

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference



2025-26 MIAC Women's Basketball Season Preview

Women's Basketball

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The 2025-26 women's basketball season has arrived for Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) teams.

The regular season officially tips off on Friday, November 7, and will run through Saturday, February 21. The first conference games of the season are scheduled for Wednesday, November 19. Teams are set to play 18 conference games this season, with one game against every conference opponent and two games against seven league foes. As an odd-even year, women's teams will play before men's teams on doubleheader game dates.

The top six teams at the end of the regular season will head to the [2026 MIAC Women's Basketball Playoffs](#). The quarterfinal round is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, with the semifinals set for Thursday, February 26, and the championship game slated for Saturday, February 28. The winner of the MIAC Playoffs will receive the conference's automatic bid to the 2026 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament.

2024-25 FINAL STANDINGS

Bethel (23-6, 17-1)*%
 Gustavus (29-2, 17-1)*#%
 Hamline (19-8, 13-5)
 Concordia (16-10, 11-7)
 Saint Benedict (17-10, 11-7)
 Saint Mary's (13-12, 11-7)
 St. Scholastica (12-13, 9-9)
 St. Catherine (13-12, 8-10)
 Macalester (12-13, 7-11)
 Carleton (3-22, 2-16)
 Augsburg (3-22, 1-17)
 St. Olaf (7-18, 1-17)

*MIAC Regular Season Champion

#MIAC Playoff Champion

%NCAA Tournament Participant

RULE CHANGES

The NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee and NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel have [approved several rule changes for the 2025-26](#) season. Several rule changes of note are cosmetic: the longtime requirement to tuck game jerseys into shorts has been eliminated; tights and leg sleeves must be the same legal color; and headbands are permitted at a width no more than four inches. In terms of gameplay, the shot clock will now be set to 20 seconds after a dead ball when the offense has been awarded a frontcourt throw-in. The committees also adjusted traveling rules related to jump stops and voted to eliminate multiple-touch fouls that do not impede or hinder the dribbler.

MIAC SPORTS NETWORK

The [MIAC Sports Network](#), powered by Hudl, returns 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.

The 2026 MIAC Women's Basketball Playoffs will be streamed live on the [MIAC Sports Network](#) in a pay-per-view format. Individual playoff contests will be streamed for \$10 each, or \$25 for a "championship pass" to stream the entire tournament live. On-demand access to playoff games will be available after the NCAA Tournament concludes.

MIAC APP

The MIAC [mobile app](#) is free to fans and can be downloaded on both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices.

AWARD WATCH

MIAC coaches will vote on the 2025-26 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Conference honors at the conclusion of the regular season. In addition to an 18-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 Women's Basketball Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week awards. Athlete of the Week awards will begin on Monday, November 10, 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 five-player All-Playoff Team to recognize outstanding performances throughout the conference tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD

[D3hoops.com Preseason Top 25](#): No. 13 Bethel, RV Gustavus

[D3hoops.com Preseason All-America](#): Bethel F Elly Schmitz

[WBCA Preseason Top 25](#): No. 16 Gustavus, RV Bethel

First Non-Conference Game Date: Friday, November 7

First Conference Game Date: Wednesday, November 19

MIAC Playoffs: Tuesday, February 24 (Quarterfinals), Thursday, February 26 (Semifinals), Saturday, February 28 (Championship)

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

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