

# 2021-22 MIAC Women's Hockey Preview

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** - Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) women's hockey teams will be back on the ice 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 34 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, October 29, 2021. The first conference game of the year is set for Thursday, November 11, 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 Women'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 Women's Hockey Playoff Championship is set for Saturday, March 5, with the winner securing the conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament. The NCAA Division III Frozen Four is scheduled for March 18-20, 2022 at a site yet to be determined.

MIAC women's hockey games will now employ a three-point system to determine the conference standings, which matches the process in place for men's hockey. 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 women'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.

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## 2019-20 REWIND

2019-20 Regular Season Champion: Gustavus

2019-20 Playoff Champion: Gustavus

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

2019-20 NCAA Tournament Berths: Gustavus

2019-20 Co-Player of the Year: Bridget Wagner | F | Augsburg

2019-20 Co-Player of the Year: Jordan Hansen | F | Hamline

2019-20 Coach of the Year: Mike Carroll | Gustavus

## LOOKING AHEAD

First Non-Conference Date: Friday, October 29

First Conference Date: Thursday, November 11

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

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