

## **CHAPTER 11—WOMEN'S SOCCER REGULATIONS**

### **1. Playing Season Policies.**

#### **a. Championship Determination.**

The team with the highest point total during Conference play shall be the Conference champion and shall represent the Conference in the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. This shall apply even in the event one or more teams cannot play the entire Conference schedule. Each Conference win shall be awarded three points, a Conference tie shall result in both teams being awarded one point, and no points shall be awarded for a Conference loss. If that point total is shared by more than one team, a co-championship shall exist. (6/95, 6/96, 6/00, 10/09)

#### **(1) Championship Ties.**

In the event of a point tie between two teams for the Conference championship, if one team was the winner of the Conference match against the other team, it shall represent the Conference as its automatic qualifier in the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. If the teams tied in head-to-head Conference competition, the team having won the most matches in Conference play shall be declared the automatic qualifier. If a tie still exists, the tied teams' record in regular-season Conference play against the next highest placed team(s) in the Conference standings shall be determined, including any team(s) already eliminated through the tie-breaking procedure. This procedure shall continue through an evaluation of competitive records of the tied teams against all teams in the Conference in the order of their placement in the standings until the tie is broken. In the event of a tie among two or more teams lower in the standings when comparing records, each team's combined record against the two or more tied teams shall be determined. If a tie still exists, the winner of a coin toss by the Commissioner shall be declared the automatic qualifier. (6/96, 6/99, 6/00, 6/06)

In the event of a point tie between more than two teams for the Conference championship, the following formula shall be used to determine the Conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship: (5/97, 6/00)

(a) The record in regular-season Conference play of the tied teams will be determined against the other teams with which it is tied. The team with the highest point total based on the results of their in-season head-to-head competition shall be the automatic qualifier. Each Conference win shall be awarded three points, a Conference tie shall result in both teams being awarded one point, and no points shall be awarded for a Conference loss. If at this point only two teams remain, head-to-head results shall be used in determining the automatic qualifier. (5/97, 6/99)

(b) If a tie still exists between multiple teams, the team having the highest number of wins in all Conference matches between the tied teams shall be the automatic qualifier. If at this point only two teams remain, head-to-head results shall be used in determining the automatic qualifier. (5/97, 6/99)

(c) If a tie still exists, the winner of a coin toss by the Commissioner shall be the automatic qualifier. (5/97)

#### **b. Conference Schedule.**

Each team shall schedule one contest against each other team in the Conference during the final six weekends of the regular season using a travel partner format of Arizona-Arizona State, California-Stanford, UCLA-USC, Oregon-Oregon State, Washington-Washington State, and Colorado-Utah. Conference contests shall be played on Friday and Sunday, except that traditional rival contests shall be played on either Friday or Saturday of the final weekend. Biannually, a team shall alternate with its travel partner its lead-off opponent in a given weekend. The scheduling of Conference contests shall take priority over the scheduling of non-Conference contests. See also AR 2-2-a. (6/95, 6/99, 6/00, 10/10)

**(1) Rescheduling Policy.**

Should circumstances prevent the use of an institution's home field, every attempt shall be made to play games at an alternate site to be determined by the host institution. The date of a scheduled game may be adjusted by mutual agreement of the two institutions if circumstances prevent the use of an institution's home field and no alternate site is available. (6/95)

**(2) Practice Policy.**

The host institution shall secure a practice facility for the visiting team the day of or the day before a scheduled contest. Additionally, the host institution shall make the competition field available for a walk-through without a ball the day of or the day before the scheduled contest. Prior arrangements must be made through the head coach and/or event management administrator of the host institution at least two weeks in advance. The visiting team shall make every effort to notify the host institution's head coach and/or event management administrator of any change to use the practice facility. (6/95, 5/97, 8/13)

**2. Game Policies.****a. Artificial Noisemakers.**

Artificial noisemakers are permitted at Pac-12 soccer games, in accordance with NCAA playing rules. (8/14)

**b. Bands.**

Visiting bands, not to exceed 25, plus the director, shall be admitted free of charge. Home or visiting bands (or any component thereof) are allowed to play only during timeouts, after goals, halftime, between games, and before and after competition. Bands shall be seated behind their respective team's bench, or across the field (6/11).

**c. Card Accumulation.**

The Conference office shall track the accumulation of cautions (yellow cards) and ejections (red cards) for student-athletes and coaches, and provide the information on a weekly basis to the coaches only. (6/06)

**d. Kickoff Times.**

The second game of a Friday night doubleheader shall begin no later than 7:30 p.m., with a minimum of two-and-a-half hours between the kickoff times of the two matches. (6/07)

**e. Officials.**

See AR 6 and AR 6-17.

**f. Playing Rules.**

Conference contests shall be conducted under the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules except as modified below. (6/95)

**(1) Ball Persons.**

A minimum of four ball persons over the age of 10 shall be available for each contest. (6/03)

**(2) Game Ball.**

The ball to be used for all Conference regular-season competition shall be the top of the line of the chosen brand, shall be leather hand-stitched, and shall be selected by the host institution. A minimum of

five balls shall be used during each contest. One ball shall be in play, one shall be placed behind each goal, and one shall be placed on each side of the field at the midstripe. (6/95, 6/05)

**(3) Jersey Colors.**

The home team shall wear dark uniforms on Friday and light uniforms on Sunday. (6/05)

**g. Pregame Activities.**

Unless the coaches of the competing teams mutually agree to a different schedule, the field shall be available for warmup by the competing teams a minimum of one hour prior to game time (or the first game of a doubleheader) and one half-hour prior to the second game of a doubleheader. (6/95, 6/06, 6/07)

**h. Scorekeepers and Timers.**

The host institution shall provide one well-trained and knowledgeable person to compile statistics and one person to serve as the timer for each contest. The host institution's event management shall provide space at the scorer's table for a visiting statistician. The host institution shall provide the NCAA statistics form and scoresheet to the visiting team within a half hour of the end of each game. (6/95, 5/97)

**i. Scouting.**

Conference soccer coaches may give written or verbal scouting reports about a Conference team to another Conference institution but shall not send film or videotape of a Conference school except as specified in SPR 11-2-j. In-person scouting of contests between two Conference teams is prohibited. Conference soccer coaches shall not send film or videotape or give written or verbal scouting reports about a Conference team to any non-Conference institution. (6/00, 6/06)

**j. Squad Limit.**

There shall be no squad limit for either team in contests involving traditional rivals.

For other Conference contests, the travel squad limit shall be 22 student-athletes for the visiting team and there shall be no squad limit for the home team. Each team shall designate in writing prior to each contest the 22 participants from the squad who are eligible to compete in that contest. (6/95, 6/00, 6/05, 6/08, 6/09, 6/10)

**k. Video Policies.**

For Conference contests, the host institution shall provide a DVD of the game to the visiting institution. Host institutions shall upload to the EzXchanges server video from the weekend's matches no later than 5 p.m. the Monday immediately following the matches. All home matches will be uploaded for video evaluation by the Conference coordinator of officiating. Each institution shall complete a test upload no later than September 1 annually. Only the last non-Conference home match before the start of the season shall be made available for download to Conference teams. Once the Conference season has started, any institution may download any game from the server. (6/00, 6/01, 6/05, 6/09, 6/11, 6/12)

**3. Awards.**

The Conference soccer coaches shall select recipients for all soccer awards. Balloting shall be conducted following the completion of the Conference schedule. Coaches may nominate players from their teams, but may not vote for themselves or for their own players for any of the awards. (6/95, 6/00)

**a. All Conference Team.**

The all-Conference team shall consist of an eleven-player first team (three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, one wild card position and one goalkeeper) and an eleven-player second team with the same position allocations as the first team. Using a ballot provided by the Conference office, coaches shall vote for nominated players in rank order. The ten field players and goalkeeper who accumulate the most points in the balloting shall be named to the all-Conference first team. The next ten field players and one goalkeeper who accumulate the most points in the balloting shall be named to the all-Conference second team. The next ten field players and one goalkeeper who are not selected to the first or second all-Conference team shall be accorded honorable mention status. Members of the first team shall be provided an award from the Conference. Members of the second team shall be provided a certificate by the Conference. Honorable mention selections shall be recognized in a Conference media release. The coaches shall also select an 11-member all-freshman team, which shall be recognized in a Conference media release. (6/95, 2/99, 6/99, 6/00, 6/01, 6/05, 6/07)

**(1) Nomination Procedure.**

During the Conference season, each coach shall submit a list of his/her opponents' players whom the coach considers worthy of all-Conference recognition. At the end of the season, each coach shall submit to the Conference office a rank-ordered list of nominees for the all-Conference team from his/her own team. Before the voting deadline, the Conference office shall provide each coach all 12 rank-ordered lists and a list of all players nominated by opposing coaches during the season to assist in the voting process. (6/00, 6/09, 8/14)

**b. Individual Awards.**

An individual award from the Conference shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year, and the Freshman/Newcomer of the Year in women's soccer. Using a ballot provided by the Conference office, coaches shall assign three points to their first choice and one point to their second choice for Coach of the Year and Player of the Year. The coach and student-athlete receiving the highest point totals shall be named Conference Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively. The Player of the Year shall be a member of the all-Conference first team. (6/95, 5/97, 6/00, 8/14)

**(1) Nomination Procedure.**

For each of the Conference individual awards, each coach shall nominate two student-athletes, including no more than one from the coach's own team. (6/01)

**4. Meetings of Coaches.**

The women's soccer coaches shall hold annual in-person meetings. The attendance of each head coach is mandatory. (6/95, 6/00)