

# Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



## 2024 MIAC Volleyball Season Preview

Volleyball

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) volleyball teams are back on the court and ready for the 2024 season.

The fall season officially gets underway on Friday, August 30. While several MIAC squads will open the season in the metro area, others are headed as close as Wisconsin and Iowa and as far as Colorado and Texas for non-conference action. Conference play gets underway the week of September 23. The regular season will run through Saturday, November 9.

The top six teams in the conference standings at the end of the regular season will move on to the 2024 MIAC Volleyball Playoffs. The conference tournament will begin with two quarterfinal contests on Tuesday, November 12, followed by a pair of semifinal matches on Thursday, November 14. The 2024 MIAC Volleyball Playoff Championship is set for Saturday, November 16, with the winner securing the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. The 2024 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship is scheduled for December 4-7, 2024 at the Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia.

The bracket for the national tournament will be unveiled during the Selection Show on Monday, November 18. New to the selection process this year is the [NCAA Power Index \(NPI\)](#). Similar to Pairwise in college hockey, the [Women's Volleyball NPI](#) will calculate winning percentage, strength of schedule, home-away results, and quality wins to rank teams for at-large postseason consideration.

### 2023 FINAL STANDINGS

- Gustavus (26-7, 11-0)\*#%
- Saint Benedict (17-10, 9-2)
- St. Olaf (21-10, 7-4)%
- St. Catherine (16-10, 6-5)
- Bethel (11-15, 6-5)
- Concordia (15-14, 6-5)
- Augsburg (15-14, 6-5)
- Hamline (9-15, 4-7)
- Carleton (7-15, 4-7)
- Saint Mary's (11-19, 3-8)
- Macalester (9-16, 3-8)
- St. Scholastica (3-22, 1-10)

\*MIAC Regular Season Champion

#MIAC Playoff Champion

%NCAA Championship Participant

### RULE CHANGES

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) [reviewed and approved a handful of rule changes](#) this spring that will go into effect for the 2024 and 2025 seasons. Among those items is a new rule that allows referees to issue a red card to the host team if a spectator enters the designated player area. PROP also clarified rules on uniforms and accessories, creating logo standards for uniform bottoms, allowing for snug-fitting nose rings and ear cuffs to be worn during matches, and requiring that headbands be a single color.

Competitively, teams are now allowed two libero designations for each set. The most consequential rule change may be one about successive contacts. On a team's second hit, contacting the ball more than once in a single attempt to play the ball is not a fault if the ball is next contacted by a teammate. This had previously been a judgment call that often resulted in controversy. The change aims to promote better consistency and match flow for players and fans.

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#### MIAC SPORTS NETWORK

The [MIAC Sports Network](https://miacsportsnetwork.com/) powered by Hudl launched last August and will be back again 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](#) remains 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 2024 MIAC Volleyball 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, 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 Volleyball Offensive and Specialist (Defensive/Setter) of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards will begin on Tuesday, September 3 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 a nine-player All-Playoff Team in recognition of outstanding performances throughout the conference tournament.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

**First Non-Conference Match Date:** Friday, August 30

**First Conference Match Date:** Tuesday, September 24

**MIAC Playoffs:** Tuesday, November 12 (QF), Thursday, November 14 (SF), Saturday, November 16 (Championship)

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