

2021-22 MIAC Men's Hockey Preview

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - After a condensed season last winter, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's hockey teams are ready to return to the ice for an anticipated full slate of games this year.

The 2021-22 season officially gets underway this weekend with 14 men's hockey games scheduled to be played on Friday and Saturday alone after just 31 total games were played during the entire 2020-21 season due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021-22 season will also see the MIAC debut of The College of St. Scholastica, which joined the conference on July 1, 2021 as the University of St. Thomas transitioned to NCAA Division I.

Non-conference action begins on Friday, October 29, 2021, and the first conference game of the year is set for Wednesday, November 10, 2021, with regular season league play scheduled to run through Saturday, February 19, 2022.

The top five teams in the conference standings at the end of the regular season will move on to the MIAC Playoffs. The 2022 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs will begin with one quarterfinal contest on Thursday, February 24, followed by a pair of semifinal games on Saturday, February 26. The 2022 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoff Championship is set for Saturday, March 5, with the winner securing the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. Plattsburgh State is scheduled to host the NCAA Division III Frozen Four on March 25-26, 2022 in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

MIAC men's hockey games will once again employ a three-point system to determine the conference standings. Three standings points will be awarded to the team that wins a game during regulation or the five-minute 3-on-3 overtime period. If the game remains tied after overtime, both teams will receive a point in the standings and the game will officially be counted as a tie. However, any MIAC game tied after overtime will proceed to a shootout for standings purposes only, and the team with the most goals in the best-of-three shootout will receive one extra point for the game in the conference standings.

Throughout the 2021-22 season, the MIAC will also honor outstanding individual performances each week with the announcement of the men's hockey Athletes of the Week. Weekly selections will begin on Monday, November 1, and continue on each subsequent Monday through the end of the regular season.

As health and safety guidelines are likely to remain in place for some time and may change throughout the season, fans are encouraged to review the MIAC COVID-19 Winter Competition Plan and refer to each campus' protocols prior to attending events this winter.

2019-20 REWIND

2019-20 Regular Season Champion: Saint John's

2019-20 Playoff Champion: St. Thomas

2019-20 MIAC Playoff Berths: Saint John's, Concordia, Augsburg, St. Thomas, Gustavus

2019-20 NCAA Tournament Berths: St. Thomas

2019-20 Player of the Year: Caleb Anderson | F | Gustavus

2019-20 Coach of the Year: Doug Schueller | Saint John's

LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Date: Friday, October 29

First Conference Date: Wednesday, November 10

Playoff Dates: February 24 (QF), February 26 (SF), March 5 (Championship)

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