

2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Preview

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's basketball teams will be back on the court this weekend for the start of the 2021-22 season.

Teams are anticipated to play a complete schedule of games beginning this weekend after just 33 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 officially gets underway on Friday, November 5, 2021. The first conference game of the year is set for Saturday, November 13, 2021, with regular-season league play scheduled to run through Saturday, February 19, 2022.



The top six teams in the conference standings at the end of the regular season will move on to the MIAC Playoffs. The 2022 MIAC Women's Basketball Playoffs will begin with two quarterfinal contests on Tuesday, February 22, followed by a pair of semifinal games on Thursday, February 24. The 2022 MIAC Women's Basketball Playoff Championship is set for Saturday, February 26, with the winner securing the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. The 2022 Final Four is scheduled to be played on March 18-19, 2022 at the UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Throughout the 2021-22 season, the MIAC will also honor outstanding individual performances each week with the announcement of the women's basketball 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: Bethel

2019-20 Playoff Champion: Bethel

2019-20 MIAC Playoff Berths: Bethel, Augsburg, St. Thomas, Gustavus, Hamline, St. Catherine

2019-20 NCAA Tournament Berths: Bethel

2019-20 Player of the Year: Taite Anderson | F | Bethel

2019-20 Sixth Player of the Year: Rachel Kelly | F | St. Olaf

2019-20 Rookie of the Year: Caitlin Rorman | F | Gustavus

2019-20 Coach of the Year: Jon Herbrechtsmeyer | Bethel

LOOKING AHEAD

D3hoops.com Preseason Top 25 Poll: RV Bethel, RV Gustavus

First Non-Conference Date: Friday, November 5

First Conference Date: Saturday, November 13

Playoff Dates: February 22 (QF), February 24 (SF), February 26 (Championship)

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