MCAC BASEBALL OPERATING CODE

I. Organization of Coaches Group and Meetings

A. Membership
1. All baseball coaches of the MCAC may participate.
2. Each member college will have one vote.

B. Chair and Secretary
1. The president of the Baseball Coaches Association will chair meetings.
2. The secretary will keep written records of all business conducted. These records will be sent to the membership and the Conference Coordinator as an addendum to the minutes.

C. Coaches Meetings
1. Regular annual meetings will be scheduled during the state tournament. The host college will schedule meeting place and time.

II. Competitive Season

A. Each school may play up to 17 dates in a season.

B. No full team supervised or organized practice may start earlier than February 15.

C. Coaches will have the opportunity to work with pitchers and catchers for 3 times a week from January 15th to February 14th.

D. Coaches can work with players in a group up to 4 players for up to 2 hours a week from January 15th to February 14th.

E. MCAC teams will allowed up to have Fall practice from September 1 to September 30.

1. No outside competition will be allowed with other schools during the fall semester.
2. One Alumni game is permitted during fall practice.

F. MCAC teams may play unlimited games during their school's official spring break. Those games will not count towards the17 date limit.

G. The maximum number of weekday games allowed is 8.

H. Playoffs must be completed by the end of the Monday preceding the state/region tournament.

III. Rules and Regulations

A. General
1. Baseball games shall be played by NJCAA/NCAA rules, except as follows:
   a. Re-entry and courtesy runners for catcher and pitcher may be used during regular season only. Re-entry and courtesy runners may not be used in post season play.
   b. Aluminum bats are allowed.
   c. If one team is 10 runs ahead, at the end of five innings, the game automatically ends (regular season).
2. The designated pitch hitter rule shall be in effect.

3. Diamond is the official conference baseball for the 2010 season.
4. The halted game policy will be in effect for all MCAC Division contests. Make-up of halted games will occur as follows:
   - If game 1 of round 1 or 2 is halted, the game is picked up at the original site.
   - If game 2 of round 1 is halted, game 2 is to be completed at the site of round 2.
   - If game 2 of round 2 is halted, game 2 is to be completed at a site by mutual consent or if no mutual consent, a home site shall be determined by coin flip.

B. Scheduling
1. Each division will play seven-inning round robin double headers.
2. Baseball Penalty Clause--if a team breaks a game contract, or fails to play a scheduled division contest without the consent of their opponent and other division members, it shall pay the offended school $400. This payment shall be made through the Conference Coordinator.
3. Policy on make-up games:
   a. For any game that is rained out, snowed out, or for any weather related cancellation, the date for make-up is to be mutually agreed upon by the parties involved.
   b. The make-up date must be filed with the Conference Office.
   c. If not made up, the games will be losses for both teams.
   d. Games must be made up prior to the last regular conference season weekend (Saturday).
   e. If the last regularly scheduled conference game is unable to be played through Monday, then winning % would be used to determine placement in the division.
   f. Teams must make a reasonable attempt to make the games up by changing sites, moving to central location, locating a field before being allowed to not make games up.
4. Batting practice is permissible on all dates.
   a. On weekdays, no team may begin warm-up prior to 1 1/2 hours prior to game time.
   b. Both teams must be provided equal time and facilities.

5. Example of a standardized time schedule for pre-game warm-ups:

Home team hits	11:40 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Visitors hit	12:00 noon - 12:20 p.m.
Home infield	12:35 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Visitors infield	12:45 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Umpires, ground crew	12:55 p.m.
First game begins	1:00 p.m.

C. Protests
1. All protest(s) will go to the president of MCAC baseball.
2. The two coaches involved in protest will be contacted and 3 umpires (at large) will be contacted to rule on the protest.
3. NJCAA Handbook Guidelines will be followed.
4. The protested game will be played at the next possible date and will be treated as a make-up game.

IV. Division Organization

A. There will be three divisions – North, Central, & South.

North	Central	South
Hibbing	Northland	Dakota County
Itasca	Central Lakes	Minnesota West
Mesabi Range	MSCTC-Fergus Falls	Riverland
Rainy River	Ridgewater	Rochester
Vermilion	St Cloud Tech	Anoka-Ramsey

V. Eligibility

A. NJCAA rules shall govern eligibility.

VI. Awards Procedures

A. Procedures for selecting All Division Teams.

1. All coaches will receive ballots two weeks prior to state tournament.
2. Coaches will nominate their top five ball players. The players will be ranked by their coach. Information on each player will be included on the ballot.
3. All Division:
   a. The All-Division teams will consist of 2 times the number of baseball schools in the division, ties will be included.
   b. The person with the highest point total in each Division will be named the "Division Player of the Year".
4. All-MCAC Team
   a. The "MCAC Player of the Year" will be voted on at the coaches meeting.
   b. The All State team (MCAC) will then be selected from the All Division team.
   c. The All State team (MCAC) will consist of 18 players.
      1. Voting procedure will follow the ranking system similar to basketball.
      2. Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
      3. Coaches must vote or their player will be disqualified.
      4. Players that are named All Region 13 are automatically named All MCAC.
   d. The top three ranked players in each division will be named to the All-State (MCAC) team.
   e. Division champions will each have two players on the All State (MCAC) team.
   f. Coaches will select the final players at the MCAC baseball coaches meeting.

B. Conference Office will select Players/Hitters of the Week along with pitchers of the week for the Northern/Central/Southern Divisions

VII. MCAC State/Region 13 DIII Tournament Policies

A. Date/Location

1. St. Cloud Technical College will host the tournament 2009-2013.
2. The last regularly scheduled conference game has through Monday preceding the tournament to be completed. If unable to play, then winning % will be utilized.
3. Teams have through Tuesday to play any potential play-in games (tie-breakers). If unable to play, then a coin-flip will determine who will advance.
4. The MCAC tournament will be held in coordination with the Region 13 and NJCAA Division III Tournaments.

B. Type of Tournament

1. The tournament shall be a 9 team double elimination tournament with 8 MN and I WI representative.
2. The number of participating teams by MN Division shall be:

2010	2011	2012 (3 year rotation)
North 2	North 3	North 3
South 3	South 2	South 3
Central 3	Central 3	Central 2

3. The official ball shall be Diamond or the official NJCAA tournament ball.
4. Participating teams shall furnish the game balls. Ten dozen provided by diamond.
5. A coin flip will determine the home team. First round is high seed.
6. In the tournament, the ten run rule after five innings is in effect except for the Championship games.
7. All games in the tournament will be 7 innings except the championship games will be 9 innings.
8. NO speed up rules.

C. Tournament Schedule

1.See attached bracket
2. Weather Policies

a. If games 1-5 are not completed by the end of day 3, the tournament becomes single elimination.

b. If games 6-12 are not completed by th end of day 4, the tournament becomes single elimination.

c. If games 13-15 are not completed by the end of day 5, the tournament becomes single elimination.

d. At any time the tournament goes to single elimination, a school with 1 loss is eliminated.

e. The championship brackets are played out as is (no reseeding).

f. If game #1 8 vs. 9 is not played and the tournament goes to single elimination then the #9 seed is eliminated.

g. If the tournament is unable to be completed by Tuesday at midnight, then the highest seed that is undefeated will advance.

h. If no tournament games are played, then the #1 seed will advance.

i. “end of the day” means the last game must begin before midnight.

D. Seeding

1. The tournament will be seeded by the 9 teams (8 MN and 1 WI) in the tournament.
2. Each tournament school will vote for seed after a conference call between tournament teams to be held on Monday prior to the tournament.
3. The high and low vote received for each school will be dismissed.
4. The MCAC Coordinator will conduct the conference call.

E. Tie-Breaking Procedures for Entry into the State /Region Tournament

1. In the event of a <u>two or three way tie for a division championship</u>, the team entered in the #1 position will be determined by the following procedure:
   a. Won-loss record head to head.
   b. A draw for #1, #2, & #3 positions.

2. In the event of a <u>four way tie for a division championship</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. A draw for the #1, & #2 positions. The remaining two teams will have a playoff to determine the #3 position, with the loser eliminated.
3. In the event of a <u>tie for second place that does not effect any entry into the state tournament</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss record head to head.
   b. Won-loss record vs champion.
   c. A coin flip to determine positions.
4. In the event of a <u>three-way tie for second place</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. Won-loss record vs champion.
   c. A draw for the #3 position, with the remaining two teams involved in a play-off game, with the winner to be #2, and the loser eliminated.
5. In the event of a <u>four-way tie for second place</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. Won-loss record vs champion.
   c. A draw for two play-off games, with the winners advancing to the state tournament, losers eliminated. Seed determined by coin flip.
6. In the event of a <u>two way tie for third place</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. Play-off game.

7. In the event of a <u>three way tie for third place</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. Record vs champion.
   c. Record vs runner-up.
   d. A draw to select the one team eliminated, a play-off game between the other two teams.
8. In the event of a <u>four way tie for third place</u>, tournament participants will be determined by:
   a. Won-loss records head to head.
   b. Record vs champion.
   c. Record vs runner-up.
   d. A draw for two teams for play-off game.

D. Tournament Protest Procedure
   1. Tournament Director will be responsible for all umpires for the tournament.
   2. The tournament director will have on hand phone numbers or location where all umpires can be reached immediately in the event of a protest.
   3. The tournament director shall contact all umpires scheduled to work in the tournament if a protest is filed.
   4. All umpires will hear the situation and make an immediate decision.

E. Tournament Batting Practice

Batting practice before games will be allowed for all days of the tournament. Equal facilities must be available to all teams. Both home and away teams will have the opportunity to hit, but if the visiting team declines, the home team may still hit. (Refer to Section III , B-5) Standardized time schedule for pre-game hitting.

H. Tournament Expenses
   1. Authorized expenses are for game officials only.
   2. Two umpires for each of the tournament games, and three umpires for the final championship game.

VIII. Schedules

A.CROSSOVER BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2010

2010 Cross-Over Tournaments – April 2-3

@ Riverland	@ Ridgewater	@ Rochester
Riverland	Ridgewater	Rochester
Central Lakes	Vermilion	MN West
Hibbing	Itasca	Mesabi Range
Dakota Co.	St. Cloud	Fergus Falls
Northland		Rainy River
Anoka-Ramsey		

Home Sites: Responsible for all fields and umpires for all games. Each host school will provide schedules for the weekend.

Travel Teams: $100 entry fee payable to host team, pay all travel costs
No teams will play other teams with-in their division.

2010 MCAC Northern Division Baseball Schedule

MR-Mesabi Range
IT-Itasca
VE-Vermilion
HI-Hibbing
RR-Rainy River

WED APRIL 14	MR @ IT
	VE @ HI
	RR BYE
FRI APRIL 16	RR @ IT
	HI @ MR
	VE BYE
SAT APRIL 17	IT @ VE
	MR @ RR
	HI BYE
Wed APRIL 21	HI @ IT
	VE @ RR
	MR BYE
SAT APRIL 24	VE @ MR
	RR @ HI
	IT BYE
WED APRIL 28	IT @ MR
	HI @ VE
	RR BYE
SAT MAY 1	IT @ RR
	MR @ HI
	VE BYE
SUN MAY 2	VE @ IT
	RR @ MR
	HI BYE
WED MAY 5	HI @ RR
	MR @ VE
	IT BYE
FRI MAY 7	IT @ HI
	RR @ VE
	MR BY

2010 MCAC Central Division Baseball Schedule

FF-MSCTC-FF
NL-Northland
RW-Ridgewater
SC-St. Cloud Technical College
CL-Central Lakes

Date	Bye		
Sat 4/10	FF	NL @ RW	SC @ CL
Sun 4/11	FF	NL @ RW	CL @ SC
Sat 4/17	RW	CL @ FF	SC @ NL
Sun 4/18	RW	FF @ CL	SC @ NL
Wed 4/21	NL	SC @ FF	CL @ RW
Sat 4/24	CL	FF @ NL	RW @ SC
Sun 4/25	CL	FF @ NL	SC @ RW
Sat 5/1	SC	NL @ CL	FF @ RW
Sun 5/2	SC	NL @ CL	RW @ FF
Sat 5/8	NL	FF @ SC	RW @ CL

2010 MCAC Baseball Southern Division Schedule

AR-Anoka Ramsey
DC-Dakota County
MW-Minnesota West
RL-Riverland
RO-Rochester

Sat. April 17th
MW @ DC
RL @ AR
RO-Bye

Sun. April 18th
RO @ DC
MW @ AR
RL-Bye

Wed. April 21st
AR @ RO
RL @ MW
DC-Bye

Sat. April 24th
RO @ MW
RL @ DC
AR-Bye

Sun. April 25
RL @ RO
AR @ DC
MW-Bye

Tue. April 27th
RO @ AR
MW @ RL
DC-Bye

Sat. May 1
AR @ MW
DC @ RO
RL-Bye

Sun. May 2
DC @ MW
AR @ RL
RO Bye

Wed. May 5
DC @ RL
MW @ RO
AR-Bye

Sat. May 8
RO @ RL
DC @ AR
MW-Bye