

SECTION 12: TRACK & FIELD

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A. REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION

None

B. REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION

Regular season competition among Conference members is not required.

C. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1. The championship status of the meet will be determined as of the September annual meeting based on the number of institutions that have declared track and field as an NCAA sponsored sport for that year. If the minimum required number of one half the Conference member institutions have so declared, the meet will qualify as a championship event. If the minimum is not met, the event may be conducted as an invitational meet.
2. All institutions having declared track and field as an NCAA sponsored sport are required, per Article III, Section C of the Conference Bylaws, to participate in the championship meet and are eligible to score meet points, count in the standings of the championship and earn points toward the All-Sports trophy without regard to the number of competing athletes they have at the meet. Points toward the All-Sports trophy will be determined on the basis of the number of institutions meeting these conditions and competing.
3. Other institutions not meeting the conditions noted above but wishing to include individual athletes in the meet competition are welcome to do so with the approval of the Commissioner; however, those athletes will not be scored in the meet or considered for All-Conference awards.
4. The continuing status of track and field as a Conference championship sport will be determined based on the actual number of institutions that successfully meet the NCAA requirements for track and field sponsorship in a given year. If for three consecutive years, as per Article III, Section B of the Conference Bylaws, the sport fails to meet the minimum number of one half of the member institutions satisfying the sponsorship requirement, it will be dropped from championship status and may be reinstated only by meeting the conditions of the Conference for establishing a new championship sport.
5. The indoor track and field championship meet shall be held on the Saturday and Sunday two weeks prior to the NCAA Indoor National Championship. The outdoor track and field championship meet shall be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday three weeks before the NCAA National Championship.
6. All championship hosting responsibilities, event operations procedures, and pre-championship team entry requirements are to adhere to the GLVC Track & Field Championships Procedural Manual. (Link to Manual is inserted on the online handbook.)
7. On the day of the meet, only scratches are made and if that person is scratched, he/she is scratched for the entire meet. The NCAA policy on Good Faith effort will be used in the case of a scratch of an entry due to medical reasons.
8. Each institution will pay a \$450 entry fee to assist with the annual costs of timing and scoring and officials' fees at championships. The fee will be paid separately for the indoor and outdoor championships. The championship host institution will be responsible for the first \$2,000 spent toward officiating fees as well as all lodging needs for the timing and scoring company. The host

institution is also responsible for securing athletic training coverage for the event and paying for these services if a fee is assessed. The Conference office will collect the fees and pay the officials and other related expenses of administering the championships. Certified officials must be the head starter, back-up starter, field event referee and track referee. All other positions will be the most qualified individual for the position.

9. The Conference office will hire a third-party source to provide Performance Lists, Online Entries, Seeding and Timing for Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Track & Field.
10. A \$50 fee shall be applied to any institution submitting a protest at the Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Should the decision be overturned, the institution will retain its \$50. Money from any denied protests will be used to defray costs from that championship meet.

D. AWARDS

1. **Track Athlete & Field Athlete of the Week**
The coaches will select a Track Athlete and a Field Athlete of the Week each week of the indoor and outdoor track and field season. Coaches will submit nominations by Monday at 12:00 p.m. Nominations will be collected by the Conference office and distributed to the coaches for voting on Monday by 4:00 p.m. Ballots are due back to the Conference by Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The GLVC Track Athlete and Field Athlete of the Week will be announced on Tuesday of each week. All times are Eastern.
2. **All Conference Team**
Each event award winner will be presented a gold medal and each second-place event finisher will be presented a silver medal, signifying First- and Second-Team All-GLVC distinction, respectively. A bronze medal will be presented to the third-place finisher; however, there will be no Third-Team All-GLVC distinction for this designation.
3. **Player of the Year Award**
Shall be known as the Indoor & Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year Award. These awards will be chosen by a vote of the coaches immediately following the Conference championship.
4. **Indoor/Outdoor Male and Female Track Athlete, Field Athlete, Freshman, and Coach of the Year Awards**
Will be chosen by a vote of the coaches immediately following the Conference championship.

E. COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Each coaches association shall meet at least once annually, either in person or by conference call. Such meetings shall be scheduled by the Commissioner.
2. The coaches association will have a chair who will serve a one-year term, beginning at the conclusion of the championship meet.
3. The chair(s) of the coaches association will be the head coach(es) at the institution hosting the next championship.