

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



2024-25 MIAC Men's Hockey Season Preview

Men's Ice Hockey

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The 2024-25 season has arrived for Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's hockey teams.

The regular season is set to begin on Friday, November 1 with a handful of non-conference contests. The first conference series of the season is scheduled for the following weekend, with the regular season running through Saturday, February 22. Teams are scheduled for 16 conference contests with two games against every MIAC opponent.

The top five teams at the end of the regular season will head to the [2025 MIAC Men's Hockey Playoffs](#). The No. 4 team in the standings will host the No. 5 team in the quarterfinal round on Wednesday, February 26, with the semifinals set for Saturday, March 1, and the championship game scheduled for Saturday, March 8. The winner of the MIAC Playoffs will receive the conference's automatic bid to the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Championships.

2023-24 FINAL STANDINGS

Augsburg* (12-3-1, 15-9-2)
Bethel (11-3-2, 18-6-3)
St. Scholastica (8-7-1, 15-10-1)
Saint Mary's (8-7-1, 10-14-2)
St. Olaf#% (7-7-2, 14-12-3)
Saint John's (6-9-1, 9-12-4)
Gustavus (6-9-1, 11-2-2)
Concordia (5-9-2, 10-12-3)
Hamline (3-12-1, 7-16-2)

*MIAC Regular Season Champion

#MIAC Playoff Champion

%NCAA Championship Participant

RULE CHANGES

MIAC men's and women's hockey teams will continue to utilize a points system to order conference standings in 2024-25. Victories achieved in regulation are worth three points, while overtime or shootout wins are worth two points. Losses in either overtime or a shootout are worth one point each. [Playoff tiebreakers](#) are also suited to fit the points system.

The NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committee [established several rule changes for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons](#). Among the changes was an adjustment to the faceoff rule during situations where a violation occurs. The offending team's center will now be removed on the first faceoff violation and an alternative player will participate in the faceoff. The only exception to this procedure will be a faceoff after situations where one team may not change its players. The Committee also adjusted the reference point for high-sticking the puck infractions to be "above the height of the player's shoulders" instead of four feet. In terms of gameplay, the Committee affirmed that all NCAA regular-season games that remained tied will use a five-minute overtime period with three skaters on each side (unless penalties are in effect). If the game remains tied after the five-minute overtime, a shootout will be conducted.

MIAC SPORTS NETWORK

The [MIAC Sports Network](#) powered by Hudl launched in August 2023 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.

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. The app includes news, standings, and links to follow scores and stats in real-time.

AWARD WATCH

MIAC coaches will vote on the 2024-25 MIAC Men’s Hockey All-Conference honors after the regular season. In addition to a 20-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 Men's Hockey Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards will begin on Monday, November 4, 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 10-player All-Playoff Team to recognize outstanding performances throughout the conference tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Game Date: Friday, November 1

First Conference Game Date: Thursday, November 7

MIAC Playoffs: Wednesday, February 26 (Quarterfinals), Saturday, March 1 (Semifinals), Saturday, March 8 (Championship)

Season Links: [Standings](#) | [Schedule](#) | [News](#) | [Statistics](#) | [Athletes of the Week](#) | [Playoffs](#) | [Record Book](#)

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