



**Basketball, Men's**

The Conference Office not mandate and schedule weekday doubleheaders with the women's team; A new tape exchange policy

**Field Hockey**

The length of grass on the fields in the Centennial Conference should be maintained at 1 1/4" or less; At the conclusion of the regular season, the conference coaches will select an All-Conference team. The team will comprise of 10 field players and a goalkeeper. Each coach is limited to seven nominations for the All-Conference team. It is recommended that coaches nominate no more than seven players for the All-Conference team.

**Football**

The Delegates moved to amend Section V-D.1 (Scouting, pg. 53) of the Conference Manual as follows: "New VHS or SuperVHS tapes of an equal number of games (up to 3) of all games as requested by the opposing coach." ; All Conference stadiums must have two visible 25-second clocks.

**Golf**

The Delegates moved to hold the 2001 Conference championship at Eagle's Landing GC.

**Lacrosse, Women's**

The All-Centennial team be comprised of three (3) attackers, four (4) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper, and one (1) at-large position. The at-large position would be selected among the remaining players with the highest point total at any of the three field positions.

**Soccer, Women's**

All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches. All postponed matches must be rescheduled and played by the NCAA tournament selection date.

**Soccer, Men's**

All Centennial fields that do not have a natural barrier between the spectators and the field (i.e. track) should rope off an area five yards between the fans and the field.

**Swimming**

The Delegates moved to establish a Wednesday noon deadline for corrections to clerical errors on the entry form. A request will be made of Tom Morton (computer operator) that "psyche sheets" be done by noon Tuesday. This will enable the Conference to have a Wednesday noon deadline for corrections; The heats for the 1650 freestyle shall be Women - Men - Women - Men; Each school has the option of entering two relay teams - A and B. All A teams swim in the championship final, while the B relay swims in the consolation final; The Delegates moved to change the starting times on Saturday and Sunday to 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Tennis, Men's and Women's**

All postponed Conference matches will be rescheduled within the next seven days upon mutual agreement by the coaches or administrators. In the final week of regularly scheduled Conference play, a postponed Conference match will be rescheduled for the next available date and shall have priority over non-Conference matches. All Conference matches must be rescheduled and played should the original date be postponed."

**Track and Field, Men's and Women's**

The Delegates moved to add the heptathlon and decathlon to the Conference outdoor championship meet, beginning on Friday and concluding Saturday.

**Volleyball**

The Conference will follow the recommended match protocol in the NAGWS rulebook.

**Wrestling**

The Delegates moved to strike Section V-A (weigh-ins) from the Conference Manual and include the NCAA rule.

A request was made to remove the General Philosophy statement and the double round-robin basketball schedule from the consent package.

**MOTION:** Bryn Mawr moved the consent package without the philosophy statement and basketball schedule. **The motion was approved, 11-0.**

**MOTION:** Ursinus moved the General Philosophy Statement:

"The Delegates moved the following philosophical statement: "We believe as a Centennial Conference member, an institution should compete in the Centennial Conference structure in all sports that the institution and Conference sponsors at the Division III level. We realize that there are strategies that can be implemented to assist national prestige concerns in certain individual, rather than team, sports. The Conference membership wishes to be attentive to the concerns of those institutions, while also protecting the integrity of the Centennial Conference and the member institutions."

**MOTION:** Washington moved to table the motion, citing long-standing agreements already in place from 1992 and a need for more discussion by the Executive Committee. **The motion to table was approved, 11-0.**

**MOTION:** Muhlenberg moved the double round-robin basketball schedule:

"The Centennial Conference adopt a double round-robin schedule for men's and women's basketball beginning with the 2001-2002 season."

Comments:

*Johns Hopkins:* concerned about obtaining non-conference opponents. We are no longer in the UAA. This is our Conference.

*Haverford:* schedule could harm traditional non-CC opponents. Shouldn't we reverse the trend where student-athletes are missing class?

*Swarthmore:* coaches are against proposal; shouldn't we listen or consider their opinion?

*Muhlenberg:* 16-game schedule leads to unbalanced schedule.

The Executive Committee would have final approval on schedule for 2001-02.

**MOTION:** Swarthmore moved to table the motion. **The motion to table failed 6-4-1.**

**MOTION:** Dickinson moved to adopt a 16-game schedule for two years beginning with the 2001-02 season. An evaluation of the schedule would be done after one year. **The motion failed 6-5.**

**The motion to adopt a double round-robin schedule failed 5-5-1.**

#### **VI. Conference Tournament Vote**

Last June, the Presidents Council requested that the Administrative Delegates submit models for tournaments for team sports for its consideration at the 2000 Annual Conference Meeting. The Delegates' proposals follow:

##### **Field Hockey**

Top four teams in the regular season qualify for a postseason tournament to be conducted on the last weekend of October (Friday-Saturday).

##### **Volleyball**

Top four teams in the regular season qualify for a postseason tournament to be conducted during the first week of November (Saturday).

##### **Men's Lacrosse**

Top four teams in the regular season qualify for a postseason tournament to be conducted on the last weekend of April (Friday-Sunday).

##### **Women's Lacrosse**

Top four teams in the regular season qualify for a postseason tournament to be conducted on the last weekend of April.

##### **Softball**

Top four teams in the regular season qualify for a postseason double-elimination tournament to be conducted on the last weekend of April (Friday-Saturday).

**MOTION:** Washington moved to amend the proposals to state: "The automatic qualifier for the NCAA Championship tournament in each team sport should be the team with the best won-loss record in the regular season, but the Centennial Conference champion should be determined by the tournament for a two-year period. **The motion did not receive a second.**

**The motion on the Delegates proposals was approved, 10-1.**

#### **VII. Financial Aid Discussion**

Massa, who chaired an ad hoc committee that explored financial aid policies at member colleges in 1996, recommended that the Conference do so again. There is a concern that athletic talent is influencing the needs analysis formula used to award aid. As a conference, he believes we need to agree to recruit athletes not based on net price, but on the quality of the programs and the fit. There was some discussion, but no consensus on a course to take.

#### **VIII. Presidents-Only Meeting**

Strassburger reported on the meeting of the Presidents Council at 10 a.m.

- Voted to convene the Committee on Membership to discuss the merits of expansion.
- Recommended that Delegates come to resolution on basketball schedule and propose solution to Executive Committee.
- Recommended formation of budget subcommittee to discuss initiatives from Delegates and Presidents.
- Invited Faculty Athletic Representatives to attend at least one Delegates Meeting (winter meeting).

#### **IX. New Business**

**MOTION:** Washington moved that Washington & Lee be granted another two-year associate membership for the sport of wrestling. **The motion was approved, 11-0.**

#### **X. Officers for 2000-2001**

<b>Executive Chair</b>	Nancy Vickers, President, Bryn Mawr
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Arthur Taylor, President, Muhlenberg
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Tom Tritton, President, Haverford
<b>Resource Person</b>	Patty Epps, Associate AD, Franklin & Marshall
<b>Resource Person</b>	Les Poolman, AD, Dickinson
<b>Chair, Adm. Delegates</b>	Faith Shearer, SWA, Johns Hopkins
<b>Board of Delegates</b>	Barb Streater, SWA, Gettysburg
<b>Board of Delegates</b>	Bryan Matthews, AD, Washington
<b>Board of Delegates</b>	Bob Williams, AD, Swarthmore
<b>Board of Delegates</b>	Jamie Smith, AD, Western Maryland
<b>Exec. Replacement</b>	John Strassburger, President, Ursinus

**Date/Site of 2001 Meeting** Wednesday, June 6 at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 10 a.m.