

New Program and Discontinuing Program Procedures

New Programs: MCAC institutions will formally notify the Conference Coordinator of new programs before the conclusion of the national tournament or final post-season game for that sport in the academic year prior to the year when the institution intends to begin that sport.

A second confirming notification will be made by the institution by August of the fiscal year (July through June) of implementation.

MnSCU Policy 2.26: Conference and Division Membership

"Consistent with the unique identity and mission of the institution, a college or university may engage in programs of intercollegiate athletics and may join one or more conferences and operate according to the rules and standards of the conference as long as such rules are not in conflict with federal or state law, system policies, or procedures. Any change proposed by a college or university in division level membership for any sport requires prior approval by the Board."

Discontinue Programs: Institutions intending to discontinue a sport will notify the MCAC Conference Coordinator and all individual opponents by March in the prior fiscal year for fall sports and by August in the current fiscal year for spring sports.

Notifications (and notification copies) will be made in writing to the conference office. Failure to field a team after a new program has given final confirming notification by August will result in forfeiture of individual games in the inaugural season. Notification to discontinue a sport coming by August will result likewise in forfeiture.