

**Centennial Conference
Championships Subcommittee Report
April 19, 2004**

Attendance: Les Poolman (Dickinson), John Douglas (Haverford), Nancy Funk (Johns Hopkins), Jenny Chipman (Muhlenberg), Karen Borbee (Swarthmore).

1. Order of Semifinal Games

Reward the top seed by permitting it to determine the order of semifinal games.

If school hosts two or more play-in games on the same day at the same venue (without lights), the visiting team that travels the farthest will play its game on Wednesday. The visiting team that is closer will play its game on Tuesday. Mileage to be determined by the Conference Office and printed in a matrix in the Centennial Manual.

rationale: missed class time; provides an objective measuring stick (mileage)

If the facility has lights, the team traveling the farthest plays the second game on that day.

If there are three play-in games at the same venue (m/w soccer, field hockey), the visiting team that is closest will play its game on Tuesday. The other two games will be played on Wednesday with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

2. Hosting Two Tournaments

If one school hosts both tournaments at an unlighted facility (*example: F&M soccer*), the semifinal between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds will be hosted by the No. 2 seed. Both championship games will be played at the site of the No. 1 seed with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second).

The Conference Office will recompute mileage between campuses using *RandMcNally.com* or another service.

If one school hosts both gender sports at the same venue (*example: men's and women's soccer*), in odd-numbered years, the men's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, while the women's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. In even-numbered years, the women's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, while the men's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday.

If field hockey conflicts with either soccer tournament, substitute hockey for the gender not represented. (*example: in 2004, Johns Hopkins hosts field hockey and men's soccer: field hockey plays Friday-Saturday; men's soccer plays Saturday and Sunday*).

If one school hosts both basketball tournaments ... in odd-numbered years, the men will play both semifinals and championship game first (*example: 12 and 2 p.m.*) and the women will play second (*example: 4:30 and 6:30*). In even-numbered years, the women will play both semifinals and championship game first (*example: 12 and 2 p.m.*) and the men will play second (*example: 4:30 and 6:30*).

3. Practice at Championship Site

No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to game day.

For outdoor sports, no practice on the game field prior to the semifinals.

Prior to a single championship event, the facility will be made available (if conditions permit) for one hour prior to the start of official warm-up. The first 30 minutes will be available for the home team and the second 30 minutes for the visiting team.

4. Conflicts with Home Football Games

If field hockey or soccer tournaments conflict with a home football game, the hockey and soccer tournaments may be scheduled for Friday night and Saturday night.

5. Cut-Off Dates for Regular-Season Conference Play

If the championships enhancement proposal is adopted by the Presidents Council, the cut-off date for completion of Conference regular-season competition is 6 p.m. Sunday prior to the championship.