

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

1.0 ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT

1.1 MEETINGS.

1.1.1 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. The annual business meeting shall be held via video on the second Thursday in April at 10 a.m.

1.1.2 PRESEASON MEETING. The preseason meeting shall take place in September via video.

1.2 AD LIAISON. The AD Liaison is responsible for 1) Representing the AD Council at coaches meetings, 2) Communicating key information to coaches, 3) Representing coaches at AD Council meetings, including the presentation of minutes and action items.

1.3 ADMINISTRATION. MIAC Staff shall be responsible for chairing meetings and recording minutes. *(revised 5/25)*

2.0 SPORTS SEASON

2.1 PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASON. Follow NCAA Division III playing & practice season bylaws.

2.2 SCHEDULING POLICY. The conference hockey schedule shall be a double round robin set at the November meeting. Friday/Saturday sites will be reversed every other year *(revised 5/2012)*.

2.2.1 PLAY DATES. The MIAC office will set the conference weekends of play for men's and women's hockey. *(added 5/09)*

2.3 POSTPONEMENT/RESCHEDULING.

3.0 GAME/MATCH/MEET/CONDUCT

3.1 STARTING TIMES. Time of contest shall be determined by the home team and agreed to by the visiting school (ice availability).

3.1.1 Teams will exchange lineup charts prior to pre-game warm-ups. *(added 3/00)*

3.2 RULES WHICH GOVERN CONTEST. The NCAA rules shall govern all games.

3.2.1 ARTIFICIAL ICE. Conference games must be played indoors on artificial ice.

3.2.2 OVERTIME PROCEDURE. 3 on 3 for five (5) minutes, followed by a shootout per NCAA protocol. *(revised 5/2020, added 05/13)*

3.2.3 UNIFORM COLOR. The host school shall wear light jerseys and the visitor shall wear dark.

3.2.4 INTERMISSION. Intermissions will be fifteen minutes in length.

3.3 SITE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS. Ice shall be resurfaced between periods.

3.4 HOME TEAM SHALL

3.4.1 PUCKS. The home team will supply a minimum of twenty (20) pucks for visiting team's warm up. *(revised 5/98)*

3.4.2 LOCKER ROOM. Private dressing room should be assigned to game officials if possible.

3.4.3 STATISTICS. Provide the visiting team with a conference statistical sheet (triplicate).

3.5 VISITING TEAM SHALL

3.6 VISITING TEAM ROSTER LIMIT. The visiting team roster limit for all Conference games shall not exceed nineteen (19) players and three (3) goalies in uniform in the team's bench area at the start of the contest. (see MIAC General Code 3.4.6 for definition of Visiting Team Roster Limit and applicable penalties). The visiting team roster limit shall apply to both teams during all MIAC- post-season competition. *(revised 10/18, 5/13, 05/10, 05/07, 1988)*

3.7 VIDEO POLICIES. MIAC Men's Ice Hockey Video Exchange - Contract with a video exchange company for sharing of all hockey game film. *(added 10/2021, revised 9/2023)*

a. Video Sharing: All matches involving MIAC men's hockey teams will be uploaded in SportContract, including non-conference, conference, and MIAC playoff matches for sharing and film breakdown services.

b. Line-up Sheet: Lineups for both teams must be uploaded with each video.

c. Film Issues: Problems with video upload should be reported to all coaches and the commissioner immediately.

i. Communication Expectations: Coaches should work with each other directly to address film issues. If situations persist, coaches should report noncompliance with video sharing to the conference office. Violations of these guidelines will be handled by the conference office and may include restriction of match access, suspension of film availability, and/or \$50 fine for each occurrence.

d. Upload Timing: The following are upload timing requirements

i. Conference Games and MIAC Playoff Games: MIAC conference games (applies to all conference games) and MIAC playoff games are to be uploaded by the host institution no later midnight of the date of the contest. The host institution is responsible for uploading the game (ensuring it is broken down and shared). The home team is required to record conference and playoff games. It is the home team's responsibility to alert the visiting team if there is an issue with the film. The home team is responsible for film breakdown.

ii. Non-Conference Games: Non-conference (home and away) games are to be uploaded within 24 hours. The MIAC team is responsible for uploading the game (ensuring it is broken down and shared). The MIAC team is required to record non-conference games (or have an arrangement with the opponent). It is the MIAC teams responsibility to alert others if there are film issues.

e. Video: Video should run until all players and officials have exited the ice following each period and game.

3.7.1 VIDEO RESTRICTION: MIAC Men's Hockey teams will not be allowed to video tape games that they are not participating in if there is another MIAC team involved. *(added 5/09)*

3.8 PRESS BOX PROCEDURES/ASSIGNMENTS.

3.9 IN-GAME VIDEO REVIEW. The MIAC will not automatically adopt any NCAA-approved instant replay rules. Any adoption of instant replay rules must be approved through the MIAC's legislative process to take action in the conference. An institution/team is permitted to use in-game video review in a non-conference contest hosted by a conference member in any sport. (revised 5/2026; added 12/2016)

3.10 EJECTION POLICY. All ejections from any contest will result in an automatic Incident Review. An institution that has a student-athlete or coach ejected from a contest is required to submit details of the incident, along with film (if available) of the ejection by noon the following business day (*exception: when competition occurs prior to the next business day, in which the ejection report is due by noon the following day*). An Athletic Administrator must submit the information to the MIAC Commissioner. Information must include: a - written summary report of the ejection, b - film clip, c - any additional action the institution will be taking (if applicable). A head coach is not allowed to communicate directly with the commissioner during the incident review process. (revised 5/2026, 12/2022, 5/19; added 10/18)

4.0 GAME OFFICIALS

4.1 GAME OFFICIALS. Two (2) referees and two (2) linesman shall be assigned to administer game rules. (revised 5/2012, 5/99, 5/98)

4.1.1 POLICY TO ASSIGN OFFICIAL. Coordinator of Officials will assign officials for all MIAC schools.

4.1.2 POLICY TO RATE OFFICIALS. The MIAC Men's Hockey coaches will participate in a formal evaluation of the referees by completing an evaluation form created by the Coordinator of Officials each Monday during the season. (revised 05/09, 05/06, 5/98)

4.2 SECONDARY OFFICIALS. Other game officials shall be trained and competent.

4.2.1 TIMER.

4.2.2 SCORER.

4.2.3 GOAL JUDGES. No goal judges are to be used in the regular season. (revised 5/2012, 5/05, 4/90)

4.3 SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

4.4 MEDICAL PERSONNEL. Certified Athletic Trainer in attendance on sidelines. A physician is required to be available throughout the duration of all ice hockey games, provided by the host institution. (revised 5/25, 5/98)

5.0 MIAC/NCAA STATISTICS

6.0 DETERMINATION OF CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1 HOW DECIDED.

6.1.1 CHAMPION. To be eligible a team must play all competing MIAC schools twice (double round robin). Championship shall be awarded to the team with the most points.

6.1.2 POINT SYSTEM & OVERTIME PROTOCOL. 5 minute sudden victory overtime with 3v3 (NCAA standard), followed by a best of 3 shootout if the game remains tied throughout. The following point system will be used for conference standings:

Regulation Win = 3 points

Overtime Win = 2 points

Shootout Win = 2 points

Overtime Loss = 1 point

Shootout Loss = 1 points

(revised 5/2022, 5/2020, 5/19, 10/18, 5/14, 05/13)

6.2 TIE BREAKERS/CO CHAMPS . In the event of a tie, there shall be co-champions.

7.0 POST SEASON POLICY AND PROCEDURE

7.1 AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER. The MIAC hockey tournament champion shall be the conference representative to the NCAA selection committee. (revised 5/01, added 3/86)

7.2 EVENT. Five-team, single elimination, high seed host (Wednesday, Saturday, Saturday) postseason playoff will take place throughout two weeks prior to the NCAA quarterfinals (#5 @ #4 to be played on Wednesday, #4/5 @ #1 and #3 @ #2 on Saturday, and finals at highest remaining seed on the following Saturday) All games are scheduled for 7 p.m. (revised 5/2023, 5/14, 5/11, 05/09, 05/08, 05/07, 5/03, 12/01, 5/01, 5/98)

7.2.1 START TIME CONFLICT. Game time preference for #4/#5 game to be priorities Wednesday 7 p.m., 4 p.m., then Friday 7 p.m., 4 p.m. if conflict occurs with venue scheduling. Game time preference for #4/#5 @ #1 game to be prioritized Saturday 7 p.m., 4 p.m., 2 p.m. if conflict occurs with venue scheduling. (revised 5/14, added 5/11)

7.2.2 SCHEDULING CONFLICT. If scheduling conflict arises, host team will make a recommendation on an alternate date/time to the Commissioner, **Coaches' Chair** and AD Liaison. The three-person committee will make the final decision based on recommendation from host institution. The Commissioner will select other committee members if their institution is involved in the particular game. (added 05/11)

7.2.3 HOSTING BOTH GENDERS. If the same institution is hosting both men's and women's playoff games on the same day, a four hour gap should be scheduled between the start times of the games. (i.e. 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.) (added 05/05)

7.2.4 PROCESS TO QUALIFY. Top five (5) teams at the conclusion of the MIAC schedule.

7.2.4.1 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE. Tie-breaker for top five teams and placing the top five is based only on conference competition (revised 5/2022, 6/18, 5/18, 5/15, 5/14, 5/13, 5/12).

1 - Head-to-Head (Points earned in head-to-head regular season conference series)

For multiple-team ties: Points earned in regular season conference series among all tied teams.

2 - Regulation Wins

3 - Regulation + Overtime Wins

- 4 - Regulation + Overtime + Shootout Wins
- 5 - Wins vs Top 4 in final standings (expanded to include any ties in final standings)
- 6 - Results vs Rank Order (if teams are tied in standings, they should be compared together)
- 7 - Goal Differential in games between tied teams only
- 8 - Goal Differential in games vs teams above tied teams in standings
- 9 - Goal Differential in all conference games
- 10 - Random Draw

^Rank order comparison: When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedure), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams. (Example: Team A and Team B tie for fourth place. Team C and Team D tie for second place. The Team C-D tiebreaker is settled first using tiebreaker criteria. If the Team A-B tiebreaker reaches the second-place team(s) in Criteria No. 3, Team A and Bs record will be compared collectively against Teams C and D, not individually against the winner of the C-D tiebreaker first. *(added 5/15)*)

7.3 PLAYOFF PROCEDURE.

7.3.1 QUARTERFINALS. On the first date of the tournament: #4 seed vs. #5 seed

7.3.2 SEMIFINALS. On the second date of the tournament: #4 or #5 winner vs. #1 seed, #2 seed vs. #3 seed *(revised 5/03, 5/01, 12/93, 4/90)*

7.3.3 CHAMPIONSHIP. On the third date of the tournament: Winners from the previous day will play for the championship *(revised 5/03, 5/01)*

7.4 ADMISSION. See general code 3.5.2

7.5 OFFICIALS. Assigned by MIAC Coordinator of Officials.

7.5.1 GOAL JUDGES. Conference staff goal judges for MIAC Playoff Games. *(added 5/19)*

7.6 GAME SUPPORT.

7.7 PROTEST COMMITTEE.

7.8 ROSTER. The visiting team roster limit (Bylaw 3.6) shall apply to both teams during all MIAC-post season competition. *(added 5/13)*

7.9 ALL-PLAYOFF TEAM. See bylaw 8.5. *(added 8/2022)*

7.10 TRAVELING TROPHY. The Ed Saugestad Cup will be presented to the playoff champion as a traveling trophy. It is the responsibility of the winning team to engrave details on the Cup and ensure its delivery to championship game site the following year. *(added 5/98)*

8.0 AWARDS

8.1 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS. The conference champion shall receive the MIAC plaque. The Don Roberts Traveling Trophy will be presented and retained for one year by the conference champion. *(revised 5/98)*

8.2 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The All-Conference team will consist of 20 players. Only conference statistics will be used in determining placement on the All-Conference team. From the All-Conference balloting, six (6) forwards, four (4) defensemen, and two (2) goalies will be submitted to the AHCA as All-American candidates. All-Conference certificates for customization and printing may be downloaded from the MIAC administrator website. *(revised 5/10, added 5/03)*

8.2.1 TEAM STRUCTURE. The All-Conference team will consist of 20 players, including 12 forwards, six (6) defensemen, and two (2) goalies, as voted on by head coaches. Ties are accepted.

8.2.2 HONORABLE MENTION. After the All-Conference Team has been established, any players who were not named All-Conference but still received at least three votes in the balloting will receive Honorable Mention distinction. *(added 5/01; revised 5/22)*

8.3 INDIVIDUAL HONORS. All nominating and voting will be conducted by the conference office using the online awards system. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own players for All-Conference, but may vote for their own players for individual awards. Coaches will vote using separate online ballots for each award and use the same timeline as All-Conference voting. Each vote is worth one point. The individual receiving the most votes in each category will receive the honor. Ties are accepted.

8.3.1 COACH OF THE YEAR. Each conference head coach will be on the ballot for Coach of the Year. Coaches may not vote for themselves.

8.3.2 OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. *(revised 5/22)*

8.3.3 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. *(added 5/22)*

8.3.4 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. To be eligible for nomination, the student must be a true college first-year student (not a transfer from another institution or an academic sophomore/junior/senior who has not used eligibility). *(added 5/22)*

8.4 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK. A Men's Hockey Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week will be chosen each week of the conference regular season. SIDs will nominate and the MIAC office will select the winners. *(revised 5/22)*

8.5 ALL-PLAYOFF TEAM. An 8-player All-Playoff Team will be selected. Each playoff-qualifying coach will submit their honorees from their own team. The team eliminated in the quarterfinals will submit one (1) player, the two teams eliminated in the semifinals will each submit one (1) player, the second place team will submit two (2) players, and the champion will submit three (3) players. The team will honor a total of 8 players. The deadline to submit honorees is 5 p.m. the Monday following the MIAC Playoff Championship. The All-Playoff Team will be announced on the Tuesday following the MIAC Playoff championship. *(added 8/2022, revised 12/2022)*

9.0 AWARDS SELECTION PROCESS

9.1 NOMINATIONS. Coaches will nominate deserving players from their own team using the MIAC's online awards system. Nominations will open Friday of the second-to-last weekend of regular season play and close the Monday following the end of the regular season. (revised 5/98, 8/95)

9.2 VOTING. Coaches will vote using the MIAC's online awards system. Voting will open on the Tuesday of the first round of the MIAC Playoffs and close the following Tuesday. Coaches will vote for the All-Conference team by position, with points being awarded based on rank order and slots at each position. The top-ranked forward on each ballot will receive 12 points with the second-ranked forward receiving 11 points and so on. The top defenseman on each ballot will receive six points and the top goalie on each ballot will receive two points. (revised 05/11, added 8/95)

9.3 ANNOUNCEMENT. The conference office will publicly announce the award recipients on the Thursday after the MIAC Playoffs. The conference office will work with coaches and SIDs to proof and release the awards list.



PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

ICE HOCKEY

Host will consult with opponent(s) regarding the pregame schedule. The host will keep teams notified of changes in the schedule and of any adjustments to game time(s).

The following pregame schedule will be followed for MIAC regular season and postseason contests, unless changes are agreed upon in advance:

Put 60 minutes on the clock and start exactly one hour before game.

Game Clock	Protocol
43:00	Home team personnel notifies teams and officials that five minutes remain before teams are to take the ice for warm-up.
39:00	Officials take ice for warm-up.
38:00	Home team takes ice for warm-up.
37:50	Visiting team takes ice for warm-up.
24:00	Horn sounds, signaling one minute remaining in warm-up; team captains meet with officials. <i>Note: Meeting with captains may be held before the start of this time schedule.</i>
23:00	Both teams off ice; ice will be resurfaced.
15:00	Eligible players and starting lineups submitted to official scorer. The home team notifies the visiting team as to the length of intermissions.
10:00	Home team personnel notifies teams and officials that three minutes remain before teams are to take the ice.
8:00	Officials take ice.
7:00	Home team takes ice.
6:50	Visiting team takes ice.
6:00	Horn sounds signaling teams to assemble on their respective goal lines.
5:00	Starting lineups announced; national anthem, crowd control statement read. Officials check each starting goalkeepers' throat straps.
0:00	Timekeeper puts 20 minutes on clock; game starts.

NOTE: The above-mentioned schedule shall be followed; however, due to inclement weather, facility constraints, playing area delays, or administrative demands, the schedule may be adjusted with consultation from both teams and officials.