



**REGION XIV ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BASKETBALL RULES/REGULATIONS**

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RULES:

Region XIV Rules and Sport Procedures shall be the latest rules published by the National Junior College Athletic Association Handbook and Casebook.

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, MEN and WOMEN:

The Region XIV President shall appoint a Basketball Committee Chairperson, one for the men and one for the women. The chairperson will be a Director of Athletics, Assistant Athletic Director, or a Head Basketball Coach at a member institution. The length of the appointment is for two years and the chairperson may be reappointed. The chairperson's duties are as follows:

- 1) Call and preside over all basketball meetings.
- 2) Appoint committees when needed.
- 3) Enforce and interpret rules, policies and regulations.
- 4) All basketball matters shall be directed to the chairman of the sports committee in writing.
- 5) All coaches' recommendations must be submitted to the Region XIV Athletic Directors for study and consideration.
- 6) Present a Region XIV Schedule each year for approval.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Student financial assistance (scholarships) shall be administered by the institution through the office, which administers financial aid funds for enrolled students. Member institutions shall monitor the number and type of scholarships allowable by Region XIV. Beginning in 1998-99 the scholarship limits for your sport will be 12 full scholarships. Responsibility for the observance of the rules contained herein shall be the responsibility of the institution.

SPORTS PROCEDURES:

Sport procedure guidelines stated in the current NJCAA Handbook and Casebook regulate each NJCAA certified sport for each season.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

The Basketball Committee Chairperson shall submit a conference schedule to the Presidents of the Region. The conference athletic directors will review the schedule and their recommendation(s) will be reported to the presidents' at the annual called meeting.

GAME TIMES:

Beginning the 2015-2016 season, weekday game times will be at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for those teams for a women and men's region double-header. A region single game shall begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday game times will be 2pm and 4pm, with single games being at 4pm. Game times may be changed by mutual consent of the two schools. To change a single game time, it must be cleared with the respective Chairman of the Basketball Committee. Game time (s) may be changed due to unusual circumstances.

COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIALS AND STATISTICIAN:

Game officials shall be the responsibility of the Assignors of Officials for men and women's regional basketball games. A conference statistician will compile both the men and women statistics on a regular basis. The President's will determine the fees paid to the assignors and the statistician.

REPORTING STATISTICS:

Region XIV follows the NJCAA policy for statistical reporting.

POST-SEASON FORMAT:

Men's division will qualify the top twelve (12) teams in the region to participate in the Region XIV Basketball Tournament based on conference record. The Region XIV champion will qualify for the national tournament. Tournament dates will be determined at the fall regional meeting. The site for the conference basketball tournament shall have a minimum seating capacity of at least 1,000 (Dec 2015).

The Region 14 tournament men's bracket will be completed in the following manner:

All teams, regardless of zone, will be seeded 1 through 12 according to the Post-Season Tie Breaker Procedure listed below. This will be used to break all ties as well as complete the draw. The top two teams in the north and the top two teams in the south will be seeded 1 through 4 and have a bye in the first round of the tournament. The next eight teams, regardless of division, will get the remaining spots and be seeded according to conference rules. The four teams earning byes will be seeded 1 through 4 based on the same tie breaker procedure described below. See Appendix A for the tournament bracket by seed.

Women's division will qualify the top eight (8) teams in the region. See Appendix A for women's bracket by seed.

MEN'S POST-SEASON TIE-BREAKER:

Region XIV MBB Tiebreak procedures:

Tie-breaker Procedure for Two Teams Tied

First place must be determined, and the following procedure will apply:

- 1) *Head to head competition*
- 2) *How you did against #1* 3) *How you did against #2*
- 4) *How you did against #3* 5) *How you did against #4*
- 6) *How you did against #5* 7) *How you did against #6*
- 8) *How you did against #7* 9) *How you did against #8*
- 10) *How you did against #9* 11) *How you did against #10*
- 12) *How you did against #11* 13) *How you did against #12*
- 14) **Last process of elimination is by coin flip*

Tie-breaker Procedure for Three or More Teams

- 1. *Consider the collective head to head results of deadlocked teams, against only teams involved in the tie (round robin results for only teams that are tied). Teams will be seeded according to record vs all teams tied. If two teams have the same record, revert back to 2-team tiebreak procedure.*
- 2. *If there is no clear winner after this process, compare record against the teams outside of those still deadlocked beginning with the highest seeded team not involved in the tie and moving to the lowest, not involved in the tie (regular tiebreaker procedure).*
- 3. *The process is cyclical, meaning that as a team (s) is eliminated, based on round robin results, the tiebreaker process begins over again with all teams still tied, using the tiebreaker process appropriate for the number of teams remaining.*

WOMEN'S POST-SEASON TIE-BREAKER:

First place must be determined, and the following procedure will apply:

- 1) Head to head competition 6) How you did against #5
- 2) How you did against #1 7) How you did against #6
- 3) How you did against #2 8) How you did against #7
- 4) How you did against #3 9) How you did against #8
- 5) How you did against #4 10) How you did against #9
- 11) **Last process of elimination is by coin flip*

* In the event of a tie for the last seed in either the men or women's Region XIV Tournament, if time permits there will be a one game playoff at a neutral site. If there is no time to play there will be a coin flip. The president of the conference will conduct the coin flip to determine the team playing in the tournament.

Tie breaker Procedure for Three or More Teams.

- 1) Consider the collective head to head results of deadlocked teams, against only teams involved in the tie (round robin results for only teams that are tied).
- 2) If there is no clear winner after this process, compare record against the teams outside of those still deadlocked, beginning with the highest seeded team not involved in the tie and moving to the lowest, not involved in the tie (regular tiebreaker procedure).
- 3) The process is cyclical, meaning that as a team (s) is eliminated, based on round robin results, the tiebreaker process begins over again with all teams still tied, using the tiebreaker process appropriate for the number of teams remaining.

ANNUAL COACHES MEETINGS:

Coaches meet prior to the Fall region meeting.

The agenda will include:

- 1) Selection of All-Conference, All-Region, and All-American nominees.
- 2) Play-Off sites and officials
- 3) Commissioner of Officials report
- 4) Other

A second joint meeting will be called to discuss basketball matters and make recommendations to be presented at the next meeting.

MEN'S ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-REGION, AND ALL-AMERICAN PROTOCOL:

All Conference voting shall consist of each zone voting for 10 players within that zone. Five players for first-team and five for second. Honorable Mention would be granted to all who received at least one vote. The top 2 players from each zone will be the All-American nominees. Those 4 names will be voted upon by the Region coaches to determine the order. The All-Region team shall be the combination of the first team from each zone listed alphabetically by player's last name. The second team will combine each zone's second team and be listed alphabetically by player's last name.

WOMEN'S ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-REGION, AND ALL-AMERICAN PROTOCOL:

All Conference voting will be conducted as follows: All coaches will be emailed a form to write in nominees and stats from their team. Those nominations are then compiled and sent out to all coaches to vote. When voting, coaches are asked to list the 15 best players in the region, and cannot vote for their own. They will also select a Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year. Beginning in 2014-15, the MVP will be removed from a vote. The MVP will automatically be the top vote getter in the conference. The top 15 vote getters will be named to the All-Conference Team. Anyone with a vote but not in the top 15 will be Honorable Mention All-Conference. The top 10 vote getters will be named to the All-Region Team. The top 5 vote getters will be forwarded to the NJCAA National Office for All American consideration.

RULES AND GAME PROTOCOL:

- 1) Official and current NCAA Basketball Rules will be used.
- 2) Game ball shall be the same as used in the NJCAA Tournament. The host team shall furnish six (6) warm-up balls, the same as the game ball.
- 3) The home team will have the gym, dressing facilities, and six basketballs available at least one hour prior to game time.
- 4) Coaches are responsible for all pre-game regulations as prescribed in the NJCAA rules as well as for game management and property damage.
- 5) Artificial noisemakers, air horns, and electronic amplifiers are not permissible.
- 6) During play, the cheerleaders must not occupy the free throw lanes extended under the basket. Megaphones are not permitted.
- 8) Bands may play before the game, during time-outs, half time and after the game. The band must be supervised by a faculty sponsor and cannot be seated behind or near the visitor's bench.
- 9) Half time is limited to 12 minutes. Halftimes of the conference tournament shall reflect the time allotted at the national tournament (15 minutes).
- 10) The official scorer, timer, and shot clock operator shall be adults (21 or older) who are non-students at the host school. These adults may be members of the staff, faculty, or administration of the host school, or may be outsiders. These persons shall not be related to any member of the coaching staff.
- 11) The official scorekeeper must wear a striped official's shirt. The visiting scorekeeper will be seated "side-by-side" or "next to" the official scorekeeper.
- 12) Proper security shall be the responsibility of the host school. It is recommended that at least one officer in uniform be present in the vicinity of the visitor's dressing room and one officer in the immediate vicinity of the officials dressing room.
- 13) Water and cups will be provided at an appropriate area for the visitor's bench.
- 14) White mark board/chalk board will be available in the visiting school dressing room.
- 15) Teams are limited to sixteen players suited and dressed out for each game.
- 16) If applicable, there will be 20 minutes between the conclusion of a women's game and the beginning of a men's game. At the region tournament, there will be 25 minutes between games.

Addendum

Women's Basketball teams in Region XIV have the option of trading game video with Region XIV opponents. However, there will be no video exchange and no verbal scouting report exchange of Region XIV opponents with non-Region XIV schools for regular or post season play. (updated Sept 2011)