

MCAC MEN'S DIVISION BASKETBALL OPERATING CODE

I. Coaches Organization

- A. All MCAC coaches are members of the coaches organization. Each college is allowed one vote.
- B. The president of the MCAC basketball coaches association will be the head coach of the tournament host school.
- C. The annual MCAC Men's Basketball Coaches meeting will be held in coordination with the state tournament telephone conference call on the Sunday previous to the state tournament.

II. Competitive Season

- A. The number of allowable games is 27 plus 4 scrimmages.
- B. The first allowable date of practice is October 1.
- C. The first allowable game date is November 1. However, an alumni basketball game may be played before the first allowable contest.
- D. Playoff games must be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday before the State Tournament.
- E. The maximum number of contests allowed on week days is 13.
- F. Out-of-season practices shall follow the NJCAA Handbook.

III. Rules and Regulations

- A. NCAA rules will be used for all competition.
- B. The Nike ball is the official MCAC ball.
- C. The MCAC Ejection Policy shall apply to all men's basketball games, not just the conference contests.
- D. Scheduling
 - 1. Each division schedule will be approved at the MCAC annual meeting or by the Executive Committee.
 - 2. Colleges will arrange their own non-division games.
 - 3. The master division schedule serves as a binding contract for division games. It is recommended that colleges exchange contracts/confirmations on all games.
- E. For all games between MCAC colleges, teams shall wear white jerseys at home and dark jerseys away from home.
- F. For interdivision and division games on traveling weekends, the traveling team will wear dark uniforms on Friday and light uniforms on Saturday.
- G. The home team is responsible for providing statistics at half-time and after the game.
- H. The home team is responsible for filming the game and providing immediate copy for the visiting team after the game in DVD format.
- I. The home team shall furnish six balls for warm-up to the visiting team.
- J. The home school must have a basketball rule book available at the scorer's table.
- K. During play in any basketball game, the area immediately under each basket shall be kept free of any non-playing persons, equipment, signs, and banners. The area is defined as the free-throw line, extended and /or in front of wall pads.

- L. When men and women have games on the same day, they shall be 6:00 and 8:00 pm on weekdays.
1. When there is a single men's game, it shall be 7:30 pm.
 2. Non-school day start times are at 1:00/3:00 pm or 6:00/8:00 pm and are set by the home team.
 3. A Saturday contest following a Friday contest will have start times of 1:00 and 3:00 pm.
- M. Statistics
1. All MCAC games will use the Cyber Sports Stats program.
 2. Basketball statistics shall be in by Monday at 11:00 am to the MCAC Conference Coordinator.
 3. The MCAC statistics for men's basketball will be calculated and distributed by the Conference Coordinator's Office.
- N. Game introductions shall be the following for all MCAC games: alternate announcing starters by starting with the visiting team starter then a home team starter. They will meet at half court and shake hands then go to the free-throw line by their bench. The same process would be done for starters 2 through 5 with the visiting team first then the home team. Players will also not be allowed to initiate any type of greeting with the referees or the opposing coach during the introductions.
- O. Tie Breaking Procedures: Southern and Northern Divisions (all based on division games)
1. In the event of a two-way tie for a division championship, the team entered in the #1 position will be determined by the following procedure:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Coin Toss
 2. In the event of a three-way tie for a division championship, tournament participants will be determined on the basis of:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Best record against the next highest division team. If one team has a better record verse the highest remaining team they will be the division champions for playoff purposes. If two teams remain tied a coin flip will determine seed In the event all teams remain tied with the same record against the next highest division team, you compare all teams' record against the next highest division team until you have exhausted division teams. At that point, if there is still a tie of three or more teams, a draw will determine the state tournament seeds.
 3. In the event of a four-way tie for a division championship, tournament participants will be determined on the basis of:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. See item 2-b.
 4. In the event of a five-way tie for a division championship, tournament participants will be determined on the basis of:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. See item 2-b.
 5. In the event of a tie for second or third place, that does not effect any entry to the state tournament, tournament participants will be determined on the basis of:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Won-loss record vs. champion.
 - c. Won-loss record vs. runner-up.
 - d. A coin flip to determine positions.
 6. In the event of a four-way tie for second place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Won-loss record vs. champion.
 - b. A draw for the #2 and #3 positions, with the remaining two teams involved in play-off with the winner receiving #4 position and the loser eliminated.
 7. In the event of a three-way tie for third place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.

- b. Won-loss record vs. champion.
- c. Won-loss record vs. runner-up.
- d. A draw for the #4 position, with the remaining two teams involved in a play-off game, with the winner to be #3 position, and the loser eliminated.
- 8. In the event of a four-way tie for third place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Won-loss records vs. champion.
 - c. Won-loss records vs. runner-up.
 - d. A draw for two play-off games, with the winners advancing to the state tournament and losers eliminated.
 - e. Once the winners have been determined from play-off games, a coin flip will determine #3 and #4 positions.
- 9. In the event of a two-way tie for fourth place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. If each team won one of the two division games, a play-off game will be held to decide the #4 position.
- 10. In the event of a three-way tie for fourth place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head division games.
 - b. Won-loss records vs. champion.
 - c. Won-loss records vs. runner-up.
 - d. Won-loss records vs. third place team.
 - e. A draw to select one team eliminated. A play-off game will be held between the other two teams.
- 11. In the event of a four-way tie for fourth place, tournament participants will be determined by:
 - a. Won-loss records head to head.
 - b. Won-loss records vs. champion.
 - c. Won-loss records vs. runner-up.
 - c. Won-loss records vs. third place team.
 - e. Draw two teams for a play-off game.
- 12. In the event a play-off game is needed, it shall be scheduled by mutual consent no later than the Tuesday preceding the MCAC Tournament at a site to be determined by a coin flip. The game may be played at a neutral site by mutual consent.

IV. Division Organization

A. There shall be two (2) divisions:

<u>Southern Division</u>	<u>Northern Division</u>
Anoka-Ramsey	Fond Du Lac
Central Lakes	Hibbing
M-State-Fergus Falls	Itasca
Minnesota West	Mesabi Range
Ridgewater	Northland
Riverland	Rainy River
Rochester	Vermilion

B. Division Game Rules

1. All Saturday games that are a result of the needed road trip shall be afternoon games, unless mutually agreed upon. (Northern Division)

C. Inter-Division Games

1. Inter-divisional games on Friday nights are to be played at 6:00/8:00 unless mutually agreed upon; and inter-divisional games on Saturdays are to be played at 1:00/3:00.
2. If there is only one game scheduled on Saturday, the contest will be at 1:00 unless there is mutual consent for a different starting time.
3. All inter-division games must be played on the date scheduled.

V. Eligibility

A. NJCAA eligibility rules shall be followed.

VI. Awards Procedures

A. All-Division Selection

1. The number of All-Division players shall be 15 in both the North and South.
2. The top 5 in each division will be automatically named "All State", with the remaining 5 slots determined by a coaches vote.
3. Procedure
 - a. No coach will list any of his own team members.
 - b. The top 15 players (point-wise) in the two divisions become the All-Division team.
 - c. These names become the nominees for the All-State team, and will be listed in rank order by division.
 - d. The top two players in each division automatically become region nominees.

B. MCAC All-State Team

1. The top 5 players from the two divisions are automatically All-State.
2. The coaches then would vote for 5 other players to complete the All-State team.
3. Coaches will then rank the top 3 from the automatic selections.
4. If the All-Conference balloting deadlines are not met, players from the delinquent college(s) will not be considered for All-Division or All-Conference honors.

C. Coach of the Year

1. The men's basketball "coach of the year" for each division will be determined by coaches' vote by the coaches for their division only.
2. The voting is to be done by secret ballot, each year, with one vote per school.

VI. State Tournament Policies

A. Date/Location

1. Tournament Dates – February 25-26-27, 2011 at Anoka Ramsey
2. All colleges are eligible to host the MCAC tournament.
3. Colleges bidding for the tournament must apply to the MCAC Men's Basketball Coaches Association prior to the MCAC annual meeting.
4. A college shall host the tournament two years.
5. The MCAC Men's Basketball Association will recommend the tournament location to the MCAC General Assembly.
6. The date and location of the tournament are established at the annual MCAC spring meeting.

B. Type of Tournament

1. The tournament will be an eight team, single elimination tournament.
2. The top four teams from the Northern and Southern Divisions will qualify for the State Tournament.
3. Pairings:

Top Bracket:	S-1 vs. N-4	S-3 vs. N-2
Bottom Bracket:	S-2 vs. N-3	S-4 vs. N-1

* The host team will determine which bracket plays in the afternoon or evening sessions. The brackets must remain intact.
4. Starting times for games on Day 1 shall be: 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.
5. Day 2 shall be: 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
6. Starting times for Day 3 tournament game shall be 2:00 p.m.
7. Region 13 qualification. The State Champion from the MCAC Tournament will qualify for the Region 13 Tournament. The champion will host on years Minnesota is scheduled to host the Region 13 Tournament.

VII.

MCAC INTERDIVISION

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2010

Friday 12/03/2010

<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Home</u>
Rainy River	Ridgewater
Hibbing	Minnesota West
Itasca	Rochester
Northland	Riverland
Mesabi Range	Fergus Falls
Vermilion	Central Lakes
NORTH BYE	St. Cloud
Fond Du Lac	Anoka Ramsey

Saturday 12/04/2010

<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Home</u>
Rainy River	Minnesota West
Hibbing	Ridgewater
Itasca	Riverland
Northland	Rochester
Mesabi Range	Central Lakes
Vermilion	Fergus Falls
NORTH BYE	Anoka-Ramsey
Fond Du Lac	St. Cloud

Friday 12/10/2010

<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Home</u>
Riverland	Hibbing
Rochester	Rainy River
Central Lakes	Northland
Fergus Falls	Itasca
Anoka-Ramsey	Vermilion
St. Cloud	Mesabi Range
Minnesota West	Fond Du Lac
Ridgewater	NORTH BYE

Saturday 12/11/2010

<u>Visitor</u>	<u>Home</u>
Rochester	Hibbing
Riverland	Rainy River
Fergus Falls	Northland
Central Lakes	Itasca
St. Cloud	Vermilion
Anoka-Ramsey	Mesabi Range
Ridgewater	Fond Du Lac
Minnesota West	NORTH BYE

2011 Northern Division Schedule

January 7

Hibbing @ Itasca
Northland @ Vermilion
Fond Du Lac @ Mesabi Range

January 8

Northland @ Mesabi Range
Itasca @ Rainy River
Fond Du Lac @ Vermilion

January 12

Mesabi Range @ Itasca
Vermilion Hibbing
Rainy River @ Northland

January 15
Hibbing @ Northland
Mesabi Range @ Rainy River
Itasca @ Fond Du Lac

January 19
Fond Du Lac @ Hibbing
Vermilion @ Rainy River

January 21
Northland @ Itasca

January 22
Northland @ Fond Du Lac
Vermilion @ Mesabi Range
Rainy River @ Hibbing

January 26
Hibbing @ Mesabi Range
Itasca @ Vermilion
Rainy River @ Fond Du Lac

January 29
Mesabi Range @ Fond Du Lac
Itasca @ Hibbing
Vermilion @ Northland

February 2
Hibbing @ Vermilion
Northland @ Rainy River
Itasca @ Mesabi Range

February 5
Mesabi Range @ Northland
Vermilion @ Fond Du Lac
Rainy River @ Itasca

February 9
Hibbing @ Rainy River
Mesabi Range @ Vermilion
Fond Du Lac @ Northland

February 12
Northland @ Hibbing
Fond Du Lac @ Itasca
Rainy River @ Mesabi Range

February 16
Hibbing @ Fond Du Lac
Itasca @ Northland
Rainy River @ Vermilion

February 19
Mesabi Range @ Hibbing
Fond Du Lac @ Rainy River
Vermilion @ Itasca

2011 Southern Division Schedule

Week 1 Wednesday 1-5-11
RW @ AR
CL @ FF
RO @ MW

Saturday 1-8-11
RL @ MW
RO @ CL
FF @ RW

RL BYE

AR BYE

Week 2 Wednesday 1-12-11
MW @ FF
AR @ RL
CL @ RW
RO BYE

Saturday 1-15-11
RW @ RO
RL @ CL
AR @ FF
MW BYE

Week 3 Wednesday 1-19-11
MW @ RW
CL @ AR
RL @ RO
FF BYE

Saturday 1-22-11
AR @ MW
RL @ RW
RO @ FF
CL BYE

Week 4 Wednesday 1-26-11
FF @ RL
RO @ AR
CL @ MW
RW BYE

Saturday 1-29-11
AR @ RW
FF @ CL
MW @ RO
RL BYE

Week 5 Wednesday 2-2-11
MW @ RL
CL @ RCTC
RW @ FF
AR BYE

Saturday 2-5-11
FF @ MW
RL @ AR
RW @ CL
RO BYE

Week 6 Wednesday 2-9-11
RO @ RW
CL @ RL
FF @ AR
MW BYE

Saturday 2-12-11
RW @ MW
AR @ CL
RO @ RL
FF BYE

Week 7 Wednesday 2-16-11
MW @ AR
RW @ RL
FF @ RO
CL BYE

Saturday 2-19-11
RL @ FF
AR @ RO
MW @ CL
RW BYE

MCAC State Tournament February 25-26-27, 2011