Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



2022 MIAC Men's Soccer Season Preview

Men's Soccer

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's soccer teams are ready for the 2022 season to begin.

MIAC squads will be back on the field again for regular season competition beginning on Thursday, September 1. Several MIAC teams will be close to home, either hosting opening weekend contests or matching up with nearby non-conference foes; however, a few will hit the road to start the year with games as far as away as California and New

The 2022 slate of conference games is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 13. At the conclusion of the regular season, the top six teams in the conference standings will advance on to the 2022 MIAC Men's Soccer Playoffs. Quarterfinal contests are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, followed by semifinals on Wednesday, November 2, and the MIAC Playoff Championship on Saturday, November 5. The winner of the MIAC Playoffs will receive the conference's automatic bid to the 2022 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Tournament. The 2022 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer National Championships are scheduled for December 2-3 at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Va.

2021 FINAL STANDINGS

*%St. Olaf (19-3-1, 10-0-0) #%Carleton (13-4-2, 8-2-0) Gustavus (14-5-0, 8-2-0) Augsburg (12-6-1, 6-3-1) Macalester (9-9-1, 5-4-1) Saint John's (8-9-1, 4-6-0) Bethel (9-7-2, 3-5-2) St. Scholastica (7-10-1, 3-6-1) Concordia (6-11-0, 3-7-0) Hamline (2-12-3, 0-7-3) Saint Mary's (3-12-2, 0-8-2)

*MIAC Regular Season Champion #MIAC Playoff Champion %NCAA Championship Participant

RULE CHANGES

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) approved a major rule change for men's and women's soccer in April with the elimination of overtime for regular season games. If a game is tied after the regulation 90 minutes, it will now end in a tie. Previously, teams played two 10-minute overtime periods in a sudden-victory (golden goal) format, and if neither team scored, the game ended in a tie. In conference tournaments and NCAA postseason games, the sudden-victory component has also been eliminated, and teams will play two 10-minute overtime periods instead. Also, when a substitution is made by the winning team in the last five minutes of the second overtime, the game clock will stop. If the game remains tied, a penalty-kick shootout will be held to determine the winner.

Due to the NCAA overtime rule change, MIAC doubleheader game times have been adjusted to return to 1 PM and 3:30 PM start times. The conference is also in the second year of a two-year trial to eliminate visiting team roster limits for regular season conference games.

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 intended to be 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 <u>Apple App Store</u> and the <u>Google Play Store</u> 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

The 2022 MIAC Men's Soccer All-Conference honors will be voted on by MIAC coaches at the conclusion of the regular season. In addition to a 22-player All-MIAC squad and any honorable mention recipients, coaches will also select individual recipients for the MIAC Offensive, Defensive, Rookie, and Coach of the Year awards.

Throughout the regular season, the MIAC will recognize top individual performances with the MIAC Men's Soccer Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards will begin on Tuesday, September 6 and be announced each Monday after, through the end of the regular season. During the week following the MIAC Playoffs, participating coaches will also select a 11-player All-Playoff Team in recognition of outstanding performances throughout the conference tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD

United Soccer Coaches Preseason Rankings: No. 15 St. Olaf First Non-Conference Game Date: Thursday, September 1 First Conference Game Date: Wednesday, September 14

MIAC Playoffs: Tuesday, November 1 (Quarterfinals), Wednesday, November 2 (Semifinals), Saturday, November 5 (Championship)

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