

Central Connecticut State

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Fairleigh Dickinson

*Knights*



Long Island

*Blackbirds*



Monmouth

*Hawks*



Mount St. Mary's

*Mountainers*



Quinnipiac

*Bobcats*



Robert Morris

*Colonials*



Sacred Heart

*Pioneers*



St. Francis (NY)

*Terriers*



St. Francis (PA)

*Red Flash*



Wagner

*Seahawks*



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# Northeast Conference Policy Manual



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When the Northeast Conference was first established as the ECAC-Metro Conference back in 1981, the league's founders had one simple goal in mind: to create a competitive Division I men's basketball conference for unaffiliated schools on the Eastern seaboard. A single-sport entity at its inception, even the league's most ardent supporters during its formative years could not have envisioned a transformation into a burgeoning 11-member, 21-sport conference. Now, 25 years later, the NEC begins a yearlong celebration of its Silver Anniversary by proudly looking back at its heritage, while at the same time writing the next chapter in the league's evolution.

The NEC and its member institutions remain committed to enhancing the experience of its student-athletes, while strengthening its competitive position both regionally and nationally. With that in mind, the league's traditional focus on athletic achievement, academic integrity and development, community outreach and sportsmanship has never been stronger. To that end, the NEC launched Sportsmanship Counts! in 2004-05, an initiative designed to reinforce and promote the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship.

The remarkable success story of the conference began to unfold in 1985, when the league began sponsoring additional sports. Three years later, a change of name was in order and the Northeast Conference as we know it today was born. With membership and sport sponsorship continuing to grow over the next decade and beyond, the NEC now has access to NCAA automatic bids in 12 sports (baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball).

Though the NEC has featured various incarnations since its inception, charter members Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Robert Morris, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA) and Wagner remain part of the current 11-school alignment. They are joined by Monmouth (admitted in 1985), Mount St. Mary's (1989), Central Connecticut State (1997), Quinnipiac (1998) and Sacred Heart (1999). NEC expansion, which culminated in 1999 with the addition of Sacred Heart, has given the league a five-state geographic footprint with access to such major media markets as New York City, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Hartford.

With the addition of four sports over the last seven years, NEC member institutions now compete in 21 championship sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor track and field, women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.

As only the second full-time commissioner in NEC history, the hiring of John Iamarino on April 7, 1997 signaled the dawn of a new era in the conference. During his tenure, Iamarino has orchestrated the transition from nine league schools to 11; and sports sponsorship from 17 to 21. He unveiled a new NEC logo to wide acclaim in June, 1997, spearheaded the move of NEC Championships to top-notch venues such as FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood, NJ (baseball), Mercer County Park (tennis) and the P.G. County Sports Complex in Landover, MD (indoor track and swimming), initiated a new football financial aid policy, strengthened scheduling requirements and aggressively stepped up the league's marketing and merchandising efforts. Under Iamarino's guidance, the NEC reached an agreement with Maingate, Inc. in 2004 to become the official merchandiser of the conference and host the league's first-ever webstore ([www.necstore.org](http://www.necstore.org)). In 2005-06, the NEC will begin offering live coverage of league championship events through Gametracker software.

Iamarino has also succeeded in widening the NEC's exposure on a national basis through a number of initiatives. The league's official website - one of the most comprehensive in the nation - was relaunched in 2004 with additional content and features, as well as a state-of-the-art design. To supplement one of the premier regional basketball television packages in the country, the conference also began televising football games in 2003. Over the last three years, the NEC has televised nearly 100 events, as the league's coverage area expanded to 20 million homes. Along with flagship station MSG Network, other regional television outlets included Fox Sports-New York, Fox Sports-Pittsburgh, Fox Sports-New England and Comcast SportsNet. In 2005, ESPN broadcast the men's championship game for the 18th straight year while MSG televised the women's title contest for the eighth season in a row.

During the 2004-05 campaign, the NEC played on a national stage through the awarding of NCAA bids to the conference in 12 team sports. In the league's highest profile event of the year, the Fairleigh Dickinson men's basketball team played top-seed and eventual national runner-up Illinois to a first-half standstill, gaining instant recognition before a nationwide audience. Monmouth won the Sports Network Cup in football, emblematic of the top mid-major program in the nation, as five conference programs finished in

the final top-10 poll. Men's soccer has been the league's most competitive sport on a regional and national basis in recent years, including Fairleigh Dickinson winning four NCAA Tournament matches over the past four years. Last season, NEC programs scored men's soccer victories over teams from the ACC, Big East and Atlantic 10, while Long Island tied a Michigan team that was ranked third in the nation at the time. Individually, St. Francis (PA) distance runner A.J. Suravicz claimed All-America honors in the indoor mile after finishing in ninth place at the NCAA Championships in March, while teammate Ryan Sheehan became a two-time All-American after placing 11th in the 10,000 meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in June. Along with Sheehan, the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships produced two more All-Americans as Long Island's Bryan Steele took sixth place in the 400 meter hurdles and Monmouth's Bobby Smith claimed fifth place in the javelin. In football, Robert Morris linebacker James Noel and Albany offensive lineman Geir Gudmundsen were tabbed to the AFCA I-AA All-America team. Albany defensive back Kurt Campbell became the second NEC player drafted since the league began sponsoring football in 1996 when he was chosen by the Green Bay Packers in the seventh round. In women's swimming, Central Connecticut State's Jaime Crowley qualified for the NCAA Swimming Championships in the 50 freestyle, then went on to compete in two events at the World Championship trials in Indianapolis. On a regional note, the Long Island women's soccer team advanced to the ECAC Tournament championship match.

One of the highlights of the conference year was the NEC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, which went "Back To Campus" for the first time since the 1996-97 season. While Fairleigh Dickinson won the men's crown for the first time since 1998, St. Francis (PA) continued its longstanding domination of NEC women's hoops with its fourth conference title in a row and ninth in the last ten years. In women's cross country, St. Francis (PA) collected its fourth straight league championship, while the Central Connecticut State women's soccer team made it three in a row. Monmouth, which took home NEC titles in men's and women's indoor track and field and men's outdoor track and field, won its second straight NEC Commissioner's Cup and fourth overall. The Hawks also earned a share of the NEC football crown, finished tied for first place in women's lacrosse and won the regular season men's basketball championship. To conclude the campaign, four NEC baseball players were chosen in the 2005 Major League draft: Quinnipiac's Bryan Sabatella, Ari Kafka and Pat Egan, as well as Wagner's Andrew Bailey.

The 2004-05 academic year also boasted a strong balance between athletic feats and academic achievements of NEC student-athletes as 1,032 league competitors were named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll and eight earned national Academic All-America status, the second highest one-year total in league history. NEC Student-Athlete of the Year Beth Swink (two-time honoree in women's basketball) and Andrew Maloney (three-time honoree in track and field) of St. Francis (PA), along with Long Island's David Ledet (men's soccer), Mount St. Mary's Naomi Campano (two-time honoree in women's lacrosse), Robert Morris' Jonathan LeDonne (football) and Gardner-Webb's Taylor Simpson (women's swimming) were all recognized as ESPN The Magazine first team Academic All-Americans. Joining the aforementioned quartet was Central Connecticut State's Sabrina Mariani, (two-time honoree in women's soccer) and St. Francis (PA)'s Ryan Sheehan (track and field), who earned third team Academic All-America plaudits. St. Francis (PA) ranks among the top programs nationally in Academic All-Americans over the last seven years with 19.

### NEC SPRING MEETING SITES

1989	Atlantic City, NJ	
1990	Ocean City, MD	
1991	San Diego, CA	
1992	Marco Island, FL	Marriott Hotel
1993	Hershey, PA	Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
1994	Hershey, PA	Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
1995	Bushkill Falls, PA	Tamiment Resort
1996	Hidden Valley, PA	Hidden Valley Resort
1997	Ellicott City, MD	Turf Valley Resort
1998	Hershey, PA	Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
1999	Westbrook, CT	Water's Edge Resort
2000	Ocean City, MD	Dunes Manor Hotel
2001	Champion, PA	Seven Springs Mountain Resort
2002	Cape May, NJ	The Grand Hotel
2003	Westbrook, CT	Water's Edge Resort
2004	Ocean City, MD	The Grand Hotel
2005	Hershey, PA	Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
2006	Atlantic City, NJ	Sheraton Atlantic City

**2005-06 Schedule of Events**

<u>EVENT/CHAMPIONSHIP</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>SITE</u>
A/E/C Cabinet meeting	September 7-9	Baltimore, MD
CCA Fall meeting	September 19-20	Park Ridge, IL
Championships Cabinet meeting	September 20-22	Indianapolis, IN
NEC Fall meeting	October 11	Mount St. Mary's
I-AA Football Governance meeting	October 16	Indianapolis, IN
Management Council meeting	October 17-18	Indianapolis, IN
Board of Directors meeting	October 27	Indianapolis, IN
Field Hockey	Oct. 28-29	Highest Seed
Cross Country	October 29	St. Francis (PA)
NEC Legislative meeting	November 8	Wagner
Women's Soccer	November 4 & 6	Highest Seed
Men's Soccer	November 11 & 13	Highest Seed
Volleyball	November 19-20	Highest Seed
NCAA Convention	January 6-9	Indianapolis, IN
NEC Winter meeting	January 7	Indianapolis, IN
CCA Winter meeting	January 7	Indianapolis, IN
AFCA Convention	January 8-11	Dallas, TX
Board of Directors meeting	January 10	Indianapolis, IN
SWA Winter meeting	February 7	Somerset, NJ
Championships Cabinet meeting	February 7-8	TBA
Indoor Track & Field	February 11-12	Landover, MD
A/E/C Cabinet meeting	February 15-17	TBA
Swimming & Diving	February 16-18	Landover, MD
Men's Basketball	March 2, 5, 8	Highest Seeds
Women's Basketball	March 4, 7, 11	Highest Seeds
Men's Final Four	April 1 & 3	Indianapolis, IN
Women's Final Four	April 2 & 4	Boston, MA
I-AA Football Governance meeting	April 9	Indianapolis, IN

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<b><u>EVENT/CHAMPIONSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>DATE(S)</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>
Management Council meeting	April 10-11	Savannah, GA
Men's & Women's Tennis	April 21-22	Mercerville, NJ (tentative) Mercer County Tennis Ctr.
Board of Directors meeting	April 27	Indianapolis, IN
Women's Lacrosse	April 28 & 30	Highest Seed
Women's Golf	April 29-30	Lake Buena Vista, FL
Men's Golf	May 6-7	Lake Buena Vista, FL
Outdoor Track & Field	May 6-7	Mount St. Mary's
Softball	May 12-13	Highest Seed
NEC Spring meeting	May 23-25	Atlantic City, NJ
Baseball	May 25-27	Lakewood, NJ
A/E/C Cabinet meeting	June 7-9	Indianapolis, IN
NEC Presidents meeting	June 15	Long Island University
CCA Summer meeting	June 19-22	Half Moon Bay, CA
NACDA Convention	June 20-23	New Orleans, LA
Championships Cabinet meeting	June 27-28	TBA
Management Council meeting	July 17-18	TBA
Board of Directors meeting	August 3	Indianapolis, IN

## 2005-06 Meeting Schedule

- All meetings will be conducted via teleconference unless otherwise noted below. A Conference office representative will run all coaches' meetings.
- Administrators from the appropriate sports committee are expected to participate in all coaches' meetings.
- All meetings are considered mandatory for all appropriate administrators and head coaches.
- All dates are subject to change. Advance notice will be provided by the NEC office.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Athletic Directors	*Tuesday, October 11
Council of Presidents	Tuesday, October 11
FARs & Compliance coordinators	*Tuesday, November 8
Cross Country	Wednesday, November 2
Field Hockey	Tuesday, November 15
Women's Soccer	Wednesday, November 16
Men's Soccer	Tuesday, November 22
Volleyball	Tuesday, November 29
Academic Advisors	*TBA
Athletic Directors	*Saturday, January 7
Football	*Monday, January 9
Senior Woman Administrators	*Tuesday, February 7
Indoor Track & Field	Tuesday, February 21
Swimming & Diving	Wednesday, February 22
Men's Basketball	*Saturday, April 1
Women's Basketball	*Sunday, April 2
Athletic Trainers	TBA
Women's Golf	Wednesday, May 3 (evening)
Tennis	Tuesday, May 2
Sports Information Directors	*Tuesday, May 9
Marketing Directors	*Tuesday, May 9
Men's Golf	Wednesday, May 10
Outdoor Track & Field	Wednesday, May 10
Women's Lacrosse	Monday, May 15
Softball	Tuesday, May 16
Baseball	Tuesday, May 16
Athletic Directors	*Tuesday-Thursday, May 23-25
Senior Woman Administrators	*Tuesday-Thursday, May 23-25
Faculty Representatives	*Wednesday, May 24
Council of Presidents	*Thursday, June 15

\* Indicates in-person meeting.

## **NEC Access to NCAA Championships**

<b><u>Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Method of NCAA Access</u></b>	<b><u>NCAA First Round Dates</u></b>
Women's Soccer	Automatic qualifier	November 11
Cross Country	Time Qualifiers	November 12
Field Hockey	Play-in @ A-10 November 8 (Tentative)	November 12-13
Men's Soccer	Automatic qualifier	November 18 or 19
Volleyball	Automatic qualifier	December 1-2, 2-3, or 3-4
Women's Diving	Performance qualifiers	March 9-11 or 10-12
Indoor Track & Field	Performance qualifiers	March 10-11
Women's Swimming	Time qualifiers	March 16-18
Men's Basketball	Automatic qualifier	March 16-17
Women's Basketball	Automatic qualifier	March 18-19
Women's Golf	Automatic qualifier	May 11-13
Women's Tennis	Automatic qualifier	May 12-13
Men's Tennis	Automatic qualifier	May 12-14
Women's Lacrosse	Play-in or Automatic	May 14
Men's Golf	Automatic qualifier	May 18-20
Softball	Automatic qualifier	May 19-21
Outdoor Track & Field	*Automatic qualifiers Performance qualifiers	May 26-27
Baseball	Automatic qualifier	June 2-5

*\* Individual event winners from NEC Outdoor Championship advance to NCAA Outdoor Regionals automatically.*

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Soccer	Seth Roland	692-2247	roland
Asst. Soccer	Alex Passucci	692-2247	passucci
Asst. Soccer	Orce Kozeski	692-2247	kozeski
Tennis	Ira Miller	692-2096	imiller
 <b>Women's Coaches:</b>			
Basketball	Sandy Gordon	692-9626	sgordon
Asst. Basketball	Joymarie Swanson	692-9063	jswanson
Asst. Basketball	Brian Stanchak	692-9428	stanchak
Basketball Secretary	TBA	692-9063	
Bowling	Mike LoPresti	692-9346	lopresti
Cross Country/Track & Field	Sharlene Milwood-Lee	692-2242	sharlene_milwood-lee
Asst. Track	Richard Alexander, Jr.	692-2242	ralexand
Fencing	Roger Cummings	692-9271	cummings
Soccer	Peter Gaglioti	692-2007	gaglioti
Asst. Soccer	Phil Casella	692-2007	casella
Asst. Soccer	Michael Louter	692-2001	loutermj
Softball	Bob Bruno	692-2118	rejb1
Asst. Softball	Brielle Consentino	692-2118	
Tennis	Ira Miller	692-2096	imiller
Volleyball	Stacey Recanati	692-2254	srvball
Asst. Volleyball	James Foo	692-2254	Foo

## School Directory

### Long Island University

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Nickname: Blackbirds

Area Code: (718)

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Sports Information Fax: 488-3302

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Asst. AD/Compliance	Matthew Scally	780-4088	<a href="mailto:mscally">mscally</a>
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Asst. Media Relations Dir.	TBA	488-1307	
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Academic Coordinator	Nora Zavolunova	488-3498	<a href="mailto:nora.zavolunova">nora.zavolunova</a>
Head Athletics Trainer	Danny O'Connor	488-1521	<a href="mailto:doconnor">doconnor</a>
Asst. Trainer	Tracye Rawls-Martin	488-4158	<a href="mailto:tmartin">tmartin</a>
Asst. Trainer	Jarrod Spanjer	780-4394	<a href="mailto:jspanjer">jspanjer</a>
Ticket Manager/Strength Coach	Ken Tavani	488-3340	
Facilities Director	Alex Martinez	488-1079	
Equipment Manager	Bill Gehrke	246-6435	<a href="mailto:bbirds@yahoo.com">bbirds@yahoo.com</a>
Athletics Secretary	Johanna Anderson	780-4591	<a href="mailto:anderson">anderson</a>
<b>Men's Coaches:</b>			
Baseball	TBA	488-1538	
Asst. Baseball	Craig Noto	488-1538	<a href="mailto:craignoto@si.rr.com">craignoto@si.rr.com</a>
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Basketball	Jim Ferry	488-1528	<a href="mailto:jim.ferry">jim.ferry</a>
Asst. Basketball	Andy Johnston	488-3499	<a href="mailto:andrew.johnston">andrew.johnston</a>
Asst. Basketball	Jack Perri	246-6338	<a href="mailto:Jack.Perri">Jack.Perri</a>
Asst. Basketball	Lenny Pitt	780-4049	<a href="mailto:lpitt">lpitt</a>
Basketball Operations	TBA	780-4049	
Cross Country/Track & Field	Julia Sandiford	780-4094	<a href="mailto:jsandifo">jsandifo</a>
Asst. Track	Simon Hodnett	488-3478	<a href="mailto:shodnett@liu.edu">shodnett@liu.edu</a>
Asst. Track	Richard James	488-3478	
Golf	Michael Michaelides	488-1074	<a href="mailto:michael.michaelides">michael.michaelides</a>
Soccer	TJ Kostecky	488-1530	<a href="mailto:kostecky">kostecky</a>
Asst. Soccer	Chris Lawrence	246-6437	<a href="mailto:chris.lawrence">chris.lawrence</a>
GA Soccer	Stephen Hoogerwerf	246-6437	
GA Soccer	Anthony Roros	246-6437	

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<b>Women's Coaches:</b>			
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Asst. Basketball	Angelika Szumilo	780-4092	aszumilo
Asst. Basketball	Sami Allison	780-4093	allison_sami@yahoo.com
Basketball Operations	Amra Mehmedic	780-4092	amra_mehmedic@yahoo.com
Cheer	Pia Stevens Haynes	488-1216	phaynes
Cross Country/Track & Field	Julia Sandiford	780-4094	jsandifo
Asst. Track	Simon Hodnett	488-3478	shodnett
Asst. Track	Richard James	488-3478	
Golf	Michael Michaelides	488-1074	michael.michaelides
Lacrosse	Regan Teti	780-6156	regan.teti
Asst. Lacrosse	Megan Anderson	780-6156	megan.anderson2
Soccer	Tracey Bartholomew	488-3496	tbarthol
Asst. Soccer	Amphone Keovongmanysar	488-3495	aketnouv
GA Soccer	Denise Thomas	488-3495	
Softball	Roy Kortmann	488-1523	rkortman
Asst. Softball	Bill Gehrke	246-6435	bbirds@yahoo.com
Asst. Softball	Margie Foster	780-4080	margie_08@hotmail.com
Tennis	Asi Phillips	488-3497	Aseda.Phillips
Volleyball	Toby Rens	488-1532	toby.rens
Asst. Volleyball	Radu Petrus	488-1532	
GA Volleyball	Jana Milin	488-1532	

## School Directory

### Monmouth University

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Nickname: Hawks

Area Code: (732)

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Sports Information Fax: 571-3535

President's Office Fax: 263-5117

Website: [www.monmouth.edu/athletics](http://www.monmouth.edu/athletics)

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President	Vice Admiral Paul Gaffney	571-3402	president
Secretary	Janet Fell	571-3402	jfell
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Director of Alumni Affairs	Marilyn Perry	571-3489	alumni
Director of Financial Aid	Claire Alasio	571-3547	calasio
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Director of Athletics	Dr. Marilyn McNeil	571-3414	mmcneil
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Asst. Dir. for Academic Support Services	Tina Sevastakis	571-7572	tsevasa
Associate AD/Compliance	Jennifer Thomas	571-3668	jthomas
Associate AD/Sports Medicine	Doug Padron	571-3623	dpadron
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Asst. Athletics Trainer	Kelli Gibson	263-5252	kgibson
Asst. Athletics Trainer	Adam Smith	263-5252	awsmith
Asst. Athletics Trainer	Allison Glemser	263-5252	aglemser
Asst. Athletics Trainer	Tracie Thomson	263-5252	tthomson
Asst. AD/Marketing, Promo & Spirit	Tom Manzo	571-5833	tmanzo
Asst. AD for Communications	Thomas Dick	571-4447	tdick
Asst. Dir. of Athletic Communications	Chris Tobin	263-5180	ctobin
Asst. AD for Event Management	Rich Carragher	263-3675	rcarragh
Asst. AD for Equipment	Greg Decos	263-5552	gdecos
Asst. Equipment Manager	Jim Matsutani	263-5553	jmatsuta
Dir. Intramurals & Recreation	Jon Cascone	263-5187	jascone
Athletics & Recreation Asst.	Keith Olenik	263-5387	asladows
Coord. Strength & Conditioning	Tom Battaglia	263-5276	tbattagl
Asst. Strength & Conditioning	Jim Renae	263-5276	erenae
Asst. Dir. of Fitness Center	John Jackman	263-5350	jjackman
Exercise Physiologist	Marta Neumann	263-5350	mneumann
Cheerleading Advisor	Amanda Morris	263-5350	amorris
Athletics Secretary	Charlene Siciliano	263-5188	csicilia
Athletics Secretary	Nancy Benanti	263-5190	nbenanti

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**NAME:**

**PHONE:**

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**Men's Coaches:**

Baseball	Dean Ehehalt	263-5186	dehehalt
Asst. Baseball	Jeff Barbalinaro	263-5347	jbarbali
Basketball	Dave Calloway	571-7584	callow
Asst. Basketball	Mark Calzonetti	571-4420	mcalzone
Asst. Basketball	Geoff Billet	263-5184	gbillet
Asst. Basketball	Ron Krayl	263-5184	rkrayl
Cross Country/Track	Joe Compagni	571-3676	jcompagn
Asst. Track	Brian Hirshblond	263-5782	bhirshbl
Asst. Track	Abe Flores	263-5782	aflores
Football	Kevin Callahan	571-7582	kcallaha
Asst. Football/Defensive Coord.	Andy Bobik	263-5179	abobik
Asst. Football/Offensive Coord.	Mark Fabish	263-5181	mfabish
Asst. Football/Offensive Line	Brian Gabriel	263-5496	bgabriel
Asst. Football/Defensive Backs	Larry Zdilla	263-5836	lzdilla
Asst. Football/Running Backs	Scott Van Zile	263-5497	svanzile
Asst. Football/Tight Ends	Ryan Monday	263-5495	rmonday
Asst. Football	Christopher Damian	263-5185	cdamian
Golf	Dennis Shea	263-5177	dshea
Soccer	Rob McCourt	263-5150	rmccourt
Asst. Soccer	Matt Friel	263-5210	mfriel
Tennis	Jeff Kutac	263-5387	jkutac

**Women's Coaches:**

Basketball	Michele Baxter	571-3565	mbaxter
Asst. Basketball	Felicia Burroughs	263-5178	fburroug
Asst. Basketball	Jim Baxter	263-5183	jbaxter
Asst. Basketball	Sara Hatcher	263-5343	shatcher
Cross Country/Track	Joe Compagni	571-3676	jcompagn
Asst. Track	Brian Hirshblond	263-5782	bhirshbl
Asst. Track	Abe Flores	263-5782	aflores
Field Hockey	Monica Levy	263-5322	mmorgan
Asst. Field Hockey	Kelly Balady	263-5838	kbalady
Asst. Field Hockey	Carli Figlio	263-5348	cfiglio
Golf	Sherri McDonald	571-4426	smcdonal
Lacrosse	TBA	263-5556	
Asst. Lacrosse	Kelly McCardell	263-5556	kmccardel
Asst. Lacrosse	Erica Kauffman	263-5840	ekauffma
Soccer	Krissy Turner	571-4410	kturner
Asst. Soccer	Ron Autenrieth	263-5210	rautenri
Softball	Carol Sullivan	571-5782	csulliva
Asst. Softball	Greg Lamanna	263-3648	glamanna
Asst. Softball	Stacy Slater	263-5782	sslater
Tennis	Patrice Murray	263-5175	pmurray

## School Directory

### Mount St. Mary's University

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Nickname: Mountaineers

Area Code: (301)

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**TITLE:**

**MSM Staff:**

President  
Secretary  
Vice President/Dean of the College  
Faculty Athletics Representative  
Director of Alumni Affairs  
Director of Financial Aid

**NAME:**

Dr. Thomas H. Powell  
Cynthia Kokoski  
Dr. Chris Blake  
Dr. Robert Keefer  
Maureen Plant  
David Reeder

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447-5207

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powell  
kokoski  
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mplant  
reeder

**Athletics Staff:**

Director of Athletics  
Assoc. AD/Compliance/SWA  
Asst. AD/Marketing & Promotions  
Sports Information Director  
Asst. SID  
Head Athletics Trainer  
Asst. Athletics Trainer  
Facilities Supervisor  
Field Coordinator  
Ticket Manager  
Dir. of Recreational Services  
Cheerleading Coach  
Administrative Asst.  
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Administrative Asst.

Dr. Harold Menninger  
Lynne P. Robinson  
Michael Hardisky  
Mark Vandergrift  
David Musil, Jr.  
Jessica Hunt  
Eric Hansen  
Doug White  
Wayne Ferrebee  
Shannon Riley  
Denise Ditch  
Kimberly Shank  
Susan Baumgardner  
Connie Barnes  
Judi Strike

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**Men's Coaches:**

Baseball  
Asst. Baseball  
Asst. Baseball  
Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Cross Country/Assoc. Track  
Asst. Cross Country/Track  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Asst. Soccer  
Tennis  
Track & Field

Scott Thomson  
Steve Thomson  
Jason Weszka  
Milan Brown  
Tyrone Perry  
Kevin Robinson, Jr.  
Brion Dunlap  
Jim Stevenson  
Jason Anderson  
Erin Brillhart  
Tom Gravante  
Rob Ryerson  
Kevin McMullen  
Phil Hammond  
Jim Deegan

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stevenson  
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ryerson  
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hammond  
deegan

**Women's Coaches:**

Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Cross Country/Assoc. Track  
Asst. Cross Country/Track  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track & Field

Vanessa Blair Treadwell  
Mark Zacher  
Robbie Turner  
Jim Stevenson  
Jason Anderson  
Bud Nason  
Erin Lamotte  
Paul Wood  
Larry Alvis  
Phil Hammond  
Jim Deegan

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lamotte  
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hammond  
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## School Directory

### Quinnipiac University

275 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

Nickname: Bobcats

Area Code: (203)

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Sports Information Fax: 583-5385

President's Office Fax: 582-8936

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#### TITLE:

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President	Dr. John Lahey	582-8700	John.Lahey
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Director of Alumni Affairs	Kathleen Stoddard	582-8656	Kathleen.Stoddard
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Director of Athletics	Jack McDonald	582-8621	mcdonald
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Sr. Associate AD	Bill Mecca	582-8624	mecca
Associate AD/SWA	Tracey Flynn	582-8767	tracey.flynn
Associate AD/Recreation	Linda Wooster	582-8626	wooster
Asst. AD/Sports Information	Michael Kobylanski	582-8625	michael.kobylanski
Asst. SID	Tom Wilkins	582-5387	Thomas.Wilkins
Dir. of Athletic Training	Gordon Hurlbert	582-8589	gordon.hurlbert
Asst. Athletic Trainer	Jennifer Mead	582-3627	Jennifer.Mead
Asst. Athletic Trainer	Nina Walker	582-8231	Nina.Walker
Asst. Athletic Trainer	Alex Wong	582-8941	Alex.Wong
Asst. AD/Academic Coordinator	Lyneene Richardson	582-3750	Lyneene.Richardson
Asst. AD/Operations	Earl Mathewson	582-5274	mathewson
Asst. AD/Intramurals	Michael Medina	582-5393	Michael.Medina
Asst. AD/Fitness Center	Tami Reilly	582-5392	Tamirack.Reilly
Director of Athletic Development	Kevin McGinniss	582-8594	kevin.mcginniss
Cheerleading Coach	Mary Ann Powers	582-5325	athletics
Athletics Secretary	Joanne Vignola	582-5205	Joanne.Vignola

#### Men's Coaches:

Baseball	Dan Gooley	582-8966	gooley
Asst. Baseball	Dan Scarpa	582-8966	daniel.scarpa
Basketball	Joe DeSantis	582-5311	desantis
Asst. Basketball	Robert Tipson	582-5286	robert.tipson
Asst. Basketball	Mitch Oliver	582-3749	mitch.oliver
Cross Country	Ed O'Connor	582-5320	edward.oconnor
Golf	Todd Howes	582-5317	todd.howes
Ice Hockey	Rand Pecknold	582-5321	pecknold
Asst. Ice Hockey	Scott Robson	582-3435	scott.robson
Asst. Ice Hockey	Ben Syer	582-8593	Ben.Syer
Lacrosse	Eric Fekete	582-5318	eric.fekete
Soccer	Eric Da Costa	582-5324	Eric.DaCosta
Tennis	Mike Quitko	582-5322	quitko
Track & Field	Shawn Green	582-5314	shawn.green

#### Women's Coaches:

Basketball	Tricia Sacca-Fabbi	582-5362	sacca
Asst. Basketball	Anthony Barone	582-3412	Anthony.Barone
Asst. Basketball	Kara Cassidy	582-8996	Kara.Cassidy
Cross Country/Track & Field	Shawn Green	582-5314	shawn.green
Field Hockey	Becca Kohli	582-5319	main
Ice Hockey	Michael Barrett	582-3294	michael.barrett
Asst. Ice Hockey	Lisa Giovanelli	582-5382	lisa.giovanelli
Lacrosse	Danie Caro	582-5323	Danielle.Caro
Soccer	David Clarke	582-5315	dclarke
Softball	Germaine Fairchild	582-5316	germaine.fairchild
Tennis	Mike Quitko	582-5322	quitko
Volleyball	Ryan Woodcock	582-5313	ryan.woodcock

## School Directory

### Robert Morris University

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Nickname: Colonials

Area Code: (412)

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Sports Information Fax: 262-8557

President's Office Fax: 262-5958

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#### **RMU Staff:**

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Director of Financial Aid	Shari Payne	262-8545	payne

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Asst. Athletics Trainer	Mike Vittorino	262-8514	vittorino
Asst. Athletics Trainer	Allison Karish	262-8353	karish
Asst. Athletics Trainer	Erin Snatchko		snatchko
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Asst. AD/Compliance	Meghan Sweeney	262-8431	sweeney
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Sports Information Director	Jim Duzyk	262-8314	duzyk
Asst. SID	Ken Baker	262-8587	baker
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Coordinator/Football Office	Ronnie Peduzzi	262-8296	peduzzi
Facilities Director	Don Smith	262-8436	smithd
Ticket Manager	Becky Diana	262-8445	diana
Equipment Manager	Ray Butter	262-8609	butter
Head Strength & Conditioning	Tom Myslinski		myslinski
Secretary	Linda Young	262-8588	youngl
Cheerleading	Kristin Kwiatkowski	262-8633	cheerleading

#### **Men's Coaches:**

Basketball	Mark Schmidt	262-8297	schmidt
Asst. Basketball	Jeffrey Boals	262-8582	boals
Asst. Basketball	Jared Franz	299-2402	franz
Cross Country/Track & Field	J. Michael Smith	262-8513	smith
Asst. Track	Steven Sarigiannis	604-2562	sarigiannis
Football	Joe Walton	262-8296	
Asst. Football	Dan Radakovich	262-8390	radakovich
Asst. Football	Scott Farison	262-8326	farison
Asst. Football	Richard DeMaio	262-8598	demaio
Asst. Football	Scott Benzel	269-3926	benzel
Asst. Football	John Banaszak	262-8326	
Asst. Football	Bob Morris	262-8666	
Asst. Football	Joe Lamenza	262-8625	lamenza
GA Football	Matt Grayson	262-8597	grayson
GA Football	John Meerdo	262-3683	meerdo
GA Football	Frank Pilato	262-8625	pilato
Golf	Jerry Stone	262-8633	stone
Ice Hockey	Derek Schooley	269-4477	schooley
Asst. Ice Hockey	Nate Handrahan	269-4478	handrahan
Asst. Ice Hockey	Marc Fakler	269-4489	fakler
Lacrosse	Kenneth Davis	269-3890	davisk
Soccer	Bill Denniston	262-8446	denniston
Asst. Soccer	John Larson	262-8446	larson
Tennis	TBA	262-8633	

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
<b>Women's Coaches:</b>			
Basketball	Sal Buscaglia	262-8419	buscaglia
Asst. Basketball	Charlie Buscaglia	604-2508	buscaglia
Asst. Basketball	Derrick Harrison	299-2434	harrison
Asst. Basketball	Toyelle Wilson	269-3879	wilsons
Crew	Liz Jones	269-4479	jonesl
Asst. Crew	Emily Humes	269-4474	humes
Cross Country/Track & Field	J. Michael Smith	262-8513	smithm
Asst. Track	Steven Sarigiannis	262-2562	sarigiannis
Field Hockey	Lisa Bray	269-8640	bray
Golf	Jerry Stone	262-8633	stone
Ice Hockey	Kevin McGonagle	269-4467	mcgonagle
Asst. Ice Hockey	Jody Katz	269-4467	katz
Lacrosse	Katy Phillips	269-3889	phillips
Asst. Lacrosse	Lisa Vacca	269-3889	vacca
Soccer	John Kowalski	262-8631	kowalski
Softball	Craig Coleman	262-8302	coleman
Tennis	TBA	262-8633	
Volleyball	Rob Thomas	262-8603	thomasr

## School Directory

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Director of Athletics  
Asst. to AD  
Div. Budget Dir./Athletics Bus. Mgr.  
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Sr. Assoc. AD/Operations  
Sr. Assoc. AD/External Relations  
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Asst. AD/Athletic Training  
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Asst. Athletic Trainer  
Asst. AD/Athletic Communications  
Asst. Dir. of Athletic Communications  
Asst. AD/Event Management  
Equipment Manager  
Cheerleading

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Elizabeth Luckie  
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Mark Adzigian  
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Lucy Cox  
Julie Alexander  
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Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Asst. Basketball  
Bowling  
Cross Country/Track & Field  
Asst. CC/Track  
Asst. CC/Track  
Fencing  
Football  
Asst. Football  
Asst. Football  
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Asst. Football  
Asst. Football  
Golf  
Ice Hockey  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Asst. Soccer  
Tennis  
Volleyball

Nick Giaquinto  
Seth Kaplan  
David Bike  
Anthony Latina  
Johnny Kidd  
TBA  
Christian Morrison  
Kenny Franklin  
Todd Linder  
Thomas Vrabel  
Paul Gorham  
Mark Nofri  
Brian Fleury  
John Thompson  
Frank Giufre  
Art Asselta  
Jason Lussier  
Mike Giaquinto  
Shaun Hannah  
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Joe Barroso  
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Asst. Basketball	Jennifer Curran	396-8232	curranj
Bowling	Becky Kregling	396-8352	kreglingb
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Golf	Jamie Romeo	365-4735	romeoj
Ice Hockey	Tom O'Malley	878-8602	omalleyt
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Tennis	Michael Guastelle	371-7885	guastellem
Volleyball	Liz McGreevy	365-7647	mcgreevye
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## School Directory

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Director of Sports Medicine	Don Hovey	489-5216	dhovey
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Asst. Basketball	Mike Wilson	489-5269	mwilson
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Director of Alumni	Anita Baumann	472-3015	Abaumann
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Secretary	Leona Noel	472-3018	lnoel
Director of Sports Medicine	Terry Bennett	472-3289	tbennett
Asst. Trainer	Jason Lonesky	472-3317	jlonesky
Dir. of Student-Athlete Development	Angela Wyss	472-3177	awyss
Dir. of External Affairs	Jim Brazill	472-3286	jbrazill
<b>Men's Coaches:</b>			
Basketball	Bobby Jones	472-3286	bjones
Basketball Secretary	Margie McHenry	472-3286	mmchenry
Asst. Basketball	John Pigatti	472-3278	jpigatti
Asst. Basketball	Rob Krimmel	472-3292	rkrimmel
Asst. Basketball	Joey Goodson	472-3279	jgoodson
Cross Country/Track & Field	Scott Catone	472-3345	scatone
Asst. Track	Adam Beltran	472-3882	abeltran
Football	Dave Opfar	472-3275	dopfar
Asst. Football	Darnel Richardson	472-2755	drichardson
Asst. Football	Kevin Rock	472-3891	krock
Asst. Football	Rick Magulick	472-2805	rmabulick
Asst. Football	Paul Failla	472-2807	pfaila
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Asst. Football	Ralph Delsardo	472-2805	rdelsardo
Golf	Bob Hahn	471-9650	rhahn
Soccer	B.J. Craig	472-3288	bjcraig
Asst. Soccer	Mike Casper	472-2780	mcasper
Tennis	Frank Spaid	472-2754	fspaid
Volleyball	Mike Rumbaugh	472-3914	mrumbaugh
Asst. Volleyball	Scott Gleason	472-3381	sgleason

**St. Francis (PA) University**  
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<b>Women's Coaches:</b>			
Basketball	Jill Poe	472-3286	jpoe
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Asst. Basketball	Jay Banaszak	472-3192	jbanaszak
Asst. Basketball	Eric Fundalewicz	472-3203	efundalewicz
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Asst. Track	Adam Beltran	472-3882	abeltran
Field Hockey	Elizabeth deSimas	472-3911	edesimas
Asst. Field Hockey/Lacrosse	Kristen Puzino	472-2836	kpuzino
Golf	Darrell Jones	472-2751	djones
Lacrosse	Wylie Crisanti	472-3304	wcrisanti
Asst. Lacrosse	TBA	472-3304	
Soccer	Brenda van Stralen	472-3104	bvanstralen
Asst. Soccer	Scott Gloden	472-2780	sgloden
Softball	Erin Layton	472-3384	elayton
Swimming	Patrick Gallagher	472-3159	pgallagher
Asst. Swimming	Bethany Bankovich	472-2701	bbankovich
Tennis	Frank Spaid	472-2754	fspaid
Volleyball	Scott Gleason	472-3381	sgleason
Asst. Volleyball	Mike Rumbaugh	472-3914	mrumbaugh

## School Directory

### Wagner College

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Secretary	Maria Kartalis	390-3131	mkartali
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Director of Financial Aid	Theresa Weimer	390-3183	tweimer
<b>Athletics Staff:</b>			
Director of Athletics	Walt Hameline	390-3488	whamelin
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Sr. Associate AD	Andrew Schwartz	390-3210	aschwart
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Sports Information Asst.	Dedrick Dye	390-3213	dedrick.dye
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Asst. Athletic Trainer	Janelle Francisco	390-3216	janelle.francisco
Asst. Athletic Trainer	Esmeralda Mendoza	390-3216	esmeralda.mendoza
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Equipment Mgr./Facilities Asst.	John Torrey	420-4360	john.torrey
Fitness Center Director	Mark Collins	420-4017	mcollins
Fitness Center Coordinator	Sean Bramley	390-3184	sean.bramley
Fitness Center Coordinator	Jess Powers	390-4394	jpowers
Director of Intramurals	Mike Alperstein	390-3269	malperst
Cheerleading Coach	Pam Coppola	390-3209	

**Wagner College  
(continued)****TITLE:****Men's Coaches:**

Baseball  
 Asst. Baseball  
 Asst. Baseball  
 Basketball  
 Asst. Basketball  
 Asst. Basketball  
 BB Administrative Asst.  
 Cross Country/Track & Field  
 Asst. Track  
 Asst. Track  
 Asst. Track  
 Football  
 Asst. Football/Defensive Coord.  
 Asst. Football/Offensive Coord.  
 Asst. Football/Offensive Line  
 Asst. Football/LB, Special Teams  
 Asst. Football/Tight Ends  
 Asst. Football/Running Backs  
 Asst. Football/Safeties  
 Asst. Football/QB, WR  
 Asst. Football/Corner Backs  
 Asst. Football/Defensive  
 Strength & Conditioning  
 Football Equipment Manager  
 Golf  
 Asst. Golf  
 Lacrosse  
 Asst. Lacrosse  
 Tennis  
 Asst. Tennis  
 Wrestling  
 Asst. Wrestling

**NAME:**

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 Jason Jurgens  
 Mike Deane  
 Jim Meil  
 Kenyon Spears  
 Jackie Barnaby  
 Joe Stasi  
 Sean Bramley  
 Alicia Welsh  
 Annette Ekberg  
 Walt Hameline  
 Mark Collins  
 Jim Gibbons  
 Bill Lacey  
 Dan Conley  
 Peter Ottaviano  
 Frank Fusco  
 Aashon Larkins  
 Lou Simone  
 George Scott  
 Clifton Coker  
 Domenic Reno  
 Jim McCabe  
 John Garland  
 Dan Waeger  
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 Erik Sullivan  
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 Asst. Basketball  
 Asst. Basketball  
 Cross Country/Track & Field  
 Asst. Track  
 Asst. Track  
 Asst. Track  
 Golf  
 Asst. Golf  
 Lacrosse  
 Asst. Lacrosse  
 Soccer  
 Asst. Soccer  
 Softball  
 Asst. Softball  
 Asst. Softball  
 Swimming  
 Asst. Swimming  
 Tennis  
 Asst. Tennis  
 Volleyball  
 Water Polo

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 Sara Atalla  
 Danielle Leyfert  
 Adrienne Billings  
 Joe Stasi  
 Sean Bramley  
 Alicia Welsh  
 Annette Ekberg  
 John Garland  
 Dan Waeger  
 Lee Daignault  
 Kate Gilland  
 Hope Troman  
 Julie Podhrasky  
 Glen Payne  
 Rosette Rough  
 Ralph Pepe  
 Sean Raffile  
 Christine Hyjeck  
 Ed Perpetua  
 Eric Allen  
 Kevin Papa  
 Patrick Beemer

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Asst. Football	Mike Simpson	442-3066	msimpson
Asst. Football	Art Tolliver	442-3501	atolliver
Asst. Football	Jeff Hafley	442-3097	jhafley

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Area Code: (631)

Athletic Department Main Number: 632-7205 -- Fax Number: 632-7122

Sports Information Fax: 632-8841 -- President's Fax: 632-6621

Website: [www.goseawolves.org](http://www.goseawolves.org)

E-Mail: [name@stonybrook.edu](mailto:name@stonybrook.edu)

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
President	Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny	632-6265	Shirley.Kenny
Director of Athletics	Jim Fiore	632-7205	James.Fiore
Financial Aid Rep.	Jan Tassie	632-6840	Jan.Tassie
Sr. Assoc. AD/SWA	Donna Woodruff	632-7174	Donna.Woodruff
Sr. Assoc. AD/External Services	Glenn Hofmann	632-4932	glenn.hofmann
Asst. AD/Marketing & Communications	Rob Emmerich, Jr.	632-6312	Robert.Emmerich
Head Trainer	Kathy Koshansky	632-7217	Kathryn.Koshansky
Football Coach	Sam Kornhauser	632-7198	Samuel.Kornhauser
Asst. Football	Paul McGonagle	632-7424	Paul.McGonagle
Asst. Football	Vince Sinagra	632-7169	Vincent.Sinagra

## Associate Member Directory

### Fairfield University (Field Hockey)

Walsh Athletic Center  
1073 North Benson Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824-5195

Nickname: Stags

Area Code: (203)

Athletic Department Main Phone: 254-4000 ext. 2208 -- Fax: 254-4130

Sports Information Fax: 254-4117

Website: [www.fairfieldstags.com](http://www.fairfieldstags.com)

E-Mail: [name@mail.fairfield.edu](mailto:name@mail.fairfield.edu)

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
President	Jeffrey von Ark, S.J.	254-4000	
Director of Athletics	Eugene Doris	254-4000 ext. 2208	edoris
Sr. Assoc. AD/SWA	Alison Sexton	254-4000 ext. 2879	asesxton
Sr. Assoc. AD	Pat Murphy	254-4000 ext. 2102	pmurphy
Assoc. AD	Allen Gibson	254-4000 ext. 2491	agibson
Asst. AD/Recruiting	John Slosar	254-4000 ext. 2605	jslosar
Sports Information Director	Jack Jones	254-4116	jjones
Asst. SID	Patrick Moran	254-4000 ext. 2877	pmoran
Asst. SID	Julie Greco	254-4000 ext. 2878	jgreco
Director of Sports Medicine	Mark Ayotte	254-4000 ext. 2273	mayotte
Field Hockey Coach	Jackie Kane	254-4000 ext. 2471	jleonard

### Lock Haven University (Field Hockey)

Thomas Fieldhouse  
401 N. Fairview Street  
Lock Haven, PA 17745  
Nickname: Lady Eagles

Area Code: (570)

Athletic Department Main Phone: 893-2102 -- Fax: 893-2414

Sports Information Fax: 893-7025

Website: [www.havensports.com](http://www.havensports.com)

E-Mail: [name@lhup.edu](mailto:name@lhup.edu)

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
President	Dr. Keith Miller	893-2000	ktmiller
Director of Athletics	Sharon E. Taylor	893-2102	staylor
Assoc. AD	Peter Campbell	893-2114	pcampbel
Asst. AD/SWA	Danielle Barney	893-2871	dbarney
Sports Information Director	Al Weston	893-2350	aweston
Head Trainer	Yvette Ingram	893-2098	yingram
Field Hockey Coach	Pat Rudy	893-2722	prudy
Asst. Field Hockey	Shanna Vitale	893-3997	svitale

## Associate Member Directory

### Rider University (Field Hockey)

2083 Lawrenceville Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3001  
Nickname: Broncs  
Area Code: (609)  
Athletic Department Main Phone: 896-5054 -- Fax: 896-0341  
Sports Information Fax: 896-0341  
Website: [www.gobroncs.com](http://www.gobroncs.com)  
E-Mail: [name@rider.edu](mailto:name@rider.edu)

<i><b>TITLE:</b></i>	<i><b>NAME:</b></i>	<i><b>PHONE:</b></i>	<i><b>E-MAIL:</b></i>
President	Dr. Mordechai Rozanski	896-5001	rozanski
Faculty Athletics Representative	Jonathan Husch	896-5330	husch
Interim Director of Athletics	Don Harnum	896-5338	harnum
Assoc. AD/SWA	Nancy Roberts	896-5056	roberts
Assoc. AD	Karin Torchia	896-5249	ktorchia
Assoc. AD	Chet Dalgewicz	895-5642	dalgewic
Sports Information Director	Bud Focht	896-5138	focht
Asst. SID	Brian Solomon	896-5135	bsolomon
Director of Sports Medicine	Tim Lengle	896-5052	tlengle
Field Hockey Coach	Lori Hussong	895-5629	lhussong

### Siena College (Field Hockey)

515 Loudon Road  
Loudonville, NY 12211-1462  
Nickname: Saints  
Area Code: (518)  
Athletic Department Main Phone: 783-2551 -- Fax: 783-2992  
Sports Information Fax: 783-2992  
Website: [www.sienasaints.com](http://www.sienasaints.com)  
E-Mail: [name@siena.edu](mailto:name@siena.edu)

<i><b>TITLE:</b></i>	<i><b>NAME:</b></i>	<i><b>PHONE:</b></i>	<i><b>E-MAIL:</b></i>
President	Fr. Kevin Mackin, O.F.M.	783-2302	mackin
Director of Athletics	John D'Argenio	783-2531	dargenio
Assoc. AD/SWA	Joyce Eggleston	783-2532	jeggleston
Sports Information Director	Jason Rich	783-2411	jrich
Head Trainer	Greg Dashnaw	783-2544	dashnaw
Field Hockey Coach	Lynda Lareau	783-2939	llareau

## Associate Member Directory

### Campbell University (Swimming & Diving)

Athletic Dept.  
P.O. Box 10  
Buies Creek, NC 27506  
Nickname: Fighting Camels  
Area Code: (910)  
Athletics Department Main Phone: 893-1328 -- Fax: 893-1980  
Sports Information Fax: 893-1330  
Website: [www.GoCamels.com](http://www.GoCamels.com)  
E-Mail: [name@campbell.edu](mailto:name@campbell.edu)

<i><b>TITLE:</b></i>	<i><b>NAME:</b></i>	<i><b>PHONE:</b></i>	<i><b>E-MAIL:</b></i>
President	Dr. Jerry M. Wallace	893-1205	wallace
Director of Athletics	Stan Williamson	893-1326	williamson
Sr. Assoc. AD/SWA	Debbie Richardson	893-1994	richardson
Asst. AD/Media Services	Stan Cole	893-1331	cole
Swimming Media Contact	Scott Dunford	814-4367	Dunfords
Head Athletic Trainer	Rick Baker	893-1563	bakerr
Swimming Coach	Pascal Molinard	814-4319	Molinard

### Gardner-Webb University (Swimming & Diving)

110 S. Main Street LYCC  
Boiling Spring, NC 28017  
Nickname: Bulldogs  
Area Code: (704)  
Athletics Department Main Phone: 406-4340 — Fax: 406-4739  
Sports Information Fax: 406-3523  
Website: [www.gwusports.com](http://www.gwusports.com)  
E-Mail: [name@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:name@gardner-webb.edu)

<i><b>TITLE:</b></i>	<i><b>NAME:</b></i>	<i><b>PHONE:</b></i>	<i><b>E-MAIL:</b></i>
President	Dr. Frank Bonner	406-4236	fbonner
Director of Athletics	Chuck Burch	406-4342	cburch
Asst. AD/SWA	Pam Scruggs	406-4341	pscruggs
Sports Information Director	Marc Rabb	406-4355	mrabb
Asst. SID	Seth Mikel	406-3981	smikel
Head Athletics Trainer	Kevin Jones	406-3926	kjones
Swimming Coach	Mike Simpson	406-3860	msimpson

## Associate Member Directory

### Georgetown University (Swimming & Diving)

Yates Field House  
Washington, DC 20057-1125  
Nickname: Hoyas  
Area Code: (202)  
Athletics Department Main Phone: 687-2435 — Fax: 687-2405  
Sports Information Fax: 687-2491  
Website: [www.guhoyas.com](http://www.guhoyas.com)  
E-Mail: [name@georgetown.edu](mailto:name@georgetown.edu)

<i>TITLE:</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>PHONE:</i>	<i>E-MAIL:</i>
President	John J. DeGioia		
Director of Athletics	Bernard Muir	687-2435	muirb
Senior Assoc. AD/SWA	Patricia Thomas	687-2435	thomasp
Sports Information Director	Bill Shapland	687-2492	shaplanw
Head Athletic Trainer	Doug Huffman	687-8457	huffmand
Swimming Coach	Bethany Bower	687-2407	bowerb
Diving Coach	Carrie Bromberg	703-522-1674	divecoach@att.net

### Georgia Southern University (Swimming & Diving)

P.O. Box 8082  
Statesboro, GA 30460  
Nickname: Eagles  
Area Code: (912)  
Athletics Department Main Phone: 681-5376 — Fax: 681-0095  
Sports Information Fax: 681-0046  
Website: [georgiasoutherneagles.com](http://georgiasoutherneagles.com)  
E-Mail: [name@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:name@georgiasouthern.edu)

<i>TITLE:</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>PHONE:</i>	<i>E-MAIL:</i>
President	Dr. Bruce Grube	681-5211	bfgrube
Director of Athletics	Sam Baker	681-5047	sbaker
Asst. AD/SWA	Cathy Beene	871-1158	cbeene
Asst. AD/Media Relations	Patrick Osterman	681-0352	prosterman
Head Athletic Trainer	Brant Berkstresser	681-5053	bberkst
Swimming Coach	Nate Kellogg	871-1474	john_kellogg
Diving Coach	TBA	681-5740	

### Howard University (Swimming & Diving)

6<sup>th</sup> and Girard Sts. NW  
Washington, DC 20059-0001  
Nickname: Bison  
Area Code: (202)  
Athletics Department Main Phone: 806-7141 — Fax: 806-9090  
Sports Information Fax: 806-9595  
Website: [www.bisonmania.com](http://www.bisonmania.com)  
E-Mail: [name@howard.edu](mailto:name@howard.edu)

<i>TITLE:</i>	<i>NAME:</i>	<i>PHONE:</i>	<i>E-MAIL:</i>
President	H. Patrick Swygert	806-2500	
Director of Athletics	TBA	806-7140	
Assoc. AD	TBA	806-7144	
Sports Information Director	Edward Hill	806-7184	ehill
SID Swimming Contact	Romanda Noble	806-7182	rnoble
Head Athletic Trainer	Bernard James	806-5520	bjames
Swimming Coach	Roy Fagin	806-6793	rfagin

## **Associate Member Directory**

### **North Carolina A&T State University (Swimming & Diving)**

Moore Gym  
1601 E. Market Street  
Greensboro, NC 27411  
Nickname: Aggies  
Area Code: (336)

Athletics Department Main Phone: 334-7686 — Fax: 334-7272  
Sports Information Fax: 334-7181  
Website: www.ncat.edu  
E-Mail: name@ncat.edu

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
Director of Athletics	Delores "Dee" Todd	256-0285	dstodd
Assoc. AD/SWA	Dr. Deborah Calloway	334-7719	deborahc
Sports Information Director	Brian Holloway	334-7141	bmhollow
Asst. SID	Tyler Ball	334-7141	taball
Head Athletic Trainer	Robert Woodall	256-0533	
Swimming Coach	Shawn Hendrix	334-7918	sdhendri

### **Radford University (Swimming & Diving)**

P.O. Box 6913  
Radford, VA 24142  
Nickname: Highlanders  
Area Code: (540)

Athletics Department Main Phone: 831-5228 — Fax: 831-6095  
Sports Information Fax: 831-5556  
Website: www.radford.edu/Athletics  
E-Mail: name@radford.edu

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
President	Penelope W. Kyle	831-5401	pwkyle
Director of Athletics	Greig Denny	831-5228	gdenny
SWA/Head Athletic Trainer	Jackie Clouse-Snell	831-5164	jclouse
Sports Information Director	Drew Dickerson	831-5726	adickerso
Swimming Coach	Bill Beecher	831-5240	wbeecher
Diving Coach	TBA	831-5240	

### **Virginia Military Institute (Swimming & Diving)**

Cameron Hall  
Lexington, VA 24450  
Nickname: Keydets  
Area Code: (540)

Athletics Department Main Phone: 464-7251 — Fax: 464-7622  
Sports Information Fax: 464-7583  
Website: www.vmikeydets.com  
E-Mail: name@vmi.edu

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>E-MAIL:</b>
Superintendent	General J.H. Binford Peay III		
Director of Athletics	Donny White	464-7251	whitedt
SWA/Athletic Academic Advisor	TBA	464-7722	
Asst. AD/Sports Information	Wade Branner	464-7515	brannerwh
Asst. SID	Christian Hoffman	464-7514	hoffmanjc
Asst. AD/Head Athletic Trainer	Lance Fujiwara	464-7310	fujiiwaralm
Swimming Coach	Bill Nicholson	464-7737	nicholsonwj

**Booking Procedures:**

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For a complete listing of Choice properties and addresses, visit their website at [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com).

To book rooms at any Choice property nationwide, simply call the Choice Sports Travel Line and give the operator your tracking code.

**Choice Sports Travel Line:**

1-877-240-2929

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Monmouth / 00168010	Mount / 00168000	QU / 00167990
RMU / 00167980	SHU / 00167960	SFNY / 00167950
SFPA / 00167940	WC / 00167930	NEC corporate / 00167920

**NEC "Preferred Hotel" Directory:**

Below is a listing of Choice Hotel properties that are recommended by the NEC office.

**Maryland**

Sleep Inn & Suites  
501 Silo Parkway  
Emmitsburg, MD  
(2 miles to MSM; 5 minute drive)

**New Jersey**

Clarion Hotel & Towers  
2055 Lincoln Highway  
Edison, NJ  
(23 miles to Wagner; 35 minute drive)

Comfort Suites  
2880 US Route 1 North  
North Brunswick, NJ  
(14 miles to Mercer County Tennis Center;  
25 minute drive)

Quality Inn  
815 SR 37 West  
Toms River, NJ  
(7 miles to FirstEnergy Park;  
10 minute drive to stadium)

**Pennsylvania**

Comfort Inn  
130 Patchway Road  
Duncansville, PA  
(16 miles to SFPA; 25 minute drive; short  
drive to Logan Valley Mall and restaurants)

Comfort Inn  
111 Cook Road, Route 22 and 219  
Ebensburg, PA  
(7 miles to SFPA; 15 minute drive)

Comfort Inn  
871 York Road  
Gettysburg, PA  
(17 miles to MSM; 20 minute drive;  
Perkins Restaurant located on-site)

Comfort Inn  
I-80 at SR 64 North  
Lamar, PA  
(10 miles to Lock Haven; 15 minute drive;  
Perkins Restaurant located on-site)

Comfort Suites  
750 Aten Road  
Pittsburgh/Coraopolis, PA  
(6 miles to RMU; ten minute drive)

**Central Connecticut State**

**Airport:** Bradley International.

**By Car - From East and North:** 91-South to 84-West (Hartford), Exit 39A (Rte. 9-South), Exit 29 (Newington 175). At traffic light at end of exit take right on Ella Grasso Blvd. Follow to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light and take a left on Kaiser Drive (before white indoor tennis bubble). Gym is brick building on your right in front of bubble for unloading only. All general and bus parking is on immediate left in Arute Field.

**From New York:** New York Thruway across Tappan Zee Bridge, Take Exit Rte. 684 North to New England, Off 684-North take Rte. 84 East, follow approx. 1 ½-2 hours to Exit 39A (Rte. 9- South), Exit 29 (Newington 175), At traffic light at end of exit take right on Ella Grasso Blvd. *Follow East and North directions.*

**From West:** 84 East to Exit 39-A (Rte. 9 South), Exit 29 (Newington 175), At traffic light at end of exit take right on Ella Grasso Blvd. *Follow East and North Directions.*

**From South:** I-95 to 91 North (New Haven), Exit 22 (Rte. 9 North), Exit 29 (Newington 175). *Follow East and North Directions.*

**Fairleigh Dickinson**

**Airport:** Newark International.

**By Car - From New Jersey:** Take Garden State Parkway to Exit 161 (Route 4 East). Proceed on Route 4 East and exit at Hackensack Avenue South. Proceed on Hackensack and turn left onto Temple Avenue (first light).

**From George Washington Bridge:** Take Route 4 West to second Hackensack Ave. exit (Business District). Proceed to traffic light at Temple Ave. and turn left. Continue to Rothman Center.

**From Rte. 80 West (Local):** Exit at Hudson Street-Hackensack/Little Ferry exit. Proceed to light and continue until turn is necessary. Turn left onto River Street (which becomes Hackensack Ave.). Follow as above.

**From Rte. 80 East (Local):** Exit at Hudson Street – Hackensack/Little Ferry exit. At the end of the ramp turn left towards Hackensack and Hudson Street. Continue until road ends and turn left. At first traffic light make a right and proceed until the road ends. Turn left onto River Street (which becomes Hackensack Ave.). Continue five minutes until passing through traffic light at Sears Roebuck. At next light make a right on Temple Ave. and continue to Rothman Center.

**Long Island**

**Airport:** John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia International or Newark International.

**By Car - From Manhattan:** Via Manhattan Bridge - proceed along Flatbush Avenue Extension to Myrtle Avenue. Take Myrtle Avenue to Ashland Place. Turn right onto Ashland Place and proceed to DeKalb Avenue. Turn right onto DeKalb Avenue. Gates to parking lot on the right.

**Via Brooklyn Bridge:** Proceed along Adams Street to Tillary Street. Turn left onto Tillary Street and, after crossing Flatbush Avenue Extension, bear right onto Navy Street. Navy Street becomes Ashland Place and turn right onto DeKalb Avenue. Gates to parking lot on the right.

**From Brooklyn:** Take Belt Parkway to Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Take BQE to Cadman Plaza West and proceed to Tillary Street. Turn left onto Tillary Street and, after crossing Flatbush Avenue Extension, bear right onto Navy Street. Navy Street becomes Ashland Place and turn right onto DeKalb Avenue. Gates to parking lot on the right.

**From Staten Island:** Take Verrazano Bridge to Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Take BQE to Cadman Plaza West. Follow directions as above.

**From Central/Southern New Jersey:** Take I-287 South to 440 South across Outerbridge Crossing. Follow West Shore Expressway North toward Verrazano Bridge. Take 278 East across Verrazano. Follow BQE toward Brooklyn. Exit BQE at 38th Street exit. Turn left at traffic light onto 4th Avenue. Continue on 4th Avenue past Atlantic Avenue. Cross Flatbush Avenue going onto Ashland Avenue, immediately to the left of large bank tower. Follow Ashland to DeKalb. LIU is on right side of DeKalb.

### Monmouth

**Airport:** Newark International.

**From Garden State Parkway:** Take Parkway to Exit 105. Follow Route 36 East to Route 71 South. Route 71 South becomes Cedar Avenue in W. Long Branch. Follow Cedar Avenue to Larchwood Avenue and make a right-hand turn. The entrance is approximately one half mile on your left.

**From New Jersey Turnpike (North):** From the North, take Turnpike South to Exit 11 (Garden State Parkway South). Take Exit 105 and follow directions from the Garden State Parkway.

**From the New Jersey Turnpike (South):** From the South, take Turnpike North to Exit 7A. After toll plaza, take Interstate 195 East to "Shore Points." Approaching Belmar, I-195 becomes Route 138. Take 138 East to Route 18 North, towards Eatontown. Take Deal Road (east) exit and proceed to the intersection at Monmouth Road. Turn left and proceed to third traffic light which is Cedar Avenue. Turn right on Cedar (also labeled Route 71 South) and follow to Larchwood Avenue, where you will make a right-hand turn. The entrance is approximately one half mile on your left.

**From Trenton and points West:** Take I-195 East to Route 18 North and follow directions from the Turnpike South.

### Mount St. Mary's

**Airport:** Baltimore/Washington International.

**By Car - From New Jersey:** Take New Jersey Turnpike to Pennsylvania Turnpike (Exit 6). Proceed on Pennsylvania Turnpike to Route 15 South (Exit 17). The college is on Route 15.

**Alternate from New Jersey:** Take I-78 West to I-81 South. Take I-81 South to I-83 South just past Hershey. Exit onto 581 West (Exit 41A). Follow 581 West to Route 15 South (Exit 5B) toward Gettysburg. Mount St. Mary's is located on Route 15, just past the MD/PA border.

**From Pittsburgh:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Breezewood. Then take Route 70 East to Frederick, picking up Route 15 North to the college.

**From Johnstown:** Take Route 56 to Route 220 South. Then take Route 30 at Bedford. Proceed on Route 30 to McConnellsburg. Then take Route 16 East to Emmitsburg.

**From Washington:** Take I-95 North to Washington Beltway (I-495). Clockwise on Beltway around the western side of the city across the Potomac River to Interstate 270 North. Take I-270 North to Frederick and then proceed on Route 15 North to MSM.

### Quinnipiac

**Airport:** Bradley International.

**By Car - From New York City and East, via I-95:** Take I-95 to New Haven. Then take I-91 north to Exit 10 (Route 40). Follow Route 40 approximately 3 miles to its end (at Whitney Avenue). Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and proceed north for 1.4 miles. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Avenue and go 0.3 miles to campus.

**From New York City and West, via the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Merritt Parkway):** Take the Parkway (Rte. 15) to Exit 61. Turn right onto Whitney Ave. (Rte. 10) and proceed north three miles to Mount Carmel Ave. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Ave. and go 0.3 miles to campus.

**From Hartford and East, via the Merritt Parkway:** Take the Parkway (Rte. 15) to Exit 62. Turn right onto Whitney Ave. (Rte. 10) and proceed north three miles to Mount Carmel Ave. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Ave. and go 0.3 miles to campus.

**By Car - From Northern New Jersey:** Follow Route 287 over Tappan Zee Bridge to Exit 8. Follow Route 287 to Merritt Parkway (Exit 9N). Take the Parkway (Rte. 15) to Exit 61. Ave. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Ave. and go 0.3 miles to campus.

**From Hartford, Boston, and Upper New England via I-91:** Take I-91 south to Exit 10 (Route 40). Follow Route 40 approximately 3 miles to its end (at Whitney Avenue). Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and proceed north for 1.4 miles. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Avenue and go 0.3 miles to campus.

**Robert Morris**

**Airport:** Pittsburgh International.

**By Car - From Pittsburgh International Airport:** Take the airport exit to Route 60 north (Moon-Beaver). Follow to Exit 8, Business Route 60 (Flaugherty-Moon). After the stop sign, make the second right on Business Route 60 south (Moon). At the third light, turn left on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the fourth light. Turn right into RMU.

**From the North:** Take I-79 south to Exit 66 (Sewickley/Emsworth). Follow Route 65 toward Sewickley. At the third light, turn left and cross the Sewickley Bridge. At the end of the bridge, turn right on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the second light. Turn left into RMU.

**From the South:** Take I-79 north to the Airport-Route 22/30 West exit. Follow Route 22/30 west to Route 60 north. Take Exit 3, Business Route 60 (Moon). At the second light, turn right on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the fourth light. Turn right into RMU.

**From the East:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike or I-80 to I-79 south. Take I-79 south to Exit 66 (Sewickley/Emsworth). Follow Route 65 toward Sewickley. At the third light, turn left and cross the Sewickley Bridge. At the end of the bridge, turn right on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the second light. Turn left into RMU.

**From the West:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 10 (New Castle). Follow Route 60 South 24 miles to Exit 8, Business Route 60 (Moon). Proceed four miles and turn left on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the fourth light. Turn right into RMU.

**From Downtown Pittsburgh:** Take I-279 west toward Pittsburgh International Airport. Proceed on Route 22/30 west to Route 60 north. Take Exit 3, Business Route 60 (Moon). At the second light, turn right on University Boulevard. Follow 1.5 miles to the fourth light. Turn right into RMU.

**Sacred Heart**

**Airport:** Bradley International.

**By Car - From Merritt Parkway (Route 15 north or south, passenger vehicles):** To Exit 47. At the end of ramp turn left onto Park Ave. and proceed one block to SHU. Entrance on Park Ave.

**From Connecticut Turnpike (I-95 north or south, passenger vehicles):** To Exit 27A. Continue straight ahead on combined Routes 8 and 25 to fork. Bear left onto Route 25. Take exit 7, Merritt Parkway south and follow directions above.

**From Connecticut Turnpike (I-95 east - commercial vehicles and buses):** To Exit 27. Continue straight ahead off exit ramp (North Frontage Road). Turn right onto Park Ave. Five miles to Sacred Heart.

**From Connecticut Turnpike (I-95 west - commercial vehicles and buses):** To Exit 27. Second left (Lafayette Boulevard). First left under turnpike bridge to North Frontage Road. Follow directions above.

**St. Francis (NY)**

**Airport:** John F. Kennedy International, LaGuardia International or Newark International.

**By Car - From Manhattan:** Take Brooklyn Bridge to Cadman Plaza/BQE (I-278) and bear left. Proceed through light and turn left onto Henry Street. Proceed on Henry Street and make a left onto Remsen Street. The college is a block and a half on the right.

**From Bronx:** Take Triborough Bridge to BQE I-278. Proceed on BQE to Cadman Plaza/Brooklyn Bridge exit. Turn left onto Cadman Plaza West and proceed to Henry Street. Follow directions from above.

**From Long Island:** Take Long Island Expressway or Grand Central Parkway to BQE. Follow directions from Bronx.

### St. Francis (NY) (cont.)

**From Staten Island:** Take Verrazano Narrows bridge to BQE (I-278). Proceed on BQE to Atlantic Avenue exit. Turn right onto Atlantic Avenue and then left onto Clinton Street. Turn right onto Remsen Street and the college is a half block on the right.

**From New Jersey:** Take appropriate bridge into Staten Island and follow from above.

**Alternate from central or southern New Jersey:** Take I-287 South to 440 South across the Outerbridge Crossing. Follow the West Shore Expressway toward signs for the Verrazano Bridge. Take 278 East across the Verrazano. Follow the BQE into Brooklyn and take the 38<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Turn left at the second traffic light onto 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Continue on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue until Atlantic Avenue. Turn left onto Atlantic and continue until you reach Clinton Avenue. Turn right at Clinton. Continue two or three blocks until turning right onto Remsen Street. The college is on the right side of Remsen, near the intersection of Remsen and Court Street.

### St. Francis (PA)

**Airport:** Pittsburgh International.

**By Car - From Pittsburgh Airport:** 376 East towards Pittsburgh. Go over Fort Pitt Bridge and bear right toward Monroeville. Continue 15 miles to Route 22 East (not Business 22). Continue 60 miles to Ebensburg/Loretto exit. Bear right and proceed 500 yards to Exxon Station and make a right. Continue five miles and school will be on right.

**From Altoona:** Route 22 West for 12 miles to Cresson Summit Exit. Bear right after exit and proceed for two miles to flashing light. Go straight through the light and proceed 500 yards. Make a right and proceed five miles and school will be on left.

**From Johnstown:** Route 219 North for 18 miles to Ebensburg Exit. Make a right on 22 East and follow as above.

**From points East:** Take PA Turnpike West to Exit 11 (Bedford). Turn left after toll plaza and follow signs for I-99 North. Take I-99 North to exit for 22 West. Follow for seven miles to exit for Cresson/Summit. Turn right at exit ramp and continue straight past one traffic light. Turn right at blinking traffic light past a Dollar General store. Follow this two-lane road for four miles until it ends at a three-way stop near a monument circle. Turn left at the three-way stop. The campus is on the left side of the road.

### Wagner

**Airport:** Newark International, John F. Kennedy International or LaGuardia International.

**By Car - From New Jersey:** Via Goethals Bridge or Bayonne Bridge - proceed on Staten Island Expressway to Richmond Road/Hylan Blvd. exit 13. Make left at light (Clove Road). Proceed on Clove Road to second light (Howard Avenue). Turn right onto Howard Avenue and the college is on the right.

**Via Outerbridge Crossing:** Proceed on West Shore Expressway to Verrazano Narrows Bridge/Staten Island Expressway (I-278 east) exit. Take I-278 east and follow directions from above.

**From Brooklyn/Queens:** Take Verrazano Narrows Bridge to Staten Island Expressway. Proceed on Expressway to Richmond Road/Clove Road exit. Turn right onto Clove Road and proceed to next light (Howard Avenue). Turn right onto Howard Avenue and the college is on the right.

## Directions

### Northeast Conference Office

**Airport:** Newark International.

**By Car - From Newark Airport and points North:** New Jersey Turnpike south to exit 10 (I-287). After toll plaza, follow signs for I-287 north. Continue on 287 North for approximately 10 miles to Exit 12 (Weston Canal Road, Zarephath). Make a left at the bottom of the exit ramp. Proceed under overpass and get into the left lane. Turn left at Cottontail Lane (Ramada Hotel on corner). Continue straight through another traffic light. Vantage Court (white building) will be on the left side immediately after the traffic light – there’s a directory sign out front. Turn left into entrance and continue straight ahead for parking. NEC office is located in the west wing, first floor of Vantage Court North building.

**From points north on I-287:** Take 287 south to exit 12 (Weston Canal Road). Make a left turn at the end of the exit ramp. Get into the left lane and turn left at Cottontail Lane (Ramada Hotel on corner). Continue straight through another traffic light. Vantage Court (white building) will be on the left side immediately after the traffic light – there’s a directory sign out front. Turn left into entrance and continue straight ahead for parking. NEC office is located in the west wing, first floor of Vantage Court North building.

**From Garden State Parkway:** Take exit 127 off GSP (Rte. 440, I-287). Follow signs for I-287 north. Follow directions from above.

**From South:** Take New Jersey Turnpike north to exit 10 (I-287). Follow directions from above.

**From Staten Island:** Take 440 South until it becomes I-287. Follow signs for I-287 north. Follow directions from above.

**From West:** Take I-78 (or I-80) east to I-287. Take 287 south to exit 12 (Weston Canal Road). Make a left turn at the end of the exit ramp. Get into the left lane and turn left at Cottontail Lane (Ramada Hotel on corner). Continue straight through another traffic light. Vantage Court (white building) will be on the left side immediately after the traffic light - there’s a directory sign out front. Turn left into entrance and continue straight ahead for parking. NEC office is located in the west wing, first floor of Vantage Court North building.

## NEC MILEAGE CHART

	New Britain, CT	Hamden, CT	Fairfield, CT	Emmitsburg, MD	Teaneck, NJ	W. Long Branch, NJ	Brooklyn, NY	Staten Island, NY	Moon Township, PA	Loretto, PA	Piscataway, NJ
New Britain, CT	x	25	58	341	105	167	117	129	480	390	153
Hamden, CT	25	x	35	318	82	143	94	106	470	380	126
Fairfield, CT	58	35	x	288	52	114	64	76	439	350	100
Emmitsburg, MD	341	317	288	x	234	221	229	222	193	128	189
Teaneck, NJ	105	82	52	234	x	66	23	29	387	297	48
W. Long Branch, NJ	167	143	114	221	66	x	53	40	400	318	41
Brooklyn, NY	117	94	64	229	23	53	x	16	390	304	42
Staten Island, NY	129	106	76	222	29	40	16	x	383	301	32
Moon Township, PA	480	470	439	193	387	400	390	383	x	96	356
Loretto, PA	390	380	350	128	297	318	304	301	96	x	280
Piscataway, NJ	153	126	100	189	48	41	42	32	356	280	x

Source: AAA of Central New Jersey

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

**Section 1.1 NAME.** The name of the entity is the Northeast Conference, Inc. (Conference).

**ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSES**

**Section 2.1 MISSION.** The mission of the Conference is:

- A. To provide member institutions the opportunity to conduct intercollegiate athletics as an integral component of their academic programs.
- B. To initiate, promote, organize and improve intercollegiate athletics competition between member institutions of the Conference.
- C. To assist member institutions in complying with NCAA and Northeast Conference rules and regulations.
- D. To display responsible fiscal management.
- E. To enhance educational opportunities for young men and women, and provide an environment in which leadership, physical fitness, personal growth, sportsmanship and fair play can be developed.
- F. To strive for a proper balance between the athletic and educational experiences of student-athletes at member institutions.
- G. To enhance member institutions' compliance with federal and state laws regarding gender equity and to insure that Conference activities are conducted in a manner free of gender, racial or sexual bias.
- H. To support the principles of Title IX in Conference activities.

**Section 2.2 PURPOSES.** The purposes of the Conference are:

- A. To hold membership as a conference in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); to engage in such intercollegiate athletics competition in accordance with the principles, policies, constitutions and bylaws of the Conference and the NCAA as well as such other principles, policies and bylaws as may, from time to time, be adopted by the Conference and the NCAA;
- B. To provide procedures for the enforcement of the NCAA and Conference constitutions, bylaws, and policies;
- C. To effect such other or additional purposes as may, from time to time, be adopted and approved by the Conference;
- D. To take any and all actions necessary to effect the purposes of the Conference;

- E. The Conference may engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under N.J.S.A. 15A: 1-1 et seq, the New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation Act. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the Conference is a not-for-profit corporation organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, upon the dissolution of the Conference, the officers shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Conference, dispose of all the assets exclusively for the purposes of the Conference in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Council of Presidents shall determine.

**ARTICLE III - CONFERENCE CODE**

**Section 3.1 DEFINITION.** The Conference shall be governed and administered according to the Conference Code consisting of: Bylaws, Administrative Agreements and Sport Regulations.

**ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION**

**Section 4.1 GENERAL.** The primary components of the Conference shall be the Council of Presidents, the Athletic Directors Committee, and the Commissioner's office. The Chair of each of the first two bodies shall preside over all meetings of that body. A quorum of these bodies shall consist of a majority of the duly accredited institutional representatives present.

**Section 4.2 COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS.**

A. **General Powers and Duties.** The Council of Presidents shall serve as the Board of Trustees for the Conference. The affairs of the Conference shall be managed by the Council of Presidents, and the Council of Presidents may exercise all powers of the Conference as are not, by these Bylaws, directed or require to be exercised by the Commissioner or other designated Committee.

B. **Composition.** The Council of Presidents shall consist of the Chief Executive Officers of the member institutions. The Council shall have full and final responsibility for the determination of all policies and goals of the Conference. The Council may appoint ad hoc committees on an as-needed basis.

1. The Council shall have a President and a Vice-President. The President and the Vice-President of the Council shall be elected biennially at the Spring Meeting of the Council. The Council shall meet at least once each year at a time and place to be determined. Special meetings, which may be held via telephone conference call, may be called at any time upon the initiative of the President or by the request of at least three member institutions.

2. The Council may from time to time request the Athletic Directors Committee to study and report on specific policy issues and may invite one or more of the committee members to meet with the Council.
3. There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the President, Vice-President and the immediate Past President which shall conduct the business of the Conference between meetings of the Council of Presidents. At the Commissioner's discretion, the chair of the Athletic Directors Committee may be asked to participate in an Executive Committee matter as an ex-officio member.

***Section 4.3 ATHLETIC DIRECTORS COMMITTEE.*** Each member institution through its President shall appoint a representative to the Athletic Directors Committee who shall be the Director of Athletics at the institution. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to handle the various operational aspects of Conference activities. In particular, it shall be the responsibility of this Committee to keep the implementation of policies under close and constant review and to promote inter-institutional cooperation designed to effect the spirit and intent of the Conference Code.

- A. The Chair of the Committee shall be elected biennially by the respective Directors of Athletics of each member institution. The Chair shall set the date and place of the regular meetings and of special meetings that may be called upon the request of at least three member institutions.
- B. Each member institution shall furnish the Athletic Directors Committee such information affecting the organization, support, and conduct of intercollegiate athletics as the Committee may deem necessary to the effective discharge of its responsibilities.
- C. The Committee shall keep under review all matters coming within the purview of the Conference Code and may make recommendations to the Council of Presidents with respect to such matters and any other matter of general concern.
- D. The member institutions agree to abide by Committee decisions on operational matters, subject to the discretionary review of the Council of Presidents.

***Section 4.4 SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE.*** Each member institution through its Director of Athletics shall appoint a Senior Woman Administrator from its institution to serve on this Committee. Such members serve at the direction of each member institution's Director of Athletics. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to advise the member institution's Director of Athletics on policy and procedure issues relating to championship sports events sponsored by the Conference and other matters of interest to member institutions.

***Section 4.5 TERMS OF OFFICE.*** The terms of office of the President of the Council of Presidents and chairs of each Committee shall begin on July 1 and last for two years.

**ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

***Section 5.1 GENERAL.***

- A. Membership in the Conference is by institution and all rights and duties inherent in the membership may be exercised by or enforced against member institutions only.

- B. Students enrolled in a member institution do not, by virtue of such enrollment, acquire membership in the Conference. Thus, the Conference has no direct jurisdiction over any student enrolled in a member institution and no such student has any Conference membership rights.
- C. Only colleges and universities holding Division I membership in the NCAA shall be eligible for membership.
- D. An application for membership, in a form to be prepared by the Commissioner, must be filed at the office of the Conference at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which action will be taken on such application.
- E. A condition of membership and application for membership shall be a Five-Year Declaration of Membership/Letter of Commitment Form signed by the institution's chief executive officer which states that the institution makes an initial five-year commitment to membership in the Conference. Subsequent to the initial five-year commitment, members will be committed to the Conference for a period of three years renewable on an annual basis. The annual renewal will take effect automatically unless the chief executive officer notifies the Commissioner in writing, during the period from June 1 through June 30, two years prior to the effective date of the resignation date which shall be June 30 of the year in which the school wishes to withdraw from the conference.

Failure to fulfill the initial five-year or subsequent three-year commitments shall require the institution to pay \$250,000 to the Conference as liquidated damages to compensate the Conference for its losses, damages and attorneys fees and to pay immediately its annual dues and other assessments owed for the academic year during which notice of resignation was received, which shall be paid 90 days after receipt of notification by the Commissioner of its failure to abide by its commitment. This amount will not be due only if the institution is withdrawing because it decided to no longer be a member of Division I of the NCAA or it no longer participates in intercollegiate athletics. Once a member has officially announced its intentions to withdraw from the Conference, should it desire to change its decision, it must then go through the full application process as required by other applicant institutions.

Should a member institution resign from membership without the requisite notice, that member institution shall still be entitled to full participation in all Conference play, including Conference and other postseason tournaments, as long as it remains a member in good standing of the Conference and pays its dues for that year.

- F. Admission or re-admission to membership in the Conference shall be by a vote of the Council of Presidents. A three-quarters vote of the entire Council of Presidents, not just those present at a meeting, shall be required to approve an application for admission or re-admission.
- G. Member institutions shall vote and participate in the activities of the Conference through their respective duly appointed and accredited representatives to the Council of Presidents, the Athletic Directors Committee, the Senior Woman Administrators Committee and other established committees of the Conference. Each member shall have one vote which shall be cast by an accredited representative.

**Section 5.2 MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDITIONS.**

- A. **General.** By acceptance of election into membership of the Conference, each member institution represents that it has read, is adhering, and will adhere in the future to the Bylaws, Administrative Agreements and Sport Regulations of the Conference, and will, in all its acts, conform in every way with the substance and spirit of them.
- B. **Intercollegiate Athletic Programs Requirements.**
1. A member institution must annually sponsor and conduct a representative schedule in Division I men's and women's basketball and no less than the minimum number of other Division I varsity programs as required by NCAA regulations for Division I classification.
  2. Sports shall be designated for the Conference championship or in-season competition by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Presidents upon the recommendation of the Athletic Directors Committee and following the development of a championship budget proposal. Each year the Council of Presidents may review each championship sport.
  3. A member institution which is ineligible for the NCAA championship in a sport shall not participate in the Conference championship for that sport.
  4. If a member institution sponsors a sport for which the Conference conducts a championship or regular in-season competition, the member institution must participate in the conference competition unless an exemption from participation has been approved by a majority vote of the Athletic Directors Committee.
  5. Each member institution will give careful consideration to adding Conference sports as varsity teams at its institution and maintaining a commitment to Conference championships.

**Section 5.3 NEW MEMBERS**

- A. An institution may apply for membership in the Conference by written application to the Commissioner. An offer of membership requires at least a three-fourths vote of all Chief Executive Officers, whether or not present at the meeting at which a vote is taken, so that all member institutions may cast a vote within a time limit set by majority vote of the Council of Presidents.
- B. An institution interested in Conference membership shall complete and file with the Commissioner an application in a form approved by the Commissioner, together with all requested information and documents.
- C. An institution may accept the Conference's offer of membership within the time period set by the Council of Presidents for acceptance and shall do so in written form prescribed by the Council of Presidents, which shall include a Five-Year Declaration of Membership/Letter of Commitment Form signed by the institution's Chief Executive Officer, a check for \$60,000 for the initial membership fee and a check for the annual dues for the first year in which the institution will participate in the Conference's athletics competitions.

**Section 5.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. The Council of Presidents may grant on an annual basis associate membership status to a college or university for the purpose of permitting such institution to participate in sport(s) conducted under the auspices of the Conference.
- B. When a college or university accepts Associate Membership status offered by the Conference, it agrees to be subject to, and abide by, the Conference Code and all subsequent amendments thereto and rules and regulations of the Conference.
- C. The annual membership dues for Associate Members shall be determined by the Council of Presidents and may be changed from year to year.
- D. The Council of Presidents and the Athletic Directors Committee may from time to time invite appropriate representatives from the Associate Member to meetings to participate in discussion regarding the sport(s) in which the Associate Member participates. The representative shall have full voting rights on issues pertaining to the sport(s) in which the Associate Member participates. The Associate member shall send its head coach to the meeting of the coaches of the sport(s) that the Associate Member participates in.
- E. Associate Membership status may be revoked on notice to the college or university at any time at the sole discretion of the Council of Presidents. Revocation will be effective at the end of any particular sport season for which Associate Membership was granted. This decision is non-appealable.
- F. Other than the sport of football, associate membership shall be sought only when it enables the Conference to meet criteria necessary to gain access to NCAA championships.

**Section 5.5 VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** Should a member institution itself or by the actions of any of its representatives be charged with a violation of any of the provisions of the Conference Code, it may become subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. A member institution alleged to have violated the Conference Code shall be notified in writing by the Commissioner of the nature of the charge against it, the basic facts supporting the charge and the possible penalties.
- B. Within fifteen days after the receipt of such written notice, or such shorter period as the circumstances dictate at the discretion of the Commissioner, the member institution may request in writing a hearing before the Commissioner.
- C. A hearing shall be held within thirty days after the written request.
- D. The Commissioner shall conduct upon written request a hearing into the matter which may be held by telephone conference call at the discretion of the Commissioner. During the course of the hearing, the Commissioner may review any documents and speak with any persons who may have relevant information. The institution charged with the violation may present any evidence and any witness it wishes, provided presentation of such evidence is relevant to the issue at hand. The institution charged with the violation may at its discretion be represented by legal counsel of its choosing at the hearing. If legal counsel represents the institution, the Commissioner may elect to have legal counsel present to represent the Conference.

- E. The Commissioner shall issue a written opinion within ten days of the close of the hearing. The opinion shall detail the findings of fact of the Commissioner, the Commissioner's decision and the reasons for the decision as well as an order for disciplinary action, if any, that is to be imposed upon the charged institution.
  
- F. If the violation for which the Commissioner has issued a written decision involves the discipline of a member institution and involves matters unrelated to those decisions enumerated in Article VI, Section 3, the charged member institution shall have a right of appeal from the Commissioner's decision as set forth below. In all such matters, the Commissioner's written opinion shall be forwarded to the Council of Presidents within three days of issuance.
  - 1. All decisions included in this paragraph shall be appealed in writing by the charged member institution within seven days of receipt by the institution of the Commissioner's written opinion.
  - 2. Upon receipt of the Commissioner's written opinion, the Council of Presidents may affirm, modify or reverse the decision and the imposed disciplinary action, if any. The Council of Presidents may, in aid of its determination, and including the member institution charged, conduct a further hearing into the matter. This hearing shall consist solely of oral argument by the charged member institution through its designee, who may be legal counsel, and the Commissioner or a designee, during which the Council may ask questions regarding the alleged violations. This hearing may be conducted via telephone conference call in the Council of Presidents' sole discretion.
  - 3. Within twenty days of the hearing, the Council shall issue a written decision detailing its reasons for its decision and its order of disciplinary action, if any. Copies of the decision shall be immediately forwarded to the charged member institution and the Commissioner.
  - 4. All decisions of the Council made under this Section shall be final and no appeal to any person or body, including the courts, arbitration organizations or other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies is permitted.
  
- G. If the violation for which the Commissioner has issued a written decision involves the discipline of a member institution and involves a matter not enumerated in Article VI, Section 3, and the issues implicated in the Commissioner's decision are exigent or emergent such that they necessitate immediate appellate review prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Council of Presidents, the charged member institution shall have a right of appeal as set forth below from the Commissioner's decision to the Executive Committee. The decision of whether a matter is emergent and requires immediate review is to be made by the Executive Committee and such decision is final and not appealable to any person or body, including the courts, arbitration organizations or other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies. In the event the complaining and/or charged institution are represented on the Executive Committee, this institution shall be replaced with the President(s) of other member institution(s) chosen by the remaining member(s) of the Executive Committee after discussion with the Commissioner.
  - 1. To bring appeal before the Executive Committee, the charged member institution must file with the Commissioner a written notice of appeal within three days of receipt of the Commissioner's written decision.

2. The Executive Committee shall affirm, modify or reverse the Commissioner's decision and the imposed disciplinary action, if any. The Executive Committee may, in aid of its determination, and at the request of two members of the Committee, conduct a further hearing into the matter. This hearing shall be held within twenty days of the filing of the written notice of appeal and shall consist solely of oral argument by the charged member institution through its designee, who may be legal counsel, and the Commissioner or a designee, during which the Committee may ask questions regarding the alleged violations. This hearing may be conducted via telephone conference call in the Commissioner's sole discretion.
  3. Within ten days of the hearing, the Executive Committee shall issue a written decision with reasons for its decision and order for disciplinary action, if any. Copies of the decision shall be immediately forwarded to the charged member institution and the Commissioner.
  4. All decisions of the Executive Committee under this section are final and not appealable to any person or body, including the courts, arbitration organizations or other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies.
- H. All hearings shall be tape recorded at the Conference's cost. However, the party who wants a transcript shall bear the cost of transcribing the tape and shall provide three copies at its cost to the Commissioner.

**Section 5.6 DISCIPLINE REGARDING STUDENT-ATHLETES.**

- A. Any inquiry regarding the eligibility or suggested discipline of an NEC student-athlete must come directly from an Athletic Director or Senior Woman Administrator to an NEC representative. The Conference office shall investigate the charges made in the inquiry with all deliberate speed following the process described in Section 5.5.
- B. A member institution shall be subject to sanction if one of its athletes commits an act of gross misconduct, physical violence or property damage during or within twenty-four hours after and in connection with, an intercollegiate athletic contest and shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following procedures.
- C. The Commissioner shall conduct a hearing into the matter on his initiative or at the request of a President, Athletic Director or Senior Woman Administrator. The Commissioner may review any documents and information. At the request of the institution of the athlete charged with the violation, the athlete shall be heard by the Commissioner in person or by telephone. The athlete charged has the right to have the Athletic Director of his/her institution and/or legal counsel argue his/her case by telephone to the Commissioner.
- D. If at the close of the hearing the Commissioner finds sufficient reliable evidence that the athlete charged committed an act of physical violence, the Commissioner shall issue a decision and order the member institution at which the athlete is a student to suspend the athlete for one or more games following the Commissioner's decision.
- E. An appeal of the Commissioner's decision may be taken by the member institution within two days of receipt of the Commissioner's decision by written notification to the Commissioner's office by the athlete's Athletic Director. Any appeal shall automatically stay the suspension.

- F. Appeals shall be heard by a Subcommittee of the Athletic Directors Committee to be selected by the Commissioner and to consist of three members. The subcommittee shall hear the appeal within three days of the filing of the appeal and may review any documents it deems relevant and may speak with any persons with relevant information. The athlete charged and his/her institution and/or the athlete's or institution's legal counsel has a right to speak with the subcommittee or the Athletic Directors Committee by telephone or in person, as determined by the Commissioner, which request shall be communicated to the subcommittee through the Athletic Director of the athlete's institution.
- G. The decision of the Commissioner shall be affirmed unless a majority of the subcommittee members who vote on the appeal decide there was insufficient reliable evidence to support the Commissioner's decision and vote to reverse that decision. The decision of the subcommittee shall be in writing and rendered within 24 hours of the appeal hearing and shall be final and non-appealable to any other person or body of the Conference. The athlete may be suspended from Conference competition for one or more games following the subcommittee's decision, if the Commissioner's decision is affirmed.
- H. All decisions shall be in writing and shall be communicated by fax or overnight mail to the Athletic Director of the athlete's institution.
- I. All hearings shall be tape recorded at the Conference's cost, however, if there is an appeal from the Commissioner's decision, the appealing party shall bear the cost of transcribing the tape and shall provide three copies at its cost to the Commissioner.

**Section 5.7 WAIVERS OF CONFERENCE CODE.** Any member institution may request a waiver of any provisions of the Conference Code and, if the Council of Presidents is of the opinion that such a waiver is in accord with the substance and spirit set forth in the Conference Code, such a waiver may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council of Presidents who are present at a meeting.

**Section 5.8 ANNUAL DUES.** The Council of Presidents shall establish annually the dues to be paid for the following year by each member institution and prescribe the date by which payment of such dues shall be made. The Council of Presidents may set a penalty for late dues which shall be no more than \$200 for any part of each ensuing 30-day period during which the dues remain unpaid.

The dues for 2005-06 are \$28,000 per institution.

**Section 5.9 RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP.**

- A. A member shall be permitted to resign provided:
  - 1. it serves written notice of its intent to resign and the effective date of its resignation, which must be June 30 of any year, on the Commissioner by certified mail, return receipt requested or by overnight mail with signature of receipt required;
  - 2. it complies with Article V, Section 5.1, E and agrees to pay its \$250,000 by the prescribed date and pays in full its annual dues and other assessments owed for the academic year during which notice of resignation was received if the member institution fails to fulfill its initial five-year commitment or subsequent three-year commitment to membership;

3. it fulfills all its contractual commitments to the Conference and member institutions;
  4. the Council of Presidents votes by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership to permit the member institution to resign from membership in the Conference, which decision shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- B. The above subsections shall not apply to any member institution if that institution or any other member institution decides to, or is required to by NCAA legislation, move from Division I to another division of the NCAA.

**Section 5.10 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** Membership in the Conference may be terminated upon a two-thirds vote of all member institutions, except the institution charged, to be preceded by written notice to the offending member institution. Termination of membership may be based upon any one of the following reasons or any other action or conduct deemed not to be in the best interests of the Conference.

- A. Resigning or attempting to resign from the Conference without having complied with the resignation provisions of these Bylaws. In addition to loss of membership, failure to comply with the resignation policy shall result in the member institution being required to pay the sums set forth in Article V, Section 5.1, E, in the forfeiture of any or all financial remuneration directly associated with being a member of the Conference, including monies received from the NCAA basketball tournament, the NCAA or monies received from other tournaments or other sources.
- B. Becoming ineligible for active membership in the NCAA by a written determination of the NCAA and no stay of this determination having been entered.
- C. Failing to send a representative to two consecutive meetings of the Council of Presidents without adequate written explanation, the adequacy of which shall be determined by the Council of Presidents.
- D. Failing to live up to the standards and requirements of the Conference, both in spirit and letter, as expressed and implied in its Code.

**Section 5.11 PROBATION.** The Conference shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of member institutions present at a Council of Presidents meeting to place on probation any member institution which violates the Conference Code. The charged member institution shall not be entitled to vote and it shall not be included in the calculation of the number of member institutions present. Probation may be in the form of any reasonable sanctions that limit the rights of a member, for example, but not limited to, excluding participation in a particular tournament. Probation may also be a warning that sanctions may be enforced in the future.

**Section 5.12 SUSPENSION.** The Conference shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of member institutions present at a Council of Presidents meeting to suspend any member which violates the Conference Code. The charged member institution shall not be entitled to vote and it shall not be included in the calculation of the number of members present. Suspension shall have the effect of removing an institution from membership and all benefits of membership for a set period of time.

**Section 5.13 REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS.** The Council of Presidents shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of the member institutions present at a meeting to:

- A. Reinstatement any member institution which has been expelled, suspended or put on probation and to attach any conditions on reinstatement.
- B. Reinstatement any member institution which has served a notice to withdraw or which has withdrawn from membership.
- C. The member institution at issue shall not be present during deliberations and shall not be counted as present during the meeting for voting purposes.

**Section 5.14 SANCTIONS.** Should a member institution cause the Conference to be fined by the NCAA, have its NCAA tournament share or conference grant reduced, or have any NCAA money which would be distributed to the Conference either not given to the Conference, reduced, or required to be paid back by the Conference, the responsible member institution shall pay that amount to the Conference within ninety days of receipt of a letter sent by the Commissioner advising that such amount is due. An offending member institution shall be entitled to request the Council of Presidents to modify, waive or only partially enforce this provision. In the event such a request is made, the Council of Presidents shall vote on this request and shall modify, waive or partially enforce the provision if two-thirds of the Conference members present at the meeting vote for such action. The offending member institution shall not be entitled to vote on this request, and it shall not be included in the calculation of the number of member institutions present.

**ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 6.1 OFFICERS.**

- A. *President.* The President of the Conference shall be President of the Council of Presidents.
- B. *Vice-President.* The Vice-President of the Conference shall be the Vice-President of the Council of Presidents.
- C. *Secretary/Treasurer.* The Commissioner of the Conference shall be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference.

**Section 6.2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER.** The Council of Presidents shall appoint the principal administrative officer of the Conference who shall have the title of Commissioner. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Council of Presidents present and voting at a meeting shall be necessary to appoint the Commissioner. The terms of employment for the Commissioner shall be determined by the Council of Presidents and set forth in a written employment agreement.

- A. The Commissioner reports to the Council of Presidents and is evaluated by the Council. The Athletic Directors Committee may be involved in the evaluation process at the discretion of the Council of Presidents.

**Section 6.3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.** The Commissioner shall serve at the direction of the Council of Presidents, shall direct the activities of the Conference and shall have the authority, duty and responsibility, which he may exercise in his own discretion, unless otherwise instructed by the Council of Presidents, to perform the following tasks, including but not limited to:

- A. To sign, on behalf of the Conference, all documents requiring a Conference signatory;
- B. To receive, collect and disburse the income received by the Conference as directed by the Council of Presidents;
- C. To engage such assistants and employees as may be authorized by the Council of Presidents and to fix their compensation within approved budget limits;
- D. To prepare annually, in conjunction with the Council of Presidents, a budget covering all of the proposed activities of the Conference subject to the approval of the Council of Presidents;
- E. To disburse the funds of the Conference in accordance with the terms of the budget approved by the Council of Presidents and to make further disbursements only when authorized by the Council of Presidents and to report regularly on these disbursements to member institutions;
- F. To be responsible for an audit and financial accounting to the Council of Presidents at its annual Fall Meeting together with the report of the activities and proceedings of the Conference during the preceding year;
- G. To be responsible for the preparation of the agenda of business and proceedings for meetings of the Council of Presidents, the Athletic Directors Committee and other established committees of the Conference;
- H. To act as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference and perform the duties normally associated with the office;
- I. To supervise Conference in-season competition, and Conference championship meets and tournaments; to maintain records of competition between members of the Conference; to act as Conference representative and liaison with the NCAA, and the athletic associations; and to review eligibility and certifications of institutional sponsorship forms for all recognized Conference sports;
- J. To serve as the Conference's chief compliance and enforcement officer and to insure that the members are in compliance with the NCAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and the Conference Code;
- K. To promote the prestige and success of the Conference through public relations and marketing efforts among intercollegiate institutions, athletic associations, media and other appropriate parties;
- L. To negotiate agreements on behalf of the Conference with sponsors, radio and television networks, sports arenas and other parties;
- M. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be determined from time to time by the Council of Presidents;

- N. To cast the Conference vote at NCAA Conventions in accordance with the majority vote of the Conference members.
- O. To issue oral or written interpretative decisions concerning issues arising out of a game-related or Conference function-related event, including a Conference tournament game or function, and decide requests by member institutions for a waiver of the Conference requirements regarding the schedule of games in all sports and the opponents scheduled.
  - 1. If a ruling is made by a representative of the Conference who is in attendance at a game or other Conference function, that representative's decision is appealable only to the Commissioner. Such appeal to the Commissioner must be in writing and taken within three days of the Conference representative's decision. The Commissioner may in his sole discretion, and in aid of his determination, conduct a hearing into the matter. This hearing shall be conducted within ten days of filing of the written appeal and shall consist solely of oral argument by the appealing institution through its designee, who may be legal counsel, during which the Commissioner may ask questions regarding the facts giving rise to the decision rendered by the Conference representative. This hearing may be conducted via telephone conference call in the Commissioner's sole discretion.
  - 2. Within ten days of the hearing, if any, provided this subparagraph, the Commissioner shall issue a written or oral decision to the appealing member institution with reasons for the Commissioner's decision.
  - 3. All decisions of the Commissioner issued under this paragraph shall be final, with no right of appeal to the Council of Presidents, Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents, or any other judicial or quasi-judicial body.

**Section 6.4 COMMITTEES.** The Council of Presidents may establish such standing and/or ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary and appointments to such committees shall be made by the President of the Conference. The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administrative functions associated with such committees.

- A. There shall exist the following standing committees reporting to the Council of Presidents:
  - a. Athletic Directors Committee
  - b. Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee
  - c. Membership Committee
  - d. Strategic Planning Committee
  - e. Marketing Committee
  - f. Finance Committee
  - g. Football Financial Aid Sub-Committee
  - h. Financial Aid Standards Sub-Committee
- B. There shall exist the following standing committees reporting to the Athletic Directors Committee:
  - a. Senior Woman Administrators Committee
  - b. Sports Information Directors Committee
  - c. Athletic Trainers Committee
  - d. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
  - e. Secondary Infractions Committee

**ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

**Section 7.1 MEETINGS.** The Council of Presidents shall meet at least once a year. The Athletic Directors Committee shall meet as needed. The Spring Meeting of the Council of Presidents shall constitute the Annual Meeting of the Conference. Other meetings of these bodies may be called by the respective chair or three of the members of the bodies, provided there is fifteen-day written notice of such meeting to the membership. Failure to receive this notice shall not invalidate the meeting. Meetings may take the form of telephone conference calls. In such case, however, a two-thirds vote of the entire membership shall be required to pass any proposal.

**Section 7.2 RECONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS.** Any action approved or defeated by a two-thirds margin of those Athletic Directors casting votes may not be reconsidered by the membership for at least two years. This rule will be waived if at least half the institutions contact the Conference office requesting earlier reconsideration.

**Section 7.3 QUORUM.** A simple majority of the membership of the Council of Presidents and all committees shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws, passage or adoption of a proposal or question shall be based upon the number of members present and voting.

**Section 7.4 VOTING.** The duly appointed representative of a member institution shall be entitled to vote at any meeting, except for the Council of Presidents, at which only Presidents shall be entitled to vote. Between formal meetings, proposals may be submitted to the bodies and decided by a mail or fax vote. In such cases, a two-thirds vote of the entire membership shall be required to pass any proposal.

**Section 7.5 MANDATORY ATTENDANCE.** Administrators other than presidents may attend meetings of the Council of Presidents only if they are accompanying their President. Administrators may not substitute for their President at these meetings. The chair of the Athletic Directors Committee is required to attend the Spring meeting of the Council of Presidents. The chair of the Faculty Athletics Representatives may be invited to attend a meeting of the Council of Presidents at the Commissioner's discretion.

Participation at annual meetings of Athletic Directors, Senior Woman Administrators, Sports Information Directors, Head Coaches and Compliance Coordinators is considered mandatory. If an individual is unable to participate in a Conference meeting, prior notification and approval must be obtained from the Conference office. In such a circumstance, a designated replacement may participate in the meeting. Failure to participate in an annual conference meeting will result in notification to the Athletic Director of the institution.

The chair of the Senior Woman Administrators Committee shall be required to attend the Fall meeting of the Athletic Directors.

**ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 8.1 PROCEDURE.** A proposed amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Commissioner at least twenty days before the meeting at which it is to be considered and acted upon, and mail notice of at least fifteen days shall be given by the Commissioner to each member institution.

**Section 8.2 VOTING.** An amendment to these Bylaws must be adopted by a majority vote of the Council of Presidents of those member institutions present at a meeting.

**Section 8.3 EFFECTIVE DATE.** An amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

**Section 8.4 AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS.** A proposed amendment to these Bylaws may be amended at the Council of Presidents meeting by a majority vote of those member institutions present, provided the amendment to the proposed amendment does not result in a substantive change to the proposed amendment which shall be determined by the President. However, any amendment or amendment to a proposed amendment may be adopted at any meeting without the above notice of thirty days if there is a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents.

**ARTICLE IX - SAVING CLAUSE**

**Section 9.1 GENERAL.** In addition to the specific powers and authority set forth in detail in the Conference Code, the Conference shall have all further powers and authority to be reasonably implied from the provisions of the Conference Code. Each and every act desired to be taken by the Conference, no matter what restriction may otherwise be imposed by the Conference Code, may nevertheless be taken at any time by a unanimous vote of the entire membership of the Council of Presidents.

**ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION**

**Section 10.1 DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS.** If the Conference ceases to operate and dissolves, not including merger with another conference, the assets of the Conference shall be distributed equally to all member institutions. The only exception shall be that a member institution which has been a member of the Conference for less than five years from the date of the Resolution of Dissolution shall receive one-half of the sum to be received by the other member institutions and the remaining one-half shall be equally distributed to those member institutions which have been Conference members for five years or more.

**ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 11.1 FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the Conference shall be July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following year. As of July 1, the Conference office shall retain at least 50 percent of the approved operating budget for that fiscal year in its reserve fund, unless otherwise directed by the Council of Presidents.

**Section 11.2 DEPOSITORIES.** The Council of Presidents authorizes the Commissioner to select banks and other depositories in which shall be deposited the money of the Conference.

**Section 11.3 CONTRACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS.** The Council of Presidents authorizes the Commissioner to enter into contracts or execute and deliver any document in the name of and on behalf of the Conference.

**Section 11.4 CHOICE OF LAW AND CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.** The member institutions and their employees agree that any disputes, acts or omissions arising out of their membership in the Conference shall be governed by the law of the State of New Jersey. The member institutions and their employees further agree that any such claims shall be brought in the federal or state courts located in the State of New Jersey, except where the claim is between member institutions or their employees, and agree that such courts have personal jurisdiction over them.

**Section 11.5 ATTORNEYS FEES.** The member institutions and their employees agree that should any legal or equitable claim be filed by the Conference against a member institution or an employee of a member institution, and that if the Conference is successful in whole or part, by way of settlement, judgment or verdict, it shall be reimbursed by the unsuccessful party for all its attorneys fees, expert fees and all costs associated with the pursuit of the claim. Such amounts shall be due and payable within thirty days of receipt by the obligated party of a detailed breakdown of such fees and costs. Each member institution and its employees further agree should any legal or equitable claim be filed by them and the Conference is required to or chooses to become involved, then such member institution(s) necessitating the involvement shall reimburse the Conference for all its attorneys fees, expert fees, and associated costs unless the Conference is found by a court to be partly or wholly responsible for the claims. Such amounts shall be due and payable within thirty days of receipt by the obligated party of a detailed breakdown of such fees and costs.

**Section 11.6 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NCAA CODE AND CONFERENCE CODE.** The NCAA Code and interpretations of it shall apply to matters not covered by the Conference Code. If there is any contradiction between the Conference Code and the NCAA Code, the NCAA Code shall govern.

**ARTICLE XII - SPONSORED SPORTS**

**Section 12.1 SPORTS.** Sports sponsored by the Conference are: Baseball, Basketball (Men and Women), Cross Country (Men and Women), Field Hockey, Football, Golf (Men and Women), Indoor Track & Field (Men and Women), Lacrosse (Women), Outdoor Track & Field (Men and Women), Soccer (Men and Women), Softball, Tennis (Men and Women), Swimming & Diving (Women) and Volleyball (Women). Each member institution is required to participate in basketball. Each institution is also required to participate in the minimum number of men's and women's sports as required by the NCAA.

**Section 12.2 PRIMARY SPORTS AND SPORTS OF EMPHASIS.**

- A. **Primary Sports:** Primary sports are those Conference-sponsored sports which have direct access to an NCAA championship, indirect access, or a reasonable opportunity to gain national recognition. The membership has identified the following as primary sports - men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball. Primary sports shall have certain non-conference scheduling requirements and some may have certain established standards in the areas of coaching personnel and financial aid minimums.
- B. **Sports of Emphasis:** Sports of emphasis are those sports, other than primary sports, that conduct a Conference championship. The membership has identified the following as sports of emphasis – football, men's and women's golf, field hockey, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track & field, men's and women's outdoor track & field, women's lacrosse and women's swimming.

**Section 12.3 CONFERENCE CODE.** All sponsored sports shall be subject to the Conference Code.

**Section 12.4 SCHEDULING.**

- A. All member institutions participating in a sponsored sport must schedule Conference games with Conference members as determined by the Conference, and participate in Conference-sponsored tournaments where tournaments are held for the sport.
- B. The Conference's Scheduling Policy is as follows:
1. When scheduling Conference contests during the regular season, the Northeast Conference will strive to avoid having travel result in missed class time for its student-athletes.
  2. To avoid missed class time for its student-athletes, schedules will utilize weekends and road swings (two opponents on the same trip) as much as possible.
  3. In sports in which weather conditions may result in postponements and makeup contests (notably baseball and softball), Conference contests shall have priority over non-conference contests for weekends in the scheduling process.
  4. In any sport in which the Conference office schedules regular-season Conference contests, a change in the original schedule may be made only if one of the following conditions is present:
    - a) Arena or field availability problem;
    - b) To accommodate television;
    - c) If both institutions agree to a change and the change does not negatively impact any third party;
    - d) The Conference office decides to alter the original schedule based on information presented from a participating team.
  5. When two institutions agree to mutually change the date of a scheduled contest (and the change does not negatively impact a third party), the change should be initiated on an institution-to-institution basis. A Change of Schedule form should be signed by each institution's Director of Athletics (or designated representative) and then forwarded to the Conference office for approval.
  6. Timetables for distribution of future schedules are as follows:

• Field hockey	September 1; 2 years in advance
• Football	Typically 4-5 years in advance
• Men's & women's soccer	September 1; 2 years in advance
• Volleyball	September 1; 2 years in advance
• Men's and women's basketball	August 15; 2 years in advance (dates only)
• Baseball & Softball	October 1; 2 years in advance
• Women's lacrosse	October 1; 2 years in advance

Tentative schedules will be distributed for initial review by administrators and coaches for feedback on potential conflicts. After a 30-day review period, schedules will be considered official when distributed by the Conference office.

7. In scheduling regular-season contests and league championship events, the Conference office will take every precaution to avoid conflicts with final examinations or commencement exercises on an institution's calendar. In situations where such conflicts are unavoidable, the fewest number of institutions possible will be inconvenienced.

8. Any team that does not comply with all NEC non-conference scheduling requirements as outlined by the Conference Office is subject to penalties assessed by the Conference. The Commissioner shall appoint a three-person committee (including himself) to review the circumstances of the violation and determine an appropriate sanction.

Penalties may include a letter of reprimand, forfeiture of Commissioner's Cup points in that sport, ineligibility for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine.

**Section 12.5 NCAA RULES.** Contests in Conference-sponsored sports shall be conducted under the rules of the NCAA and the Conference.

**Section 12.6 ELIMINATION OF SPORTS.** In exceptional cases, a member institution may be permitted to forego competition in a particular sponsored sport (except men's and women's basketball). A two-thirds vote of the members of the Athletic Directors Committee present and voting is required. Annual review of each such case is also required. If such action would affect the Conference's championship or automatic qualification for national championships, formal discussion at a Council of Presidents meeting must occur prior to any action being taken.

**Section 12.7 OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION.** A member institution may not participate as a member in another Conference in a sport recognized or sponsored by the Conference.

**Section 12.8 COMMISSIONER’S CUP.** There shall be a member institution champion declared at the end of each academic year for both men’s sports and women’s sports, and combined for both genders. An award shall be given for total points in all sports. This award shall be called the Commissioner’s Cup. The women’s Commissioner’s Cup shall also be known as the Joan Martin Award, in honor of the former Monmouth administrator.

**A. Commissioner’s Cup Point System:**

Place	11-team league	10-team league	9-team league	8-team league	7-team league	6-team league	5-team league
1st	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
2nd	12.90	12.78	12.63	12.43	12.17	11.80	11.25
3rd	11.80	11.56	11.25	10.86	10.33	9.60	8.50
4th	10.70	10.33	9.88	9.29	8.50	7.40	5.75
5th	9.60	9.11	8.50	7.71	6.67	5.20	3.00
6th	8.50	7.89	7.13	6.14	4.83	3.00	---
7th	7.40	6.67	5.75	4.57	3.00	---	---
8th	6.30	5.44	4.38	3.00	---	---	---
9th	5.20	4.22	3.00	---	---	---	---
10th	4.10	3.00	---	---	---	---	---
11th	3.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
no team	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**B. Earning Points:**

Points are awarded in each NEC Championship based on finish. For men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s soccer, volleyball, football, softball, women’s lacrosse, field hockey and baseball the regular-season finish is used. Teams are awarded points in descending order of finish. In case of a tie, the total of the two places is split. In case of a tie in team total, the institution with the most championships will be awarded the Commissioner’s Cup.

If a school has been granted a sport-specific compliance waiver, points may still be earned towards the Commissioner’s Cup. If a team was not in compliance and a waiver had not been granted, no points may be earned. If an institution is penalized for not meeting minimum participants in any sport, that institution will not receive Commissioner’s Cup points in that sport. However, other institutions’ Cup points in that sport will not change. No cup points will be awarded for any sport with fewer than five full-time members of the NEC.

**ARTICLE XIII - ASSESSMENTS**

***Section 13.1 NON-CONFERENCE, PRESEASON AND POSTSEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS***

- A. Each member institution participating in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, preseason National Invitation Tournament or postseason National Invitation Tournament shall be subject to an annual Conference assessment. The assessment shall be computed as follows: All revenues from the NCAA basketball pool for the particular season and the preseason or postseason NIT monies shall be retained by the Conference for the operation of the Conference.
- B. A bonus of \$10,000 shall be paid to the institution(s) representing the Conference in the men's and women's NCAA Basketball Tournament. The bonus shall be paid for each game played by the institution in the NCAA Tournament.
- C. A bonus of \$5,000 shall be paid to an institution whose program represents the Conference in the men's preseason or postseason NIT. The bonus shall be awarded for each game played by the institution in the NIT.

**ARTICLE XIV - DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES**

***Section 14.1 CONFERENCE EVENTS.*** All revenues derived from Conference-sponsored events shall be deposited to the account of the Conference, and, unless otherwise authorized by the member institutions, such revenues shall be used to defray Conference expenses.

***Section 14.2 TELEVISION AND RADIO.*** All revenues derived from television and radio packages or games negotiated by the Conference shall be deposited to the account of the Conference and used for Conference purposes.

***Section 14.3 SURPLUS.*** If at the end of any fiscal year, it is determined that there will be a surplus of Conference revenues after the payment of all Conference expenses incurred in that year, all or part of this surplus may be distributed to the member institutions by a majority vote of the Council of Presidents.

**ARTICLE XV - CODE OF CONDUCT**

- A. Each member institution has the primary responsibility to cultivate and maintain wholesome conditions and behavior for coaches, athletes and spectators by ensuring maximum sportsmanlike conduct in all athletics events. Furthermore, the administration of each member institution shall diligently strive to establish a program to ensure the competitive spirit and promulgate wholesome activities through consistent and adequate use of all available media.
- B. Each member institution shall take steps to ensure proper respect to visiting athletics personnel and patrons by encouraging coaches and fans to exhibit courteous behavior.
- C. Each member institution shall advise in writing all its coaches and assistant coaches, because of their position and influence on athletic fans, that they must exhibit, and their institution is responsible for, their conducting themselves in a dignified and courteous manner throughout and following athletic contests by abstaining from actions which indicate displeasure, by emotionally overreacting with players, or by

appealing to the fans. In particular, a coach shall restrain himself/herself by remaining on the bench in those sports where this type of behavior is required in order to maintain the dignity of his/her position. Where an interpretation of a decision by the officials is desired by the coach, the request should be straightforward and without body language to indicate disagreement with the call and the coach shall act in a dignified manner. Should any of the aforementioned or similar actions of unsportsmanlike behavior occur by a coach or his/her staff at any given institution, the matter may be referred to the Conference office for specific investigation and possible disciplinary action.

- D. Each member institution shall take steps to ensure that proper means are used to prohibit the drinking of alcoholic beverages and use of all tobacco products by student-athletes and coaches before, during and immediately after any Conference event.
- E. The conduct of the crowds at all athletic events is to be the responsibility of the Athletic Director of the institution where the event is held or designated home team if a neutral site. Spectators should be located in the stands during a contest. They may not stand or sit near the edge of the playing court or field in order to harass the opposing team or officials. In the sport of basketball, organized student groups of the home team are prohibited from sitting behind the scorer's table on the visiting team bench half of the court. Profanity from spectators should not be tolerated, and the host institution must make every reasonable effort to curtail profanity among spectators. The Commissioner may make suggestions for improvement should he deem such action desirable.
- F. It is required of all Conference member institutions to provide properly located, secure, safe and adequate dressing facilities for officials. If possible, dressing rooms should be isolated from competing teams and easily accessible without the necessity of officials mingling with crowds and/or players. Where it is impractical or impossible to provide ideal arrangements, a police escort shall be provided.
- G. No one, other than the Commissioner or one of his designees, may invade the privacy of the officials dressing rooms, either before, during, or after the game.
- H. Officials are not to discuss occurrences having to do with their game calls with news media representatives or at public gatherings.
- I. Coaches are not to criticize officials to, or in the presence of, representatives of news media or other organizations. All criticism should be communicated through the Commissioner. Sports information directors shall make no references whatsoever in institutional media releases as to the quality of officiating.
- J. Any correspondence between coaches and officials pertaining to the work of the officials is to be carried on through the Commissioner or one of his designees.
- K. It is expected that coaches' conduct toward officials will be beyond reproach. However, if a coach's conduct becomes a problem, the Commissioner may take appropriate action.
- L. If a coach is ejected from any contest, the coach must be removed from all site and sound for the remainder of the game. An on-site administrator is responsible for notifying both the NEC office and the visiting team's athletic department (if the ejected coach is from the visiting team). The site and sound policy also applies in cases where additional game suspensions are required.

- M. Negative recruiting concerning another member institution of the Conference shall not be tolerated. This includes derogatory statements about another institution's program, any of its personnel, or the quality of its facilities to a prospective student-athlete, the prospect's parents, high school coach, or other person interested in the prospective athlete.
- N. All other concerns, assignments of officials, sanctions for violations of the Code of Conduct and other related matters will be the responsibility of the Commissioner.

**ARTICLE XVI - OFFICIATING**

- A. Athletic Directors shall decide which individuals or organizations shall be used for the assignment of game officials for sports in which Conference competition is required by these Bylaws. Exceptions to this rule include men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, football and baseball.
- B. The Conference shall assign all officials for men's and women's Conference and home non-Conference and exhibition basketball games. The member institutions agree to accept these assignments. The Conference will appoint a Coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials and a Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officials who will assign officials based on NCAA and Conference regulations.
- C. The Conference shall assign officials for Conference and home non-conference football games. The member institutions agree to accept these assignments. The Conference will appoint a Coordinator of Officials.
- D. The Conference shall assign officials for Conference and non-conference soccer matches. The member institutions agree to accept these assignments. The Conference will appoint a Coordinator of Officials.
- E. The Conference shall assign officials for Conference and non-conference baseball games. The member institutions agree to accept these assignments. The Conference will appoint a Coordinator of Officials.

**ARTICLE XVII - COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

***Section 17.1 GENERAL.*** The Conference will conduct a compliance program as part of its operations to insure that member institutions are conducting their intercollegiate athletic programs and all related areas within the rules and regulations of the NCAA. The Conference program will at a minimum entail the following:

- A. Education - development of compliance materials, guides and programs for Conference members use and review. This may include newsletters, seminars, teleconferences and distribution of NCAA materials.
- B. Self Study - assist member institutions with the reviews of their programs to insure compliance with the NCAA rules and regulations.
- C. NCAA Reviews - assist member institutions with compliance and/or certification reviews conducted by the NEC and/or NCAA staff.

**ARTICLE XVIII - NCAA AND CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION**

**Section 18.1 PARTICIPATION IN NCAA EVENTS.** The Conference gives automatic consent to member institutions for participation in NCAA events.

**Section 18.2 NCAA AUTOMATIC AND PLAY-IN QUALIFICATION.** The Conference receives automatic qualification to NCAA championships in various sports. The Conference tournament champion in these respective sports shall represent the Conference in the NCAA Championships and/or play-in competition.

**Section 18.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS.** Only institutions eligible for automatic qualification by the NCAA shall be eligible for Conference tournaments in which the Conference has been granted automatic qualification or play-in competition by the NCAA.

**ARTICLE XIX- TELEVISION SCHEDULING**

**Section 19.1 GENERAL.** The Conference shall make every reasonable effort to establish regional and national television, radio and Internet exposure for the sports of men's and women's basketball.

- A. The Conference retains the rights to all Conference basketball games for television and radio purposes until September 15 of each year (unless waived by a majority of those members present at a meeting of the Council of Presidents) for the purpose of securing the maximum amount of television, radio and Internet exposure.
- B. Each institution is permitted to provide a list of three preferred home games for inclusion in the NEC's TV package. Non-conference Division I opponents may be included as part of the three preferred home games. The NEC retains control of the production of all televised games that are part of the NEC package.

The Conference will provide complete funding for the production of a game or doubleheader with an NEC opponent. Non-conference telecasts will be one-half funded by the participating NEC institution, and one-half funded by the Conference.

- C. Member institutions will cooperate with the Commissioner to insure maximum exposure for the Conference in major arenas, against quality non-conference opponents, and in achieving cable or over-the-air telecasts, radio and Internet broadcasts.

**ARTICLE XX - AMENDMENTS**

- A. A proposed amendment to these Bylaws or the Administrative Agreements must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Commissioner at least twenty days before the meeting at which it is considered and acted upon, and at least fifteen days mail notice shall be given by the Commissioner to each member institution.
- B. An amendment to these Bylaws or the Administrative Agreements must be adopted by a majority vote of those members present at a meeting of the Council of Presidents.

- C. An amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise specified in the amendment.
  
- D. A proposed amendment to these Bylaws and Administrative Agreements may be amended at the Council of Presidents meeting by a majority vote provided the amendment to the proposed amendment does not result in a substantive change to the proposed amendment which shall be determined by the Presidents. However, any amendment or amendment to a proposed amendment may be adopted at any meeting without the above prior notice by a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Presidents Council:**

President - Dr. Frank Macchiarola, SFNY (term expires 6/06)  
Vice President - Dr. J. Michael Adams, FDU  
Dr. John Miller, CCSU  
Dr. David Steinberg, LIU  
Gale Stevens Haynes (Provost), LIU  
Vice Admiral Paul Gaffney, MU  
Dr. Thomas Powell, MSM  
Dr. John Lahey, QU  
Dr. Gregory Dell'Omo, RMU  
Dr. Anthony Cerner, SHU  
Rev. Gabriel Zeis, SFPA  
Dr. Richard Guarasci, WC

NOTE: The president of the Council will serve a two-year term, with the possibility of succession for one term.

**COMMITTEES REPORTING TO PRESIDENTS**

**Athletic Directors Committee:**

Chair - David Langford, FDU (term expires 6/06)  
C.J. Jones, CCSU  
John Suarez, LIU  
Dr. Marilyn McNeil, MU  
Dr. Chappy Menninger, MSM  
Jack McDonald, QU  
Craig Coleman, RMU  
Don Cook, SHU  
Ed Aquilone, SFNY  
Bob Krimmel, SFPA  
Walt Hameline, WC

NOTE: The chair of the ADs will serve a two-year term, with the possibility of succession for one term.

**Faculty Athletics Representatives Committee:**

Chair - Dr. Robert Keefer, MSM (term expires 6/06)  
Paul Resetarits, CCSU  
Rich Panicucci, FDU  
Dr. Ralph Engelman, LIU  
Dr. David Paul, MU  
Sean Duffy, QU  
Dr. Scott Branvold, RMU  
Dr. Gary Rose, SHU  
Dr. Tom Quigley, SFNY  
Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, SFPA  
Dr. John Esser, WC

NOTE: The chair of the FARs will serve a two-year term with the possibility of succession for one term. The chair is also invited to attend the joint meeting of the ADs and SWAs in the Spring.

### **Membership Committee:**

*Duties - Process applications for full or associate membership; make recommendations on actions taken by existing members contrary to Conference policies; investigate potential new members.*

Chair - Vice Adm. Paul Gaffney, MU  
David Langford, FDU  
Tracey Flynn, QU  
Don Cook, SHU

### **Strategic Planning Committee:**

*Duties - Conduct surveys, assemble data regarding long-term growth of Conference; review and monitor Conference goals; integrate institutional strategies with those of the Conference.*

Chair - Dr. Thomas Powell, MSM  
Dr. John Lahey, QU  
Dr. Marilyn McNeil, MU  
Rich Panicucci, FDU

### **Marketing Committee:**

*Duties - Review and make recommendations on TV schedules produced by Conference; review marketing initiatives proposed by the Conference; monitor league-wide marketing efforts designed to increase NEC awareness.*

Chair - Richard Guarasci, WC  
Dr. Anthony Cerna, SHU  
John Suarez, LIU  
Ann Gulino, FDU

### **Finance Committee:**

*Duties - Address all budgetary emergencies; recommend assessments or dues increases as necessary; work with Commissioner to insure future financial solvency of Conference.*

Chair - Dr. David Steinberg, LIU  
Dr. J. Michael Adams, FDU  
Walt Hameline, WC  
Ed Aquilone, SFNY  
Lynne Robinson, MSM  
William Craig, MU

### **Football Financial Aid Sub-Committee:**

*Duties - Review football financial aid reports to determine the level of compliance at each institution.*

Chair - Julie Savino, SHU  
Shari Payne, RMU  
Jan Tassie, Stony Brook  
Theresa Weimer, WC

### **Financial Aid Standards Sub-Committee:**

*Duties - Review data supplied by Conference office to insure institutions are meeting financial aid minimum standards. Process any waiver requests that are submitted. Recommend penalties for institutions chronically out of compliance.*

Chair - Rev. Gabriel Zeis, SFPA  
Dr. Marilyn McNeil, MU  
Margaret Alaimo, LIU

**Secondary Infractions Committee:**

*Duties - Review "de minimus" secondary violations self-reported by institutions to Conference. Recommend sanctions/penalties to Conference for implementation.*

Tracey Flynn, QU  
Erika Renwick, SFPA  
Patti Adorna, MU  
TBA (FAR)

**COMMITTEES REPORTING TO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

**Senior Woman Administrators Committee:**

Chair - Margaret Alaimo, LIU (term expires 6/07)  
Amy Strickland, CCSU  
Ann Gulino, FDU  
Patti Adorna, MU  
Lynne Robinson, MSM  
Tracey Flynn, QU  
Addie Muti, RMU  
Kim Callicoatte, SHU  
Irma Garcia, SFNY  
Erika Renwick, SFPA  
Peg Hefferan, WC

NOTE: The chair will serve a two-year term, with the possibility of succession for one term.

**Sports Information Directors Committee:**

Chair - Michael Kobylanski (term expires 6/07)  
Tom Pincince, CCSU  
Sara Naggar, FDU  
Stacey Brann, LIU  
Thomas Dick, MU  
Mark Vandergrift, MSM  
Jim Duzyk, RMU  
Gene Gumbs, SHU  
Gustavo Figueroa, SFNY  
Bob Volkert, SFPA  
Ben Shove, WC

NOTE: The chair will serve a two-year term, with the possibility of succession for one term.

**Athletic Trainers Committee:**

Chair - Cathy Liggett, FDU (term expires 6/07)  
Kathy Pirog, CCSU  
Dan O'Connor, Long Island  
Doug Padron, MU  
Jessica Hunt, MSM  
Gordon Hurlbert, QU  
Addie Muti, RMU  
Julie Alexander, SHU  
Don Hovey, SFNY  
Terry Bennett, SFPA  
Mike Suski, WC

NOTE: The chair will serve a two-year term, with the possibility of succession for one term.

**SPORTS COMMITTEES**

Each NEC sport will be monitored as necessary by standing committees made up of administrators and coaches. Sports committees may be called upon to make decisions on issues which are not specifically addressed by Conference policies. Any recommendation made by a sports committee must ultimately be ratified by the full membership.

The chair of each sports committee will be expected to attend that sport's NEC championship to observe and provide feedback to the membership. Committee administrators are expected to participate on teleconference meetings of the coaches in their respective sports.

Terms for all committees shall be staggered to provide continuity. Term expires on June 30 of year in parentheses.

**Baseball (Term expires)**

Chair - John Suarez, LIU (2007)  
Don Cook, SHU (2006)  
Coach - Dean Ehehalt, MU (2006)

**Men's Basketball**

Chair - Marilyn McNeil, MON (2007)  
Chappy Menninger, MSM (2007)  
Coach - Mike Deane, WC (2006)

**Women's Basketball**

Chair - Irma Garcia, SFNY (2006)  
Bob Krimmel, SFPA (2007)  
Coach - Yvette Harris, CCSU (2007)

**Cross Country**

Chair - Ed Aquilone, SFNY (2007)  
John Suarez, LIU (2007)  
Coach - Scott Catone, SFPA (2007)

**Field Hockey**

Chair - Patti Adorna, MU (2007)  
Joyce Eggleston, Siena (2006)  
Coach - Chris Blais, SHU (2006)

**Football**

Chair - C.J. Jones, CCSU (2007)  
Walt Hameline, WC (2007)  
Coach - Dave Opfar, SFPA (2006)

**Men's Golf**

Chair - Walt Hameline, WC (2007)  
Bill Mecca, QU (2006)  
Coach - Jerry Stone, RMU (2006)

**Women's Golf**

Chair - Addie Muti, RMU (2007)  
Erika Renwick, SFPA (2006)  
Sheri McDonald, MU (2006)

**Women's Lacrosse**

Chair - Jack McDonald, QU (2007)  
Peg Hefferan, WC (2006)  
Coach - Katy Phillips, RMU (2006)

**Men's Soccer**

Chair - Chappy Menninger, MSM (2007)  
Ann Gulino, FDU (2006)  
Coach - T.J. Kostecky, LIU (2007)

**Women's Soccer**

Chair - David Langford, FDU (2006)  
Erika Renwick, SFPA (2007)  
Coach - Mick D'Arcy, CCSU (2007)

**Softball**

Chair - Craig Coleman, RMU (2007)  
Kim Callicoatte, SHU (2007)  
Coach - Glen Payne, WAG (2006)

**Women's Swimming**

Chair - Carl Quigley, SFNY (2007)  
Amy Strickland, CCSU (2007)  
Coach - Patrick Gallagher, SFPA (2006)

**Tennis**

Chair - Jennifer Thomas, MU (2006)  
Coach - Phil Hammond, MSM (2007)  
Coach - Mike Quitko, QU (2007)

**Track & Field**

Chair - David Langford, FDU (2007)  
Lynne Robinson, MSM (2007)  
Coach - Christian Morrison (2007)

**Women's Volleyball**

Chair - Margaret Alaimo, LIU (2007)  
Tracey Flynn, QU (2006)  
Coach - Rob Thomas, RMU (2007)

**Coaches Committees:**

The head coaches of each Conference sport comprise the coaches committees for that particular sport. Each committee shall:

1. Remain informed of new legislation regarding their particular sport and keep the Conference office informed.
2. Form an agenda for an annual meeting with the Northeast Conference administrator. The schedule of meetings is listed in this manual.
3. Insure that head coaches attend official meetings. Only those coaches meetings conducted by the Conference office are considered official meetings.
4. Voice concerns and make recommendations for improvements, changes, etc. to the Senior Woman Administrators Committee. The SWAs review coaches' recommendations and make final recommendations. These are presented at the annual spring meeting of the athletic directors.

## **Championship Guidelines**

### **Games Committee:**

A representative from the Conference Office, using all appropriate resources available, shall select a games committee, which may consist of officials, selected head coaches and administrators. The decision of the games committee will be considered final.

### **Championship Event Management:**

The on-site representative of the Conference office, using all appropriate resources available, shall serve as the final authority on any changes, additions, deletions and/or interpretations to NEC policy as necessary, before, during and/or after all NEC championships. Protests during the regular season are handled by the Conference office.

### **Policy of Competition:**

An institution that does not send its best athletes to a championship for competitive reasons, or attempts to gain an advantage through "lineup stacking" is conducting itself in an unacceptable manner and undermines the integrity of the event. An institution doing so is subject to sanctions by the Conference.

### **Site Selection, Dates:**

Sites for NEC championships are determined in different methods depending upon the sport. For baseball, indoor track & field, swimming, and tennis, campus sites are not practical and the Conference office shall negotiate with public facilities to arrange for a suitable venue.

In the sports of golf and cross country, the Conference office may choose to determine a public venue, or may defer to a vote of the membership on a site recommended by one of the members. This decision shall be made at the annual Spring meeting.

For outdoor track & field, member institutions with an on-campus facility equipped to host the championship shall apply to host and be subject to a vote of the membership at the annual Spring meeting.

In the sport of basketball, all tournament games shall be hosted by the higher-seeded team in each contest. Re-seeding shall take place at the conclusion of the quarterfinal round.

For soccer, field hockey, volleyball, softball and lacrosse, the tournament shall be hosted by the

No. 1 seeded team, provided that team's institution does the following:

- The institution must meet the criteria recommended by the respective NEC sports committee regarding facilities, condition of playing fields, practice time, locker rooms, etc.
- The institution certifies to the NEC that it meets these criteria.

The Conference office shall determine early in each playing season which institutions meet these conditions and therefore are eligible to host a championship. If an institution is deemed ineligible to host, it may choose to a.) correct the appropriate concern, b.) find and secure an alternate venue within approximately 30 miles of its campus or c.) decline the opportunity to host. If the latter choice is made, the opportunity to host shall be provided to the No. 2 seed (and so on down the line) as long as that institution is deemed eligible to host.

Dates for championships are proposed by the Conference office and must be approved by the Athletic Directors. The NEC will accommodate changes in its schedules to enhance opportunities for access via automatic qualification to NCAA championships. Whenever practical, NEC championship dates will occur the weekend prior to the start of that sport's NCAA championship.

### **Criteria for Site Selection:**

A conscious effort should be made to award championships geographically around the Conference to minimize travel hardships on institutions. Championship sites should meet all minimum NCAA size requirements for outdoor fields, indoor playing courts, etc. Other criteria should include condition of the facility, quality of locker rooms, institution's previous experiences as a host, potential for strong attendance.

## **Championship Guidelines**

### **Determination of Starting Times:**

The Conference office will determine the starting times of all championship events. In its deliberations, the Conference office may consult the host institution for its input regarding starting times that would enhance attendance.

### **Banquets:**

For most team sports with all-conference awards, a banquet shall be hosted by the host institution. A banquet will consist of an appropriate meal, awards presentation, and brief speakers' program. A banquet will provide a natural method of distribution of both all-conference awards and participant gifts from the Conference office. A banquet should be held at a time when the most number of teams are able to attend.

Visiting teams should make every possible good-faith effort to attend tournament banquets and should plan travel accordingly (exceptions for attending may include attending classes, final exams or other extenuating circumstances).

If a banquet serves as dinner, each visiting team will contribute \$13 per person to the host towards the cost of the banquet. If the banquet serves as lunch/brunch, each visiting team will contribute \$8 per person.

### **Hospitality:**

The host institution is responsible for all hospitality considerations for participants, coaches, officials, Conference office staff, etc. This may range from fruit, snacks and beverages for participants to a dinner or hospitality suite for coaches/staff. The level of hospitality is up to the discretion of the host institution. All costs associated with hospitality are the responsibility of the host institution.

### **Finances:**

In all NEC championships held on campus sites (except men's & women's basketball) in which admission is charged, the host institution will retain all revenues derived from ticket sales, sponsorships obtained by the host, parking, concessions, and will retain a percentage from Maingate, Inc. from the sale of Northeast Conference merchandise. There will be no mandatory financial reimbursement for the host institution from the Conference in these championships. All sponsorships sought by the host institution must receive prior approval of the Conference office.

Admission will be charged in men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey, volleyball, indoor track, men's & women's basketball, women's swimming, women's lacrosse, outdoor track, softball and baseball.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Host institution responsibilities include:**

1. Adequate support personnel to staff event.
2. Coordination of daily results to NEC sports information offices.
3. Appropriate security personnel to maintain crowd control.
4. Ticket takers, ushers, concession vendors, etc.
5. Separate (not shared), clean, secure locker facilities for participating teams.
6. Separate (not shared) clean, secure locker facilities for officials, upon request.
7. An enclosed (three-sided) shelter from the elements for media, official scorers, etc. This can be a press box, a portable tent or other such shelter. A canopy alone will not suffice.
8. All necessary water, cups, coolers, ice chests and adequate emergency preparation.
9. All necessary supplies, personnel to insure quality and maintenance of playing field/court.
10. Easily accessible bathroom facilities, either permanent or portable.
11. Cost, arrangements for banquet and all hospitality considerations.
12. Appropriate seating for spectators, visiting teams, staff.
13. Contracting of photographer to work championship contest, upon request of NEC office.
14. Training room availability and certified trainer on duty at all times.
15. All costs associated with the use of a backup or alternate field or playing site.

## **Championship Guidelines**

### **Conference office responsibilities include:**

1. Trophies & awards.
2. Production & distribution of tournament handbook.
3. Game and/or event officials, including game fees, per diem and travel reimbursement.
4. Supervision of event, on-site representation.
5. Production of tournament program.
6. Coordination of pre-event publicity, post-event distribution of results.
7. All-conference awards, presentation.
8. Site inspection of off-campus facilities prior to event.
9. Participant gifts, distribution.
10. Assistance with expenses incurred by the host due to extreme/extenuating circumstances.
11. Cost of photographer at championship contests, if photography is sought by the NEC office.
12. Cost of EMS personnel on site.

### **Ticket Prices:**

All NEC students with a proper institutional I.D. will be admitted free to all NEC championships, except men's and women's basketball. Ticket prices for NEC championships other than basketball will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for those under 18, and free for those 10 years old and younger.

Administrative passes for visiting NEC athletic department personnel will be limited to six (6) per institution. Host institution personnel may be admitted to the championship free, except in men's and women's basketball.

No complimentary tickets are available for friends and parents. Institutions may elect to purchase tickets to make available for parents and friends using the approved NCAA guidelines (pass list).

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning and reimbursing officials for all NEC championships. Such factors as proven skill and ability, proximity to the championship site, and coaches' recommendations will be taken into account when assigning officials.

### **Hotels:**

All teams are free to choose their own hotels for all NEC championship events. The Conference does not reimburse any hotel expenses except in the sports of men's and women's basketball.

### **Media:**

All requests for media credentials should be directed to the host institution, which will work with the Conference office to take care of considerations such as media parking, press row seating, post-game interview areas, etc. The host institution is responsible for printing and issuing all championship event media credentials, except in the sport of basketball.

### **Participant Attire:**

Non-institutional apparel worn by participating student-athletes and coaches is prohibited at all NEC championships, as are items in violation of the NCAA's regulations regarding the use of manufacturer's logos. Any participant who fails to comply with this policy will not be permitted to compete.

### **Tobacco, Alcohol Policy:**

Any coach, student-athlete or game official found using a tobacco product by an official or NEC representative at the site of any practice or competition in an NEC championship will result in an immediate disqualification for that individual from the remainder of the event.

The sale of alcoholic beverages at NEC championships is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Council of Presidents. It is not permissible for alcoholic beverages to be brought to the competition site by spectators, participants, coaches, patrons or facility employees.

## **Championship Guidelines**

### **Awards:**

A championship trophy and second-place trophy will be awarded at the conclusion of the championship contest. NOTE: All teams that finish second in an NEC championship are required to remain on the court/field during the entire awards ceremony. Conference personnel may enlist the help of administrators to insure this policy is followed.

A first and second All-NEC team will be selected by the coaches in all team sports with at least six participating teams in the Conference. All recipients shall receive a plaque from the Conference. Announcement of all-conference awards to the media should take place after the distribution of the awards at a championship banquet.

### **Practice Times, Sites:**

Visiting teams are not obligated to practice at the tournament site the day before the event begins.

The host institution will recommend a practice time for visiting teams that wish to practice the day prior to the start of the championship. These times must be reviewed and approved by the Conference office prior to being implemented. Practice will be available the day prior to the start of the event in one-hour blocks for visiting teams requesting time. Additionally, the host must recommend alternate practice sites when visiting teams are unable to practice at the site of competition due to conflicts with the host's facility.

With the approval of the Conference office, the host institution may decide to adjust times or not permit any practice sessions on an outdoor field if weather conditions become a factor.

Institutions serving as hosts to championships at neutral sites are required to provide practice opportunities as outlined above.

### **Championship Handbook:**

The Conference office will strive to have the championship handbook available to the membership two months prior to the start of the event for predetermined sites and as soon as possible, once high seed sites are determined. The Conference office, working in consultation with the host institution, will issue the tournament handbook to the membership. All championship-related mailings should be issued from the Conference office.

### **Licensing Uses of NEC Logo:**

The terms "NEC Champions" or "NEC Championship" or "Conference Champions" or "NEC Tournament Champions" may not be used in conjunction with any apparel that is sold or distributed by an institution, unless it receives the prior approval of the Conference office and its official licensing company, Maingate, Inc.

### **Merchandise Sales:**

The host institution is permitted to sell its own institutional merchandise during an NEC championship.

The Conference office retains the first right to sell championship merchandise at the site of the event. If so, the host will be responsible for providing space, sales personnel, etc. to sell the merchandise. The host will receive a commission negotiated with Maingate, Inc. All unsold merchandise must be returned to Maingate, Inc, 1175 Western Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46241. Any merchandise that is unaccounted for is the responsibility of the host institution and must be reconciled with Maingate, Inc.

Tournament programs will be distributed, not sold, at all championships except men's and women's basketball.

## **Championship Guidelines**

### **Medical/Training Requirements:**

All Conference championships require the host institution to provide a certified trainer on duty. Visiting institutions are expected to make every good-faith effort to bring trainers to NEC championships whenever possible.

*The following championships also require additional considerations:*

Men's and women's basketball	Physician in attendance
Indoor and outdoor track & field, cross country, swimming & diving	Physician on call, EMS personnel on site, multiple certified trainers on duty
Men's & women's golf	Certified trainer on call

### **Pre-Tournament Meetings:**

All championships will include a pre-tournament meeting to review logistics and procedures for the event. All such meetings will take place on the evening prior to the start of the event, preferably after the tournament banquet. All participating team head coaches should be in attendance. If a head coach cannot attend the meeting, a representative of the institution must take his/her place. The Conference office representative will set the agenda and run the meeting. The Conference office representative reserves the right to adjust the time of the meeting, based upon travel schedules.

The Conference office may choose to conduct a conference call for representatives of all participating institutions prior to the championship to address concerns and answer questions relative to the event.

### **Championship Budget Report:**

At the conclusion of all NEC championships, the host institution is responsible for filing a form with the Conference office detailing all financial aspects of the event, including expenses and revenues. The form should be filed within 14 days of the conclusion of the event.

### **Sports Information Duties:**

The host SID, working in conjunction with the Conference office, should promote the championship in advance with local media, attempting to increase coverage of the event. A telephone should be available at press row, and a work area designated for visiting SIDs and/or media.

If an interview room is appropriate, the host institution's SID is responsible for the logistical setup of the area.

The host SID is responsible for providing all pertinent statistics in the box score/game summaries provided to visiting teams (including ground balls in women's lacrosse).

### **Crowd Control:**

The host institution is responsible for all aspects of crowd control at each NEC Championship.

### **Participant Gifts:**

The NEC office will distribute participant gifts at league championship events to all participants and head coaches. The host institution will not provide any mementos or gifts. Institutions requesting additional participant gifts must order them directly from the Conference office.

**NEC Properties:**

A. Institutional Marketing Guidelines

1. Use of NEC logo and NEC Trademarks (General)

- a. NEC Intellectual Property includes all league-owned photos and television footage (live or recorded), and all league-related logos, names, designs, trademarks and other identifications. Provided there is no sponsor or third party identification referred to or depicted on the proposed use, a member institution is permitted to use any NEC Intellectual Property for non-commercial and promotional purposes. The NEC requests that such usage be filed and kept on record with the Conference office. A member institution may not use any NEC Intellectual Property for commercial purposes without permission from the Conference office.

Ex. A member institution MAY use any NEC-related marks, photos, television footage, etc. to promote its own institution or athletic department.

Ex. A member institution MAY NOT use any NEC related marks, photos, television footage, etc. as part of a relationship with an institutional corporate partner or commercial entity ("local sponsor") without receiving permission from the Conference office.

- b. Each arena should have a Northeast Conference logo or the letters N-E-C highly visible on the playing court. Aforementioned marks should adhere to the guidelines as set forth by the Conference office in Appendix B of this section.

- c. Required Contract Provision

Any agreement entered into by a member institution that attempts to incorporate any approved NEC Intellectual Property must contain the following provision: "This contract is subject to bylaws and all rules, regulations and agreements of the NEC and the NCAA as they presently exist or as they may, from time to time, be entered into, amended or adopted."

B. Signage during NEC-produced television games and league sponsored events (i.e. championships)

1. General

- a. The NEC shall have exclusive control over all advertising inventory located in full view of television cameras (i.e. scorer's table, end zone, seat backs, playing surface, basket, basket supports, towels, cups, coolers, etc.) during NEC-produced television broadcasts on national, regional and local television outlets. In addition, the NEC shall have exclusive control over all advertising inventory located at any of the league-sponsored championships.

Ex. The Conference office may sell advertising or prohibit advertising on scorer's table, baseline, baskets, etc., during any basketball game that is part of the NEC produced television package.

Ex. The conference office may sell advertising or prohibit advertising at any league-sponsored championship event.

- b. During any NEC-produced national, regional, or local television broadcast (i) no institution may permit an advertisement or identification of any local sponsor to be placed on a banner, placard, billboard, pole pad, steps, seat back, towel, message board, sign, arena structure or other surface clearly visible to the television cameras or any other press interview area without first requesting permission from the Conference; and (ii) each member institution must display Conference-mandated signage as directed by Conference personnel.

Ex. If a member institution wishes to provide a local sponsor with any advertising opportunity that is in clear view of the camera during any basketball game that is part of the NEC television package, the institution must seek approval from the Conference office before doing so.

- c. During any league-sponsored championship event (i) no institution may permit any advertisement or identification of any local sponsor to be placed on banner, placard, billboard, or other surface clearly visible by those in attendance at the league-sponsored championship event without first requesting permission from the Conference and (ii) each member institution must display Conference-mandated signage as directed by Conference personnel.

Ex. If a member institution wishes to provide a local sponsor with any advertising opportunity during a league-sponsored championship event that the member institution is hosting, the institution must seek approval from the Conference office before doing so.

- d. Permission to display local sponsors shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Conference office unless (i) the local sponsor is in direct conflict with a league-wide sponsor; (ii) the local sponsor violates current NCAA or NEC regulations; and (iii) the Conference office deems the local sponsor an “unfit” marketing partner.

- e. **Required Contract Provision**

In the event the Conference office grants permission and a member institution enters into a contract with a local sponsor that provides for the use of NEC Intellectual Property, the contract must include the following contract provision: “This contract is subject to bylaws and all rules, regulations and agreements of the NEC and the NCAA as they presently exist or as they may, from time to time, be entered into, amended or adopted.”

Ex. If a member institution contracts with any local sponsor to provide that sponsor with a sign on the baseline, seat backs, scorer’s table, or any other place that is in clear view of the television cameras during an NEC-produced televised basketball event, the agreement must include the above language.

- f. **Filing Requirements**

In the event the Conference office approves the use of NEC Intellectual Property by a local sponsor, the member institution must file that contract with the Conference office. Failure to comply with this procedure may cause the local sponsor to lose the exposure during NEC-produced television broadcasts and/or league-sponsored championship events.

### **2. Playing Surface**

No commercial advertising or identification of any local sponsor shall be displayed on any portion of the playing surface of an NEC arena during NEC-produced television broadcasts or NEC-sponsored championship events without prior consent from the Conference office. In the event the Conference office grants approval to a member institution to display commercial advertising on any portion of the playing surface, said advertising must comply with all NCAA rules and regulations regarding such markings.

### **3. Basket/Backboard, Basket Supports and Pole Pads**

No commercial advertising or identification of any local sponsor shall be displayed on any portion of the basket, backboard, basket support and pole pad in an NEC arena during NEC-produced television broadcasts or NEC-sponsored championship events without prior consent from the Conference office. In the event the Conference office grants approval to a member institution to display a local sponsor on any portion of the basket, backboard, basket support and pole pad in an NEC arena during NEC-produced television broadcasts or NEC-sponsored championship events, said advertising must comply with all NCAA rules and regulations regarding such markings.

### **4. Score Tables and Press Tables**

During any NEC-produced national, regional, or local television broadcast or championship event, an institution may display commercial advertising in accordance to the guidelines set forth in Appendix A (and as they may be amended by the Conference office from time to time) and the rules set forth above in Section B(1)a-f.

### **5. Scoreboard**

An institution is permitted to display commercial advertising or signage on the front or sides of any permanent arena scoreboard.

### **6. Seats**

During any NEC-produced national, regional, or local television broadcast or league-sponsored championship event, an institution may not display commercial advertising on any seats located on the home or visiting team bench without receiving prior consent from the Conference office. In the event the Conference office grants approval to a member institution to display a local sponsor on seats located on the home or visiting bench during NEC-produced television broadcasts or NEC-sponsored championship events, said advertising must comply with all NCAA rules and regulations regarding such markings.

### **7. Towels, Cups and Coolers**

During any NEC-produced national, regional, or local television broadcast or league-sponsored championship event, an institution may not display commercial advertising on towels, cups or coolers used around the team benches or the playing area without receiving prior consent from the Conference office. In the event the Conference office grants approval to a member institution to display a local sponsor on towels, cups or coolers used around the team benches or the playing area during NEC-produced television broadcasts or NEC-sponsored championship events, said advertising must comply with all NCAA rules and regulations regarding such markings.

## Hosting Television Games/Basketball Tournament:

### A. Broadcasting Regulations

#### 1. Filing Television and Radio Plans

- a. Teams are asked to submit to the Conference office all completed and/or anticipated television and radio broadcasting plans for each academic year upon request of the Conference office..

### B. Television Production Guidelines (televised basketball games only)

#### 1. Determining minimum standards

- a. The Conference office has control over setting the guidelines necessary to ensure that appropriate television production facilities, equipment and personnel are available and placed in appropriate locations for the origination and production of national, regional and local broadcasts of NEC athletic events.
- b. Home institution must supply some type of food and drink for the 20-person TV crew during the time frame requested by the producer. This is a simple courtesy. Suggestions include sandwiches or pizza, and soft drinks.

#### 2. Camera Locations

- a. Each institution hosting an NEC-produced national, regional, or local television broadcast must take the proper steps to assure that their arena can accommodate the following camera locations:

##### Mid-Level Center Court:

A minimum of two (2) cameras will be positioned opposite the team benches positioned not less than 50 feet and not more than 75 feet to camera location. The main camera platform should be at least 20-25 feet wide and 10 feet deep and must be high enough so that people walking or jumping with hands raised do not obstruct the camera at operating height.

##### “Low End-Zone Corner/Slash”

A minimum of one (1) camera may be positioned in the end zone of the lower seating level on the same side of the arena as the mid-level center court camera. A platform must be constructed and adhere to the following dimensions: minimum 4 feet off the ground and 6 feet x 8 feet wide. (If requested by NEC production crew).

##### Hand-Held Camera Locations:

A minimum of two (2) cameras will be positioned on the floor: one on each side of the playing court near the basket support. One (1) additional camera may be positioned at center court on the floor along press row opposite the team benches.

- b. All cameras shall be unobstructed. In the event of space limitations in the arena, the Conference office will work with the host institution to make necessary adjustments.

#### 3. Arena Access

In general, the producer of the telecast is in charge of all issues related to the arena as they affect the telecast. A member of the NEC Television Network production crew shall contact each host institution prior to the scheduled television broadcast to review the program requirements of said broadcast.

### 4. Announcer Locations

- a. During all NEC-produced national, regional and local television broadcasts, a total of five (5) television announcer, stat crew and stage manager positions should be centered exactly with the mid-court line opposite the team benches on the same side of the arena as the mid-level center court cameras. Cables shall run from courtside location to television trucks. Television and stat monitors shall be pre-wired.
- b. For most TV games, the NEC will use a sideline reporter. The sideline reporter will do the following- i) interview one coach immediately at the conclusion of the first half; ii) interview the other coach prior to the start of the second half; iii) discuss strategy and "eavesdrop" on team huddles; iv) conduct light interviews with fans, dignitaries, etc.; v) conduct standup interviews with the winning coach and star players if time permits after the game.

### 5. Truck Locations

- a. The home team must make available an area sufficient to park two (2) 60-foot long by 16-foot wide semi-trucks as close to the playing surface as possible, without obstructing fire exits. If possible, there should be a designated television truck parking area that is separate from the general loading dock area, so as not to be affected by other events or building services.
- b. The home team must ensure that there are a minimum of three (3) telephone lines available. These lines are used for 1) dedicated access with master control at the network, 2) as a backup audio line should regular audio and video be temporarily lost, and 3) an open line for emergencies.
- c. Each home team must supply electric power within 25 feet of parking location for the production truck and satellite uplink truck. The two trucks' power requirements are:

TV production truck	208 volts, Triple Phase, 200 amps
Satellite uplink truck	208 volts, Single Phase, 90 amps
- d. All expenses associated with electrical needs and phone lines for an NEC TV game are the responsibility of the home team. Any rental of a generator to accommodate production needs is the responsibility of the home team.

### 6. Lighting

- a. Illumination in the host arena and playing surface should be designed primarily for television broadcasting. Glare should be minimized for the players and spectators. The light on the court should be bright and uniform. Normal game lighting should be turned on 6 ½ hours before game time and must be left on at least one (1) hour after the game. At no time during the game may light be altered or dimmed in any way without consent of the Conference office.
- b. An electrician must be present to greet the mobile unit 7 ½ hours prior to tip-off and should remain present throughout the telecast.

### 7. Security for Broadcasters

The home team is responsible for providing adequate security protection for camera crews, radio and television commentators and their equipment, and for ensuring that no person is allowed to interfere with the actions of any of the announcers and television camera crews covering the game. This applies to pre-game, the game and post-game, not only in the area where the talent works, but also in any interview area. If a national network broadcaster reasonably requests additional security for a broadcast, the home team will be responsible for accommodating such request.

### C. Game Operations

#### 1. Uniform Timing Formats

- a. The National Anthem will be played at a designated time determined by the TV producer. Both teams will receive pre-game itineraries from the TV producer.
- b. Tip-off will be approximately two minutes after the hour or half hour. As an example, a 4:00 p.m. broadcast will mean the game is tipped off at 4:02 p.m. A 7:30 p.m. broadcast would have a tip-off at 7:32 p.m.
- c. Timeouts will be the standard 75 seconds in length. Forced TV timeouts will be taken in each half at the first dead ball opportunity inside the 16:00, 12:00, 8:00 and 4:00 marks.
- d. In TV games, each team will receive four 30-second timeouts and one 60-second timeout. Three of the 30-second timeouts may be carried over to the second half. The 60-second timeout may be used at any time. The first 30-second timeout called by either team in the second half of the game will automatically become a full timeout lasting 75 seconds. This timeout will NOT replace a mandatory timeout.
- e. Teams are permitted one extra 30-second timeout in overtime periods. 30-second timeouts remaining from the second half may be used in overtime periods. The first 30-second timeout called by either team in overtime may be expanded to a full electronic-media timeout when called for in the electronic-media agreement.
- f. If a women's game is scheduled prior to a 4:00 men's TV game, the women's game must start at 1:00 p.m. The court will be available to the women's teams at 12 p.m.
- g. If a televised game that precedes an NEC broadcast runs long, the NEC reserves the right to delay the start of the game up to ten minutes. An NEC representative in attendance will inform head coaches and all pertinent personnel of this decision.
- h. NEC personnel, working with the producer, have final say on the timing of pre-game activities, including any Senior Day presentations. Timing for all special activities such as Senior Day must be reviewed well in advance by the producer and NEC representative on site.

#### 2. Pre-Game Interviews

Players from both teams may be asked to conduct a pre-game interview. The feature will be taped before the game and shown at halftime. The players selected may not necessarily be the best players, but possibly the most interesting or personable. The NEC office will coordinate selection of the player with each SID. All teams are required to comply with this request.

#### 3. Post-Game Interview

Prior to the conclusion of the game, the home team SID will ask each broadcasting entity for the names of three (3) potential interviewees, in order of preference, depending upon which team wins the game. The following priority will apply with respect to any person who is requested for an interview by more than one (1) broadcast team:

- a. NEC Television Network access to any player
- b. Radio access to any player

#### 4. Halftime Interview

- a. At the conclusion of the first half, a brief interview will be conducted with the coach of the leading team as he/she is leaving the court. Prior to the start of the second half, the coach of the trailing team will also be interviewed. The stage manager will lead the coach to the interview area. NOTE: If the game is tied at halftime, the home team coach will be interviewed first.

5. Sports Information Staffing

- a. The host Sports Information Director is responsible for securing a time-out coordinator, talent stat keeper, official stat keeper and two cable pullers in addition to the normal game day staff. The NEC may elect to provide staffing for one or more of these positions. The conference office will be in contact with the SID in the week prior to the game to discuss staffing issues and payment.
- b. The TV timeout coordinator must be seated directly beside the game clock on the scorer's table. A TV statistician must be seated directly beside the official scorer.

6. Sports Information Equipment

A laser printer at courtside is mandatory for printing out in-game statistics for talent. Stat monitors are required for commentators.

7. Sports Information Procedure

A member of the conference office will contact the host SID in the week prior to the televised game to discuss game format, pre-game and halftime segments and staffing. Schools must provide two players for pre-taped interview segments. These segments are normally taped 90 minutes prior to tip off.

8. Maximizing Attendance

Home institution must **AGGRESSIVELY** fill the seats in full view of the cameras (those behind the home team benches.) This could require closing other sections, directing fans to sit on a different side, placing premium giveaways in certain sections, etc.

**APPENDIX A**

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ROTATIONAL SIGNAGE PROGRAM**

*Non-TV games*

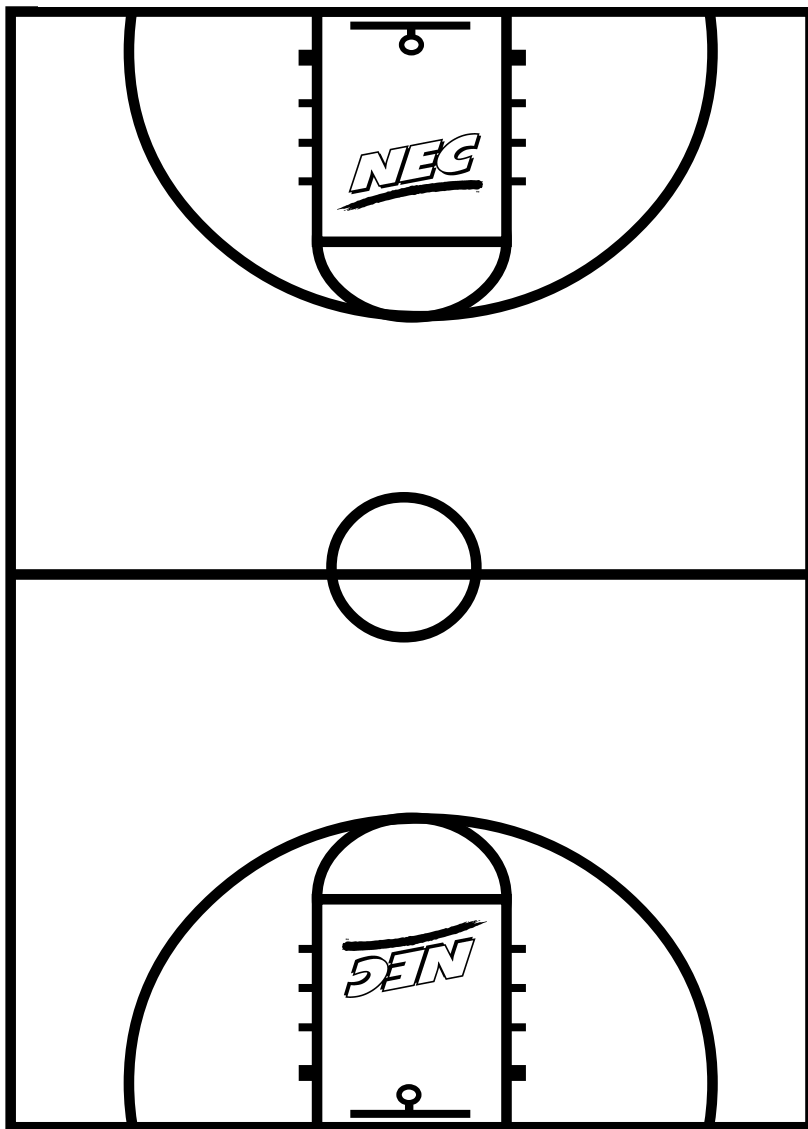
- NEC institutions have access to twenty-four (24) 8' signs that will rotate every three minutes during pre-game and live action.
- The Conference office has access to twenty-four (24) 8' signs that will rotate every three minutes during pre-game and live action.
- Each sponsor shall receive a **MINIMUM** of nine (9) minutes of exposure during each basketball contest.
- Tables rotate automatically. (No additional staffing required).

*TV games*

- Select institutional sponsors shall receive a total of ten (10) minutes of television exposure (game clock) during all local, regional and national league-produced television broadcasts.
- League sponsors shall receive a total thirty (30) minutes of television exposure (game clock) during all local, regional and national league-produced television broadcasts.
- Each sponsor shall receive a **MINIMUM** of three (3) minutes of exposure during pre-game.
- Tables will rotate on a manual control (host institution will provide staffing).
- Cost of producing each 8' sign is approximately \$180.

**APPENDIX B**

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE - RECOMMENDED LOGO USAGE**



### **Sportmanship Announcement:**

The following announcement should be read by the P.A. announcer prior to all NEC competition. "The Northeast Conference promotes good sportmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. If you experience a problem caused by the actions or words of another spectator, please report it to an event management representative."

### **NCAA Competition/Travel:**

Institutions representing the Northeast Conference in any NCAA Championship competition shall provide the NEC office with one complimentary airline ticket to the site of competition upon request of the Commissioner.

### **Sporting and Verbal Conduct Code:**

"Whereas, intercollegiate athletics exists to foster sporting conduct and personal development, as well as competitive excellence; and whereas, coaches, and athletics personnel are charged to teach values and sporting conduct in word and in deed; and whereas, coaches and athletes serve as role models for young people; and whereas, there is evidence of widespread and growing use of obscene and vulgar language by coaches and student-athletes, which reflects badly on institutions of higher education; Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Northeast Conference, in its meeting on October 26, 1992, expresses its concern regarding the linguistic behavior of coaches and student-athletes and urges presidents, athletic directors, coaches, officiating organizations and student-athletes to take steps to protect canons of good sporting conduct as they relate to verbal conduct. Existing rules for competitive behavior that deal with this matter shall be fully enforced, and where existing rules are inadequate, appropriate groups should consider establishing and enforcing new standards".

### **Basketball Transfer Rule:**

A student-athlete in the sport of Men's or Women's Basketball who transfers from one Northeast Conference institution to another NEC institution must fulfill a residency requirement of one academic year at the second NEC institution and shall also lose one year of eligibility during the fulfillment of the residency requirement.

This rule may be waived per the provisions of Article 5, Section 5.7 of the NEC bylaws, meaning such a waiver would require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council of Presidents. The member institution requesting the waiver must clearly and convincingly demonstrate by objective testimony and/or evidence that the reason for a waiver is not related to the actual playing of the sport by the student-athlete, but rather based upon a non-athletically-related reason. A non-athletically-related reason may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. The sport of basketball was discontinued at the previous NEC institution;
2. The student-athlete's major course of study was discontinued by the previous NEC institution;
3. The student-athlete's athletically-related financial aid was not renewed by the previous NEC institution;
4. The student-athlete's previous NEC institution was placed on either NCAA or NEC probation and deemed ineligible to compete for the NEC Basketball championship;
5. The student-athlete was not receiving athletically-related financial aid at the previous NEC institution and would be granted such aid at the second NEC institution;
6. Because of a medical emergency situation involving his immediate family, the student-athlete desires to attend another NEC institution that is geographically closer to his/her home.

### **Transfer Rule (sports other than basketball):**

A student-athlete in a sport other than Men's or Women's Basketball who transfers from one NEC institution to another must meet the four-year college transfer regulations set forth in the NCAA Manual.

### **Scouting Reports:**

NEC institutions are prohibited from sharing scouting reports (including game tapes) on other NEC institutions with non-conference opponents.

### **NEC Logo Placement on Uniforms:**

All participating teams in the following ten sports - men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, baseball, softball, women's lacrosse, football, volleyball and field hockey - are expected to either wear NEC logo patches or have the NEC logo screened onto one set of both home and road uniforms.

Institutions are responsible for all costs associated with screening and/or sewing patches onto uniforms. The NEC office does have a limited number of logo patches left in stock, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For placement purposes, please note the following guidelines:

### **Men's & Women's Basketball:**

*(NOTE: NCAA rules prohibit use of a conference logo patch anywhere except the game shorts in the sport of basketball).*

- 1st option: Left leg of shorts, just above the hem, facing front.
- 2nd option: Right leg of shorts, just above the hem, facing front.

### **Men's & Women's Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Women's Lacrosse:**

- 1st option: Left sleeve of jersey, facing the side, approximately three inches above the bottom of the sleeve.
- 2nd option: Right sleeve of jersey, facing the side, approximately three inches above the bottom of the sleeve.
- 3rd option: On sleeveless jerseys, place on left chest.

### **Football:**

- 1st option: High on the left side of the jersey, just below the shoulder pad, facing front.
- 2nd option: High on the right side of the jersey, just below the shoulder pad, facing front.
- 3rd option: Left sleeve of jersey, facing side.

### **Volleyball, Field Hockey:**

- 1st option: High on left side of chest, facing front.
- 2nd option: High on right side of chest, facing front.

## **Sports Information Duties**

### **Fall Sports:**

The fall sports service bureau includes football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis and field hockey. Reporting forms for soccer, volleyball and field hockey are due each Monday by 9:30 a.m. Reporting forms for cross country and tennis are due each Tuesday by 10:00 a.m. Reporting forms for golf are due each Wednesday by 10:00 a.m. Football has a separate reporting form, which is due Sunday by 12:00 p.m. via e-mail. In addition, scores for soccer, volleyball and field hockey should be e-mailed to the NEC office after the completion of each event. The home book stats are official.

The Conference will utilize Stat-Crew as a league-wide statistics program in football, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and tennis.

All schools must utilize a three-person statistics crew for volleyball matches.

### **Cross Country:**

The weekly NEC cross country report will include a listing of each institution's top seven times and race locations for both men and women. Updated performances must be faxed to the Northeast Conference office each Tuesday by 10:00 a.m.

### **Basketball:**

Reporting forms are due Sunday by 12:00 p.m., via e-mail. The conference will utilize Stat-Crew as a league-wide basketball statistics program. All games must be staffed by at least two statisticians.

### **Winter Sports:**

Reporting forms for men's and women's indoor track and women's swimming are due by 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday during the season.

### **Indoor and Outdoor Track:**

The Northeast Conference will put together a weekly indoor and outdoor track and field listing of top-15 marks for the Conference. Updated performances must be submitted online via the Direct Athletics website ([www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com)) by 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday during the season.

All track meets hosted by NEC institutions must utilize a fully-automated timing system.

### **Swimming:**

The Northeast Conference will put together a weekly listing of the top-16 swimming marks for the Conference. Updated performances must be faxed to the NEC office each Tuesday by 10:00 a.m.

### **Spring Sports:**

The spring sports service bureau includes baseball, softball, men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's outdoor track. Reporting forms for baseball, softball and lacrosse are due each Monday by 9:30 a.m. Reporting forms for tennis and track are due each Tuesday by 10:00 a.m. Reporting forms for golf are due each Wednesday by 10:00 a.m. In addition, scores for baseball, softball and women's lacrosse should be e-mailed to the NEC office after the completion of each event.

The Conference will utilize Stat-Crew as a league-wide statistics program in baseball, softball, tennis and women's lacrosse. All lacrosse contests must be staffed by at least two statisticians.

### **Preseason Polls:**

The Conference office shall release preseason polls for every Conference sport in a timely manner prior to the beginning of each sport's season. Head coaches shall vote on the order of finish.

## **Sports Information Duties**

### **Regular Season Results:**

Host SID's are required to provide the visiting institution with a complete box score and scoring summaries for all contests, which are to be faxed and e-mailed to visiting team media and provided to the visiting team SID. The box score provided by the home team is "official" and must be utilized by both teams for statistical purposes.

In baseball and softball, the home team is required to e-mail Stat-Crew game files to the visiting team on the day of the game. All baseball and softball boxscores and play-by-play summaries must be posted on websites in a timely manner.

Boxscores and summaries in all NEC sports should include officials' names and attendance figures.

### **Sport Rosters:**

Each sports information office should follow the formats below for rosters:

Baseball: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., B/T, Cl., Hometown, High School

\*Men's Basketball: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Cl., Hometown, High School

\*Women's Basketball: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Cl., Hometown, High School

Football: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Cl., Hometown, High School

Field Hockey: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Cl., Hometown, High School

Lacrosse: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Cl., Hometown, High School

Men's Soccer: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Cl., Hometown, High School

Women's Soccer: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Cl., Hometown, High School

Softball: No., Name, Pos., Ht., B/T, Cl., Hometown, High School

Track: Name, Event, Cl., Hometown, High School

Volleyball: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Cl., Hometown, High School

Golf, Cross Country, Tennis: Name, Cl., Hometown, High School

Women's Swimming: Name, Event, Cl., Hometown, High School

\*Last names must be capitalized in the Stat-Crew program.

### **Announcement of NEC Scores:**

Sports information directors are obligated to provide the announcement of out-of-town NEC scores via P.A. system and radio announcers (when applicable) at basketball and football contests. All SIDs should have a list of press row telephone numbers available for this purpose.

### **Additional Basketball Requirements:**

- All SIDs must have use of a laser printer at courtside for all men's and women's games.
- All SIDs must utilize monitors to display statistics for selected media.
- All SIDs must provide a link from their website to a broadcast link of an opponent carrying the game on the Internet, if that particular SID's team is not providing broadcast coverage.

### **Basketball Attendance Figures:**

All SIDs should report home basketball attendance figures based on tickets that have been sold, plus a reasonable estimate of students present.

## **Compliance Program/Conference Office Duties**

### **Rules Interpretations:**

1. Each member institution will identify a compliance coordinator to serve as the primary contact for rules interpretations and Conference compliance notices. Requests for rules information and interpretations should be directed to the Assistant Commissioner.
2. The Assistant Commissioner will provide interpretations on NCAA and Conference regulations. An interpretations log is maintained in the Conference office. In addition, the Conference office receives and files all NCAA interpretations, committee minutes and legislative services staff minutes. The Assistant Commissioner has access to the NCAA Legislative Services Database.
3. If the Assistant Commissioner is away from the office and the request is time-sensitive, then compliance coordinators should contact the NCAA Legislative Services Department, and preferably the NEC's official contact person. When it is necessary to contact the NCAA directly, member institutions are required to notify the Assistant Commissioner on any correspondence with the NCAA regarding rules interpretations, compliance activities and eligibility issues.
4. The Northeast Conference will distribute NCAA Staff minutes and other pertinent materials.

### **Enforcement & Self-Reports:**

The Conference office is responsible for processing all secondary violations to the NCAA's Enforcement and/or Student Reinstatement staffs. Therefore, each NEC institution must forward secondary violation reports to the Conference office.

The Conference shall utilize a committee on secondary infractions to determine and suggest sanctions for institutions that report NCAA Level 2 secondary infractions.

### **Rules Education:**

1. The Conference office distributes regular updates on new legislation and interpretations to the compliance coordinators and athletic directors.
2. The Assistant Commissioner is available to conduct a rules education seminar on every campus. The program generally focuses on recruiting guidelines.
3. The Conference distributes unofficial rules tests as part of the rules education program. These tests have proven to be effective tools for stimulating discussion and are helpful in preparing for the coaching certification exams.
4. Each NEC institution is encouraged to have representation at the NCAA Regional Compliance Seminar.
5. Each institution should participate in NEC compliance teleconferences.

### **Compliance Reviews:**

1. The Assistant Commissioner is available to administer a Conference Compliance Review, using the NCAA workbook. Detailed information on this two-day program is available in the NCAA Guide to Compliance. This program should be especially helpful in preparing for the second phase of the institutional certification process.
2. The Assistant Commissioner is available to assist the NCAA in administering the NCAA Compliance Review. More in-depth than a Conference Compliance Review, this program examines all facets of institutional compliance. Information on this program is available from the Conference office or can be found in the 2005-06 NCAA Guide to Compliance.

### **Other Compliance Activities:**

The Conference monitors administration of the NCAA coaches certification exams on each campus. Volunteer coaches shall take a Conference-generated exam in lieu of the NCAA exam.

1. The Conference office provides member institutions with information of proposal legislation and conducts reviews and discussions of proposed legislation as necessary.
2. The Conference office administers the National Letter of Intent program.
3. The Conference office handles Hardship Waiver requests. Member institutions should use the NEC Hardship Waiver request form.

### **Other Compliance Activities (cont.):**

4. The Conference office administers the NCAA Special Assistance Fund. Member institutions are required to complete the form and return it to the Conference office on a bi-monthly basis. Each institution shall have an account kept by the Conference based upon NCAA dollars distributed on behalf of each particular institution.
5. The Conference office administers the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. Member institutions are required to complete the form and return it to the Conference office to access this fund. Each institution shall have an account kept by the Conference based upon NCAA dollars distributed on behalf of each particular institution.
6. The Conference office maintains a file of compliance aids that may be utilized by member institutions.

### **National Letter of Intent Program:**

All NEC institutions shall forward all signed National Letters, along with a copy of the Athletic Financial Aid Awards, to the Northeast Conference within 21 days after the documents have been signed. This applies to both the Conference and non-conference sports. Lists of all signees will be circulated by the NEC. The 2006-07 National Letter of Intent form will be available by downloading from the NLI web site ([www.national-letter.org](http://www.national-letter.org)).

### **Drug/Gambling Education Program:**

Conference schools shall be eligible to apply for a maximum of \$500 to conduct drug and/or gambling education seminars for student-athletes on their respective campuses. Funds are budgeted from the NCAA Conference Grant Program. March 1 is the deadline for applying for Drug/Gambling Education grants. After March 1, additional grants may be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Student-Athlete Special Assistance Fund:**

The Conference office will administer the Special Assistance Funds allocated by the NCAA. Each institution will be required to submit NEC Special Assistance Fund applications to the Conference office. Each institution is also required to keep on file copies of student-athlete's receipts to document the usage of the Special Assistance Fund and to ensure that student-athletes use the fund on permissible items. Distribution of funds will be handled by the Conference office, per NCAA guidelines.

### **Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund:**

The Conference office will administer the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund allocated by the NCAA. Each institution will be required to submit NEC Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund applications to the Conference office. Each institution is also required to keep on file copies of student-athlete's receipts to document the usage of the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund and to ensure that student-athletes use the fund on permissible items. Distribution of funds will be handled by the Conference office, per NCAA guidelines.

### **Coaches Certification Test:**

Conference policy requires that all member institutions' coaches must take the NCAA Coaches Certification Test on a yearly basis. Only those coaches who have successfully passed the NCAA Coaches Certification Test may recruit off-campus. The Conference office will distribute to member schools all necessary materials for the administration of the NCAA Coaches Certification Test. The Conference office also is responsible for grading the NCAA Coaches Certification Test and communicating the results.

### **Conference Confidential Institutional Surveys:**

The Commissioner shall conduct on an annual basis a confidential survey of the membership. The survey shall cover areas such as enrollment, cost of attendance, athletic department staffing, budget, salaries and scholarships. The results of the survey shall be distributed to the Presidents and Athletic Directors of the member schools.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide the Northeast Conference with a medium through which its student-athletes' voices will be heard on the regional and national level and to provide Northeast Conference student-athletes a voice in the Conference's decisions. To provide Northeast Conference student-athletes a medium in which to develop leadership skills and to enhance their academic and athletic experiences. The committee also will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to interact in a diverse group and to foster a positive image of student-athletes.

**Composition:**

The Northeast Conference's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will consist of eleven members (one varsity student-athlete from each conference institution) and five ex-officio members (the Conference liaison to the committee, the Northeast Conference's student-athlete representative to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, an athletic director, a senior woman administrator and a faculty athletics representative).

**Selection Process:**

Each Northeast Conference member institution will nominate two student-athletes (one male and one female) who participate on a varsity sport and who are also members of their respective institution's student-athlete advisory committee/board. The Conference office will select a representative from each institution to serve on the committee. In selecting representatives to the committee, the Conference office will seek to ensure diversity (i.e. gender, race, sport representation) and continuity.

The institutional nominee not selected by the Conference office will serve as his or her institution's alternate in the event his or her institution's representative is unable to attend a meeting.

NEC Student-Athlete Advisory representatives will serve two-year terms.

**Responsibilities/Function:**

1. Discuss and recommend positions on potential and/or proposed NCAA legislation.
2. Discuss and propose Northeast Conference regulations.
3. Discuss sport and academic issues (e.g. championships, missed class time, travel squad sizes, awards and promotion of sport).
4. Identify and promote community service efforts.
5. Identify, discuss and communicate issues facing NEC student-athletes.
6. Serve as a sounding board for student-athlete welfare issues.

The Committee will report and make recommendations to the Senior Woman Administrators with communication lines to the Conference's Presidents, Athletic Directors and Faculty Athletics Representatives.

**Meetings:**

There will be one in-person meeting of the SAAC, at a time and place determined by the Conference office.

### **Role in NEC Governance Structure:**

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) provides a link between intercollegiate athletics and the academic demands of an institution of higher learning. Per NCAA guidelines, the FAR has a direct line of communication to the institution's CEO. As a voice for the welfare of the student-athlete and the academic integrity of the institution, the FAR can influence policy to enhance the individual's experience of competing in athletics without compromising his or her academic needs.

The committee will be comprised of the FAR from each member institution. The group will meet at least once per academic year and will elect a chair, who will serve a two-year term. The chair will also serve as the Conference's representative to the national FARA. The chair will attend the joint meeting of the NEC's athletic directors and senior woman administrators each spring. The chair may attend the annual Spring meeting of the NEC Council of Presidents at the discretion of the Commissioner.

The FAR Committee will have its recommendations reviewed and discussed by the Athletic Directors. However, only the Council of Presidents can take formal action on recommendations by the FARs.

### **Responsibilities of the Committee:**

1. Serve as an advocate for the welfare of the student-athlete when the Conference formulates policy.
2. Monitor Conference schedules and championship events for the upcoming year to assess their impact on the academic welfare of student-athletes.
3. Conduct discussions that promote better understanding of NCAA regulations and how they affect Conference members.
4. Conduct discussions that provide input in determining the voting position of the Conference's representatives on the Board of Directors, Management Council and various cabinets in the Division I governance structure, especially on matters that pertain to academics or student-athlete welfare.
5. Assist in identifying appropriate institutional nominees for all conference and national student-athlete academic awards.
6. Perform other functions as set forth in the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative handbook.

## **Regular Season & Postseason Awards Program**

### **Player & Rookie of the Week Honors:**

All NEC sports in which a weekly news release is prepared will include a Player/Athlete of the Week. Baseball (Player/Pitcher) and softball (Player/Pitcher) shall have two players honored, while football (Offensive/Defensive/Special Teams) shall have three honorees. Likewise, all sports (excluding tennis, golf and swimming) will have a Rookie of the Week selected by the Conference office. Criteria for the awards shall include (in no particular order); individual player performance, individual success versus NEC competition, level of competition and team success. Each week's selection will be independently chosen relative to previous selections.

### **Definition of Rookie:**

A rookie is considered to be any first-year collegiate student-athlete.

### **All-Conference Nominations:**

An administrator must sign all-conference nominations, along with the head coach, before submitting to the NEC office.

### **All-Conference Publicity:**

Promotional campaigns for all-conference consideration are prohibited.

### **All-Conference Balloting:**

For purposes of comparing all-conference candidates, the Conference office will distribute both NEC and overall statistics whenever possible. These statistics will be provided by sports information offices.

### **Balloting Procedures:**

All Coach of the Year/all-conference ballots in NEC team sports must require the signature of the Athletic Director or SWA.

NOTE: Coaches are prohibited from voting for themselves for Coach of the Year.

### **All-Tournament Teams:**

All-tournament teams will be recognized for all NEC team sports championships. These sports include baseball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball. Basketball all-tournament teams will be announced in conjunction with the NEC Championship games, with all-tournament team members receiving a plaque. All other sports all-tournament announcements will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the Conference office.

### **Academic All-Northeast Conference Honors:**

Three times a year (fall, winter, spring), the Northeast Conference will release its academic honor roll. Each academic all-NEC honoree must have been an active member of an officially recognized varsity team and have a 3.20 or better cumulative grade point average entering the semester in which the honor is awarded. There is no limit on the amount of nominees as long as all criteria are met. Freshmen and transfers in their first year in residence are not eligible for academic honors.

## **Regular Season & Postseason Awards Program**

### **Scholar-Athlete Award:**

The Conference shall present a Scholar-Athlete Award in each Northeast Conference sport. Recipients shall be honored in conjunction with the NEC championship in that sport or shortly thereafter. Each institution may nominate one student-athlete per sport. The Conference office staff shall select the recipient in each sport, based upon the nomination forms submitted by each institution. Recipients shall receive a plaque. Criteria for nomination shall include:

1. A minimum of 60 semester hours earned at the NEC institution.
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.20 or better at the start of the semester in which the sport's championship is conducted.
3. The student-athlete must have participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team in at least 75 percent of the team's contests that particular season (except for baseball pitchers).

### **Student-Athlete of the Year Award:**

The Conference shall present a Student-Athlete of the Year Award, to be voted upon by NEC Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAACs). Each SAAC representative shall nominate one candidate from any NEC sport, who can be either male or female. Each SAAC representative shall list their top five choices in a voting ballot. The award will be presented in the spring. The following criteria shall be used to nominate and judge the candidates. Each criterion shall be equally weighted:

1. Academics
2. Athletics
3. Community Service
4. Leadership

NOTE: Candidates are required to submit a personal statement of 250 words or less to be reviewed by the voters.

### **Team Sportsmanship Award:**

The NEC shall honor varsity teams in NEC championship sports as part of the *NEC Team Sportsmanship Award*. The honor shall be awarded by the Senior Woman Administrators of the Conference and be based upon (not exclusively) such concepts as:

- Respect for opponents and game officials;
- Serving as a positive role model for younger spectators;
- Displaying the principles of good character and sportsmanship throughout practices and competition;

Each SWA may nominate one team per season from her institution. All teams nominated will receive a certificate of merit from the NEC.

NEC championship sports shall be divided into the following seasons – Fall (football, field hockey, soccer, volleyball, cross country); Winter (basketball, indoor track & field, swimming & diving); Spring (baseball, softball, golf, tennis, outdoor track & field, lacrosse).

**Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), Wagner.

**Schedule:**

Teams shall play a three-game series versus every other team, for a total of 24 league games. All single games shall be nine innings in length. Doubleheaders shall consist of seven-inning games. The usual format is a Saturday doubleheader followed by a single game on Sunday. All regular season games must be scheduled no later than Monday, May 15, 2006.

Each team may also play one series consisting of a Wednesday doubleheader followed by a single game at the other team's field on a subsequent Wednesday. A third Wednesday date shall be held in reserve to re-schedule games postponed or halted due to inclement weather.

***TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES***

**Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, a coin flip shall be utilized.

**Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, a coin flip shall be utilized, with the odd coin being seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Minimum Financial Aid Standards**

Effective with the 2005-06 academic year, all NEC institutions must award 75% of the NCAA's maximum grants-in-aid limit in the sport of baseball, using any combination of countable aid (athletics aid plus institutional aid).

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The NEC will arrange a conference call conducted with all head coaches in order that they may have the opportunity to make recommendations to the Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding baseball.

### **Rules:**

The 2006 NCAA Baseball Rule Book will be adhered to unless amended by this policy.

### **Playing Fields:**

It is recommended, for safety reasons, that the playing field be dragged prior to all Northeast Conference regular-season contests.

### **Batting Practice:**

The home team shall take batting practice first. It is recommended that visiting teams receive at least 40 minutes of batting practice.

### **Ejection Reports:**

All ejections of NEC players or coaches occurring in games hosted by an NEC team must be reported to both the Conference office and coordinator of officials the following day via fax or overnight mail by the umpire who calls for the ejection.

### **Forfeits:**

Forfeits for failure to play may or may not be recognized and the champion will be determined by Conference winning percentage. All forfeits will be determined by the Commissioner.

### **Incomplete/Complete Games:**

In the case of inclement weather preventing the completion of all scheduled innings, the 2006 NCAA Baseball Rule Book shall be the proper source for determining an official game. The Northeast Conference uses the halted game procedure for games suspended by inclement weather, darkness or curfew. The postponement and re-scheduling chart will serve as a guideline for postponements and makeup games.

**BASEBALL POSTPONEMENT & RE-SCHEDULING CHART**

**Guiding Principle** - The Conference and its member institutions should take all reasonable measures to see that the entire regular-season schedule of contests is completed.

**Use of Tarpaulin** - All NEC institutions must utilize a tarpaulin to protect the infield, pitcher's mound and home plate area against the effects of rain before, during and after games.

**Halted Game Rule** - All NEC baseball teams will utilize the halted-game rule in all Conference games. This is spelled out in the 2006 edition of the Baseball Rules. The decision to use the halted-game rule in non-conference games is up to each institution and its opponent.

**Qualification for NEC Tournament** - In order to qualify for the Conference tournament, a team must have completed a minimum of 80 percent of its regularly-scheduled Conference games (i.e. 20 of 24 NEC games). Winning percentage in Conference games will determine league standings.

**Postponing a Contest** - Only an administrator designated by the Athletic Director (i.e. SWA, Asst. AD, SID, etc.) from the host institution may postpone a contest before it begins due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field. The decision to postpone may not be made by a member of the host institution's coaching staff. Once a contest is underway, the decision to postpone may be made only by the umpires.

**Re-scheduled Contests -**

1. Re-scheduled contests may take place only on the day immediately following a two-day weekend series, or on the designated "makeup Wednesday" for any series scheduled mid-week. If a re-scheduled game cannot be played on the appropriate makeup day, the game shall be cancelled (if the result was unofficial) and the teams may not re-schedule on their own.
2. The starting time for ALL re-scheduled contests will be 1 p.m. It may be earlier or later if representatives from both institutions agree to the change.
3. Only an administrator from the host institution may postpone a re-scheduled contest due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field before it begins, and thereby release the visiting team to return home.
4. If a re-scheduled game is postponed or unofficial when halted due to inclement weather, the game is considered cancelled and will not be re-scheduled.
5. No more than two games – whether they are part of a doubleheader, halted games or single games – may be completed on any given day.

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### SATURDAY DOUBLEHEADER

<u>1<sup>st</sup> game</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> game</u>	<u>Subsequent Action</u>
Completed	Completed	Play single game Sunday.
Completed	Unofficial	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Sunday using halted game procedures; then play single game.
Completed	Official, but not completed	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Sunday using halted game procedures; then play single game.
Completed	Postponed	Play doubleheader on Sunday.
Postponed	Postponed	Play doubleheader on Sunday; play single game on Monday.
Unofficial	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Sunday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game Sunday; play single game on Monday.
Official, but not complete	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Sunday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game Sunday; play single game on Monday.

### SUNDAY SINGLE GAME

<u>Result</u>	<u>Subsequent Action</u>
Completed	Series over.
Official, but not completed	Series over.
Unofficial	Complete game on Monday using halted game procedures.
Postponed	Play single game on Monday.

### MONDAY RE-SCHEDULED GAME(S)

<u>Result(s)</u>	<u>Subsequent Action</u>
Completed	Series over.
Official, but not completed	Result Counts. Series over.
Game unofficial when postponed	Game cancelled, no result. Series over.
Postponed	Series over.

### FIRST WEDNESDAY (DOUBLEHEADER)

<u>1<sup>st</sup> game</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> game</u>	<u>Subsequent Action</u>
Completed	Completed	N/A
Completed	Unofficial	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on subsequent Wednesday at the other field using halted game procedures; then play single game.
Completed	Official, but not completed	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on subsequent Wednesday at the other field using halted game procedures; then play single game.
Completed	Postponed	Play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on subsequent Wednesday at the other field; then play single game.

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### FIRST WEDNESDAY (DOUBLEHEADER) (cont.)

Postponed	Postponed	Play doubleheader on subsequent Wednesday at other field. Then play single game on original field on designated "makeup Wed."
Unofficial	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on subsequent Wed. at other field using halted game procedures; then play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game; play single game on original field on designated "makeup Wed."
Official, but not complete	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on subsequent Wed. at other field; then play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game; play single game on original field on designated "makeup Wed."

### SECOND WEDNESDAY (SINGLE GAME)

Result	Subsequent Action
Completed	Series over.
Official, but not completed	Series over.
Unofficial	Complete game on designated "makeup Wed." at same field using halted game procedures.
Postponed	Play single game at same field on designated "makeup Wed."

### DESIGNATED WEDNESDAY RE-SCHEDULED GAME(S)

Result(s)	Subsequent Action
Completed	Series over.
Official, but not completed	Result counts. Series over.
Game unofficial when postponed	Game cancelled, no result. Series over.
Postponed	Series over.

#### **Notes on Postponement/Re-Scheduling Chart:**

1. All contests listed as *1st game* or *2nd game* are considered part of a doubleheader and shall be seven innings. All contests listed as *single games* shall be nine innings.
2. Designated home and visiting team status shall remain in place as originally scheduled by the Conference, even when games are re-scheduled and/or resumed at a different field. So it is possible for a team to be the visitor in the official scorebook and bat first in its own ballpark.

### **Ball:**

The ball to be used for all Conference games is the Rawlings R1-NCAA baseball.

### **Starting Times:**

Starting times are to be determined by the home team. On the last day of a Conference series, no game may start later than 1:00 p.m., unless mutually agreed upon by both teams. Re-scheduled games may start no later than 1:00 p.m., unless both teams agree to change the starting time.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Umpires:**

Umpires are assigned by the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), at the request of the host institution. The coordinator of officials for the NEC is Nick Zibelli of the ECAC. Two umpires must be assigned to all Conference games.

### **Protest Procedure:**

No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire. Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until the umpires leave the field to voice its protest intentions. All protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief.

A member of the Conference office with responsibilities in the sport of baseball should be immediately contacted at the conclusion of the game and informed of all pertinent details of the protest. The Conference representative will attempt to discuss the protest with either the ECAC umpire coordinator or the national secretary/rules editor of the rules committee. The Conference office will then decide and notify all interested parties whether the protest is upheld or denied. This process shall be completed in a timely manner, permitting the Conference office an appropriate opportunity to deliberate on the matter.

Decisions on a protest involving non-conference teams shall be resolved by the secretary-rules editor of the NCAA rules committee.

For complete information regarding protests, the NCAA baseball rules book should be consulted under rule 5, section 13.

### **Awards:**

During the regular season, certificates will be awarded for the following: \*

- Player of the Week
- Pitcher of the Week
- Rookie of the Week

\* As nominated by conference sports information directors and selected by the Conference office.

### Postseason Awards: \*

- Regular-season champion

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Pitcher of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- All-Conference 1st & 2nd Team (11 players - 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, 3 OFs, C, 2 Pitchers, DH, UT)

\* Coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coach are eligible to receive votes. A maximum of nine players may be nominated by each team. The head coach and administrator must sign the nomination form. Overall and Conference stats must be provided for each nominated player. Coaches will then vote for the all-league team from a list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Coaches will vote by ranking the players at each position. The Pitcher of the Year will be the top vote-getter in the all-conference balloting. The first and second-place vote-getters in the balloting will comprise the 1st team all-conference, while the third and fourth-place vote-getters will comprise 2nd team all-conference.

NOTE: Excluding pitchers, players must have competed in a minimum of 50 % of their team's games at a certain position in order to be placed on the all-conference ballot at that position. Utility players must have played in 75% of their team's games, with less than 50% at any one position.

### Scheduling Requirements:

Northeast Conference institutions must comply with the following non-conference baseball scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games vs. teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - ACC
  - Big East
  - Big 12
  - Big West
  - Conference USA
  - Pacific 10
  - SEC
  - Southland
  - Sun Belt
  - WAC
2. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games vs. teams representing the middle-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - America East
  - Atlantic Sun
  - Atlantic 10
  - Big South
  - Big 10 USA
  - Colonial
  - Ivy
  - Missouri Valley
  - Mid-American
  - Mid-Continent
  - Mountain West
  - Southern
  - West Coast

**Scheduling Requirements:**

3. Teams may schedule games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the following sliding scale.

- 8 games vs. lower-tier opponents and 0 non-Division I games.
- 7 games vs. lower-tier opponents and 1 non-Division I game.
- 6 games vs. lower-tier opponents and 2 non-Division I games.
- 5 games vs. lower-tier opponents and 3 non-Division I games.
- 4 games vs. lower-tier opponents and 4 non-Division I games.

Conferences representing the lower-tier are listed below.

- Horizon
- MEAC
- MAAC
- OVC
- Patriot
- SWAC

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (i.e. an extra upper-tier game permits a team to play an extra lower-tier game).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played on a Spring trip, or in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments, are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

**Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

## **Baseball - Championship**

### **Date:**

Friday-Sunday, May 25-27, 2006.

### **Location:**

FirstEnergy Park, Lakewood, NJ

### **Host:**

NEC office working with top seed.

### **Tournament Manager:**

Northeast Conference office.

### **Schedule:**

Thursday, May 25, two games (12:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 26, three games (12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, May 27, one or two games (12:00 p.m. and 30 minutes following completion if necessary)

Sunday, May 28, rain date (TBA)

### **Media:**

Working passes will be provided to bonafide working personnel. Representatives of the media will also be provided with a media credential. Media members should contact the Northeast Conference for credentials.

### **Ball:**

The Conference office will provide the Rawlings R1-NCAA baseballs for the NEC Tournament.

### **Dugouts:**

The higher-seeded team uses the home dugout on the first day of competition. After that, the procedure as outlined in the NCAA Baseball Championship manual is followed. The Northeast Conference administrator clarifies this rule after each game with the coaches involved in further competition. The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout and take infield first and there shall be no exceptions. Dugouts are limited to the 25 roster players (in uniform), one bat boy/girl, one manager (who has performed those functions throughout the year), the coaching staff (in uniform) and a trainer. Non-roster players may not enter the dugout.

### **Format:**

The championship will consist of a four-team, double-elimination tournament comprised of six or seven games over three days, with a fourth day reserved in case of inclement weather. The team with the best Conference winning percentage will be the #1 seed. The #1 seed plays #4 and #2 plays #3 in the opening round. The Conference office will determine the starting times. In the event of inclement weather, the Conference office representative shall determine if it is necessary to shorten the tournament by going to single elimination.

### **Home Team Determination:**

The home teams for the first round of the Championship will be the highest-seeded teams. After that, the procedure as outlined in the NCAA Baseball Championship Manual is followed.

### **Length of Game - Halted Game Rule:**

All games in the NEC Baseball Championship will be nine (9) innings. If play has been stopped before a nine-inning game has been completed, it shall be resumed at the point of interruption, following the NCAA's halted game rule, with the exception that following a minimum of seven innings of play if one team is ahead by ten or more runs or if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after a six and one-half innings, and the game cannot be finished (e.g. inclement weather), it will be ruled a complete game.

### **Medical:**

All participating teams should have a trainer in attendance. A physician will be on call during the Tournament. Ice, water and plastic cups will be provided to each dugout.

### **Meeting:**

A meeting of the coaches of the competing teams, the umpire-in-chief, and the Conference office representative will be held on Thursday, May 18. This meeting will be used to discuss general tournament administration, as well as ground rules and any anticipated problems which might occur.

### **Official Scorer:**

The official scorer for each game shall be appointed by the NEC. The duties of the official scorer shall be outlined in the 2006 NCAA Baseball Rules.

### **Pre-Game Ceremonies:**

The national anthem will be played prior to the opening game on each day of the tournament. The entire traveling party (30) of each team will be introduced prior to its first game. Starting lineups will be introduced prior to each game. Players and coaches, when introduced, are to line up along the first base or third base line.

### **Practice:**

Practice at the tournament field may be available for all participating teams on the day preceding the tournament and as appropriate during the tournament. The #1 seed is given first choice of practice slots on the day prior to the start of competition, the #2 seed is given the second choice, etc. The Conference office, however, will also give consideration to teams traveling further distances to ensure every team is allotted a practice slot. Batting practice will be taken on an adjacent field or in cages. Between games of doubleheaders, each team will be permitted 10 minutes for field practice.

### **Protest Procedure:**

Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident which caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until the umpires leave the field to voice its protest. All protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief. No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire. All other protests must be ruled upon by the Conference office representative in attendance.

### **Rules:**

The 2006 NCAA Baseball Rules Book will be followed.

### **Squad Size:**

Each team is limited to 25 players in uniform to be designated at the pre-tournament meeting. After the Championship has begun, no changes may be made to a team's official roster. The entire official travel party shall not exceed 30 persons.

### **Umpires:**

Umpires are assigned by the ECAC in consultation with the Conference office. Three (3) umpires shall be assigned for each game of the Championship. A list of preferred umpires will be submitted to the ECAC for assignment at the NEC Tournament. The Conference office will work with coaches to develop the list.

## **Baseball - Championship**

### **Uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team will wear home uniforms and the lower-seeded team will wear road uniforms, unless both teams agree and notify the NEC representative. Teams must bring both home and road uniforms and make arrangements to launder them if necessary. Full uniforms will be required throughout the tournament.

### **Awards:**

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the championship:

- Championship team trophy
- Second-place trophy
- Tournament MVP \*
- All-Tournament team#

\* As voted on by a panel selected by the Conference office representative.

# Comprised of between 5 and 9 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the conference office.

## Men's Basketball - Regular Season

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Rules:**

The 2005-06 NCAA Basketball Rules Book will be followed.

### **Official Ball:**

The Rock composite MG-4000 is the official ball of the Northeast Conference and shall be used for all home games. Six (6) balls must be provided to the visiting team for pre-game warm-ups. The Rock should be mentioned as official ball in game programs and the Rock ball should be used in team pictures.

### **Officials:**

Officials are assigned by Edgar Cartotto, Coordinator of Officials for the Northeast Conference. In the event only two officials arrive for a game, the game will start on time. If the third official arrives during the game, he should join the officiating crew immediately. This event should be reported to the Conference office the next day. Officials dressing/locker rooms shall be located away from coaches and team locker rooms whenever possible.

### **NEC Basketball Pre-Game Protocol:**

**Non-Televised Games** - (Example is a 7:00 p.m. game. Teams may alter the exact starting time depending upon radio considerations.)

<b>Time of Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Arena Clock</b>
6:40 p.m.	20-minute countdown starts	20:00
7:00 p.m.	National Anthem	00:00
	Introductions	00:00
	Tipoff	20:00

For all games, the National Anthem will be played when the game clock goes to 00:00 and the horn sounds. At that time, the two teams will line up on the free throw line extended in front of their bench and face the American flag.

The NEC will provide the following standard intro for the P.A. announcer to read prior to the Anthem:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, we ask that you please rise and join our players and coaches in honoring America with the playing of our National Anthem."*

At the conclusion of the Anthem, the teams will face each other and walk to mid-court to shake hands. As soon as the teams return to their bench area, the P.A. announcer should begin introductions of the starting lineups, beginning with the visiting team.

All NEC doubleheaders must provide a minimum of 20 minutes on the clock for player warmups from the time the court is cleared at the conclusion of the first game to the tipoff of the second game.

### **Televised Games -**

The National Anthem procedure (players lining up on the free throw line extended during the Anthem, shaking hands at mid-court, etc.) will remain the same. The timing of the Anthem and introductions will be spelled out by the pre-game sheet distributed by the TV producer.

## **Men's Basketball - Regular Season**

### **Scheduling:**

The Northeast Conference office shall schedule all Conference games. Teams will play 18 Conference games per year, with opponents determined by a rotational system designed by the Conference. Schedules shall be distributed annually by the league office after television considerations have been addressed. The Commissioner shall serve to render decisions, as necessary, when games selected for television force changes in Conference scheduling.

All regular-season games must be scheduled no later than Tuesday, February 27, 2006. NEC programs must comply with the following non-conference scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games vs. teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - ACC
  - Atlantic 10
  - Big East
  - Big Ten
  - Big 12
  - Conference USA
  - Missouri Valley
  - Mountain West
  - Pacific 10
  - SEC
2. Teams must schedule a minimum of one game vs. teams representing the middle-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - America East
  - Atlantic Sun
  - Big Sky
  - Big West
  - Colonial
  - Horizon
  - Ivy
  - MAAC
  - Mid-American
  - OVC
  - Southern
  - Sun Belt
  - West Coast
  - WAC
3. Teams may schedule a maximum of two games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - Big South
  - MEAC
  - Mid-Continent
  - Patriot
  - Southland
  - SWAC

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (e.g. 3 upper-tier games permit a team to play 3 lower-tier games).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

Teams are permitted to schedule one game vs. a non-Division I opponent.

### **Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

## **Men's Basketball - Regular Season**

### **Number of Contests:**

All NEC institutions must play the maximum allowable number of regular-season contests as permitted by the NCAA.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, e-mails, video, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited. As per NCAA regulations, in-person scouting is prohibited.

### **Videotaping of Conference Games:**

The home team is responsible for providing a copy of the game tape shot by its manager to the visiting team prior to the visitors departing the gym. The visiting team is responsible for providing a blank tape for use by the home team. This policy shall be waived if the visiting team elects to shoot its own copy and notifies the home team in advance.

### **Conference Tape-Exchange Policy:**

1. Each program may request/receive a maximum of three tapes from every other NEC program.
2. Tapes must be received within five calendar days following game.
3. All tapes shall be new and include sound. They shall include:
  - A. Player introductions;
  - B. A 15-second leader at the start of the tape to insure that the beginning of the game is transferred;
  - C. The scoreboard shown periodically;
  - D. All ten players shown in the picture;
  - E. Attention to recording all inbound plays, especially after a timeout.
4. Requests of tape from non-conference schools on conference opponents is permissible. However, NEC teams may not share scouting reports or game tapes of other Conference teams with non-conference opponents.
5. Coaches must report all violations of the tape-exchange policy to their SWA within one week of a violation. The Conference office will issue sanctions upon a team's second violation.

(Television tapes are acceptable.)

Mailing costs of tapes are the sender's responsibility unless special requests are made. In that case, cost would be the responsibility of the receiver.

### **Tape-Exchange Contact:**

Each school will designate one individual as its contact person for tape-exchange. A list of all contacts, with work and home phone numbers, will be compiled by the Conference office and disseminated to the Conference schools.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The Conference office will arrange for an in-person meeting of all head basketball coaches at the NCAA Final Four. The coaches' group will have the opportunity to make recommendations on issues regarding basketball.

### **Radio Lines:**

Each school must provide at least one radio line for each visiting Conference team at no charge.

### **Statistics Monitors:**

Institutions are required to provide a suitable number of statistics monitors on press row for members of the electronic and print media for all games.

**TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES**

**Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the rankings by CollegeRPI.com at the conclusion of the NEC regular season will be utilized to determine the higher seed.

**Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
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## **Men's Basketball - Regular Season**

### **Personnel Standards:**

Each Conference institution must employ a full-time head coach, two full-time assistant coaches and one part-time assistant coach. Additionally, each Conference institution must budget for 13 full scholarships for basketball student-athletes.

### **Media Timeouts:**

**When TV is present** - Four broadcast timeouts will be utilized at the first dead ball inside the 16:00, 12:00, 8:00 and 4:00 marks of each half. Coaches will receive four 30-second timeouts and one 60-second timeout.

**When commercial radio, non-commercial radio or internet are present** - Three broadcast timeouts will be utilized at the first dead ball inside the 15:00, 10:00 and 5:00 marks of each half. Coaches will receive four 30-second timeouts and one 60-second timeout.

**When no electronic media are present** - Coaches will receive four 75-second timeouts and two 30-second timeouts.

### **Complimentary Tickets:**

The home team shall supply a minimum of 40 complimentary admissions to the visiting team via the approved NCAA pass list guidelines. Schools may exchange a higher number of tickets upon mutual agreement.

### **Preseason Awards:**

*Will be determined by head coaches:*

- Predicted order of finish
- All-Conference first-team

### **Regular Season Honors:**

During the season certificates will be awarded for the following: \*

- Player of the Week
- Rookie of the Week

\*As nominated by sports information directors and selected by the Conference office.

### **Postseason Awards:**

- Regular season champion

*To be selected by the Head Coaches:*

- All-Conference first-team \*
- All-Conference second-team \*
- All-Rookie team
- Player of the Year #
- Defensive Player of the Year #
- Rookie of the Year #
- Jim Phelan Coach of the Year

\* Coaches will vote for the top ten players in the league, regardless of position, ranking players from top to bottom. Ties will be broken by number of first team votes compared to second team votes.

# Coaches will nominate one player from their own team to be considered for these individual awards.

## **Men's Basketball - Regular Season**

### **Starting Times:**

The home team is responsible for establishing and communicating the starting time of a Conference game. No game may start prior to 12:00 p.m. unless approved by the Conference office for television purposes, or mutually agreed upon by both institutions.

### **Game Management Principles:**

1. A Game Management Administrator must be seated at the scorer's table during the game. The GMA has the responsibility of addressing abusive behavior of spectators, responding to visiting coach's concerns, etc.
2. A security person must be seated behind the visiting team bench.
3. A pre-game itinerary must be provided by the home team to the visiting team.
4. A security person is required to escort officials on and off the playing court.
5. Artificial noisemakers (air horns, bells, whistles, etc.) are prohibited in the arena.
6. Visiting teams may bring pep bands only upon receiving advance permission of the host institution.
7. The home team pep band and/or any speakers may not be situated behind or adjacent to the visiting team bench.
8. The home team must control spectator access to the playing court at NEC games and insure that the court is clean and immediately available when visiting teams come out to warm up before the game and before the second half.
9. All home teams will have a physician on call.
10. All games occurring prior to a televised NEC game must conclude by 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the televised game. If the first game is not concluded by that time, it shall be suspended and completed later.
11. Towels, water and cups must be provided by the home team to the visiting team bench.
12. Visiting teams will have access to a secure, not-shared locker room facility with adequate ventilation, heating and cooling. Game officials may not share a locker room with a visiting team's coaching staff.
13. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that the home institution provide towels in the locker room for the visiting team to shower after a game. If an institution does not intend to provide towels, it must notify the other member institutions in writing prior to the start of the season.
14. If the visiting team brings its cheerleaders and/or dance team, the home team must provide adequate space along the baseline closest to the visiting team bench. It is recommended that the visiting team notify the home team in advance that it is bringing these support groups.

### **On-Campus Practice:**

Visiting teams requesting practice time must communicate with the home team's practice coordinator. The home team must then insure that the following conditions are present for all practices:

1. a clean court;
2. the same lighting in the arena as will be used in the game;
3. a dozen (12) of the same model basketballs that will be used in the game;
4. adequate supervision of spectators, students, etc. who enter the facility.

### **Seating for Organized Student Groups:**

Home team organized student groups are prohibited from sitting behind the scorer's table on the visiting team bench half of the court.

### **Coordinator of Officials:**

The coordinator of officials shall answer to the Conference Commissioner and conduct himself/herself within the guidelines and policies set forth by the Conference for the supervision of the officials.

The coordinator shall assign officials for all Conference games.

The coordinator shall assign non-conference games as designated by contract between the Conference member and the non-conference opponent.

The coordinator shall recommend to the Commissioner on an annual basis, as per Conference guidelines, officials that shall be utilized.

The coordinator shall annually identify, as per Conference policy, a proper number of new officials so that a sufficient pool of officials will be available for assignment.

The coordinator shall oversee an observers program. An effort shall be made to have either the coordinator or an observer at most Conference games.

The coordinator shall attend all mandated meetings by the NCAA. The coordinator shall conduct meetings with Conference officials and coaches as deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

### **Observers:**

1. The observer shall have experience in basketball officiating, administration or coaching and have a thorough understanding of contemporary basketball rules and mechanics.
2. The observer shall have a commitment to the integrity and quality of the Conference officiating program.
3. The observer shall file the appropriate forms with the coordinator and conference office within 48 hours of the observed game.
4. The observer shall receive a per game stipend for his/her services.
5. The observer's exclusive role shall be to observe the game officials and report those observations to the Conference office. Should the observer notice that an aspect of home game management or a coach's conduct infringes on the ability of the game officials to effectively do their jobs, those observations should be included in the report.

### **Evaluation of Officials:**

The coordinator, when considering recommendations for future status of Conference officials, shall consider the following:

1. The coordinator's observations of the officials' work through attendance at games and review of game tapes.
2. Ratings produced by the coordinator, observers and coaches.
3. The work ethic and attitude of the official.
4. The trend of the official's performance in recent years.
5. The potential for improvement in the official.
6. The physical condition of the official.
7. The availability of dates provided by the official
8. Attendance at mandatory NCAA and Conference meetings.
9. All head coaches are responsible for insuring that the web-based game evaluation form provided by the Conference is completed and sent to the NEC office following the completion of a regular season game. Institutions whose coaches fail to comply will be warned by the Conference office.
10. The Conference may utilize an electronic web-based officiating program to assign officials, provide information for reimbursement of officials and have coaches evaluate officials.

## **Men's Basketball Officiating Program**

### **New Officials:**

The coordinator shall be charged with identifying new officials.

Administrators, coaches, officials and observers shall provide names of prospective new officials to the coordinator. The coordinator shall investigate the background of submitted potential officials.

New officials shall have demonstrated a proper level of work ethic, demeanor and integrity before being considered for Conference assignments. The candidate shall have established a level of work for an appropriate period of time at various levels deemed necessary to merit work on the Division I level.

Newly-added officials shall be observed for a minimum period of three (3) seasons unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.

Officials wishing to pursue candidacy shall send the appropriate letter of application.

### **Officials' Locker Room Access:**

The Commissioner, coordinator and observer shall have access to the officials' locker room prior to the game to establish the attendance of the game officials and observe the pre-game meeting.

No one shall have access to the officials' locker room at halftime. The Commissioner and coordinator shall have access to the officials' locker room after the game.

The officials' locker room shall be located away from coaches' and teams' locker rooms whenever possible. The locker room must be adequately locked during the game.

### **Security and Seating:**

The home team shall assign an appropriate person to escort officials on and off the court at all times. The person shall see that the officials have access when needed to the officials' locker room; that the room is properly secured; and that only appropriate personnel have access.

No coach or administrator shall approach officials before or after the game regarding their calling of the game. The athletic director may discuss game management issues, if deemed necessary.

The home team shall provide an appropriate seat in the stands, not at courtside, for the observers and the coordinator.

### **Cost Sharing of Officiating Fees:**

The cost of men's and women's basketball officiating fees shall be shared equally by the member schools.

### **Game Fees:**

Men's officials shall be categorized in three tiers based upon experience, performance, and other factors determined by the Coordinator. The pay scale shall be as follows:

- Tier One - \$550 game fee
- Tier Two - \$500 game fee
- Tier Three - \$450 game fee
- Tournament game fee shall be \$25 more than regular season pay.
- Alternate officials shall receive \$50 per game in the tournament.

**Travel Reimbursement:**

- Over 200 miles one way - coach airfare, \$125 per diem
- Between 100 and 199 miles one way - \$25 per diem
- Mileage - \$0.40 per mile

**Game Tapes:**

To assist the coordinator in evaluating Conference officials, the home team shall be responsible for supplying the Conference office with a videotape of any Conference game requested by the coordinator or Commissioner.

**Game Tickets for Officials:**

All men's and women's basketball officials will be entitled to two complimentary tickets to regular-season games. They must request tickets at least one business day in advance of the game by contacting the home team.

**Officials and Observers Agreements:**

All officials and observers shall sign an appropriate agreement provided by the Conference before receiving any assignments. The coordinator shall retain the agreements on file.

**Commissioner's Discretion:**

Any situation not covered under this document regarding basketball officials shall be left to the discretion of the Commissioner. All decisions shall be made in the best interests of the Conference and with the integrity of the officiating program in mind.

## **Men's Basketball - Championship**

### **Dates:**

March 2 (quarterfinals), March 5 (semifinals) and March 8, 2006 (championship).

### **Location:**

All games will be played at the home of the higher-seeded team in each contest. Re-seeding will take place at the conclusion of the quarterfinal round. Therefore, the highest remaining seed will always face the lowest remaining seed.

### **Tournament Manager:**

The tournament manager shall be the Conference representative, in consultation with the administration of the host institution.

### **Teams Eligible:**

The top eight teams, based on Conference winning percentage, shall participate in the tournament.

### **Tickets**

Prices throughout the quarterfinals and semifinals are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students with college I.D., senior citizens 65 and older and children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age.

Prices for the championship game will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for students with college I.D., senior citizens 65 and older and children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age.

No complimentary tickets are available to institutions, their coaches or student-athletes for the tournament. No group discounts or reduced-price tickets are to be sold. A limited number of passes will be provided for administrators.

There are no mandatory ticket purchases required of participating institutions. Visiting teams will be assured of an opportunity to purchase tickets equaling 10% of the host venue's published capacity for quarterfinal and semifinal games. For the championship game, the visiting team may purchase a maximum of 300 tickets or 10% of the host venue's published capacity, whichever figure is greater. A minimum of 25% of the total tickets purchased by a visiting team in any tournament game must be located directly behind the visiting team bench. The remainder must be located together.

The deadlines for visiting teams to coordinate their ticket purchases with the host team in a tournament game are as follows:

Quarterfinals	Close of business, Tuesday, February 28
Semifinals	12 noon, Friday, March 3
Championship	Close of business, Monday, March 6

### **Team benches, uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team in each contest shall be designated as the home team on the scoreboard, and shall occupy the home bench and wear light-colored or home uniforms.

### **Host institution responsibilities:**

The host institution of an NEC Tournament game shall be responsible for all costs and duties associated with the following:

1. All VIP and media hospitality (optional for quarterfinals and semifinals, mandatory for championship game).
2. Supplying Anaconda ROCK basketballs for warmups and the game.
3. Handling all requests for media credentials and providing space on press row.
4. Hiring a complete scorer's table crew (*Note:* the NEC will reimburse the P.A. announcer, shot clock operator, timer, official scorer and two statisticians at the same rate used by the host during the regular season).

**Host institution responsibilities (cont.):**

5. All security, ticket takers, ushers, electricians, maintenance personnel, etc. needed to effectively operate the game.
6. Coordination and distribution of visiting team tickets. This includes receipt of all payments due.
7. All National Anthem performers and halftime entertainment.
8. Availability of all necessary radio/Internet lines. There shall be no charge to the visiting team for use of these lines, however.
9. Coordination of video camera operators.
10. Printing and distribution of all ticket stock.

**Conference office responsibilities**

The Conference office shall be responsible for all costs and duties associated with the following:

1. Order and distribution of all trophies and awards.
2. Coordination and expenses associated with game officials and observers.
3. All expenses associated with Conference office travel to tournament games.
4. Reimbursing the host institution for hiring the P.A. announcer, shot clock operator, timer, official scorer and two statisticians at the same rate used by the host during the regular season.
5. An official Tournament program, featuring information and photos on all NEC teams.
6. Any banners or signage associated with sponsors contracted by the Conference office or its agents.
7. Coordination of all practices, including staffing, and insuring that contest is treated as a neutral event.
8. Coordination of all support groups, including bands, cheerleaders and mascots.

**Tournament Revenue Distribution**

The Conference office shall retain 90% of tickets sold for each Tournament game. The host institution shall retain 10%. The host institution shall retain 100% of revenue from concessions and parking. The host shall retain a percentage commission (TBA) on the sale of NEC championship merchandise sold on behalf of the NEC's merchandiser, Maingate, Inc.

All host institutions shall complete a form supplied by the Conference office detailing all tickets sold for each game. The host is required to send complete payment to the Conference office by April 7, 2006. It is the host's responsibility to settle all outstanding invoices with the visiting institution, and any such outstanding invoices shall not be reason to delay complete payment to the Conference office.

**Lodging, Per Diem, Transportation Reimbursement:**

The Conference office shall reimburse visiting teams only, as follows:

**Lodging:** \$50 per night when an overnight stay is necessary, up to a maximum of 11 rooms. The Conference office shall determine travel situations requiring an overnight stay. Teams may stay at any hotel property they choose.

**Transportation:** Actual transportation costs with proper receipts. Teams should use the same mode of transportation to the tournament site (bus/airline) as they use during the regular-season trip to the same site. Each visiting team shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$675 per day for bus transportation. NY, NJ or CT-based teams traveling to PA, or PA teams traveling to NY, NJ, or CT shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$900 per day for bus transportation. Actual receipts must be provided for documentation of expenses.

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For those teams requiring airline reservations, 100% of airline tickets shall be reimbursed upon receipt of actual expenses.

Any travel and lodging plans that call for a team to not return home either 1.) the evening of, or 2.) the day following a game must be approved in advance by the Conference office to insure reimbursement of travel expenses.

**Per diem:** \$20 on any day in which a game is played; \$10 on travel days when no game is played.

### **Officials:**

Tournament officials shall be assigned by the Conference's coordinator of officials. All costs associated with officials are the responsibility of the Conference office.

### **Sports Information Directors' responsibilities:**

All Conference SIDs are expected to provide updated statistics, notes and other information in a timely fashion for members of both the print and electronic media before and during the tournament.

### **Postgame Interviews:**

Postgame interviews shall be conducted in a procedure determined by the host institution.

### **Support groups:**

Complimentary admissions shall be provided to the following support groups entering the arena for their institution's session of competition:

- A. 22 members of the official team party;
- B. cheerleaders and one team mascot in uniform;
- C. dance group members in uniform;
- D. members of a pep band in uniform.

Visiting team cheerleaders and mascots must be located adjacent to the visiting team bench.

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony following the completion of the men's championship game. Awards to be presented include:

- All-Tournament team
- Tournament MVP
- Second place team trophy
- Championship team trophy

NOTE: The losing team in the championship game is required to remain on the bench throughout the entire awards ceremony. Losing team administrators may be enlisted to insure this policy is followed.

## ***Women's Basketball - Regular Season***

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Rules:**

The 2005-06 NCAA Basketball Rules Book will be followed.

### **Official Ball:**

The Rock composite MG-4500 is the official ball of the Northeast Conference and shall be used for all home games. Six (6) balls must be provided to the visiting team for pre-game warm-ups. The Rock should be mentioned as official ball in game programs and the Rock ball should be used in team pictures.

### **Officials:**

Officials are assigned by Edward Meier, Coordinator of Officials for the Northeast Conference. In the event only two officials arrive for a game, the game will start on time. If the third official arrives during the game, he or she should join the officiating crew immediately. This event should be reported to the Conference Office the next day.

### **NEC Basketball Pre-Game Protocol:**

*Non-Televised Games* - (Example is a 7:00 p.m. game. Teams may alter the exact starting time depending upon radio considerations.)

<b>Time of Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Arena Clock</b>
6:40 p.m.	20-minute countdown starts	20:00
7:00 p.m.	National Anthem	00:00
	Introductions	00:00
	Tipoff	20:00

For all games, the National Anthem will be played when the game clock goes to 00:00 and the horn sounds. At that time, the two teams will line up on the free throw line extended in front of their bench and face the American flag.

The NEC will provide the following standard intro for the P.A. announcer to read prior to the Anthem:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, we ask that you please rise and join our players and coaches in honoring America with the playing of our National Anthem."*

At the conclusion of the Anthem, the teams will face each other and walk to mid-court to shake hands. As soon as the teams return to their bench area, the P.A. announcer should begin introductions of the starting lineups, beginning with the visiting team.

All NEC doubleheaders must provide a minimum of 20 minutes on the clock for player warmups from the time the court is cleared at the conclusion of the first game to the tipoff of the second game.

### ***Televised Games -***

The National Anthem procedure (players lining up on the free throw line extended during the Anthem, shaking hands at mid-court, etc.) will remain the same. The timing of the Anthem and introductions will be spelled out by the pre-game sheet distributed by the TV producer.

## ***Women's Basketball - Regular Season***

### **Scheduling:**

The Northeast Conference office shall schedule all Conference games. Teams will play 18 Conference games per year, with opponents determined by a rotational system designed by the Conference. Schedules shall be distributed annually by the league office after television considerations have been addressed. The Commissioner shall serve to render decisions, as necessary, when games selected for television force changes in Conference scheduling.

All regular-season games must be scheduled no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2006. NEC programs must comply with the following non-conference scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games vs. teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- ACC
- Atlantic 10
- Big East
- Big Ten
- Big 12
- Conference USA
- Missouri Valley
- Mountain West
- Pacific 10
- SEC

2. Teams must schedule a minimum of one game vs. teams representing the middle-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- America East
- Big Sky
- Big West
- Colonial
- Horizon
- Ivy
- MAAC
- Mid-American
- Mid-Continent
- OVC
- Southern
- Sun Belt
- West Coast
- WAC

3. Teams may schedule a maximum of two games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- Atlantic Sun
- Big South
- MEAC
- Patriot
- Southland
- SWAC

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (e.g. 3 upper-tier games permit a team to play 3 lower-tier games).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

Teams are permitted to schedule one game vs. a non-Division I opponent.

### **Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

**Number of Contests:**

All NEC institutions must play the NCAA maximum allowable number of regular-season contests.

**Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited. As per NCAA regulations, in-person scouting is prohibited.

**Conference Tape-Exchange Policy:**

1. Each program may request/receive a maximum of two tapes from each NEC program.
2. Tapes must be received within five calendar days following game.
3. All tapes shall be new and include audio. They shall include:
  - A. Player introductions;
  - B. A 15-second leader at the start of the tape to insure that the beginning of the game is transferred;
  - C. The scoreboard shown periodically;
  - D. All ten players shown in the picture;
  - E. Attention to recording all inbound plays, especially after a timeout.
4. Requests of tape from non-conference schools on conference opponents is permissible. However, NEC teams may not share scouting reports or game tapes of other Conference teams with non-conference opponents.
5. Coaches must report all violations of the tape-exchange policy to their SWA within one week of a violation. The Conference office will issue sanctions upon a team's second violation.

(Television tapes are acceptable.)

Mailing costs of tapes are the sender's responsibility unless special requests are made. In that case, cost would be the responsibility of the receiver.

**Tape-Exchange Contact:**

Each school will designate one individual as its contact person for tape-exchange. A list of all contacts, with work and home phone numbers, will be compiled by the Conference office and disseminated to the Conference schools.

**Coaches' Meeting:**

The Conference office will arrange for an in-person meeting of all head basketball coaches at the Women's Final Four site. The coaches' group will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the SWAs on issues regarding basketball.

**Radio Lines:**

Each school must provide at least one radio line for each visiting Conference team at no charge.

**Statistics Monitors**

Institutions are required to provide a suitable number of statistics monitors on press row for members of the electronic and print media for all games.

**TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES**

**Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
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### **Complimentary Tickets:**

The home team shall supply a minimum of 40 complimentary tickets to the visiting team. Schools may exchange a higher number of tickets upon mutual agreement.

### **Bands:**

Bands or any component thereof are not permitted to play while the ball is in play or while a free throw is being attempted.

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*Will be determined by head coaches:*

- Predicted order of finish
- All-Conference first-team

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During the season certificates will be awarded for the following: \*

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- Rookie of the Week

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*To be selected by the Head Coaches:*

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- All-Conference second-team \*
- All-Rookie team
- Player of the Year #
- Defensive Player of the Year #
- Rookie of the Year #
- Brenda Reilly Coach of the Year

\* Coaches will vote for the top ten players in the league, regardless of position, ranking players from top to bottom. Ties will be broken by number of first team votes compared to second team votes.

# Coaches will nominate one player from their own team to be considered for these individual awards.

## **Women's Basketball - Regular Season**

### **Starting Times:**

The home team is responsible for establishing and communicating the starting time of a Conference game. No game may start prior to 12:00 p.m. unless approved by the Conference office for television purposes, or mutually agreed upon by both institutions.

### **Game Management Principles:**

1. A Game Management Administrator must be seated at the scorer's table during the game. The GMA has the responsibility of addressing abusive behavior of spectators, responding to visiting coach's concerns, etc.
2. A security person must be seated behind the visiting team bench.
3. A pre-game itinerary must be provided by the home team to the visiting team.
4. A security person is required to escort officials on and off the playing court.
5. Artificial noisemakers (air horns, bells, whistles, etc.) are prohibited in the arena.
6. Visiting teams may bring pep bands only upon receiving advance approval of the host institution.
7. The home team pep band and/or speakers may not be situated behind or adjacent to the visiting team bench.
8. The home team must control spectator access to the playing court at NEC games and insure that the court is clean and immediately available when visiting teams come out to warm up before the game and before the second half.
9. All home teams will have a physician on call.
10. All games occurring prior to a televised NEC game must conclude by 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the televised game. If the first game is not concluded by that time, it shall be suspended and completed later.
11. Towels, water and cups must be provided by the home team to the visiting team bench.
12. Visiting teams will have access to a secure, not-shared locker room facility with adequate ventilation, heating and cooling. Game officials may not share a locker room with a visiting team's coaching staff.
13. It is recommended, but not mandatory, that the home institution provide towels in the locker room for the visiting team to shower after a game. If an institution does not intend to provide towels, it must notify the other member institutions in writing prior to the start of the season.
14. If the visiting team brings its cheerleaders and/or dance team, the home team must provide adequate space along the baseline closest to the visiting team bench. It is recommended that the visiting team notify the home team in advance that it is bringing these support groups.

### **On-Campus Practice:**

Visiting teams requesting practice time must communicate with the home team's practice coordinator. The home team must then insure that the following conditions are present for all practices:

1. a clean court;
2. the same lighting in the arena as will be used in the game;
3. a dozen (12) of the same model basketballs that will be used in the game;
4. adequate supervision of spectators, students, etc. who enter the facility.

### **Seating for Organized Student Groups:**

Home team organized student groups are prohibited from sitting behind the scorer's table on the visiting team bench half of the court.

## **Women's Basketball Officiating Program**

### **Coordinator of Officials:**

The coordinator of officials shall answer to the Conference Commissioner and conduct himself/herself within the guidelines and policies set forth by the Conference for the supervision of the officials.

The coordinator shall assign officials for all Conference games.

The coordinator shall assign non-conference games as designated by contract between the Conference member and the non-conference opponent.

The coordinator shall recommend to the Commissioner on an annual basis, as per Conference guidelines, officials that shall be utilized.

The coordinator shall annually identify, as per Conference policy, a proper number of new officials so that a sufficient pool of officials will be available for assignment.

The coordinator shall oversee an observers program. An effort shall be made to have either the coordinator or an observer at most Conference games.

The coordinator shall attend all mandated meetings by the NCAA. The coordinator shall conduct meetings with Conference officials and coaches as deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

### **Observers:**

1. The observer shall have experience in basketball officiating, administration or coaching and have a thorough understanding of contemporary basketball rules and mechanics.
2. The observer shall have a commitment to the integrity and quality of the Conference officiating program.
3. The observer shall file the appropriate forms with the coordinator and conference office within 48 hours of the observed game.
4. The observer shall receive a per game stipend for his/her services.
5. The observer's exclusive role shall be to observe the game officials and report those observations to the Conference office. Should the observer notice that an aspect of home game management or a coach's conduct infringes on the ability of the game officials to effectively do their jobs, those observations should be included in the report.

### **Evaluation of Officials:**

The coordinator, when considering recommendations for future status of Conference officials, shall consider the following:

1. The coordinator's observations of the officials' work through attendance at games and review of game tapes.
2. Ratings produced by the coordinator, observers and coaches.
3. The work ethic and attitude of the official.
4. The trend of the official's performance in recent years.
5. The potential for improvement in the official.
6. The physical condition of the official.
7. The availability of dates provided by the official
8. Attendance at mandatory NCAA and Conference meetings.
9. All head coaches are responsible for insuring that the web-based game evaluation form provided by the Conference is completed and sent to the NEC office following the completion of a regular season game. Institutions whose coaches fail to comply will be warned by the Conference office.
10. The Conference may utilize an electronic web-based officiating program to assign officials, provide information for reimbursement of officials and have coaches evaluate officials.

## **Women's Basketball Officiating Program**

### **New Officials:**

The coordinator shall be charged with identifying new officials.

Administrators, coaches, officials and observers shall provide names of prospective new officials to the coordinator. The coordinator shall investigate the background of submitted potential officials.

New officials shall have demonstrated a proper level of work ethic, demeanor and integrity before being considered for Conference assignments. The candidate shall have established a level of work for an appropriate period of time at various levels deemed necessary to merit work on the Division I level.

Newly-added officials shall be observed for a minimum period of three (3) seasons unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.

Officials wishing to pursue candidacy shall send the appropriate letter of application.

### **Officials' Locker Room Access:**

The Commissioner, coordinator and observer shall have access to the officials' locker room prior to the game to establish the attendance of the game officials and observe the pre-game meeting.

No one shall have access to the officials' locker room at halftime. The Commissioner and coordinator shall have access to the officials' locker room after the game.

The officials' locker room shall be located away from coaches' and teams' locker rooms whenever possible.

### **Security and Seating:**

The home team shall assign an appropriate person to escort officials on and off the court at all times. The person shall see that the officials have access when needed to the officials' locker room; that the room is properly secured; and that only appropriate personnel have access.

No coach or administrator shall approach officials before or after the game regarding their calling of the game. The athletic director may discuss game management issues, if deemed necessary.

The home team shall provide an appropriate seat in the stands, not at courtside, for the coordinator or observers.

### **Sharing of Officiating Fees:**

The cost of men's and women's basketball officiating fees shall be shared equally by the member schools.

### **Game Fees:**

Women's officials shall be reimbursed as follows:

- Game Fee - \$375
- Tournament Game Fee - \$400; Alternate Official - \$50
- Over 200 miles one way - coach airfare, \$125 per diem
- Between 100 and 199 miles one way - \$25 per diem
- Mileage - \$0.40 per mile

### **Game Tapes:**

To assist the coordinator in evaluating Conference officials, the home team shall be responsible for supplying the Conference office with a videotape of any Conference game requested by the coordinator or Commissioner.

**Game Tickets for Officials:**

All men's and women's basketball officials will be entitled to two complimentary tickets to regular-season games. They must request tickets at least one business day in advance of the game.

**Officials and Observers Agreements:**

All officials and observers shall sign an appropriate agreement provided by the Conference before receiving any assignments.

**Officials' Assignments:**

Except when dictated by emergency conditions due to inclement weather, no official may be assigned to work back-to-back games involving the same team. No official may work more than five (5) regular-season games of any particular team.

**Commissioner's Discretion:**

Any situation not covered under this document regarding basketball officials shall be left to the discretion of the Commissioner. All decisions shall be made in the best interests of the Conference and with the integrity of the officiating program in mind.

## **Women's Basketball - Championship**

### **Dates:**

March 4 (quarterfinals), March 7 (semifinals) and March 11 (championship).

### **Location:**

All games will be played at the home of the higher-seeded team in each contest. Re-seeding will take place at the conclusion of the quarterfinal round. Therefore, the highest remaining seed will always face the lowest remaining seed.

### **Host:**

The host institution in conjunction with the NEC Office will serve as the host.

### **Tournament Manager:**

The tournament manager shall be the Conference representative, in consultation with the administration of the host institution.

### **Teams Eligible:**

The top eight teams, based on Conference winning percentage, shall participate in the tournament.

### **Tickets:**

Prices throughout the quarterfinals and semifinals are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students with college I.D., senior citizens 65 and older and children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age.

Prices for the championship game will be \$12 for adults, \$6 for students with college I.D., senior citizens 65 and older and children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age.

No complimentary tickets are available to institutions, their coaches or student-athletes for the tournament. No group discounts or reduced-price tickets are to be sold. A limited number of passes will be provided for administrators.

There are no mandatory ticket purchases required of participating institutions. Visiting teams will be assured of an opportunity to purchase tickets equaling 10% of the host venue's published capacity for quarterfinal and semifinal games. For the championship game, the visiting team may purchase a maximum of 300 tickets or 10% of the host venue's published capacity, whichever figure is greater. A minimum of 25% of the total tickets purchased by a visiting team in any tournament game must be located directly behind the visiting team bench. The remainder must be located together.

The deadlines for visiting teams to coordinate their ticket purchases with the host team in a tournament game are as follows:

Quarterfinals	Close of business, Thursday, March 2
Semifinals	12 noon, Monday, March 6
Championship	Close of business, Thursday, March 9

### **Team benches, uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team in each contest shall be designated as the home team on the scoreboard, and shall occupy the home bench and wear light-colored or home uniforms.

### **Host institution responsibilities:**

The host institution of an NEC Tournament game shall be responsible for all costs and duties associated with the following:

1. All VIP and media hospitality (optional for quarterfinals and semifinals, mandatory for championship game).
2. Supplying Anaconda ROCK basketballs for warmups and the game.
3. Handling all requests for media credentials and providing space on press row.
4. Hiring a complete scorer's table crew (*Note:* the NEC will reimburse the P.A. announcer, shot clock operator, timer, official scorer and two statisticians at the same rate used by the host during the regular season).

### **Host institution responsibilities (cont.):**

5. All security, ticket takers, ushers, electricians, maintenance personnel, etc. needed to effectively operate the game.
6. Coordination and distribution of visiting team tickets. This includes receipt of all payments due.
7. All National Anthem performers and halftime entertainment.
8. Availability of all necessary radio/Internet lines. There shall be no charge to the visiting team for use of these lines, however.
9. Coordination of video camera operators.
10. Printing and distribution of all ticket stock.

### **Conference office responsibilities:**

The Conference office shall be responsible for all costs and duties associated with the following:

1. Order and distribution of all trophies and awards.
2. Coordination and expenses associated with game officials and observers.
3. All expenses associated with Conference office travel to tournament games.
4. Reimbursing the host institution for hiring the P.A. announcer, shot clock operator, timer, official scorer and two statisticians at the same rate used by the host during the regular season.
5. An official Tournament program, featuring information and photos on all NEC teams.
6. Any banners or signage associated with sponsors contracted by the Conference office or its agents.
7. Coordination of all practices, including staffing, and insuring that contest is treated as a neutral event.
8. Coordination of all support groups, including bands, cheerleaders and mascots.

### **Revenue Distribution:**

The Conference office shall retain 90% of tickets sold for each Tournament game. The host institution shall retain 10%. The host institution shall retain 100% of revenue from concessions and parking. The host shall retain a percentage commission (TBA) on the sale of NEC championship merchandise sold on behalf of the NEC's merchandiser, Maingate, Inc.

All host institutions shall complete a form supplied by the Conference office detailing all tickets sold for each game. The host is required to send complete payment to the Conference office by April 7, 2006. It is the host's responsibility to settle all outstanding invoices with the visiting institution, and any such outstanding invoices shall not be reason to delay complete payment to the Conference office.

### **Lodging, Per Diem, Transportation Reimbursement:**

The Conference office shall reimburse visiting teams only, as follows --

**Lodging:** \$50 per night when an overnight stay is necessary, up to a maximum of 11 rooms. The Conference office shall determine travel situations requiring an overnight stay. Teams may stay at any hotel property they choose.

**Transportation:** Actual transportation costs with proper receipts. Teams should use the same mode of transportation to the tournament site (bus/airline) as they use during the regular-season trip to the same site. Each visiting team shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$675 per day for bus transportation. NY, NJ or CT-based teams traveling to PA, or PA teams traveling to NY, NJ, or CT shall be reimbursed a maximum of \$900 per day for bus transportation. Actual receipts must be provided for documentation of expenses.

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For those teams requiring airline reservations, 100% of airline tickets shall be reimbursed upon receipt of actual expenses.

Any travel and lodging plans that call for a team to not return home either 1.) the evening of, or 2.) the day following a game must be approved in advance by the Conference office to insure reimbursement of travel expenses.

**Per diem:** \$20 on any day in which a game is played; \$10 on travel days when no game is played.

### **Officials:**

Tournament officials shall be assigned by the Conference's supervisor of officials. All costs associated with officials are the responsibility of the Conference office.

### **Postgame Interviews:**

Postgame interviews shall be conducted in a procedure determined by the host institution.

### **Support groups:**

Complimentary admissions shall be provided to the following support groups entering the arena for their institution's session of competition:

- A. 22 members of the official team party;
- B. cheerleaders and one team mascot in uniform;
- C. dance group members in uniform;
- D. members of a pep band in uniform.

Visiting team cheerleaders and mascots must be located adjacent to the visiting team bench.

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony following the completion of the men's championship game. Awards to be presented include:

- All-Tournament team
- Tournament MVP
- Second place team trophy
- Championship team trophy

NOTE: The losing team in the championship game is required to remain on the bench to receive the runner-up trophy and any individual all-tournament awards.

### **Date:**

The 2005 Conference championship meet will be held on Saturday, October 29. The meet will be hosted by St. Francis University.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Weekly Release:**

The weekly NEC cross country report will include a listing of the top seven performances for each institution, for both men and women, including the runner's name, time, race location and team score.

The weekly release will also include an Athlete and Rookie of the Week for both men and women.

### **Schedule:**

Saturday, October 29, 2005

Check-in and Walk-thru - TBA for all participants at the race site.

Men's Meet Start - 11:00 am

Women's Meet Start - 12:00 noon

Awards Ceremony - Following Meet

### **Rosters & Entries:**

Only teams (not individuals) are eligible to enter the NEC Cross Country Championship. A team shall consist of a minimum of five (5) runners. Protocol for submitting rosters and entries shall follow that outlined in the NCAA championship handbook. Exact dates for deadlines shall be provided by the Conference office in advance of the meet.

On the day of the championship, a team may substitute one athlete up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the race. Notification must be made to both the Conference office representative and the person responsible for entering names into the computerized program.

### **Rules:**

This meet shall be governed by the rules of the 2005 NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book, except as specified in this policy. Particular attention will be given to the uniform section of the NCAA Rule Book. Each competitor must wear an official team uniform. Additional clothing must be worn under the uniform.

### **Course:**

The course will be marked by the host and inspected by the coaches prior to the race. The men's race is 8,000 meters and the women's race is 5,000 meters.

### **Pre-Meet Coaches' Meeting:**

A pre-championship meeting of the head coaches will be conducted by the Conference office on Friday evening, October 28 (time & location TBA). Entry forms will be turned in at this meeting.

### **Attendance at Social Events:**

In the event the host institution sponsors a social event - such as a picnic or banquet - all participating teams are expected to attend the event, regardless of travel concerns.

## **Men's & Women's Cross Country**

### **Scoring:**

1. Only the first five runners from each team shall enter into the scoring.
2. First place shall score one point; second place, two points; third place, three points; etc. All runners who finish the course shall be ranked and tallied in this manner. Team scores shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers from each team. The team with the lowest total number of points shall be declared the winner. First-place team ties will not be broken.
3. Although the sixth and seventh finishers from each team do not score points towards their respective team's total, their places, if better than any of the first five finishers from any opposing team, serve to increase the opposing teams' totals.
4. The eighth through tenth finishers from each team will not displace.
5. If fewer than five runners from a team finish the course, the places of all team members of that team shall be disregarded in both the team and individual scoring.

### **Coaches' Meetings:**

There will be a conference call held following the championship. On this call coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding men's and women's cross country.

### **Medical, Administrative Shelters:**

The host institution must provide separate three-sided shelters (tents, buildings) for a medical area with training supplies, and an administrative area to tabulate results and operate the meet.

### **Regular-Season Awards:**

An Athlete of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the weekly release.

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony immediately following the completion of the final event. Awards will be given as follows:

- All-Conference plaques will be awarded to the top 14 individual finishers
- Outstanding Performer in the Women's Championship
- Outstanding Performer in the Men's Championship
- Men's & Women's Freshman of the Year
- Men's & Women's Coach of the Year \*
- First-place team trophy
- Second-place team trophy

\* Coaches will vote for coach of the year at the conclusion of the meet.

### **Timing System:**

The host institution must provide all necessary equipment to ensure a quality event, including automatic and manual timing equipment, finish chutes, flags and cones, etc. The Conference office shall provide participant numbers.

### **Event Personnel:**

The host institution must provide an adequate number of qualified event personnel to operate a successful event.

## **Field Hockey - Regular Season**

### **Participants:**

Fairfield, Lock Haven, Monmouth, Quinnipiac, Rider , Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Siena.

### **Schedule:**

Each team will play a single round-robin versus all Conference opponents for an 8-game schedule. No regular-season game may be scheduled later than Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

### **Rules:**

FIH rules, with NCAA modifications, will govern all games.

### **Standings:**

Standings will be based upon winning percentage in Conference contests.

### **Tie-Breaker Policy:**

Seeding for the Conference tournament will be based on the regular-season order of finish.

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used - in order - until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the team allowing fewer goals in Conference play shall be seeded higher.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the any other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

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4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team allowing fewest goals in Conference play shall be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Incomplete games:**

The status of all incomplete games shall be determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the right to order the game to be replayed in its entirety or to have the result stand.

### **Postponements:**

Only an athletic department administrator designated by the Athletic Director from the host institution may postpone a contest before it begins due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field. The decision to postpone a contest may not be made by a coach under any circumstances. Once a contest is underway, the decision to postpone may be made only by game officials.

### **Ball:**

NEC contests shall be played with any ball that meets FIH and NCAA specifications. The host team must supply the visiting team with 30 balls during the team's warm-up. These balls must be the same color as the game ball.

### **Scouting:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, e-mails, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Officials:**

The institution is responsible for obtaining certified officials from its local assigning agency. NEC members must use two officials for all Conference games.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

Shortly after the season, there will be a teleconference of all coaches to discuss matters of significance and to recommend policy to the NEC field hockey administrators on field hockey issues.

### **Condition of Fields:**

It is recommended that all grass NEC fields have a maximum half-inch length.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the weekly release.

**Awards:**

The following postseason awards will be presented: \*

- Regular season champion

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Defensive Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- First & Second team All-Conference (4 forwards, 3 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper on each)

\* All head coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coaches are eligible to receive votes. Coaches may nominate a maximum of six (6) players. Coaches will then vote from a list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Voting will be done on a ranking system. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher-placed votes.

## **Field Hockey - Championship**

### **Eligible Participants:**

Fairfield, Monmouth, Quinnipiac, Rider, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Siena.

### **Dates and Site:**

Friday and Saturday, October 28 & 29, 2005 on the campus of the No. 1 seeded team.

### **Format:**

The top four finishers, based on winning percentage during the Conference's regular season, compete in a two-day championship.

### **Rules:**

The FIH rules, with NCAA modifications, will be followed.

### **Rainout Policy:**

If inclement weather postpones the scheduled date of competition, the championship shall be played the following day (Sunday, October 30). If that date also results in a postponement, the Conference office will re-schedule the championship and the visiting team will return home from the site.

### **Travel Party:**

The size of the travel party shall be 28. The maximum number of eligible players per team is 22.

### **Uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team will wear white jerseys; the lower-seeded team will wear dark jerseys.

### **Ball:**

NEC contests shall be played with any ball that meets FIH and NCAA specifications. The host team must supply the visiting team with 30 balls during the team's warm-up. These balls must be the same color as the game ball.

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for securing and providing payment to officials. Coaches will provide a list of five (5) preferred officials to the Conference office to assist with this process.

### **Awards:**

The following awards will be presented at the conclusion of the championship game:

- Championship team trophy
- Second-place trophy
- Tournament MVP \*
- All-Tournament team#

\* As voted on by a panel selected by the Conference office representative.

# Comprised of between 6 and 11 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the conference office.

### **Participants:**

Albany, Central Connecticut State, Monmouth, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Stony Brook, Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

A single round-robin with games played at home sites on alternate years. The Conference champion shall be the team or teams with the best winning percentage.

### **Postponed Games:**

If an NEC game is postponed due to national events, severe weather conditions that affect team travel or some other reason, it will be made up only if both teams have a mutual open date and are agreeable to play on that date. If a game is postponed and cannot be made up under the above conditions, winning percentage in all completed NEC games at the end of the regular-season shall determine the league standings.

### **Tiebreaker Procedure:**

The tiebreaker procedure will be used only to determine a league champion for purposes of a postseason opportunity.

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the most recent rankings of *USA Today's* Sagarin poll at the conclusion of the regular season will be utilized to determine the Conference champion.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the any other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the three-way tiebreaker.

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3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If all steps above have been exhausted and the tie cannot be broken, the most recent rankings of *USA Today's* Sagarin poll at the conclusion of the regular season will be utilized to determine the Conference champion.

### **Rules:**

The 2005 NCAA Football Rule Book will be followed.

### **Game Ball:**

Each team may use any football it chooses while on offense, as long as it meets specifications under the 2005 NCAA Rule Book.

### **Pre-Game Warmups:**

Both teams shall follow the NCAA recommendations regarding field divisions during pre-game warmups.

### **Game Officials:**

The Eastern Collegiate Football Officials Association (ECFOA) and its coordinator, Milt Halstead, shall assign all game officials for both Conference and non-conference home games. Schools shall adhere to all policies and fee structures of the ECFOA. It is recommended that an official timer be assigned if the host institution cannot acquire the services of a qualified equivalent.

### **Officials Fees:**

A fee of \$550 per institution will cover all of the general services for the season and will be included as part of the institution's Conference dues. Assignment of clock operators through the ECFOA will require a \$90 fee per official, per game. All varsity contests are assigned seven on-field officials with the following fee structure in place for the years indicated:

- 2005 - \$300 per official
- 2006 - \$325 per official
- 2007 - \$350 per official

NOTE: Officials for JV contests will be paid \$100 per game. The ECFOA must be notified of cancellations by 12 noon on Friday or the JV fee will be automatic.

### **Game Tiebreaker:**

The 2005 NCAA Rule Book dictates that all games that are tied at the end of regulation play use the tie-breaker to determine a winner. In the event that a game in overtime has to be halted due to darkness or injury, the game will be terminated and the score shall be the final score at the last point that teams had an equal number of scoring opportunities.

### **Checklist for Hosting a Game:**

At least two weeks prior to the contest, the host team should contact the visiting team to obtain the following:

- Estimated arrival time.
- Area hotel information.
- Cell phone numbers of primary contacts.
- Practice needs.
- Towel needs.
- Brand of ball used by the visiting team.

During this contact, the host should inform the visitor of the following:

- Practice time and field assignment.
- Cell phone numbers for primary host team contacts.
- Halftime and post-game refreshments to be made available.
- Brand ball used by the home team.
- Press box capabilities, number of visiting coaches permitted.
- Game filming logistical concerns.

On game day, the host *must* have someone present to do the following for the visiting team:

- Meet the buses as they arrive and escort the team to the dressing room.
- Identify the training room and indicate where and when player taping should take place.
- Review the procedures for dressing room security.
- Be sure the visiting coaches know how to access the press box.
- Indicate when field assignments will take place.
- Review telephone line availability.
- Provide a cart to haul heavier equipment and gear if the buses cannot park near the dressing room.
- Insure that the visiting team has a secure area for team meetings, complete with markers and marking boards both pre-game and at halftime.
- Provide a game day itinerary/timing sheet.

### **Medical/Safety Guidelines:**

The following guidelines must be in place for all Conference football games:

1. An ambulance must be present at the site of the contest.
2. At least two (2) EMS personnel must be on site at the contest. These may be the personnel assigned to the ambulance.
3. At least one physician must be present at the contest to assist in an emergency.
4. The home team must have a minimum of three trainers present at the contest, one of which must be a certified trainer.
5. The home team is responsible for providing the visiting team a pre-game sheet listing local hospitals that will be used in an emergency, the names of the trainers in attendance, and a brief listing of all medical equipment and supplies. This pre-game sheet should be provided to the visiting team's trainer upon their arrival.

### **Regular-Season Awards:**

During the season, certificates will be awarded to the following:\*

- Offensive Player of the Week
- Defensive Player of the Week
- Special Teams Player of the Week
- Rookie of the Week

\*As nominated by the conference sports information directors and selected by the Conference office.

### **Postseason Awards:**

Awards shall be given to:

1. Team champion(s)
2. Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year
3. Offensive and Defensive Rookie of the Year
4. All-Conference first and second team
5. Coach of the Year

NOTE: Coaches may rank no more than ten players for each position when voting on all-conference teams.

### **Financial Aid:**

Provisions of any and all NCAA rules for Division I-AA shall apply unless noted herein. The following restrictions shall apply to member institutions:

1. **Institutional Financial Aid Permitted.** A student-athlete may receive scholarships or educational grants-in-aid administered by an institution that do not conflict with the governing legislation of the NCAA.
2. **Administration of Financial Aid.** All forms of financial assistance for student-athletes shall be handled by the Financial Aid Office and/or the committee that administers financial aid for all students on campus.
3. **Written Offer of Aid.** Financial assistance may be offered in writing only by the institution's Director of Financial Aid or comparable campus official, and not before he has been admitted.
4. **Report of Aid from Outside Source.** All financial assistance received by the student-athlete from sources outside the institution shall be reported to the institution's Director of Financial Aid. When outside aid is received after the financial aid award of the institution has been offered to the student, the institution's Director of Financial Aid may adjust the aid already offered in order that the total aid received from all sources does not exceed financial need.
5. **Financial Aid Limit.** A student-athlete may receive financial assistance based upon need up to the full cost of attendance. Cost of attendance is defined as room, board, course-related books, tuition, fees and transportation. Financial need shall be determined by need analysis methodologies that conform to federal guidelines.

Institutions must adhere to NCAA bylaw 15.1, insuring that a student-athlete is not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if he receives financial aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid. In determining whether a student-athlete's financial aid exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid, all institutional financial aid and all funds received from sources described in NCAA bylaw 15. 1.1 shall be included.

6. **Definition of an NEC Special.** For purposes of the Northeast Conference, a *special* shall be any student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations established in the sport of NCAA I-AA football. The use of athletic ability as a variable for awarding financial aid to a student-athlete designates the institutional aid “countable” and makes the student-athlete a *special*, regardless of the percentage of aid awarded above the level of need the institution normally meets for the general student population.

Football student-athletes who are employed in the athletics department (as opposed to recreational facility) are considered NEC *specials*. An initial *special* is either an individual who is receiving countable financial aid in football for the first time or is a dual-sport football student-athlete who is receiving athletics aid in his other sport for the first time.

7. **Composition of the Financial Package.** If a financial aid package is offered to a student-athlete based upon his football ability, and need is demonstrated using all federal methodologies, the institution may package that athlete up to full need in whatever manner it chooses using some combination of grants, loans, student work, etc. Thus, NEC *specials* do not have to be packaged using the same percentages of self-help, loans, etc. as is done for the general student population.

The method of packaging must be documented in the annual reports made by the institution to the Northeast Conference office. The student-athlete receiving the aid from such a package becomes one of the 10 *specials* permitted each year.

8. **Merit-Based Financial Aid.** Institutions must consider the amount of the merit-based award within the level of financial need. The combination of merit-based and need-based aid may not exceed the level of financial need (defined as the cost of attendance, minus the family contribution according to the federal need analysis methodologies).

Student-athletes with no financial need who receive institutional merit-based aid that is awarded without regard to athletics and is available to the general student body are exempt from being categorized as *specials* for NEC purposes.

Institutions awarding merit-based aid to NEC *specials* must provide the Conference office a comparison of the percentages of merit-based aid awarded to both football student-athletes and the general student population, to insure that the merit-based aid provided football student-athletes is similar to that provided the general student population. This data will be requested as part of the annual reports submitted to the Conference office.

9. **Definition of Preferential Award.** For the purposes of the Conference, financial awards that take athletics into consideration and that exceed an institution’s normal financial aid package for the general student population will be considered a preferential award that must be counted against that institution’s NEC *special* limits for football.
10. **Maximum Number of Specials.** In any given academic year, an institution may award preferential financial aid to a maximum of 10 initial *specials*. This shall be done on a head-count, rather than equivalency, basis. At no time may an institution have more than 30 *specials* in its program. There shall be no substitution of aid during the academic year to other student-athletes if *specials* are lost due to attrition (transfers, academic casualties, injuries, etc.) *Specials* must be designated prior to the institution’s first date of competition.

An institution may choose to designate a continuing student-athlete (who is already in the football program) as one of its permissible *specials*.

## Football

11. **Division I-AA Limits on NCAA Counters.** As per NCAA bylaws, there shall be an annual limit of 30 initial NCAA counters, an annual limit of 63 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters, and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of NCAA counters at a Division I-AA institution. A counter is an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport.
12. **Initial Specials Entering After Fall Term.** A recruited student-athlete who enters the institution after the first term of the academic year and immediately receives financial aid based in some degree on athletic ability shall be an initial NEC *special* for either the current academic year (if the institution has not reached its annual limit of 10 initial *specials*) or the next academic year. The student-athlete shall be included in the institution's total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received.
13. **Specials Receiving Aid After Two Years in Residence.** A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may receive athletically-related financial aid for the first time without counting as an initial *special*, provided the aid falls within the overall NEC and NCAA grant limitations.
14. **Dual-Sport Athletes.** The NCAA and NEC require the following conditions be met to designate a student as a dual-sport athlete — 1) he must report and fully participate in regularly organized practice with each varsity team; 2) he must participate where qualified in actual competition for each team; 3) he must be a member of each team for the entire playing season; 4) if recruited, he must have been earnestly recruited in the sport in which he is receiving athletics aid. Financial aid awarded to dual-sport athletes may be based upon athletic ability and is counted toward the limits of the sport other than football.
15. **Consideration of Dual-Sport Football Athletes.** Dual-sport football athletes shall be counted toward the maximum number of 30 *specials* in a program. As with initial *specials*, no more than 10 dual-sport football athletes may be signed in any given year. Dual-sport athletes must be designated with the Conference office on a prescribed form prior to the institution's first date of competition.

Regardless of whether a dual-sport athlete has financial need, he will be considered an NEC *special* if he receives financial aid based upon his athletic ability in the sport other than football.

A dual-sport athlete may receive financial aid that exceeds his need only if all the aid is derived from the sport other than football. If a dual-sport athlete receives aid in both football and another sport, his total aid cannot exceed his need.

16. **Annual Financial Aid Disclosure.** By the first Friday in September, all institutions shall submit to the Conference a preliminary report consisting of completed NCAA squad lists and requested NEC forms detailing financial aid awards for football student-athletes. A second, final report shall be due by the first Friday in March.

The Conference office will work with a sub-committee of financial aid officers and administrators to review the information gathered in the reports to determine the level of compliance at each institution. The sub-committee's summary will be reviewed at the annual Spring football meeting and again at the annual Spring meeting of the Council of Presidents.

17. **Sanctions.** An institution may appeal to the committee of football financial aid officers any findings from the financial aid sub-committee. Any sanctions for violations of the financial aid policy must be recommended by the Commissioner and approved by the Council of Presidents. The Council has identified the following sanctions:

### **First Offense**

Institution will be sent a letter of reprimand warning institution against future violations and informing institution that a compliance review of its football program is to be conducted by the Conference. Upon determination that the violation rose to a serious level, the Commissioner will recommend to the Council of Presidents that the institution have its number of total *specials* reduced by five. Institution also will be charged a \$10,000 suspended fine.

### **Second Offense**

Institution will be assessed previous \$10,000 suspended fine and an additional \$10,000 fine for second offense.

### **Third Offense**

Institution will be expelled from the Northeast Conference in the sport of football indefinitely.

### **Additional Sanctions**

Should a serious violation be discovered during the football season, the institution deemed in violation will be declared immediately ineligible to represent the Conference in any postseason game. Should the serious violation be discovered after the season, the institution will be stripped of its championship if it finished first in the standings.

### **Number and Duties of Coaches:**

All provisions of NCAA bylaws concerning 1-AA shall apply regarding the number and duties of coaches.

### **National Letter of Intent Program:**

The NEC football members shall participate in the NLI program. An institution's full-time Conference shall administer the NLI.

### **Off-Campus Contact and Evaluation of Prospects:**

Only those coaches who are counted within the numerical limitations of head, assistant or restricted coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. In addition, there is a limit of seven coaches (including the head coach) who may contact and evaluate prospects off campus during any calendar week (defined as Sunday through Saturday). The institution shall certify those individuals who fall within these number limitations and are thereby permitted to contact and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.

### **Complimentary Tickets:**

The visiting team is entitled to 150 tickets unless otherwise agreed to by respective Athletic Directors. All uniformed members of bands, cheerleaders, and dance teams shall be admitted free.

### **Field Communications:**

The home team must provide two phones or head sets for the visiting team. If phones/head sets for the visiting team cannot be provided by the home team, the visiting team must be so notified in advance, and arrangements must be made for the visiting team to bring its own field communications. In either circumstance, if field communications are interrupted, for any reason, on one side of the field, coaches are prohibited from using field communications until both sides have field communications that are operative. Two coaches from the visiting team shall be allowed space in the press box or equivalent vantage point.

### **Hospitality:**

Post-game refreshments (soft drinks, juice, bottled water, etc.), properly iced, shall be provided by the host institution for 75 persons on the visiting team. This should provide enough for all team members and traveling party. Prior notice must be given if this number shall be insufficient.

### **Game Expense:**

Host institutions are responsible for all game operational expenses. Visiting institutions are responsible for all travel expenses.

### **Film Exchange:**

Off-campus, in-person scouting of opponents is prohibited. There shall be a maximum of three film exchanges permitted with each NEC opponent during the season, and the tapes shall be the three most recent contests played by that team. If the team has not played three games during the current season, tapes from the previous year's most recent games shall be used to reach a total of three. NOTE: Scrimmages do not have to be exchanged.

For films of a game taking place more than one week before the scheduled contest, the exchange must be completed by the Wednesday of the previous week (or at least 10 days before the scheduled contest). For film of a game taking place one week before the scheduled contest, the exchange must be completed by the Sunday prior to the scheduled contest.

These time frames may be adjusted if mutually agreed upon by both head coaches. However, coaches may NOT agree to exchange a fourth game film.

The team receiving the request for a film is responsible for choosing the proper method of shipment (i.e. overnight delivery, U.S. mail, UPS, etc.) to ensure the film is received on time by the requesting team. All costs associated with shipping the film are the responsibility of the team receiving the request.

If so requested by the visiting team, the home team is required to provide a copy of the game tape before the visiting team departs from the game site.

All game films must include a shot of the scoreboard or down/distance chain after every play, to provide proper perspective on the subsequent action.

All game films must also include end zone copies. If an end zone location is not available, a tight corner angle may be substituted.

### **Spring Practice:**

Institutions will be permitted to follow NCAA Division I guidelines for spring practice. These guidelines include no more than 15 practice sessions conducted within a period of 29 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar. The amount of time that a student-athlete may be involved in such postseason, countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. Only 12 of the 15 days may involve contact. Of the 12 contact sessions, only eight (8) may involve tackling. If an institution conducts a spring game, the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that can be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.

The complete legislation on spring practice is listed in the NCAA Manual (bylaw 17.11.6 (b)).

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The annual NEC coaches' meeting shall take place at the time and site of the January convention of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA). All head coaches are obligated to attend the meeting. A representative of the NEC shall run the meeting.

### **Playing Season:**

All NCAA Division I-AA rules shall apply.

## ***Men's & Women's Golf Championship***

### **Dates:**

The 2006 men's golf championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7 at Disney's Palm Golf Course in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

The 2006 women's golf championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30 at Disney's Lake Buena Vista Golf Course in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

### **Participants:**

The men's tournament will include Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

The women's tournament will include Central Connecticut State, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Tournament Format:**

The Conference championship is a two-day, 36-hole event. Play will be conducted in threesomes whenever possible. No two players from the same team will be paired in the same group, whenever possible. Team scores will be achieved by adding the team's four lowest scores from each day. Should a team compete with less than four participants, it will not be eligible for the team championship. The team with the lowest score is declared the champion.

### **Information Packet:**

The Conference office will prepare an information packet for each head coach. The packet will contain a list of the coaches, prior NEC tournament results, a list of tee times and pairings for the first day, scorecards for the first round, a tournament itinerary and a rule card with any rules pertaining to the tournament course.

Each day, the Conference office will distribute pin placements for the course.

### **Pre-Tournament Meeting:**

A pre-tournament meeting shall be held on the evening prior to the start of competition. All head coaches are expected to attend. If they are unable to attend, they must send a representative in their place.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

Head coaches will conduct their annual NEC meeting via conference call shortly after the conclusion of each tournament. The Conference office will coordinate the conference call. Recommendations from the coaches will be submitted to the Senior Woman Administrators Committee for its consideration.

### **Practice Times:**

Teams must contact the pro shops at each tournament course in order to secure practice times before the tournament. Reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance. The cost of practice rounds is the responsibility of each participating institution. Practice after rounds may be arranged with the host club pro.

### **Protest Committee:**

The protest committee for each tournament will consist of USGA officials in attendance, the NEC office representative, the club professional and one coach from a team not involved in the dispute or protest.

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning at least two USGA-certified officials to serve as the starter, interpret NCAA and USGA rules as they apply to the course and insure the integrity of the event. All costs associated with the officials are the responsibility of the Conference office.

## **Men's & Women's Golf Championship**

### **Tee times, pairings:**

All tee times will be arranged by the Conference office, in conjunction with the host club pro and the host institution. Pairings for the first day will be based on the previous year's results. Teams that did not participate in the previous year's tournament will be placed at the bottom of the "seeding" process. Teams with the highest scores will tee off first, followed by the teams with the lowest scores (in descending order).

The pairings for the first day of the Men's Tournament are as follows:

<b>Team (Player)</b>	<b>Team (Player)</b>	<b>Team (Player)</b>
SHU (#5)	FDU (#5)	
WC (#5)	SFPA (#5)	SHU (#4)
FDU (#4)	WC (#4)	SFPA (#4)
SHU (#3)	FDU (#3)	WC (#3)
SFPA (#3)	SHU (#2)	FDU (#2)
WC (#2)	SFPA (#2)	SHU (#1)
FDU (#1)	WC (#1)	SFPA (#1)
MSM (#5)	QU (#5)	RMU (#5)
MSM (#4)	QU (#4)	RMU (#4)
MSM (#3)	QU (#3)	RMU (#3)
MSM (#2)	QU (#2)	RMU (#2)
MSM (#1)	QU (#1)	RMU (#1)
LIU (#5)	MU (#5)	CCSU (#5)
LIU (#4)	MU (#4)	CCSU (#4)
LIU (#3)	MU (#3)	CCSU (#3)
LIU (#2)	MU (#2)	CCSU (#2)
LIU (#1)	MU (#1)	CCSU (#1)

Pairings for the second day of the men's tournament will be the option of the head coach. The order must be submitted at the conclusion of the first day's play. The teams with the highest scores will tee off first, followed by the teams with the lowest scores (in descending order).

The pairings for the first day of the Women's Tournament are as follows:

<b>Team (Player)</b>	<b>Team (Player)</b>	<b>Team (Player)</b>
RMU (#5)	SHU (#5)	
RMU (#4)	SHU (#4)	
RMU (#3)	SHU (#3)	
RMU (#2)	SHU (#2)	
RMU (#1)	SHU (#1)	
MSM (#5)	WC (#5)	CCSU (#5)
MSM (#4)	WC (#4)	CCSU (#4)
MSM (#3)	WC (#3)	CCSU (#3)
MSM (#2)	WC (#2)	CCSU (#2)
MSM (#1)	WC (#1)	CCSU (#1)
MU (#5)	SFPA (#5)	LIU (#5)
MU (#4)	SFPA (#4)	LIU (#4)
MU (#3)	SFPA (#3)	LIU (#3)
MU (#2)	SFPA (#2)	LIU (#2)
MU (#1)	SFPA (#1)	LIU (#1)

Pairings for the second day of the women's tournament will be determined by re-ordering the lineup based upon the first day's scores. The highest scorers tee off first for their team and the lowest scorers tee off last.

### **Team Entries:**

Only NEC teams, not individuals, are eligible to enter the Conference tournament.

For the men's tournament, a team shall consist of five participants. Coaches will submit their lineup of players one through five (using the official form provided by the Conference) at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled tee time of the day.

For the women's tournament, a team may consist of less than five participants. Coaches will submit their lineup of players one through five (using the official form provided by the Conference) at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled tee time of the day. Individuals on teams with less than five participants are eligible for individual awards, but the team is not eligible for the team championship.

### **Tiebreaker Procedures:**

If a first-place tie exists in the team scores, the NCAA tiebreaker policy will be used to break the tie.

If a tie exists for first place among individuals, a sudden-death playoff will be held following USGA rules. The NEC representative, in consultation with the club pro, shall determine which hole the sudden death playoff shall begin at. This determination shall be announced at the pre-tournament meeting to all head coaches. If a tie exists from second through 18<sup>th</sup> place, the USGA procedure to break ties shall be utilized. That policy specifies that the first tie-breaker will be the score of the back nine on the second day. The second tiebreaker would be the last six holes on the second day, and the third tiebreaker would be the last three holes on the last day. If a tie still exists, then the 18<sup>th</sup> hole on the last day would be used.

### **Dress:**

An appropriate dress code must be observed by all participants, with team members wearing the same general color shirts and pants as their teammates. Individuals who do not comply may not be permitted to compete. Appropriate dress includes golf shirts, slacks or Bermuda length shorts. The Conference office representative shall be responsible for monitoring this. Apparel displaying professional or non-institutional team names/logos is not permitted. NCAA bylaws regarding the display of manufacturers' logos will be enforced. Golf shoes must be worn. Soft spikes are recommended.

### **Rain Policy:**

If rain cancels play on either day, the tournament will be based on 18-hole scores. If play during a particular round must be stopped, players will be notified and USGA rules 6-8 and 33-2-(d) will be followed. If both days are rained out, the Conference office will decide re-scheduling procedures.

### **Rules:**

NCAA and USGA rules will be followed during the tournament. USGA rules regarding the definition of a coach, and where coaches may stand during the execution of a shot will govern the event. Spectators are prohibited from giving advice to players, as per USGA rule 8.1.

### **Banquets:**

Tournament banquets will be held on the evening of the first round. The program and cost for the events is the responsibility of the host institution.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week shall be selected as part of the weekly release for both men's & women's golf.

## **Men's & Women's Golf Championship**

### **Awards:**

The following postseason awards will be presented, to be selected by the head coaches:

- Women's Player of the Year#
- Women's Rookie of the Year#
- Men's Player of the Year#
- Men's Rookie of the Year#

#To be voted upon by head coaches one week after the conclusion of the event. All head coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coaches are eligible to receive votes.

The following awards will be presented in a brief ceremony following the completion of the event:

- Championship and second place team trophies.
- Individual plaques for the low medalist and second place finisher
- All-Conference plaques for the third through 10th-place finishers (including all ties)
- Coach of the Year \*
- NEC logo pin flags for the top 18 finishers

\* To be voted upon by head coaches at the conclusion of the event.

## **Women's Lacrosse - Regular Season**

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

Each team will play a single round-robin Conference schedule. No regular-season game may be scheduled for later than Tuesday, April 26, 2006.

### **Rules:**

2006 USWLA rules, with NCAA modifications, will govern all games.

### **Incomplete Games:**

The status of all incomplete games shall be determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the right to order the game to be replayed in its entirety or have the result stand.

### **Postponements:**

Only an athletic department administrator designated by the Athletic Director from the host institution may postpone a contest before it begins due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field. The decision to postpone a contest may not be made by a coach under any circumstances. Once a contest is underway, the decision to postpone may be made only by game officials.

### **Ball:**

Any yellow ball which meets USWLA and NCAA specifications shall be utilized for all Conference games.

### **Scouting:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, e-mails, film exchange, etc.) on NEC-member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Officials:**

Host institution is responsible for obtaining certified officials from its local assigning agency. Institutions must use three officials for all Conference games.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Awards:**

The following postseason honors will be awarded: \*

- Regular season champion

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Defensive Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- 12 All-Conference First Team (3 attackers, 3 defenders, 5 midfielders, 1 goalkeeper)
- 12 All-Conference Second Team (3 attackers, 3 defenders, 5 midfielders, 1 goalkeeper)

\*All head coaches vote for postseason awards. Coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coaches are eligible to receive votes. Coaches may nominate a maximum of seven players. Coaches will then vote from the list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. The ballot will include Conference and overall statistics for all nominated players, which will be supplied by the institution's sports information office. Voting will be done by a ranking system. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher-placed votes.

## **Women's Lacrosse - Championship**

### **Teams Eligible:**

Central Connecticut State, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart , St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Dates:**

Friday and Sunday, April 28 & April 30, 2006 on the campus of the No. 1 seed.

### **Format:**

The top four finishers in the Conference will advance to the Northeast Conference Women's Lacrosse Championship.

### **Schedule:**

Semifinal Games - Friday, April 28

#4 Seed vs #1 Seed

#3 Seed vs #2 Seed

Championship Game - Sunday, April 30

### **Rosters:**

Coaches must submit a list of their 24 eligible players to the NEC representative no later than the Pre-Championship Coaches Meeting.

### **Rules:**

2006 USWLA rules, with NCAA modification, will govern all games.

### **Tie-Breaker Policy:**

Seeding will be based on the regular-season order of finish.

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the team allowing fewest goals in Conference games will be seeded highest.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

## **Women's Lacrosse - Championship**

2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team allowing fewest goals in Conference games will be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Rainout Policy:**

If the NEC Tournament cannot be held due to extenuating circumstances, the regular-season champion will be declared the champion, provided the champion is eligible for NCAA Tournament play. If the semifinals are completed, but the championship game cannot be played, then the highest-remaining seed will be declared the champion. All efforts will be made, however, to complete the tournament.

### **Travel Party:**

The size of the travel party shall be 30. The maximum number of eligible players is 24.

### **Uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team will wear white uniforms, the lower-seeded team will wear dark uniforms.

### **Ball:**

Any yellow ball, which meets USWLA and NCAA specifications, shall be utilized for all tournament games. Host will provide game balls. Each institution is responsible for supplying their own practice balls.

### **Benches:**

The NEC will designate the home bench for the tournament. Higher-seeded teams will be the home teams throughout the tournament. On its bench, each team is limited to the number of persons listed in the NCAA Lacrosse Rules, all of whom shall be in proper uniform or properly identified as team personnel.

## **Women's Lacrosse - Championship**

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning officials to the tournament. All costs associated with officials are the responsibility of the Conference office.

### **Locker rooms:**

Locker rooms and shower facilities will be provided. Teams should provide their own towels.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a conference call held following the championship. On this call coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding women's lacrosse.

### **Awards:**

Presented at the conclusion of the Championship Game:

- Tournament MVP \*
- Championship Team Trophy
- Second-place Team Trophy
- All-Tournament team#

\* As voted by a panel selected by the Conference representative.

# Comprised of between 6 and 12 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the Conference office.

## **Men's Soccer - Regular Season**

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA).

### **Schedule:**

Each team will play a single, round-robin Conference schedule. All league games must be scheduled no later than Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

### **Rules:**

2005 NCAA Soccer Rule Book governs all games.

### **Standings:**

A point system will be used for the Conference standings. A win will be awarded three points, a tie one point. There are no points awarded for a loss.

### **Starting Times:**

The host institution decides the starting time for NEC contests.

### **Incomplete Games:**

The status of all incomplete games shall be determined by the Northeast Conference Commissioner. The Commissioner has the right to order the game to be replayed in its entirety or have the result stand.

### **Non-conference scheduling requirements:**

Northeast Conference institutions must comply with the following non-conference men's soccer scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games vs. teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- ACC
- Big East
- Big Ten
- Colonial
- Conference USA
- Ivy League
- Missouri Valley
- Pacific 10
- SEC
- West Coast

2. Teams must schedule a minimum of one game vs. teams representing the middle-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- Atlantic 10
- Atlantic Soccer
- Big West
- Horizon
- Mountain Pacific
- Patriot
- Southern

3. Teams may schedule a maximum of two games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA and one game vs. a non-Division I opponent; OR schedule a maximum of three games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA and no games vs. a non-Division I opponent. The lower-tier conferences are listed below.

- America East
- Atlantic Sun
- Big South
- Mid-American
- Mid-Continent
- MAAC

## **Men's Soccer - Regular Season**

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (i.e. an extra upper-tier game permits a team to play an extra lower-tier game).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

Teams are permitted to schedule no more than one game vs. a non-Division I opponent.

### **Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements:**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

### **Ball:**

The Brine Championship Ball or QED 600 will be the official ball for all home games. The Brine QED 600 will be the official ball for all NEC tournament games. Brine must be mentioned as the NEC's official ball in all game programs and the ball should be used in team photos.

### **Field Markings:**

All NEC soccer fields must have colored soccer markings that are distinctive from any other field markings.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, e-mails, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Officials:**

The NEC will contract with Alex Ivahnenko of the ISOAB as its coordinator of soccer officials. All conference games and non-conference home games will be assigned by the NEC's coordinator.

### **Officiating Fees:**

Officiating fees for men's soccer are as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Referee	\$220	\$220	\$230
Asst. referees	\$130	\$130	\$135
Mileage	.36 per mile	.36 per mile	.38 per mile
Per Diem	\$45	\$50	\$55
ISOAB fee	\$450	\$450	\$500
ISOAB website fee	NA	\$30	\$35
Observers	\$30	\$75	\$75

Per diem paid to officials traveling more than 200 miles one way from their home to the site of competition.

The Conference office is responsible for payment to observers.

The ISOAB fee is per program (men's and women's treated separately) and is paid by the institution.

Information on officials' assignments and game fees is available to administrators at the ISOAB web site ([www.isoab.com](http://www.isoab.com)).

### **Penalty Cards:**

Any red card received by an NEC men's soccer player or coach automatically will carry a one-game suspension to be added to existing NCAA red card sanctions. NOTE: This suspension will not be applied to a player or coach who receives two yellow cards in a contest.

Sports Information Directors are required to report to the Conference office all penalty cards with scores of all Conference and non-Conference games played by league institutions on both their own statistical reports as well as the NEC weekly reporting form. Scorekeepers should have the referee sign the scorebook. The home book is considered the official book.

Accumulation of penalty cards will be available to Conference personnel on the NEC website.

### **Minimum Standards:**

All NEC programs must employ a full-time institutional employee on the coaching staff. A waiver process will be available to address special circumstances.

All programs must budget at least 75% of the NCAA maximum number of grants-in-aid through some combination of countable aid (athletics aid plus institutional aid) for soccer student-athletes.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Awards:**

The following postseason honors will be awarded: \*

- Regular season champion
- "Fair Play" team sportsmanship award

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Defensive Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- 11 All-Conference First-Team (3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper)
- 11 All-Conference Second Team (3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 goalkeeper)

\*All head coaches vote for postseason awards. Coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coach are eligible to receive votes. Coaches may nominate a maximum of six players. Coaches will then vote from the list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Voting will be done by a ranking system. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher-placed votes. Coaches will rank the top six forwards, top eight midfielders, top six defenders and top two goalkeepers.

## **Men's Soccer - Championship**

### **Dates:**

Friday and Sunday, November 11 & 13, 2005.

### **Location:**

The tournament will be played on the campus of the No.1 seeded team.

### **Format:**

The top four finishers in the Conference standings will advance to the Northeast Conference Soccer Championship.

### ***TIEBREAKER POLICY***

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used - in order - until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the team with the best goal differential in Conference games will be seeded highest.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-5, the team scoring the most goals in Conference games will be seeded highest.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

## **Men's Soccer - Championship**

4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team with the best goal differential in Conference games will be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
7. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team scoring the most goals in Conference games will be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Schedule:**

*Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting - Thursday, November 10*

*Semifinal Games - Friday, November 11*

#4 Seed vs. #1 Seed

#3 Seed vs. #2 Seed

The second semifinal game will start thirty (30) minutes after completion of the first semifinal game.

*Championship Game - Sunday, November 13*

### **Tournament Roster:**

Teams may travel to the championship site with a maximum of 20 eligible student-athletes. Coaches must submit their 20-player roster at the pre-tournament meeting. All players are permitted to participate in warm-ups and sit on the bench during play. Only 18 players are permitted to participate in a match. These 18 must be designated no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of play to the official scorer.

### **Balls:**

The Conference office will provide game balls. The official tournament ball is the Brine QED 600.

### **Officials:**

The Conference coordinator is responsible for providing game officials to work the tournament, based upon past experience and evaluations made throughout the season. Input from coaches may be sought by the Conference prior to having officials assigned.

### **Rules:**

Rules are governed by the 2005 NCAA Soccer Championship Rules, except as altered by this policy or by any action of the Conference office representative.

## **Men's Soccer - Championship**

### **Rainout Policy:**

If the NEC Tournament cannot be completed due to extenuating circumstances, the following procedures will be used to determine which team represents the NEC in the NCAA tournament play-in:

1. If play is completed through the semifinals, the highest remaining seed will represent the Conference.
2. If neither semifinals can be completed, the highest seed will represent the Conference.

### **Backup Facility:**

The tournament host must make a synthetic-turf field available within a 60-mile radius of the campus in order to serve as a backup field if the primary campus field is unplayable. All costs associated with the backup field are the responsibility of the host institution.

### **Travel Party:**

The travel party may consist of 26 people. The maximum number of players participating in warm-ups and sitting on the bench is 20.

### **Uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team will wear white uniforms, the lower-seeded team will wear dark uniforms.

### **Benches:**

The NEC shall designate the home bench which shall be used throughout the tournament. On its bench, each team is limited to players, coaches, trainers and managers. The NEC representative will monitor the bench areas. Non-roster players must sit in the stands.

### **Locker rooms:**

Locker rooms and shower facilities will be provided. Athletes should bring their own towels and locks.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The annual NEC Coaches' Meeting will be a teleconference. On this call, coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding men's soccer.

### **Awards:**

Presented at the conclusion of the Championship Game:

- Tournament MVP \*
- Championship team trophy
- Runner-up team trophy
- All-Tournament team#

\*As voted by a panel selected by the Conference representative.

# Comprised of between 6 and 11 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the Conference office.

## Women's Soccer - Regular Season

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

Each school will play a single round-robin Conference schedule. All league games must be scheduled no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2005.

### **Rules:**

The 2005 NCAA Soccer Rule Book governs all rules.

### **Standings:**

A point system will be used for the Conference standings. A win will be awarded three points, a tie one point. There are no points awarded for a loss.

### **Starting Times:**

The host team determines the starting time for all NEC contests.

### **Incomplete Games:**

The status of all incomplete games shall be determined by the Northeast Conference Commissioner. The Commissioner has the right to order the game to be replayed in its entirety or have the result stand.

### **Non-conference scheduling requirements:**

Northeast Conference institutions must comply with the following non-conference women's soccer scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of two games — in some combination — from teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings; *or* teams finishing in the top 150 of the previous two years' RPI rankings as provided by the NCAA. The upper-tier conferences are listed below.

- ACC
- Big East
- Big Ten
- Big 12
- Colonial
- Ivy
- Mountain West
- Pacific 10
- SEC
- West Coast

2. Teams must schedule a minimum of one game vs. teams representing the middle tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.

- America East
- Atlantic Sun
- Atlantic 10
- Big West
- Conference USA
- Mid-American
- Missouri Valley
- OVC
- Patriot
- Southern
- Sun Belt
- WAC

3. Teams may schedule a maximum of two games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA and one game vs. a non-Division I opponent; *or* schedule a maximum of three games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA and no games vs. a non-Division I opponent. The lower-tier conferences are listed below.

- Big Sky
- Big South
- Horizon
- MAAC
- Mid-Continent
- Southland

## **Women's Soccer - Regular Season**

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (i.e. an extra upper-tier game permits a team to play an extra lower-tier game).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

Teams are permitted to schedule no more than one game vs. a non-Division I opponent.

### **Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

### **Ball:**

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### **Field Markings:**

All NEC soccer fields must have colored soccer markings that are distinctive from any other field markings.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, e-mails, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Game Tape:**

It is recommended that the home team videotape all NEC contests. If the home team does so, it must provide a copy to the visiting team in a timely manner. If the home team does not plan to videotape a contest, it must notify the visiting team at least three days prior to the contest. Videotaping by the home team may be pending weather conditions.

### **Officials:**

The NEC will contract with Alex Ivahnenko of the ISOAB as its coordinator of soccer officials. All conference games and non-conference home games will be assigned by the NEC's coordinator.

### **Officiating Fees:**

Officiating fees for women's soccer are as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Referee	\$220	\$220	\$230
Asst. referees	\$130	\$130	\$135
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Per Diem	\$45	\$50	\$55
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**Officiating Fees continued:**

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**Penalty Cards:**

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**Minimum Standards:**

All NEC programs must employ a full-time institutional employee on the coaching staff. A waiver process will be available to address special circumstances.

All programs must budget at least 75% of the NCAA maximum number of grants-in-aid through some combination of countable aid (athletics aid plus institutional aid) for soccer student-athletes.

**Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

**Awards:**

The following postseason honors will be awarded: \*

- Regular season champion
- "Fair Play" team sportsmanship award

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Defensive Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- 11 All-Conference First-Team (3 forwards, 3 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 wildcard, 1 goalkeeper)
- 11 All-Conference Second Team (3 forwards, 3 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 wildcard, 1 goalkeeper)

NOTE: The wildcard may be a midfielder or defender.

\* All head coaches vote for postseason awards. Coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coach are eligible to receive votes. Coaches may nominate a maximum of six players. Coaches will then vote from the list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Voting will be done by a ranking system. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher-placed votes. Coaches will vote for the top six forwards, top eight midfielders, top eight defenders and top two goalkeepers.

## **Women's Soccer - Championship**

### **Dates:**

Friday and Sunday, November 4 & 6, 2005.

### **Location:**

The tournament will be played on the campus of the No. 1 seeded team.

### **Format:**

The top four finishers in the Conference standings will advance to the Northeast Conference Soccer Championship.

### ***TIEBREAKER POLICY***

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the team with the best goal differential in Conference games will be seeded highest.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-5, the team scoring the most goals in Conference games will be seeded highest.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

## **Women's Soccer - Championship**

4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team with the best goal differential in Conference games will be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
7. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team scoring the most goals in Conference games will be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Schedule:**

*Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting* - Thursday, November 3

*Semifinal Games* - Friday, November 4

#4 Seed vs. #1 Seed

#3 Seed vs. #2 Seed

The second semifinal game will start thirty (30) minutes after completion of the first semifinal game.

*Championship Game* - Sunday, November 6

### **Tournament Roster:**

Coaches must submit their 22-player roster at the pre-tournament meeting. No substitution is permitted to the original 22-player roster, even if illness or injury occurs.

### **Balls:**

The NEC is responsible for providing game balls. The official tournament ball is the Brine QED 600.

### **Officials:**

The Conference coordinator is responsible for providing game officials to work the tournament, based upon past experience and evaluations made throughout the season. Input from coaches may be sought by the Conference prior to having officials assigned.

### **Rules:**

Rules are governed by the 2005 NCAA Soccer Championship Rules, except as altered by this policy or by any action of the Conference office representative.

## **Women's Soccer - Championship**

### **Rainout Policy:**

If the NEC Tournament cannot be completed due to extenuating circumstances, the following procedures will be used to determine which team represents the NEC in the NCAA tournament:

1. If play is completed through the semifinals, the highest remaining seed will represent the Conference.
2. If neither semifinals can be completed, the highest seed will represent the Conference.

### **Backup Facility:**

The tournament host must make a synthetic-turf field available within a 60-mile radius of the campus in order to serve as a backup field if the primary campus field is unplayable. All costs associated with the backup field are the responsibility of the host institution.

### **Travel Party:**

The travel party may consist of 30 people. The maximum number of players participating in warmups and sitting on the bench is 22.

### **Uniforms:**

The higher-seeded team will wear white uniforms, the lower-seeded team will wear dark uniforms.

### **Benches:**

The NEC shall designate the home bench which shall be used throughout the tournament. On its bench, each team is limited to players, coaches, trainers and managers. The NEC representative will monitor the bench areas. Non-roster players must sit in the stands.

### **Locker rooms:**

Locker rooms and shower facilities will be provided. Athletes should bring their own towels and locks.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The annual NEC Coaches' Meeting will be a teleconference. On this call, coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding women's soccer.

### **Awards:**

Presented at the conclusion of the Championship Game:

- Tournament MVP \*
- Championship team trophy
- Runner-up team trophy
- All-Tournament team#

\* As voted by a panel selected by the Conference representative.

# Comprised of between 6 and 11 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the Conference office.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

Each team will play each NEC opponent twice in a doubleheader. All Conference games must be scheduled no later than Monday, May 8, 2006. All dates are scheduled by the Conference office.

### **Minimum Financial Aid Standards:**

Effective with the 2005-06 academic year, all NEC institutions must award 75% of the NCAA's maximum grants-in-aid limit in the sport of softball, using any combination of countable aid (athletics aid plus institutional aid).

### **POSTPONEMENT & RE-SCHEDULING CHART**

**Guiding Principle** - The Conference and its member institutions should take all reasonable measures to see that the entire regular-season schedule of contests is completed.

**Use of Tarpaulin** - All NEC institutions must utilize a tarpaulin to protect the infield, pitcher's mound and home plate area against the effects of rain before, during and after games.

**Halted Game Rule** - All NEC softball teams will utilize the halted-game rule in all Conference games. This is spelled out in the 2005 edition of the Softball Rules. The decision to use the halted-game rule in non-conference games is up to each institution and its opponent.

**Qualification for NEC Tournament** - In order to qualify for the Conference tournament, a team must have completed a minimum of 80 percent of its regularly-scheduled Conference games. Winning percentage in Conference games will determine league standings.

**Postponing a Contest** - Only an administrator designated by the Athletic Director (i.e. SWA, Asst. AD, SID, etc.) from the host institution may postpone a contest before it begins due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field. The decision to postpone may not be made by a member of the host institution's coaching staff. Once a contest is underway, the decision to postpone may be made only by the umpires.

**Steps Taken Prior to Season by Conference Office** - The Conference office will compile and disseminate a list of softball game management primary and secondary contacts on each campus, including contact phone numbers. The Conference office will gather from the membership, each campuses' final exam schedule, reading day, last day of classes and graduation dates.

### **Re-scheduled Contests -**

1. The Conference office will step-in immediately following any postponed conference games past the Monday make-up, in order to assist communication amongst the schools with regard to re-scheduling dates/times. Some possible considerations for re-scheduling will include: 1.) putting games on the make-up weekend; 2.) trying to get games in on weekdays for schools in close proximity; 3.) possibly giving up a home game if the other teams' field is playable; and 4.) possibly offering hotel compensation to the team that may give up home game.
2. The starting time for ALL re-scheduled contests will be 1 p.m. It may be earlier or later if representatives from both institutions agree to the change.
3. Only an administrator from the host institution may postpone a re-scheduled contest due to inclement weather or an unsuitable playing field before it begins, and thereby release the visiting team to return home.

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4. If a re-scheduled game is postponed or unofficial when halted due to inclement weather, the two participating institutions will find a mutually-agreeable date to re-schedule play. If the two institutions cannot agree on a date, the Conference office shall determine the date of the re-scheduled game.
5. Re-scheduled contests must be played ONLY if they have a direct bearing on qualification to the NEC Tournament or determination of the No. 1 seed and/or tournament host. If a re-scheduled game has no bearing on qualification to the tournament, the Conference will not mandate that the game(s) be played.
6. Efforts will be made to avoid re-scheduling games during an institution's final exam period. However, play will occur during finals if all other options are exhausted and the game in question has a direct bearing on qualification to the Conference tournament or determination of the No. 1 seed and/or tournament host.
6. Doubleheaders shifted to Friday and Saturday to avoid playing on Easter Sunday are not required to play re-scheduled games on that Sunday. Teams must mutually agree on a later date.
7. Midweek doubleheaders that are not completed due to inclement weather will be re-scheduled or completed on a date mutually agreed upon by both institutions.

### **SATURDAY DOUBLEHEADER**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> game</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> game</u>	<u>Result</u>
Completed	Completed	Series over.
Completed	Unofficial	Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures.
Completed	Official, but not completed	Series over
Completed	Postponed	Play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.
Postponed	Postponed	Play doubleheader on Monday.
Unofficial	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.
Official, but not complete game	Postponed	Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.

### **SUNDAY DOUBLEHEADER**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> game</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> game</u>	<u>Result</u>
Completed	Completed	Series over.
Completed	Unofficial	*Complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures.
Completed	Official, but not completed	Series over.
Completed	Postponed	*Play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.
Postponed	Postponed	*Play doubleheader on Monday.
Unofficial	Postponed	*Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.
Official, but not complete	Postponed	*Complete 1 <sup>st</sup> game on Monday using halted game procedures; play 2 <sup>nd</sup> game on Monday.

\* If there are no games to be re-scheduled or completed on Monday from Saturday's schedule. If Saturday games do need to be re-scheduled or completed on Monday, games postponed or halted on Sunday will be re-scheduled or completed on a date to be mutually agreed upon by both institutions in consultation with the Conference office.

### **Notification of Postponements:**

Every effort should be made to notify visiting teams in advance if a contest is to be postponed, delayed or canceled. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to allow ample time for travel to an away game, and notify the home team of a travel delay.

### **Field Dimensions:**

All fields used for Conference softball contests must comply with NCAA minimum regulations, as listed in the NCAA Softball Rules book. Insuring this compliance is the responsibility of the host institution.

### **Field Preparation:**

Each Conference institution sponsoring softball must utilize a tarpaulin to protect the infield, mound and home plate areas from rain. Additionally, a grounds crew (which can be made up of student-athletes) must be present to position and remove the tarp.

### **Rules:**

The 2006 NCAA Softball Rules Book will be followed. The eight-run rule and international tie-break rule, as described in the NCAA Rule Book, will be utilized in all regular-season Conference games.

### **Official Scorer:**

Home team must provide a scorer's table to accommodate both the home and visiting teams books. The official book, which is the home book, must be kept at this table.

### **Starting Times:**

All weekday Conference games, aside from those at Robert Morris and St. Francis (PA), must start no later than 2:30 p.m. prior to Daylight Savings Time. All Saturday games must start at 1:00 p.m. and all Sunday games must start at 12:00 p.m., unless both teams mutually agree to alternate times.

### **Ball:**

The Worth NCAA softball is the official ball of the Northeast Conference and should be used in all Conference games. Any problems with the Wilson ball should be reported to the Conference office and local Wilson representative.

### **Non-conference scheduling requirements:**

Northeast Conference institutions must comply with the following non-conference softball scheduling requirements:

1. Teams must schedule a minimum of four games vs. teams representing the upper-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - ACC
  - Big East
  - Big Ten
  - Big 12
  - Big West
  - Conference USA
  - Mountain West
  - Pacific 10
  - SEC
  - Sun Belt
2. Teams must schedule a minimum of four games vs. teams representing the middle-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Those conferences are listed below.
  - America East
  - Atlantic Sun
  - Atlantic 10
  - Colonial
  - Horizon
  - Ivy
  - Mid-American
  - Mid-Continent
  - Missouri Valley
  - Pacific Coast Softball
  - Southern
  - Southland
  - WAC

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3. Teams may schedule a maximum of eight games vs. teams representing the lower-tier conferences of the NCAA, based upon the most recent RPI rankings. Conferences representing the lower-tier are listed below.
- Big South
  - MAAC
  - MEAC
  - OVC
  - Patriot
  - SWAC

Teams may schedule a maximum of two non-Division I games.

Additional games may be played vs. lower-tier opponents in the same number as additional games played vs. upper-tier opponents (i.e. an extra upper-tier game permits a team to play an extra lower-tier game).

Independent Division I programs are considered lower-tier opponents. Opponents played on a Spring trip, or in the second or third round of regular-season tournaments, are not charged against lower-tier requirements. They may be used to help meet middle or upper-tier requirements.

### **Penalties for Non-Compliance of Requirements:**

Institutions whose programs do not comply with the non-conference scheduling requirements shall remain eligible to compete in the Conference tournament. However, a committee consisting of the Commissioner and two uninvolved Athletic Directors appointed by the Commissioner shall apply any appropriate penalties to the institution in non-compliance. The range of penalties may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, denial of Commissioner's Cup points in the affected sport, declaring the head coach ineligible for Coach of the Year honors, and a monetary fine assessed to the institution.

### **Umpires:**

The host institution is responsible for obtaining certified umpires from its local assigning agency. Two umpires must be used in Conference games.

It is strongly recommended that any umpire assigned to NEC softball work no more than two home Conference series in any season.

### **Protest Procedure:**

No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire. Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until the umpires leave the field to voice its protest intentions. All protests must be made to the plate umpire.

The umpiring crew shall seek input from one coach of each team and try to settle the dispute on site in a professional, non-confrontational manner using a rules book. If the offended team chooses to continue to the protest, the decision to uphold or deny the protest is ultimately made by the secretary-rules editor of the NCAA rules committee. If the protest is upheld, the Conference office shall decide whether to continue the game at the point of the protest or declare "no contest."

Decisions on a protest involving non-conference teams shall be resolved by the secretary-rules editor of the NCAA rules committee.

For complete information regarding protests, the NCAA softball rules book should be consulted under rule 7, section 2.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Forfeits:**

The Conference standings will be determined by winning percentage. Any forfeits will be determined by the Commissioner.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

The NEC will arrange a conference call conducted with all head coaches in order that they may have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding softball.

### **NCAA Regional Committees:**

All NEC institutions are mandated to send in the information form to the NCAA regional committee on the required dates.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week, Pitcher of the Week and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Awards:**

The following postseason awards will be presented:

- Regular season champion

*To be selected by head coaches: \**

- Player of the Year
- Pitcher of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- All-NEC first team (12 players - 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, 3 OF's, C, DH, utility player and two Pitchers)
- All-NEC second team (12 players - 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, 3 OF's, C, DH, utility player and two Pitchers)

\* Coaches will nominate players from their own team; only players nominated by their coach are eligible to receive votes. Coaches may nominate one player for each position, two pitchers, a Pitcher of the Year, Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. (The Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year must be included among the coaches all-conference nominations; Player of the Year stats should only include all non-pitching statistics). Overall and conference stats (including defensive statistics) must be available for all nominated players. Coaches will then vote for the all-conference team from a list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Voting will be done by ranking the top six outfielders, top four pitchers and top three at all other positions. The utility player must have appeared in 75% of the teams games and played a significant amount at more than one position. Nominations and ballots must be signed by the head coach and Senior Woman Administrator.

Nomination forms are due in the conference office the Monday following the final weekend of conference action. Ballots will be faxed to coaches on Tuesday by 12:00 noon. The completed ballots are due back in the conference office by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

## **Softball - Championship**

### **Dates:**

The 2006 NEC softball championship will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13 on the campus of the No. 1 seeded team.

### **Participants:**

The top four teams at the end of the NEC regular season, based on Conference winning percentage, will advance to the postseason championship.

### **Format:**

A double-elimination format will be used unless altered because of weather by the Conference office representative at the site of the Championship. Four games will be played the first day, and two or three games will be played the second day.

### **Seeding:**

Seeding will be based upon final regular-season standings. In the first round, the #1 seed will play the #4 seed, and the #2 seed will play the #3 seed.

### **Rules:**

The Championship shall be governed by the 2006 NCAA Rules Book, unless otherwise stated in this policy or in the event the Conference office makes any changes, additions, or deletions as it deems necessary before, during or after the Championship. There will be no use of the international tiebreaker rule in NEC tournament games.

### **Home Team:**

The home team is the higher-seeded team prior to the first round. If teams have met once previously in the Championship, then the home team from the first meeting is automatically declared the visiting team in the second meeting. If teams meet a third time during the Championship, the higher-seeded team will be the home team.

### ***TIEBREAKER POLICY***

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, the team allowing the fewest runs in Conference games shall be seeded highest.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-5, the team with the best run differential in Conference games (with a maximum count of five runs per game) shall be seeded highest.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

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2. If no single team has a superior winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the any other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the three-way tiebreaker.
3. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
4. If all winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team allowing the fewest runs in Conference games shall be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
7. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, the team with the best run differential in Conference games (with a maximum count of five runs per game) shall be seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

### **Protests:**

All game protests will be handled by the Umpire-in-Chief, in consultation with the home plate umpire and tournament umpire crew. Other tournament-related protests will be handled by the Conference office representative. If a game ends in a protestable situation, the offended team has until the umpires leave the field to declare its wish to protest.

### **Roster, Travel Party:**

Each team is permitted 20 eligible players in uniform. The official travel party will consist of 28 persons. Only those listed on the travel party are permitted in the dugout/bench area. The NEC representative shall monitor the bench areas.

### **Ball:**

The Worth NCAA softball will be the official ball for the tournament. Two new game balls will be provided to each head coach as early as possible prior to each game for pitching warmups. The Conference office will arrange for tournament balls to be delivered to the site.

### **Rainout Policy:**

Sunday, May 14, will be utilized as a make-up date if rain postpones any portion of the Championship on Friday and/or Saturday. All scheduling decisions will be determined by the Conference office representative.

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If all games are completed on Friday but are rained out on Saturday and Sunday OR if games are rained out on Friday and Sunday but all first-day games were completed on Saturday, then the highest remaining seed will be declared the Champion. If play begins on Friday, but is interrupted by rain and all of the first-day games cannot be completed on Saturday and/or Sunday, then no first-day game results will be considered and the #1 seed will be declared the Northeast Conference Champion.

### **Length of Games:**

Excluding "8-run rule" situations, all games shall be seven (7) innings. If play is stopped before a seven inning game has been completed (i.e. games suspended by rain or darkness) it shall be resumed at the point of interruption unless otherwise determined by the Conference office representative.

### **Umpires:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning umpires. All costs associated with umpires are the responsibility of the Conference.

At least one umpire from each of the three regions (NY/NJ, CT, PA/MD) shall be assigned to work at the tournament. The NEC shall also hire a local assignor, or his/her designee, to serve as umpire-in-chief.

### **Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting on Thursday, May 11 to cover the particulars of the event. Coaches will present their 20-player roster at that time. There are no substitutions to this list once the tournament begins.

### **Annual NEC Softball Coaches' Meeting:**

The Conference office will arrange a telephone conference call for all NEC softball coaches after the Championship in order to provide coaches with the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding softball.

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony shortly after the completion of the final game. Awards to be presented include:

- Individual award for the Tournament Most Valuable Player \*
- First-place team trophy for the championship team.
- Second-place trophy
- All-Tournament team#

\*As voted by a panel selected by the Conference office representative.

# Comprised of between 5 and 9 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the conference office.

## **Women's Swimming & Diving Championship**

### **Dates, Location:**

The 2006 women's swimming & diving championship will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 16-18 at the Prince George's County Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, MD.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Mount St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner and associate members Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Georgetown, Georgia Southern, Howard, North Carolina A&T, Radford and Virginia Military Institute.

*Men's Invitational Participants* - St. Francis (NY), Georgetown, Howard and Virginia Military Institute.

### **Schedule:**

A pre-championship coaches' meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15 (exact time and location TBA). An event schedule, with times, will be distributed to all coaches prior to the meet. Any necessary schedule changes will be determined by the Conference office representative, in conjunction with the meet officials. Preliminary events will begin at 10:00 a.m. each day, with finals starting at 6:00 p.m.

### **Scoring Format:**

Scoring will follow 2006 NCAA championship rules.

Individual events will be scored as follows: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay events will be scored as follows: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

### **Entries:**

Entries must be received within the Conference office by Wednesday, February 8, 2006. All teams must have hy-tek compatible team or meet manager software. Entries for the NEC championships must be submitted via hy-tek software (disk or e-mail attachment and hard copy). The original disk or e-mail attachment and hard copy should be submitted, and a copy kept for each team's records.

Each team may enter a maximum of 18 competitors in the meet. Divers count as 1/3 of a competitor. A competitor may swim in a maximum of seven events, of which no more than three may be individual events. Swimmers competing in relay-only events must be listed on entry forms.

NOTE: Exhibition swimmers are permitted. Exhibition swimmers must be declared at the latest, by the beginning of the coaches meeting. They are defined as participants beyond the squad limit of 18. They are not eligible to score points in the meet.

### **Inaccurate entries, missed deadlines:**

Institutions whose coaches submit incorrect entry times, miss appointed deadlines or leave athletes off the entry list (and subsequently demand their participation) will receive a Letter of Reprimand from the Commissioner to the head coach, with copies sent to the Athletic Director and SWA.

### **Rules:**

The meet will be governed by the 2005-06 NCAA Swimming Rules book. The Conference office representative, in conjunction with the head referee, will make any necessary final rulings.

### **Team Seating:**

Team seating will be based upon the order of finish in the previous year's championship. New institutions will be seated last.

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### **Scratch Box:**

The scratch box will be located at the computer operator's table. Names of relay competitors must be presented to the computer operator before each relay is contested.

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning qualified officials to operate the meet. All expenses connected with officials are the responsibility of the Conference office. Coaches may be used to complete the judging panel for diving.

### **Locker room, Shower facilities:**

Locker rooms and showers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Teams are advised to bring their own locks and towels.

### **Coaches' Teleconference:**

The annual meeting of the women's swimming coaches will be conducted via teleconference call shortly after the championship meet. At that meeting, coaches may make recommendations to the NEC swimming administrators regarding swimming issues.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Swimmer of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Awards:**

Awards will be presented shortly after the conclusion of the finals in each event. All finalists are required to wear their team warmups to the awards stand for the presentation. Gold, silver and bronze medallions will be given to the top three finalists in each individual event and to the top three relay teams.

At the conclusion of the meet, a team trophy will be awarded to the championship team, as well as a second place trophy. Individual awards will be presented to the following:

- Outstanding Swimmer #
- Outstanding Diver #
- Rookie of the Meet #
- Coach of the Year \*
- All-Conference Awards (certificates) to top three finishers, top two relay teams in each event.

# To be awarded by the following point system - total points scored in the meet; three points for an NEC record; four points for becoming an NCAA B qualifier; and five points for becoming an NCAA A qualifier.

\* As voted upon by coaches in attendance at the meet.

### **Listing of Events:**

The Conference championship shall consist of the following events:

#### **Individual**

50-yard freestyle  
100-yard freestyle  
200-yard freestyle  
500- yard freestyle  
1650- yard freestyle  
100-yard breaststroke  
200- yard breaststroke  
100-yard butterfly  
200-yard butterfly  
100-yard backstroke  
200-yard backstroke  
200-yard individual medley  
400-yard individual medley  
1-meter dive  
3-meter dive

#### **Relays**

200-yard freestyle relay  
400-yard freestyle relay  
800-yard freestyle relay  
200-yard medley relay  
400-yard medley relay

## ***Men's & Women's Tennis - Regular Season***

### **Participants:**

Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island (women's team only), Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA) , Wagner.

### **Rules:**

All Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rules will be followed for regular-season Conference matches, as modified by the NEC Policy Manual.

### **Coaching:**

Coaching is permitted as long as it does not interfere with play.

### **Tennis Balls:**

The host institution is responsible for providing balls used during the match.

### **Officials:**

Officials for NEC tennis matches are not mandatory. They may be assigned at the discretion of the host institution.

### **Scheduling Policies:**

All NEC tennis teams are obligated to schedule matches with three different NEC opponents prior to the Conference championship. These matches should take place at least 10 days prior to the start of the championship, in order to be considered during the seeding process for the tournament.

NOTE: All host institutions are encouraged to make prior arrangements for indoor courts as a backup measure in the event a match vs. an NEC opponent is subject to inclement weather.

### **Score Reporting:**

All head coaches are required to supply the ITA website ([www.itatennis.com](http://www.itatennis.com)) and [collegetennisonline.com](http://collegetennisonline.com) with complete results of every match during the season within 72 hours of a match's completion.

### **Stat Crew:**

Institutions are required to use Stat Crew software to record all results during the tennis season.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release. The first such award in March shall encompass the entire month of February.

## ***Men's & Women's Tennis - Championship***

### **Dates, Location:**

The 2006 men's and women's tennis championships will be held on April 21-22 at a site TBA. April 23 shall be held as a rain date. The intended location is the Mercer County Tennis Center in New Jersey.

### **Participants:**

Women's tournament - Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

Men's tournament - Fairleigh Dickinson, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

Pre-Tournament coaches meeting - Thursday, April 20 at 9:00 pm. Site is TBA.

The matches will begin at 9:00 a.m. following the mandatory competitors' meeting. Pairings, seedings and match schedules will appear in the information faxed to coaches prior to the championship and made available at the site. Any necessary schedule changes will be determined by the Conference office representative, in conjunction with the head referee.

Matches shall be scheduled with two-hour rest intervals and may not begin sooner than the scheduled time. The NEC representative, in conjunction with the head referee, reserves the right to alter this policy depending upon inclement weather, darkness, etc.

### ***FORMAT***

**Men's tournament** - The tournament will be a team-flighted championship, based on the same scoring method used in the NCAA Tournament. Teams will be seeded from 1 to 9. A bracket will be circulated in advance of the tournament and posted at the scorer's table. Each team will be guaranteed at least two matches at the NEC championship tournament.

Matches will consist of a best-of-seven format, with the six singles matches each representing one point, and three pro-set doubles matches being played for one point. The matches will be regulation dual matches (three eight-game pro-set doubles played for one team point, followed by six singles matches, each valued at one point, played best-of-three sets.) Regular scoring will be used and a 12-point tiebreaker will be played at eight games all in doubles and at six games all in singles.

Matches are considered terminated, and play will cease immediately, upon one team a) winning two sets in doubles, and b) acquiring four points to win the overall match. All consolation bracket matches will utilize the third set super tiebreaker.

**Women's tournament** - The tournament will be a team-flighted championship, based on the same scoring method used in the NCAA Tournament. Teams will be seeded from 1 to 10. A bracket will be circulated in advance of the tournament and posted at the scorer's table. Each team will be guaranteed at least two matches at the NEC championship tournament.

Matches will consist of a best-of-seven format, with the six singles matches each representing one point, and three pro-set doubles matches being played for one point. The matches will be regulation dual matches (three eight-game pro-set doubles played for one team point, followed by six singles matches, each valued at one point, played best-of-three sets.) Regular scoring will be used and a 12-point tiebreaker will be played at eight games all in doubles and at six games all in singles.

Matches are considered terminated, and play will cease immediately, upon one team a) winning two sets in doubles, and b) acquiring four points to win the overall match. All consolation bracket matches will utilize the third set super tiebreaker.

### **Entries:**

Each team will enter a player for each of the six singles and the three doubles matches. A form, featuring space for eight players, will be circulated from the Conference office and distributed to the coaches for completion. Coaches must submit their team lineups on the form at least five (5) days prior to the start of the tournament. Any subsequent changes in a team's lineup must be approved by the head USTA official.

### **Rules:**

The men's and women's tennis tournaments will be governed by the 2005-06 ITA rules and USTA regulations, except as modified by the NEC Policy Manual. The Conference office representative, in conjunction with the head referee, will make any necessary final rulings.

### **Seeding:**

A ballot of head coaches to seed teams for the NEC Tournament will be conducted by the league office five days prior to the start of the tournament. The results of the ballot will be reviewed and considered by the NEC tennis committee and the Conference office prior to final seeding.

The NEC tennis committee, in conjunction with the Conference office, will seed the teams for the tournament bracket, based upon the balloting of the coaches, and such factors as overall record, records vs. other NEC opponents, results vs. common opponents, strength of schedule and other factors.

Teams must compete in at least three matches vs. other Northeast Conference opponents during the season in order to be seeded among the top four teams.

### **Check-In, Reporting Procedures:**

Players must check in to the scorer's table at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the match to receive their court assignment and pick up tennis balls. The winner of the match should report the score and turn in the balls to the scorer's table. Tournament brackets will be made available to all participants and coaches.

### **Playing courts:**

A minimum of 14 outdoor courts will be available at all times, and more may be provided by the facility. Indoor courts may be made available during inclement weather or darkness. Flip-up scoring cards may be provided at each court.

### **Tennis Balls:**

The Prince championship ball will be the official ball for the tournament. Tennis balls will be provided by the Conference office. A new can of balls will be provided at the scorer's table at the beginning of each match, and at the beginning of every third set.

### **Warm-up Period:**

Players will be allowed a five-minute warm-up period on the court. Officials will monitor this at each court.

### **Officials:**

A minimum of three roving USTA certified officials and one head official will monitor the matches throughout the tournament. Players will call the lines in their matches, and should request an official only in the event of a dispute that cannot be settled. The Conference office is responsible for the assigning and reimbursement of officials.

## **Men's & Women's Tennis - Championship**

### **Sportsmanship Warning:**

Incidents of poor sportsmanship, such as racket-throwing, use of loud profanity, and blatant lack of respect for opposing coaches, players and officials will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to the USTA penalty structure, which includes loss of point, loss of set and loss of match.

Officials shall be instructed to notify the Conference representative of such behavior on the part of coaches and players, and the Conference representative may elect to add additional sanctions.

### **Coaching:**

Coaching is permitted as long as it does not interfere with play.

### **Uniform attire:**

Appropriate tennis attire must be worn by all participants. Only shirts, hats and warm-up gear bearing the institution's name or logo, or the NEC logo, will be permitted in the tournament. All NCAA regulations regarding manufacturers' logos will be observed.

### **Coaches' Conference Call:**

The annual meeting of the tennis coaches will be conducted via a teleconference call shortly after the tournament. At that meeting, coaches may make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators Committee regarding tennis issues. Both men's and women's tennis will be regarded as one sport for these recommendations.

### **Training Staff:**

The designated host institution will make arrangements to provide a certified trainer and all necessary support to insure the safety and well-being of the competitors.

### **Awards:**

The following postseason awards will be presented:

- First & Second team all-conference singles - Flights 1-6
- First & Second team all-conference doubles - Flights 1-3
- Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year

The week after the conclusion of the NEC Tournament, head coaches will nominate qualified players for each singles and doubles flight, as well as a Player and Rookie of the Year. Nominations must include overall record, NEC record, the player's two best wins and the results of each match against Conference opponents. The NEC office will then send out each school's nomination form, along with a ballot, to head coaches, who will then rank players and teams in each flight and vote for Coach of the Year. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher placed votes.

## **Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field**

### **Dates:**

The indoor track championships will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 11-12, 2006 at the Prince George's County Sports Complex in Landover, MD.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Rules:**

The 2005-06 NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed and the NCAA meet management handbook regarding formation of heats, advancement procedures, lane assignments, etc., will be followed at all times, except as amended by this policy, the meet handbook or by any additions, deletions, changes or interpretations of the Conference office representative before, during and/or after the Championships.

### **Meet Administrators:**

The Conference shall appoint a Meet Administrator who will have the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the meet, including officials, timers and facility logistics. The Meet Director will be a representative of the host institution, coordinating volunteers, posting of results, etc. The Conference representative will see that NEC guidelines are followed concerning operation of the meet, and will serve as a liaison with coaches and administrators.

### **P.A. Announcer:**

The Conference office will supply a P.A. announcer to announce the top eight finishers in each event and provide continuous updates on all team scores.

### **Events to be Conducted:**

The NEC Men's and Women's Championships will be run in conjunction with each other.

The following events will be conducted:

<u>Men's Track</u>	<u>Men's Field</u>	<u>Women's Track</u>	<u>Women's Field</u>
60 Meter Hurdles	* Long Jump	60 Meter Hurdles	* Long Jump
60 Meter Dash	* Triple Jump	60 Meter Dash	* Triple Jump
200 Meters	High Jump	200 Meters	High Jump
400 Meters	* Shot Put	400 Meters	* Shot Put
500 Meters	Pole Vault	500 Meters	Pole Vault
800 Meters	* 35-lb. Weight	800 Meters	* 20-lb. Weight
Mile		Mile	
3,000 Meters		3,000 Meters	
5,000 Meters		5,000 Meters	
4 x 400 Relay		4 x 400 Relay	
Distance Medley Relay		Distance Medley Relay	

\* These events shall be super-seeded based on the performance list, with the top athletes performing in the last flight.

### **60m/60m Hurdles:**

If 29 or more participants enter the 60-meter dash and/or 60-meter hurdles, there will be trials, semis and finals. Nine runners will advance to a two-section final. The fastest section will run second.

The best 55-meter dash or hurdles time may be allowed for entries for seeding purposes in the 60-meter dash or hurdles.

NOTE: Only fully-automated timing device times will be accepted for 60-meter dash/hurdle qualifying times.

## **Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field**

### **200:**

Nine runners advance to a two-section final. The fastest section will run last. NOTE: Only fully-automated timing device times will be accepted for 200-meter dash qualifying times.

### **400/500:**

Eight runners will advance to a two-section final. The fastest section will run second.

### **Advancement Procedures, 200, 400 and 500-meter runs:**

The following advancement procedures shall be used in the 200-meter, 400-meter and 500-meter runs.

In the 200 meters with 25 competitors or less (five heats or less), advancement will be based upon heat winners plus times. With more than 25 competitors (six or more heats), advancement will be based upon time only.

In the 400 and 500-meter runs with 30 or fewer competitors (five heats or less), advancement will be based upon heat winners plus times. With more than 30 competitors (six or more heats), advancement will be based upon time only.

### **High Jump Minimums:**

The opening height for the women's high jump will be five feet. The opening height for the men's high jump will be six feet. NOTE: Opening heights may be adjusted based on previous year's results.

### **Pole Vault Minimums:**

The opening height for the women's pole vault will be 8 feet 5 inches. The opening height for the men's pole vault will be 12 feet. NOTE: Opening heights may be adjusted based on previous year's results.

### **4x400 Relay:**

If 11 teams enter, there will be three-section final. The three slowest teams will run in the first section, the next four in the second section, and the four fastest in the third section.

### **5,000:**

The seeding committee shall have the discretion to determine the number of heats in the 5,000 meter run, based upon number of entries and upon a natural break. A minimum of 12 runners will compete in the seeded section.

### **Minimum Squad Size:**

Each institution is required to have a minimum of 14 athletes compete in the meet. Teams are limited to four entrants per event, unless all entrants meet the eighth-place scoring standards. If this occurs, teams may then enter a maximum of six entrants. Schools may apply to the conference office for a waiver on the 14-athlete minimum if the meet conflicts with commencement, or there are any other extenuating circumstances.

### **Entry Procedures:**

1. All rosters, entries and declarations must be submitted via the *Direct Athletics* website ([www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com)). A hard copy of each item should be printed off the website, signed and faxed to the Conference office by the respective deadline.
2. Rosters must be submitted by Monday, January 23, 2006. Rosters should include any athlete who could likely represent the institution at the meet. Rosters will be included in the meet program and are needed for the purposes of supplying sufficient numbers of participant gifts.

3. The NEC will provide coaches with a Top 15 list by 12 noon on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 in advance of entries being filed on the website. Coaches must turn in their final Top 15 report by Monday, February 6 by 10:00 a.m. Athletes who have a mark good enough to be on the Top 15 list, but who have not been included on the list previously, will be given an NT for seeding purposes.
4. Official entries must be submitted by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2006. All individuals who may compete must be listed (even those who may only run a relay) so that competitors' numbers may be issued. Only entries entered via the *Direct Athletics* website will be accepted.
5. Institutions may enter as many as six athletes in any event, but are limited to four if they do not meet the 5th and 6th qualifying standard. The meet referee will select the slowest individual and/or randomly select an athlete if no times are listed, as a penalty for entering more than the maximum number of entrants.
6. The  $(3X + Y) / 4$  formula shall be used to determine 5th and 6th qualifying times.
7. Actual performances should be listed for all running and field events as they were originally recorded. All conversions will be made once entries have been submitted to the *Direct Athletics* website.
8. Documentation of all meet results should be brought to the seeding meeting to answer any challenges.
9. Field event athletes must be entered with seed marks. All field event marks must be entered in METRIC. There will be weigh-ins and inspections for the throwing events.
10. Heat sheets will be distributed at the pre-meet coaches' meeting.
11. Institutions whose coaches submit incorrect entry times, miss appointed deadlines or leave athletes off the entry list (and subsequently demand their participation) will receive a Letter of Reprimand from the Commissioner to the head coach, with copies sent to the Athletic Director and SWA.

**Scoring:**

The top eight finishers in each event will score team points. The point system is as follows:

- First Place = 10 points
- Second Place = 8 points
- Third Place = 6 points
- Fourth Place = 5 points
- Fifth Place = 4 points
- Sixth Place = 3 point
- Seventh Place = 2 points
- Eighth Place = 1 point

**Uniforms:**

Particular attention will be given to the Uniform Section of the rules book. Each competitor must wear an official team uniform. Clothing worn in addition must be worn under the uniform. Throwers may wear school-issued T-shirts

## **Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field**

### **Spikes:**

Spike length/type will depend on facility policies.

### **Locker rooms/Showers:**

Locker rooms will be available for the athletes to change and/or shower. It is recommended that athletes bring their own locks and towels.

### **Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a Pre-Championship Coaches' meeting on Friday, February 10, 2006, to cover the final particulars of the event. At this Pre-Championship coaches' meeting, scratches will only be permitted with the understanding that the scratched participant will then be precluded from any further participation in the NEC Championship.

### **Post-Championship Conference Call:**

The coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the NEC Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding indoor track & field during a teleconference shortly after the championship.

### **Awards Program:**

An all-conference release shall be issued one week after the championship meet. Additionally, throughout the season a track athlete, field athlete and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony immediately following the completion of the track events and the completion of the full meet. Awards will be given as follows:

- Gold NEC medals for the first place finishers in each men's & women's event ^
- Silver NEC medals for the second place finishers in each men's & women's event ^
- Bronze NEC medals for the third place finishers in each men's & women's event
- Outstanding Track Performer in both the Women's and Men's Championship \*
- Outstanding Field Performer in both the Women's and Men's Championship \*
- Rookie of the Meet in both the men's and women's championship \*
- Most Valuable Performer in both the Men's & Women's Championship \*
- Men's Coach of the Year; Women's Coach of the Year #
- First-place trophy for the team with the highest point total in the Women's Championship
- First-place trophy for the team with the highest point total in the Men's Championship
- Second-place trophies to men's & women's teams

^ Gold medal recipients shall also be recognized as first team All-Conference honorees. Silver medal recipients shall also be recognized as second team All-Conference honorees.

\* To be awarded based upon the following point system - total points scored in the meet; -- points for an NEC record; -- points for an NCAA qualifier; -- points for an ECAC/IC4A qualifier; and 1/4 points scored in the meet for -- relay scoring.

# Coaches will vote for coach of the year at the conclusion of the meet.

## ***Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field***

### **Dates:**

The outdoor track championships will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7, 2006 on the campus of Mount St. Mary's.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Top 15 Lists:**

Use of hand times must be noted on all Top 15 lists compiled by the Conference office. Similarly, all wind-aided times and jumps must be noted when available.

### **Rules:**

The 2005-06 NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed and NCAA meet management guidelines regarding formation of heats, advancement procedures, lane assignments, etc., will be followed at all times except as amended by this policy or by any additions, deletions, changes or interpretations of the Conference office representative before, during and/or after the Championships.

### **Meet Administrators:**

The Conference shall appoint a Meet Administrator who will have the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the meet, including officials, timers and facility logistics. The Meet Director will be a representative of the host institution, coordinating volunteers, posting of results, etc. The Conference representative will see that NEC guidelines are followed concerning operation of the meet, and will serve as a liaison with coaches and administrators.

### **P.A. Announcer:**

The Conference office will supply a P.A. announcer to announce the top eight finishers in each event and provide continuous updates on all team scores.

### **Events to be Conducted:**

The NEC Men's and Women's Championships will be run in conjunction with each other.

The following events will be conducted:

<u>Men's Track</u>	<u>Men's Field</u>	<u>Women's Track</u>	<u>Women's Field</u>
100 Meters	Long Jump	100 Meters	Long Jump
200 Meters	Triple Jump	200 Meters	Triple Jump
400 Meters	High Jump	400 Meters	High Jump
800 Meters	Shot Put	800 Meters	Shot Put
1,500 Meters	Discus	1,500 Meters	Discus
3,000 Steeple	Javelin	3,000 Meters	Javelin
5,000 Meters	Hammer	3,000 Steeple	Hammer
10,000 Meters	Pole Vault	5,000 Meters	Pole Vault
110 Meter Hurdles		10,000 Meters	
400 Meter Hurdles		100 Meter Hurdles	
4 x 100 Relay		400 Meter Hurdles	
4 x 400 Relay		4 x 100 Relay	
4 x 800 Relay		4 x 400 Relay	
		4 x 800 Relay	

### **4x100 Relay:**

Teams for this event will be seeded into preferred lanes.

## **Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field**

### **Schedule of Events:**

A detailed schedule of events will be included in the NEC Championship Handbook.

### **14-Athlete Minimum:**

Each institution is required to have a minimum of 14 athletes compete in the meet. Schools may apply to the Conference office for a waiver on the 14-athlete minimum if meet conflicts with commencement, or for some other extenuating reason.

### **Indoor Performances:**

Indoor performances may NOT be used as seed times for the outdoor championship.

### **Entry Procedures:**

1. All rosters, entries and declarations must be submitted via the *Direct Athletics* website ([www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com)). A hard copy of each item should be printed off the website, signed and faxed to the Conference office by the respective deadline.
2. Rosters must be submitted by Monday, April 10, 2006. Rosters should include any athlete who could likely represent the institution at the meet. Rosters will be included in the meet program and are needed for the purposes of supplying sufficient numbers of participant gifts.
3. The NEC will provide coaches with a Top 15 list by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 in advance of entries being filed on the website. Coaches must turn in their final Top 15 reports by Monday, April 24 by 10:00 a.m. Athletes who have a mark good enough to be on the Top 15 list, but who have not been included on the list previously, will be given an NT for seeding purposes.
4. Official entries must be submitted by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. All individuals who may compete must be listed (even those who may only run a relay) so that competitors' numbers may be issued. Only entries entered via the *Direct Athletics* website will be accepted.
5. Institutions may enter as many as six athletes in any event. The meet referee will select the slowest individual and/or randomly select an athlete if no times are listed, as a penalty for entering more than the maximum number of entrants.
6. Actual performances should be listed for all running and field events as they were originally recorded. All conversions will be made once entries have been submitted to the *Direct Athletics* website.
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**Uniforms:**

Particular attention will be given to the Uniform Section of the rules book. Each competitor must wear an official team uniform. Clothing worn in addition must be worn under the uniform. Throwers may wear school issued T-shirts.

**Spikes:**

Spikes longer than 1/4 inch are not permitted.

**Locker rooms>Showers:**

Locker rooms will be available for the athletes to change and/or shower. Teams should bring their own towels and locks.

**Quiet Study Area:**

Each host institution is recommended to designate a quiet study room or area in a building close to the outdoor track and field facility for student-athletes during both days of the outdoor championship.

**Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a Pre-Championship Coaches' meeting on Friday, May 5, to cover the final particulars of the event.

At this Pre-Championship Coaches' Meeting, each participating institution will be permitted to make scratches with the understanding that the scratched participant will then be precluded from any participation in the NEC Champions

**Awards Program:**

An all-conference release shall be issued one week after the championship meet. Additionally, throughout the season a track athlete, field athlete and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

## **Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field**

### **Awards:**

There will be a brief awards ceremony immediately following the completion of the track events and the completion of the full meet. Awards will be given as follows:

- Gold NEC medals for the first place finishers in each men's & women's event ^
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- Outstanding Track Performer in both the Women's and Men's Championship \*
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- Rookie of the Meet in both the Women's and Men's Championship \*
- Most Valuable Performer in both the Men's & Women's Championship \*
- Men's Coach of the Year; Women's Coach of the Year. #
- First-place trophy for the team with the highest point total in the Women's Championship
- First-place trophy for the team with the highest point total in the Men's Championship
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\* To be awarded based upon the following point system - total points scored in the meet; -- points for an NEC record; -- points for an NCAA qualifier; -- points for an ECAC/IC4A qualifier; and 1/4 points scored in the meet for -- relay scoring.

# Coaches will vote for coach of the year at the conclusion of the meet.

### **Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson , Long Island, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Schedule:**

Each team will play a single round-robin Conference schedule. All league matches must be scheduled no later than Monday, November 14, 2005.

### **Ball Crews:**

The host institution is required to provide a ball crew (at least two persons) for each Conference match. The crew must be ready to work when the official game clock is at the 20:00-minute mark.

### **Rules:**

The 2005 NCAA Volleyball Rules will be followed. The substitution rule will be the same one used during the NCAA championship.

### **Ball:**

The Molten IV58L-N Super Touch NCAA blue/silver/white volleyball will be the designated ball for all NEC contests.

### **Minimum Financial Aid Standards:**

Effective with the 2005-06 academic year, all NEC institutions must award 75% of the NCAA's maximum grants-in-aid limit in the sport of volleyball, using any combination of countable aid (athletics aid plus institutional aid).

### **Non-conference scheduling:**

All NEC volleyball teams must schedule a minimum of two matches vs. teams ranked among the top 150 teams of the two most recent RPI rankings issued by the NCAA. The ratings will be distributed annually to member institutions in February or March by the Conference office.

### **Officials:**

The host institution is responsible for obtaining certified officials from its local assigning agency. It is also the host's responsibility to obtain officials for tri-matches. The host must provide quality line judges with proper training for all Conference matches.

### **Videotape Exchange Policy:**

Each institution is permitted to request two match videotapes from all NEC opponents. The recipient of the request must provide at least one of the two requested tapes. At least seven (7) days notice must be provided prior to the match by the institution requesting the tape. Requested tapes must be received within five (5) days of the match.

The following conditions apply to the tape exchange policy:

1. All matches should be recorded at the optimum viewing location, ideally from above the end line, with the court framed antenna-to-antenna.
2. If no natural position is available above the court, institutions will make platform "boxes" available to elevate the camera location and help protect the camera equipment.
3. An official NCAA box score and score sheets must accompany each requested tape.
4. All costs associated with the preparation and shipping & handling of a requested tape are the responsibility of the recipient of the request.
5. Institutions that do not tape their matches, and therefore cannot provide requested tapes, are not permitted to request tapes from other NEC programs.

## **Women's Volleyball - Regular Season**

### **Facilities:**

It is the duty of the host to have its facilities ready and in playing condition for Conference matches.

### **Statistics:**

All NEC schools are required to provide a minimum of a three-person stat crew for **all** home contests. A complete NCAA box score must be provided for all teams involved.

### **Scouting Information:**

Dissemination of scouting information (reports, phone information, video, e-mails, film exchange, etc.) on NEC member institutions to non-conference opponents is prohibited.

### **Regular Season Awards:**

A Player and Rookie of the Week shall be selected as part of the NEC's weekly release.

### **Postseason Awards:**

The following postseason awards will be issued:

- Regular season champion

*To be selected by the head coaches:*

- Player of the Year
- Setter of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Seven-member all-Conference First & Second Teams (including the libero position) \*

\*All head coaches vote for postseason awards. Coaches will nominate a maximum of four players from their own team; only players nominated by their coach are eligible to receive votes. Coaches will then vote from the list of nominated players compiled by the Conference office. Voting will be done by a ranking system. Ties will be broken by the amount of higher-placed votes.

## ***Women's Volleyball - Championship***

### **Dates:**

Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, 2005 on the campus of the No. 1 seeded team.

### **Eligible Participants:**

Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), St. Francis (PA), Wagner.

### **Format:**

The tournament will consist of the top six teams, based on Conference standings, competing in a single elimination format. The top two seeds will receive a first-round bye. In the first round, #3 will play #6 and #4 will play #5. Four matches will be played on Saturday and the championship match will be played on Sunday.

### **Match Schedule:**

All matches shall be scheduled with a minimum of two-and-one-half hours between starting times. Starting times shall be 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### **Rules:**

Standard NCAA rules shall be used throughout the tournament. The substitution rule will be the same one used during the NCAA Championship.

### ***TIE-BREAKER POLICY***

#### **Two-Way Tiebreaker**

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used – in order – until the tie is broken:

1. Winning percentage of each team in head-to-head competition.
2. Winning percentage of each team vs. the first-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for first place.
3. Winning percentage of each team vs. the second-place team, or their composite winning percentage against any teams tying for second place.
4. This process continues with winning percentage vs. the third-place team, fourth-place team, etc., as necessary, until the tie is broken and seeding is complete.
5. Winning percentage of the top two teams' total games in head-to-head competition.
6. If a tie still exists after exhausting steps 1-4, a coin flip shall be utilized.

#### **Three-Way (or more) Tiebreaker**

In the event of a three-way tie (or a tie involving more than three teams) in the standings, the following tiebreaker system shall be used in the order listed.

1. The match winning percentages of the teams involved in the tie vs. each other shall be compared. If one team's match winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams subsequently remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
2. If no single team has a superior match winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 1, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.

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3. If all match winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's match winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's match winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
4. If all match winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's match winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
5. This process continues as necessary, comparing match winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
6. Winning percentage of each team in all games played vs. other teams involved in the tie.
7. If no single team has a superior game winning percentage after the comparison described in No. 6, but multiple teams have the same superior percentage to the other teams involved in the tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
8. If all game winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's game winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If one team's game winning percentage is superior to the others, that team shall be removed from the tie and seeded highest of the teams involved in the tie. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.
9. If all game winning percentages in the three-way (or more) tie vs. teams involved in the tie are the same, each team's game winning percentage vs. the first-place team or teams tying for first place shall be compared. If multiple teams have a superior winning percentage to any other team in the original tie, those teams with the superior percentage will be compared using either the two-way or three-way tiebreaker procedure. The team that has the advantage will be seeded highest of all teams involved in the original tie. The other team(s) (the loser(s) of the appropriate tiebreaker) will again be compared to the remaining teams in the tie, beginning with step No. 1 of the two-way or three-way tiebreaker.
10. This process continues as necessary, comparing game winning percentages of teams in the tie vs. the second-place team or their composite percentages vs. teams tying for second place, third place, etc., until all ties are broken and seeding is complete.
11. If a tie still exists after exhausting all previous steps, a coin flip shall be utilized, with the odd coin being seeded highest. If two teams remain, that tie shall be broken utilizing the two-way tiebreaker procedure.

## **Women's Volleyball - Championship**

### **Ball:**

The Molten IV58L-N Super Touch NCAA blue/silver/white volleyball will be the designated ball for the NEC championship. The host institution is responsible for providing the balls.

### **Warm-up Time:**

The same warm-up protocol as used in the NCAA Championships will be used during the NEC tournament.

### **Time Between Matches:**

When a team is scheduled to play back-to-back matches, there will always be a minimum of a 15-minute break between the matches.

### **Officials:**

The Conference office is responsible for assigning officials to the tournament. All officials must be certified by the NAGWS.

### **Line Judges:**

The NEC office is responsible for assigning line judges for the tournament. All expenses for line judges are the responsibility of the NEC. Line judges may not be affiliated with the host institution.

### **Scorekeeper:**

Host institution is responsible for providing scorekeepers for all matches.

### **Statisticians:**

Host institution is responsible for providing statisticians for all matches.

### **Coaches' Meeting:**

There will be a coaches meeting to cover the particulars of the event on Friday, November 18 (exact time and location TBA). There will also be a teleconference scheduled after the tournament. At this time coaches will have the opportunity to make recommendations to the Senior Woman Administrators on issues regarding women's volleyball.

### **Awards:**

There will be an awards ceremony shortly after the completion of the championship game. Awards to be presented include:

- Tournament MVP \*
- Championship trophy
- Runner-up trophy
- All-Tournament team#

\*As selected by a committee appointed by the Conference office representative.

# Comprised of between 3 and 6 players. An announcement will be made via website notification after the event is concluded; recipients will receive a certificate from the Conference office.

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<b>Labor Day</b> September 5
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> October 4-5
<b>Columbus Day</b> October 10
<b>Yom Kippur</b> October 13
<b>Election Day</b> November 8
<b>Veterans Day</b> November 11
<b>Thanksgiving</b> November 24
<b>Christmas</b> December 25
<b>New Year's Day</b> January 1
<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> January 16
<b>President's Day</b> February 20
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> March 1
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> March 17
<b>Passover</b> April 13-20
<b>Good Friday</b> April 14
<b>Easter</b> April 16
<b>Mother's Day</b> May 14
<b>Memorial Day</b> May 29
<b>Father's Day</b> June 18
<b>Independence Day</b> July 4

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**Robert Morris University**

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**Sacred Heart University**

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