

GSAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLICIES

I. SCHEDULING POLICIES

- A. 30-game schedule
- B. Conference opponents must be kept in the same order but allow flexibility in changing dates as long as the sequence is followed. A date change outside of sequence must be approved in advance by the GSAC Executive Committee. Any schedule change must also be approved by both Athletics Directors.

II. GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE PLAY

- A. No conference institution will disclose any information about a conference institution to any non-conference opponent.
- B. The starting times of women's basketball games are 5:30 p.m.
- C. The official NAIA basketball is to be the ball used for all GSAC games.
- D. The visiting school may request that the home institution reserve a section up to 100 seats.

III. DUTIES OF HOST SCHOOL

- A. The gym should be clean and ready for play at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
- B. Prior to the game beginning, the teams will get together at center court to pray according to pre-game protocol. Home team is responsible for getting a person to pray over the P.A. system.
- C. Host institution will provide a DVD to the visiting institution immediately after the game. The cameraman should be encouraged to show the score during free throws and timeouts.

IV. STATISTICS

- A. Game stats will be sent to the Conference SID after each game.
- B. GSAC game stats are to be posted on the school's website immediately after each game.
- C. Player of the Week will be announced by the GSAC Sports Information Director who will be given the responsibility to choose based on that week's results.

V. CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

- A. There will be 3-person official crews at all GSAC games.
- B. Schedules are sent to the Supervisor of Basketball Officials for officials' assignments by September 1 each year.

- C.** The Supervisor of Basketball Officials will:
1. Assign all game officials.
 2. Provide evaluation of officials.
 3. Prepare preferred list of officials. Each coach will be allowed to redline 20% of the officials list. If there is a disproportionate amount redlined in any one geographical area such that it becomes impossible to assign, the Supervisor of Officials will be allowed to adjust as necessary.
 4. Handle any disputes which involve officials.
 5. Gather input from coaches on officials.
 6. Arrange for officials to travel out of area for league games with the mileage costs being assessed at the end of the season and sent to each institution. Mileage will be paid for travel for both men's and women's officials who travel more than 60 miles one way. It will be paid at a rate of \$.25 per mile one way.
 7. Acquaint officials with any NAIA or conference rules.
 8. Provide for the officials' evaluation of coaches' conduct.
 9. Provide uniformity of assignment - trust, consistency, conference control.

VI. PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

- A.** Starting lineup exchange
- B.** Pre-game practice structure
- C.** Use of National Anthem and prayer
- D.** The home team will provide any necessary music for the contest.

VII. GSAC PLAYOFF PLAN

- A.** Selection - The number of teams in the post season tournament will be the top eight teams in the GSAC.
- B.** Seeding - The GSAC teams will be seeded based on their final GSAC regular season standings. The tie-break policy will involve the use of three criteria in descending order:
 1. The first criterion is head-to-head competition between the teams involved.
 2. The second criterion involves head-to-head competition versus the rest of the GSAC in order of finish beginning with the first place finisher(s). Note that if more than one tie occurs in the conference final standings, ties will be broken in descending order.
 3. If teams are still tied after the first two criteria, then a coach's vote will decide the seeding of the tied teams. The GSAC Women's Basketball liaison will conduct a phone ballot of the GSAC coaches whose teams are not involved in the tie.
- C.** Format of tournament
 1. A standard bracket will be used throughout the entire tournament.
 2. First round will be 8 teams at the four highest seeds. Semifinals will be played at the higher remaining seed in their bracket. The championship is hosted by the highest remaining seed.

D. Playoff ticket prices are determined by the GSAC Executive Committee. Current ticket prices are:

	General Admission (includes Faculty & Staff)	Students & Senior Citizens (age 62 & up)	Children (under 10)
First Round	\$8.00	\$5.00	Free
Semis & Finals	\$10.00	\$5.00	Free

E. NAIA Tournament Berths

The GSAC policy for deciding the recipients of the two automatic berths in the Women's and Men's NAIA National Basketball tournaments is as follows:

1. The regular season champion gets NAIA automatic berth #1.
2. The tournament champion gets NAIA berth #2 unless it is the regular season champion, then the tournament runner-up gets berth #2.
3. However, if the regular season ends in a tie, a champion is determined by the GSAC tiebreaker.
 - a. The team winning the GSAC tiebreaker gets NAIA berth #1.
 - b. If the team that has NAIA berth #1 wins the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the team that tied for the regular season championship.
 - c. If the team that has NAIA berth #1 does not win the tournament, then berth #2 goes to the tournament champion.

The Rationale: The GSAC plays 20 conference games in a regular season and the team that ties for a conference championship needs to receive the berth over a team that is 2-1 in tournament games.

VIII. AWARDS

A. Conference Team Selection Procedures

Fourteen players will constitute the All-Conference Team. Each coach will rate players 1 through 14. Coaches will not rate their own players. Player of the Year shall be the highest vote-getter in balloting for All-GSAC.

1. Nominations submitted (mailed) to all GSAC coaches on the provided form, but include only GSAC statistics. This is done on Monday following the end of the regular season.
2. Nominations should be called in to the women's basketball chair on Monday.
3. The ballot is assembled and mailed to all coaches by the Women's Basketball Chair.
4. Coaches committees are not required to meet following the season. All-conference teams may be selected by electronic vote. The votes will be tabulated by the sports chair and the sports liaison and a record of each coach's vote will be forwarded to the coaches and the Conference Commissioner.

B. Method of selection for Coach of the Year - At the coaches meeting the Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season, the coaches will vote for the Coach of the Year award via secret ballot.

C. Number of Awards

1. One Conference Banner for regular season winner (1)
2. Regular-season champions plaque (13)
3. Coach of the Year (1)
4. All-Conference receive certificates (14)
5. MVP included in All-Conference team count of 14
6. Tournament perpetual trophy (1)
7. Tournament champions receive certificates (13)

D. Method of presentation - The GSAC banner and individual plaques will be sent to the appropriate institution as soon as the GSAC regular season champion has been established. The Coach of the Year and the All-GSAC awards will be presented to the appropriate coaches at the coaches meeting on the Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season. The tournament championship certificates and trophy will be presented to the tournament champions immediately following the championship game by the GSAC Women's Basketball Chair or their designee.

IX. FILM EXCHANGE

The first game of the season and the last non-conference game before Christmas break will be exchanged with each conference school in DVD format.

X. CONFERENCE MEETINGS

GSAC Coaches will meet on the Sunday following the last day of the regular season to select the All-GSAC team.

XI. SPORT CHAIR

The chair is appointed for a two-year term.