



2009 Centennial Conference Men's Soccer Championship Guidelines

I. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Conference Call for Participating Team Monday, Nov. 2, 10:30
First Round (at No. 4 seed)..... Wednesday, November 5, 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. (if lights are available)
First Semifinal (at No. 1 seed)..... Saturday, November 7, 11 a.m.
Second Semifinal (at No. 1 seed) Saturday, November 8, beginning 50 minutes after conclusion of 1st semifinal
Final (at No. 1 seed) Sunday, November 8 at 1 p.m.

The top seed determines the order of the semifinal games. Conflicts will be worked out between the committee chair and the Conference Office. Travel expenses and time will be taken into consideration for start times and order of semifinal games.

Multiple Games at One Venue

If school hosts two or more first-round 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 will be determined by the Conference Office and printed in a matrix in the Centennial Manual. If the facility has lights, the team traveling the farthest plays the second game on that day. If there are three first-round games at the same venue (m/w soccer, field hockey), the visiting soccer 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).

Hosting Multiple Tournaments on Same Weekend

If one school hosts both tournaments at an unlighted facility (example: Haverford soccer), the semifinal(s) between the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds will be hosted by the No. 2 seed(s). (example: Haverford men's and women's soccer will play the No. 4 seeds at Haverford; the No. 2 seed in the men's tournament hosts the No. 3 seed the other semifinal and; the No. 2 seed in the women's tournament hosts the No. 3 seed the other semifinal.) Both championship games will be played at the site of the No. 1 seed with the order determined by mileage (closest first, farthest second). Mileage will be determined by the Conference Office and printed in a matrix in the Centennial Manual.

If one school hosts both gender sports at the same venue (example: men's and women's soccer), **in odd-numbered years (2009)**, the men's tournament will be played Friday and Sunday, while the women's tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday. In even-numbered years (2008), the women's tournament will be played Friday and Sunday, 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 2008, Johns Hopkins hosts field hockey and men's soccer: field hockey plays Friday-Sunday; men's soccer plays Saturday and Sunday).

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.

TOURNAMENT MATCHUPS	Higher Seed	Lower Seed	Game Time
First Round			
Semifinal #1			
Semifinal #2			

II. GAMES COMMITTEE

The Conference Office will name a games committee to assure the proper conduct of the tournament championship. The committee will generally be comprised of, but not limited to, the host Director of Athletics and/or Senior Woman Administrator, and representatives of the visiting team and the Conference Office.

	First Round	Semifinals	Final
Host Administrator:			
Conference representative:			
#2 seed representative:			
#3 seed representative:			
#4 seed representative:			
#5 seed representative:			

III. INCOMPLETE TOURNAMENT POLICY

If a tournament cannot be completed by the end of the day on November 8, and each team has completed at least one tournament contest, the highest remaining seed will be the Conference's champion and automatic qualifier to the NCAA tournament. Otherwise, the top seed as determined by the regular season will receive the automatic qualifier.

IV. CHAMPIONSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Ball Persons

The host institution must arrange for experienced ball persons. While there is no specific age restriction on the ball-rotation crew, college-age or older is preferred. Seventh or eighth grade is the next choice, but NOT grades 9-12 in order to avoid potential problems with them as prospective student-athletes.

Bench Area/Assignments

The host institution - or the higher seed at a neutral site - is the designated home team and will wear the light-colored (white) jerseys. The designated home team will use the host institution's bench.

Filming / Videotaping

If teams need special arrangements for filming its contest, please contact the host institution ASAP.

Halftime Length

Halftime will be 15 minutes unless the competing coaches mutually agree to a 10-minute halftime.

Officials

The Conference Office will secure three (3) officials for each match of the Conference playoffs. Members of the coaching staff or other representatives of participating institutions shall not make public statements critical of officiating in any Centennial Conference playoff game.

Pre-game

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 45 minutes of warm-up on the game field.

Uniforms

Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. Each team must have two sets of shirts and socks, one light set and one dark set. The higher seed will wear its white (light) uniforms, while the lower seed will wear its dark uniforms.

Pregame Schedules (please post in locker rooms)

First Round

Game Clock

60:00	Teams may begin warm-up
20:00	Captains and officials meet.
10:00	Teams clear field.
	Introduction of officials and players
	1. Game Officials
	2. Lower Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	3. Higher Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	Reading of Conference Sportsmanship Statement
3:00	"Star Spangled Banner"
0:00	Game Begins

Semifinal No. 1

Game Clock

60:00	Teams may begin warm-up
20:00	Captains and officials meet.
10:00	Teams clear field.
	Introduction of officials and players
	1. Game Officials
	2. Lower Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	3. Higher Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	Reading of Conference Sportsmanship Statement
3:00	"Star Spangled Banner"
0:00	Game Begins

Semifinal No. 2

Sixty (60) minutes are placed on the clock immediately at the conclusion of the first semifinal. Teams for second game may begin warm-up. A minimum of 45 minutes should be available for warmup prior to the start of the second semifinal.

20:00	Captains and officials meet.
10:00	Teams clear field
7:00	Introduction of officials and players
	1. Game Officials
	2. Lower Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	3. Higher Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	Reading of Conference Sportsmanship Statement
3:00	"Star Spangled Banner"
0:00	Game Begins

Final

Game Clock

60:00	Teams may begin warm-up
10:00	Teams clear field.
	Introduction of officials and players
	1. Game Officials
	2. Lower Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	3. Higher Seeded Team nonstarters followed by starters and head coach
	Reading of Conference Sportsmanship Statement
3:00	"Star Spangled Banner"
0:00	Game Begins

V. HOST INSTITUTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Field Measurements

All 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 spectators and the field.

Game Staffing

The host institution shall provide all table personnel for the first-round, both semifinal and championship games, including:

- public address announcer
- clock operator(s)
- official scorer(s)
- statistician(s)

Programs

The host institution is responsible for the production of 200 programs (or a typical amount for a regular-season home game) for the first-round game and 750 programs for the semifinals and championship game.

Scorekeepers

The host institution **must** provide the official scorekeeper/statistician at the scorer's table for both semifinals and the final. The visiting team is entitled to a representative at the scorer's table. At the conclusion of the contest, the official score sheet will be the one recorded by the host team.

Statistics

The host Director of Sports Information is responsible for contacting the following outlets with the score and submitting a copy of the official box score immediately following the contest: NCAA, Conference Office, the SIDs of all participating playoff teams, and to local and regional media.

Tickets

No admission charge will be assessed at the tournament.

Videotapes, Films and Still Photographs

Institutions are permitted to videotape championship competition by their teams for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site for camera space at the site.