduling format in 2025, MIAC football coaches also adjusted conference policy to move kickoff times for games played after Daylight Saving Time ends to noon, unless the home team has approved stadium lights to play later. This adjustment matches the NCAA Playoff game start time and will help ensure late-season contests maximize daylight. MIAC coaches also revised best practices and expectations for filming and sharing game film, and updated conference tiebreakers to suit the revised schedule format.

## MIAC SPORTS NETWORK

The [MIAC Sports Network](#) powered by Hudl returns as the streaming home of all MIAC-hosted games, events, and championships. The MIAC Sports Network is available on the

web (<https://miacsportsnetwork.com/>) along with streaming apps for television and mobile devices, including Android TV, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, Roku (TV), iOS, Android (mobile), and Amazon Fire Tablet. The app can be found and installed free of charge by searching for the MIAC Sports Network.

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#### **MIAC APP**

The MIAC [mobile app](#) is free to fans and can be downloaded on both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices.

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#### **AWARD WATCH**

The 2025 MIAC Football All-Conference honors will be voted on by MIAC coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. In addition to a 60-player All-MIAC squad, coaches will also vote on individual awards for the MIAC Offensive, Defensive, Rookie, and Coach of the Year.

Throughout the regular season, the MIAC will recognize top individual performances with the MIAC Football Offensive, Defensive, and Special Teams Players of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards for football will begin on Monday, September 8, and be announced weekly through the end of the regular season.

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#### **FOR THE RECORD**

The [2025 MIAC Football Record Book](#) is available for download and features historical standings, all-time award winners, record information, and more. The information included in the record book is based on available data and research for additional historical documents is ongoing.

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#### **QUICK HITS**

[D3football.com Preseason Top 25](#): No. 5 Saint John's, No. 12 Bethel

[AFCA Preseason Top 25](#): No. 4 Saint John's, No. 12 Bethel

[D3football.com Preseason All-America](#): Saint John's WR Dylan Wheeler (1T), Saint John's TE Joey Gendreau (1T), Bethel OG Isaiah Ward (1T), Saint John's DT Zach Frank (1T)

**First Non-Conference Game Date**: Thursday, September 4

**First Conference Game Date**: Saturday, September 20

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