Men’s and Women’s Soccer Code

SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures

1. The Method of Play
   a. There shall be two divisions of competition in both the Men’s and Women’s Division.
   b. The Division I teams must play each other once.
   c. The Division III teams must play each other once.

2. Rules
   a. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by Region XIX/GSAC rules.
   b. Unlimited substitutions apply with a stoppage of the game clock during substitutions made by the leading team in the last five minutes of play.
   c. Players receiving a yellow card must leave the playing field until the next appropriate substitution time. The player receiving the yellow card can be replaced by another player.
   d. The home team shall supply a minimum three (3) soccer balls. Game balls should be the official sanctioned NJCAA Soccer ball as outlined in the NJCAA Handbook & Casebook.
   f. Region XIX roster, with the names and members of the starting eleven (11) players checked, must be exchanged by opposing coaches at least ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. This roster must also include accumulated cautions. The roster must follow the form attached and must be signed by the Director of Athletics.
   g. Region XIX roster, with the named and numbers of the starting eleven (11) players checked must be given to the head official prior to the start of the game. This roster should not include accumulated yellow and/or red cards.

3. If a visiting school arrives late (defined as after 30 minutes prior to contracted start time) to an away contest, and has notified the host institution (through confirmed phone conversation or text message with the host administrator), the team will receive a 25 minute period of time once the team, in its entirety, enters the building/playing site and meets with the on-site administrator. In addition, teams that are traveling should adhere to the NJCAA tournament guidelines for dress code; including no work boots or jeans.

SECTION B Officials

1. Officials are assigned in Region XIX by a central assignor. All colleges must work through the assignor to secure officials for their home contests.
2. The diagonal or three person officiating system will be used.
3. Although every attempt will be made to insure three (3) officials for each contest, games may be played with less than three (3) officials.
SECTION C  Reporting of Scores/Statistics
1. Team schedules and rosters must be entered, prior to the start of the season, on the Region XIX and NJCAA websites.
2. Teams are responsible for inputting scores on both the Region XIX and NJCAA websites immediately after the completion of their contests.
3. Individual statistics must be up-to-date in order to nominate a student-athlete for various Player of the Week awards.

SECTION D  Card Accumulations
Each institution must report their yellow and red card accumulations to the Chair of the Soccer Committee, by the deadline established at the beginning of the season. The card report form can be found on the Region XIX website, www.njcaaregion19.com.

SECTION E  GSAC Conference Championship
1. Each college must play every member team in the conference.
2. A plaque will be given to the team with the best win/loss record during the regular season in GSAC play.
3. In case of ties, a champion will be determined using the GSAC Bylaws, Article VII.

SECTION F  Regular Season Awards / All-Conference Teams
1. An All-GSAC Team will be selected by voting of all GSAC coaches in their respective divisions. All Divisions will vote via a paper ballot.
2. The procedure for nominating and voting is as follows:
   a. Balloting Chairperson will send out the official Region XIX nomination form, which should be signed and returned to the chair by the date indicated on the form.
   b. Each team with a Region XIX record of .500, or above, may nominate up to six (6) players for All-Conference consideration. Teams that finish below .500 may nominate up to three (3) players for All-Conference consideration. Team’s region record as of nomination date will be used to determine maximum number of nominees.
   c. In order for an individual to qualify for an All-Conference team, the team must have completed 80% of the season.
   d. After all nominations are collected, each coach will receive the official Region XIX ballot and voting form from the Balloting Chairperson and will be asked to select and rank the best players according to their abilities. The best player will receive the number of points equal to the number of players being selected, down to the final selection receiving one (1) point.
   e. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
   f. After tallying the votes, the numbers of players receiving All-GSAC status will be determined by the following criteria:
      • 4 teams or less = 1 eleven player team
      • 5 to 10 teams = 2 eleven player teams
      • 11 or more teams = 3 eleven player teams
g. Utilizing the All-Region voting, the chair will remove the votes and players from all EPAC member schools in each division to create the All-GSAC team.

h. Numerical ties for a rank placing will be broken by awarding the higher place to the player listed on the ballot by the greatest number of coaches.

i. Ballots must be received by the chairperson one (1) week prior to the start of the Region Tournament to be counted. The ballot must be faxed or sent via email.

j. The ballot must be signed by the athletic director.

SECTION G  Coach of the Year
1. The coach of the team winning the GSAC championship in each of the four divisions will be named GSAC Coach of the Year.
2. A certificate will be awarded to the Coach of the Year.

SECTION H  Code of Conduct
1. All members of teams including players, coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, and spectators will follow the Code of Conduct enforced by the National Junior College Athletic Association throughout all games.

SECTION I  NJCAA / Region XIX/GSAC Ejection Policy
1. An athlete who receives a yellow card must leave the game until the next opportunity to substitute. Another player may replace the player receiving the yellow card. (Note: if a substitute is not available for the player receiving the yellow card, the team will play short until the next opportunity to substitute.
2. Any players(s) or coach(es) who have received a total of five cautions in one season shall be suspended and shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games. Three additional cautions shall result in an additional one-game suspensions. Each two additional cautions shall result in an additional one-game suspension.
3. If the total is reached in the final game of the season, the player(s), coach(es) and/or bench personnel shall not participate in the first postseason game and/or the first regularly schedule game of the next season if his/her team does not participate in postseason play.
4. Caution accumulation will carry over into postseason play. Players or coaches participating in postseason will receive a one-game suspension when a total of eight cautions have been accumulated. Further each two additional cautions shall result in an additional one-game suspension. Moreover, if the total is reached in the final postseason game of the season, the player(s), coach(es) or bench personnel shall not participate in any games of the next season.
5. An athlete or coach who is ejected shall not be allowed to participate in the next played contest as determined by the schedule of that institution. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of a given season, the suspension shall be in effect for the first game(s) of the individual's next season. Each successive red card shall result in a two-game suspension, a third red card shall result in a three game suspension, etc.
6. An athlete or coach who is ejected for fighting shall not be allowed to participate in the next two (2) contests as determined by the schedule of that institution. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of a given season, the suspension shall be in effect for the first game(s) of the individual's next season. A player(s), coach or bench personnel involved in a second fight in the same season shall be ejected from the game and shall not compete for the remainder of the season, including postseason games.
7. Any rostered player(s), coach or bench personnel committing assault on a referee shall be ejected from the game and is required to sit out an additional three games for the referee assault, including postseason
Return to play will be determined by the Standards & Ethics Committee. A rostered player(s), coach or bench personnel involved in a second assault on a referee in the same season shall be ejected from the game and shall not compete for the remainder of the season, including postseason games. Game suspension for assault on a referee are in addition to suspensions resulting from other card accumulations.

8. If a coach is ejected from a Region XIX contest and there is no college-approved representative designated by the Athletic Director present, then the game is terminated and forfeited at that point.
9. In the event of any ejection, an ejection report must be filed with the respective Region Director. The athletic directors of both colleges should file the appropriate NJCAA form to the Region Director on the first weekday following the incident.
10. Region XIX will follow the NJCAA rules regarding multiple ejections in the same year as outlined in 2.A.2.d and 2.B.2.b in the NJCAA Handbook and Casebook.
11. Region XIX will impose the most severe penalty allowed per NJCAA and NCAA Soccer.
12. Personnel and athletes suspended under the NJCAA rules shall not be allowed in the facility/gym/field complex before or during the contest and may not coach or participate before the game, during play or at halftime. Suspended coaches may travel with the team, but only to drive a van. They are not allowed in the venue. Suspended athletes may not travel with the team while serving a suspension.

SECTION J  Health and Safety
1. In regard to an open wound, under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the coach or official and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
2. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.
3. Visiting teams utilizing home team training services must provide athletic tape and other sports medicine related items.

SECTION K  GSAC Member Breakdown

Division I Men (3)
Essex
Mercer
Rowan College at Burlington County

Division III Men (12)
Bergen
Brookdale
Camden
Cumberland
Middlesex
Morris
Ocean
Passaic
RVCC
Rowan College at Gloucester County
Sussex
Union

Division I Women (5)
Essex
Mercer
Morris
Rowan College at Burlington County
Sussex

Division III Women (9)
Bergen
Brookdale
Camden
Cumberland
Middlesex
Ocean
RVCC
Rowan College at Gloucester County
Union

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