

**GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
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 Colleges shall play each other once.
 - c. The Division III Colleges shall 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 - a. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by Region XIX/GSAC rules.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 will be in effect.
 - c. The game time clock will not stop during substitutions.
 - d. The host institution shall provide three (3) soccer balls of the same make and model. (Baden is the official soccer ball)
 - e. A line-up roster, with the names and members of the starting eleven (11) players checked, must be exchanged by coaches at least ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. This sheet must also include accumulated cautions. The roster must follow the form attached and must be signed by the Director of Athletics. The roster must be faxed no later than the day prior to the weekday game or the Friday prior to the weekend game.
3. When a visiting school arrives late (after 30 minutes prior to contracted start time) to an away contest, and notifies the appropriate hosting 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. (as per Winter 2011 meeting.)

SECTION B Officials

1. The host institution shall provide for all contests:
2. The diagonal or three person system will be used. Officials must be NISOA (National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association) certified.
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/Card Accumulations

1. All service bureau reports must be emailed/called/faxed in by Friday before 11:00am each week to the Service Bureau Director.
2. Service Bureau: All games and statistics must be faxed weekly or your team will be fined \$50. Such fine(s) must be paid in full five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting for the tournament. Colleges not reporting to their respective service bureau director by the due time because of emergency closures (i.e. snow closure) will have 24 hours (next working day) from the due time and date to submit their report. If it is known that the institution will be closed at the reporting time - the report should be sent prior to the closing and before the due time. If at this time no report is received by the service bureau director, a fine of \$50 will be assessed (invoice sent by the service bureau director w/ copy to the respective region director, men's or women's and payment sent to respective region director). If no payment is received by respective region director five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting the offending college(s) will be reported to the Standards and Ethics committee.

3. Each institution must report their yellow and red card accumulations to the Chair of the Soccer Committee each week, by the deadline established at the beginning of the season.

SECTION D 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 a tie break formula developed by the membership of the GSAC.

SECTION E Regular Season Awards / All-Conference Teams

1. An All-GSAC Team (s) will be selected by balloting of all the Region XIX/GSAC coaches in their respective divisions; men's division I, women's division I, men's division III and women's division III.
2. The procedure for nominating and voting is as follows:
 - a. Soccer Chair will send out a nominating ballot to all Region XIX coaches, which should be signed and returned to the chair by the date indicated on the form.
 - b. Each coach will receive a voting ballot from the Soccer Chair 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.
 - c. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
 - d. The All-GSAC Team will be derived from votes for players within the GSAC on the Region XIX ballots.
 - e. After tallying the votes, the numbers of players receiving All-GSAC status will be determined by the following criteria:
 - f. 4 teams or less = 1 eleven player team
 - g. 5 to 10 teams = 2 eleven player teams
 - h. 11 or more teams = 3 eleven player teams
 - i. 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.
 - j. 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 and or sent via email.
 - k. The ballot must be signed by the athletic director.
 - l. Coaches not voting will have student-athletes representing their institution removed from the ballot.

SECTION F Coach of the Year

1. The Coach of the team winning the GSAC championship shall be designated Coach of the Year and receive the appropriate award.
2. A certificate will be awarded to the Coach of the Year.

SECTION G 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 H NJCAA / Region XIX/GSAC Ejection Policy

1. 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. In addition, the coach must sit the next scheduled contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season the ejection will carry into the following year.

2. An athlete ejected from any Region XIX contest for any reason must sit the next game. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in that respective sport.
3. Any player ejected for fighting or violent act will sit the next two (2) contests. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game, the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in that sport. A second ejection for fighting in a season will result in that player suspended from competition in that sport for the remainder of the season. Reminder NJCAA and NCAA rules may impose more severe penalties. Region XIX will impose the most severe penalty allowed.
4. In the event of any ejection, an ejection report must be filed with the region director. The athletic directors of both colleges should file the appropriate NJCAA form to the region director.

SECTION I 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.

SECTION J GSAC Member Breakdown

Division I Men (4)

Burlington
Essex
Mercer
Salem

Division I Women (6)

Burlington
Essex
Mercer
Morris
Salem
Sussex

Division III Men (13)

Atlantic
Bergen
Brookdale
Camden
Cumberland
Gloucester
Middlesex
Morris
Ocean
Passaic
RVCC
Sussex
Union

Division III Women (8)

Bergen
Brookdale
Camden
Cumberland
Gloucester
Middlesex
Ocean
RVCC