



**Spring Administrative Delegates Meeting  
Monday-Tuesday, May 23-24, 2005  
McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland**

**Attendance:** Jody Law (Bryn Mawr); Les Poolman, Julie Emrhein (Dickinson); Tim Downes, Patty Epps (Franklin & Marshall); Dave Wright, Carol Cantele (Gettysburg); John Douglas (Haverford); Tom Calder, Josh MacArthur, Kristen Wood (Johns Hopkins); Jamie Smith, Carol Fritz, Samantha Abrams (McDaniel); Sam Beidleman, Jenny Chipman, Corey Goff (Muhlenberg); Adam Hertz, Christyn Chambers, Karen Borbee (Swarthmore); Brian Thomas, Erin Fitzgerald (Ursinus); Bryan Matthews, Kim Lessard (Washington); Steve Ulrich, Kim Kupec (Centennial Office).

**I. Committee Reports**

**MOTION (Baseball):** **passed 10-0-1**

Dickinson moved to strike "Any such makeup game(s) will be seven innings" from Section V-E-5.

**MOTION (Baseball):** **passed 10-0-1**

The committee moved that for the playoff tournament "Practice Schedules, Championship Series – Game Two" "The host team takes batting practice from 10:25 – 10:55. The semi-final winner takes batting practice from 10:55 – 11:25..."

**MOTION (Baseball):** **passed 8-2-1**

The committee moved that for the playoff tournament - The host institution supplies ball-chasers for all conference playoff games.

**MOTION (Baseball):** **passed 7-3-1**

Ursinus moved that if the Conference Tournament cannot conclude Sunday due to severe weather, that a grace period of Monday be used to finish the tournament if only two teams remain alive in the series. Otherwise, the number one seed will automatically receive the AQ. The tournament cannot go beyond this Monday under any circumstance."

**MOTION (Baseball):** **failed 1-9-1**

Johns Hopkins moved that all Centennial schools provide foul ball chasers at their home games. **Passed 10-0.**

**MOTION (Softball):** **failed 4-5-2**

Board moved that the start time for Sunday's round of games in the Centennial Conference championship be moved up from noon to 11 a.m.

**MOTION (Softball):** **passed 8-1-2**

Muhlenberg moved that the start time for Sunday's round of games in the Centennial Conference championship be moved up from noon to 10 a.m.

**MOTION (Softball):** **passed 8-1-2**

Swarthmore moved that scorekeepers will meet at the conclusion of each respective inning to compare line score.

**MOTION (Women's Lacrosse):****passed 10-0-1**

Haverford moved to amend Section IV-C (Tournament Dates) from the weekend of NCAA tournament selection to the last Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday of April. See meeting minutes for exact dates.

**MOTION (Men's Golf):****failed 0-6-5**

McDaniel moved to strike Section V-H (Championship Practice Rounds) from the Conference Manual: "Teams are prohibited from having a practice round on the championship course on the Thursday (day) before the championship tournament."

**MOTION (Men's Golf):****passed 8-1-2**

McDaniel moved to amend Section V-H (Championship Practice Rounds: "Teams are prohibited from having a practice round on the championship course on the ~~Thursday~~ **day before** the championship tournament."

**MOTION (SAAC):****passed 11-0**

Franklin & Marshall moved that the Centennial Conference SAAC shall select a male and a female sportsmanship award winner effective in 2005-06.

**MOTION (SAAC):****passed 11-0**

Swarthmore moved that the Conference liaison to the Centennial SAAC should be an administrator from the committee chair's institution.

**MOTION (Athletic Trainers):****failed 0-11**

Ursinus moved the following jewelry/body piercing policy: "Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets in effect for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. No tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are allowed due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player shall not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but must be taped to the body. Religious medals must be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform."

**MOTION (Athletic Trainers):****passed 9-2**

Washington moved the following jewelry/body piercing policy: "Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform."

**MOTION (Sports Information Directors):****passed 10-1**

Dickinson moved that in light of added responsibilities placed on the SID's in regards to maintaining accurate statistics, we recommend that jersey numbers' font, color, contrast and size maximize visibility from a reasonable distance from the field. The committee asks that this be enacted in the next purchasing cycle.

**MOTION (Tennis):****passed 11-0**

Committee moved adoption of tennis team championship proposal below

**A. Determining the Conference Champion.** The Conference champion will be determined by a four-team tournament. The teams will be determined by the best won-lost records in the Conference round-robin dual match format.

**Semifinals** (Saturday at # 1 seed): # 4 seed v #1 seed; #2 seed v. #3 seed. Top seed determines the order of semifinals in consultation with Conference office.

**Finals** (Sunday at same location): semi-final winners

Note: If an institution is the host of both men's and women's tournament and said institution does not have access to 12 courts, the women will play Friday-Saturday on even numbered years and the men will play Friday – Saturday on odd-numbered years.)

### **Tie-Breaking Formulas**

1. Head-to-Head Conference Competition of the tied teams
2. Individual matches won in dual-match play among tied teams
3. Results of tied teams against 1<sup>st</sup> place team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, etc. until tie is broken
4. Number of individual matches won against 1<sup>st</sup> place team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, etc. until tie is broken
5. Coin Flip by the Executive Director

Note: When any secondary criteria separates one or more tied teams, but does not break the tie amongst all teams, the Executive Director will revert to Formula #1, #2, etc until the tie is broken.

### **C. Starting Times**

**Semifinals** (Saturday): 11:00 AM and 3:00PM

**Championship** (Sunday): 1:00 PM

Note: In the event that play must begin on Friday, the Executive Director will, in consultation with an administrator from each involved institutions, schedule play to minimize missed class time and accommodate the institutions' various calendars (e.g. one or more of the institutions may no longer be in class)

- D. **Matches** each match will be played to completion. In the event that a match has been decided, the officials may, in consultation with the games committee, declare the match complete if, in their opinion, failure to do so will jeopardize the completion of succeeding matches.
- E. **Incomplete Tournament** if the tournament cannot be completed by the time of the NCAA Selection Conference call, the regular season #1 seed will be the conference's automatic qualifier.
- F. **Inclement Weather** In the event of rain, the host site institution will make provision for indoor back up.
- G. **Officials** The conference office will secure a USTA/ITA certified official for each semifinal and for the final match.
- H. **Practice** No practice will be permitted at the championship site (host team excluded) prior to match day.

## **II. Reconsideration of Dissent Package**

**MOTION (Baseball):**

**passed 7-3-1**

Ursinus moved that "as a last resort, if any conference doubleheader cannot be made up on the next-to-last Sunday because of a previous postponed DH being inserted there, it will be made up on the Tuesday prior to that final weekend of regular season games. If that DH is postponed from Tuesday, it will be made up on the next day." **Passed 10-0.**

## **III. Rescheduling / Last Week of Competition**

The Delegates discussed the rescheduling of games that are postponed in the final week in all the round-robin sports. The Delegates reaffirmed that the Executive Director has the authority to mediate.

## **IV. Associate Membership for Football**

The Delegates recommended to the Presidents Council:

- 1) the Conference maintain a 10-game maximum football regular season schedule.;
- 2) the Conference expand its football membership.

## **V. Global Issues**

The Delegates discussed 1) the reform agenda; 2) set starting dates vs. weekends for competition; 3) basketball issues; 4) weekly sports honor roll; 5) possible NCAA legislation.

**MOTION:** Haverford moved that teams be permitted to play 25 games and one preseason scrimmage **OR** 24 games and two preseason scrimmages. **Passed 11-0.**

## **VI. New Business**

**MOTION:** Muhlenberg moved that golf should designate a host institution on a yearly basis to provide a tournament director for the championship. A rotation will be established by random draw amongst the sponsoring institutions. **Passed 8-0-3.**

**MOTION:** Swarthmore moved that in the sports of soccer, lacrosse and field hockey, Conference games may not be scheduled on weekend nights. The only exception would be those institutions in the Conference that have lighted facilities. Night games may not be scheduled later than 8 p.m. **Passed 9-2.**

**MOTION:** Muhlenberg moved that in the sport of volleyball, one two-day tournament may be counted as a single date of competition. **Passed 10-1.**