

Men's Soccer Sports Code

1. The Midwest Community College Athletic Conference will adhere to all NJCAA rules and regulations. Any playing rules not stated in the NJCAA manual will refer to NCAA rules of play.

NJCAA RULES

- 1) Unlimited substitutions apply with no stoppage of game clock.
- 2) Playing squads are limited to 25 players.
- 3) Any player receiving a yellow card (caution) must leave the game for a substitute. A return to the game may occur at the next legal substitution point.

CONFERENCE GAME TIE BREAKERS

All tie conference games at the end of regulation in will go to overtime. Overtimes will consist of two 10 minute periods with the “Golden Goal” rule (The first team to score wins). If the game is tied after two 10-minute overtimes the game will result in a tie.

2. All coaches and players will adhere to the “**No Tolerance**” rule for foul and abusive language. Offenses will result in a game ejection with a subsequent game suspension.
3. Any **act of violence/fighting** will be dealt with according to NJCAA rules. First red card offense for violence/fighting is a game ejection and **a two game suspension**. The second red card offense for violence/ fighting is a game ejection and immediate suspension for the remainder of the season (See NJCAA sportsmanship rules about reporting).
4. **SPORTSMANSHIP** is strongly encouraged. Understanding the integrity of the game and promoting that victory has no value if achieved unfairly. (See MCCAC Sportsmanship Code). A “Team Sportsmanship Award” will given annually. Coaches will vote at the end of the season.
5. **RESPECT** for opponents, teammates, officials, and spectators should occur at all times on the playing field.
6. **ALL –CONFERENCE TEAM** selections will consist of 11 players on the first team and 11 players on the 2nd Team. Any ties in voting will constitute another player being added to the respective team. Coaches will not be allowed to vote for their own players. “Coach of the Year” will go to the Conference Champion.
7. **TIE BREAKERS** for the conference championship will go to head to head competition first. Secondly, goal differential in head to head games will be used determine a champion. If this doesn't constitute a clear champion, then co-champions will be awarded.
8. **SCHEDULING** of games will conducted by the conference athletic administrator liaison. All cancelled games should be made up within the agreed date of the two coaches. The conference schedule is to be a one game format to determine the champion with the home team being rotated from year to year. If conference

teams play each other twice during the year the second contest will count as the conference match. If the second contest is unable to be played the first meeting will count.

9. A **CONFERENCE ASSIGNOR** will be designated to assign officials to all conference competitions as agreed upon prior to the start of the season.
10. A **RAIN DATE** of the Monday before regional play should be reserved in all game schedules to make up conference games.
11. Alcohol and drug usage will not be tolerated during NJCAA competitions.
(See NJCAA Manual).