

MIAC hockey teams return to the ice this weekend

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – For the first time since last March, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) hockey teams are poised to be back on the ice in a competitive setting.

Both the MIAC men's and women's hockey schedules will feature eight teams in conference competition this winter. Squads from Augsburg, Bethel, Concordia, Gustavus, Hamline, Saint Benedict/Saint John's, Saint Mary's, and St. Thomas will participate in a seven-game conference slate, set to begin on Saturday, February 6. Teams are also permitted to play up to four non-conference contests, with games getting underway as early as this Friday, January 29.

The atmosphere will be different this season without playoffs or spectators; however, MIAC institutions have worked hard to put testing and campus protocols in place in order to maximize the opportunity for a safe, healthy, and successful regular season for student-athletes.

The conference schedule will operate in a single round-robin format. Due to the possibility of unbalanced schedules in the event of game cancellations, the team achieving the best winning percentage while completing at least 51 percent of the schedule will claim the MIAC championship and automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. There will be no MIAC points systems or shootouts this season.

Beginning on February 1 and continuing throughout the regular season, the MIAC will honor outstanding individual performances each Monday with the announcement of the men's and women's hockey Athletes of the Week. Postseason awards remain planned for release in March.

Additional information related to the 2021 MIAC Men's and Women's Hockey seasons can be found via the links below.

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Non-conference hockey games are scheduled to begin on Friday, January 29.