Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



2022 MIAC Women's Soccer Season Preview

Women's Soccer

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's soccer teams are back on the field for the 2022 season.

MIAC squads are set to begin regular season competition on Thursday, September 1. All 12 MIAC teams will be in action multiple times on opening weekend, with some staying close to home in the Midwest and others traveling as far as California, Texas, or Virginia to start the year.

The 2022 slate of conference games is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 14. At the conclusion of the regular season, the top six teams in the conference standings will advance on to the 2022 MIAC Women'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 Women's Soccer Tournament. The 2022 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer National Championships are scheduled for December 2-3 at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Va.

2021 FINAL STANDINGS

*#%St. Catherine (15-2-3, 9-1-1) Saint Benedict (11-4-3, 8-1-2) Saint Mary's (13-5-2, 7-3-1) Gustavus (11-9-0, 7-4-0) Augsburg (9-7-2, 6-4-1) St. Scholastica (4-10-5, 4-5-2) Carleton (7-6-3, 4-6-1) Macalester (10-6-2, 4-6-1) St. Olaf (6-10-1, 4-7-0) Hamline (7-8-1, 3-7-1) Bethel (5-12-0, 3-8-0) Concordia (5-12-0, 2-9-0)

*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 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM start times. The conference is also in the second year of a two-year trial to eliminate 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 Women'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 Women'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: RV St. Catherine 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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