

## MCAC MEN'S DIVISION BASEBALL OPERATING CODE

### I. Organization of Coaches Group and Meetings

#### A. Membership

1. All baseball coaches of the MCAC may participate.
2. Each member college will have one vote.

#### B. Chair and Secretary

1. The president of the Baseball Coaches Association will chair meetings.
2. The secretary will keep written records of all business conducted. These records will be sent to the membership and the Conference Coordinator as an addendum to the minutes.

#### C. Coaches Meetings

1. Regular annual meetings will be scheduled during the state tournament. The host college will schedule meeting place and time.

### II. Competitive Season

A. Each school may play up to 17 dates in a season.

B. No full team supervised or organized practice may start earlier than February 15.

C. Coaches will have the opportunity to work with pitchers and catchers for 3 times a week from January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. Coaches can work with players in a group up to 4 players for up to 2 hours a week from January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup>.

E. MCAC teams will allowed up to have Fall practice from September 1 to September 30. No outside competition will be allowed with other schools during the fall semester.

F. MCAC teams may play unlimited games during their school's official spring break. Those games will not count towards the 17 date limit.

### III. Rules and Regulations

#### A. General

1. Baseball games shall be played by MCAC rules, except as follows:
  - a. Re-entry and courtesy runners for catcher and pitcher may be used during regular season only. Re-entry and courtesy runners may not be used in post season play.
  - b. Aluminum bats are allowed.
  - c. If one team is 10 runs ahead, at the end of five innings, the game automatically ends (regular season and MCAC tournament).
2. The designated pitch hitter rule shall be in effect.
3. Diamond is the official conference baseball for the 2008 season.
4. The halted game policy will be in effect for all MCAC Division contests. Make-up of halted games will occur as follows:
  - If game 1 of round 1 or 2 is halted, the game is picked up at the original site.
  - If game 2 of round 1 is halted, game 2 is to be completed at the site of round 2.
  - If game 2 of round 2 is halted, game 2 is to be completed at a site by mutual consent or if no mutual consent, a home site shall be determined by coin flip.

## B. Scheduling

1. Each division will play seven-inning round robin double headers.
2. Baseball Penalty Clause--if a team breaks a game contract, or fails to play a scheduled division contest without the consent of their opponent and other division members, it shall pay the offended school \$250 (\$500 for a double header). This payment shall be made through the Conference Coordinator.
3. Policy on make-up games:
  - a. Make-up games shall be played in the order of their postponement. Postponed games may never be played earlier or later than by policy.
  - b. An "open date" is defined as any week day on which a conference-standing game is not scheduled.
  - c. Make-up games shall be played, according to priority on the first available date, with no delay for rest. Teams may NOT, by mutual agreement, delay the playing of a make-up game, except if all teams in the division, who are scheduled to be affected, agree upon a make-up date by mutual consent.
  - d. Sundays may be used as make-up dates by mutual agreement.
  - e. Two teams rained out on Saturday may play that Sunday, regardless of 5-a above.
  - f. Effective in 1999, a penalty of forfeiture of two games will be enforced for both teams who do not comply with the make-up game policy.
  - g. Teams are not obligated to play during finals. However, they can play by mutual consent. Make-up games that have an impact on qualification into the MCAC tournament must be played at the conclusion of finals. Games affecting seeding only do not have to be played.
6. Batting practice is permissible on all dates. On weekdays, no team may begin warm-up prior to 1 1/2 hours prior to game time. Both teams must be provided equal time and facilities.

Example of a standardized time schedule for pre-game hitting:

Home team hits	11:40 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Visitors hit	12:00 noon - 12:20 p.m.
Home infield	12:35 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Visitors infield	12:45 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.
Umpires, ground crew	12:55 p.m.
First game begins	1:00 p.m.

## C. Protests

1. All protest(s) will go to the president of league of MCAC baseball. The two coaches involved in protest will be contacted and 3 umpires (at large) will be contacted to rule on the protest. NJCAA Handbook Guidelines will be followed. The protested game will be played at the next possible date and will be treated as a make-up game.

## IV. Division Organization

### A. There will be three divisions – North, Central, & South.

<u>North</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>South</u>
Hibbing	Anoka-Ramsey	Dakota County
Itasca	Central Lakes	Minnesota West
Mesabi Range	MSCTC-Fergus Falls	Riverland
Northland	Ridgewater	Rochester
Vermilion	St Cloud	

V. Eligibility

- A. NJCAA rules shall govern eligibility.

VI. Awards Procedures

A. Procedures for selecting All Division and All-MCAC Teams.

1. All coaches will receive ballots two weeks prior to state tournament.
2. Coaches will nominate their top five ball players. The players will be ranked by their coach. Information on each player will be included on the ballot.
3. All Division - All State Awards:
  - a. All-Division nomination forms will be mailed by May 1 of each year. Nomination forms must be returned by May 10th of each year.
  - b. Ballots must be returned by May 15th of each year.
  - c. The All-Division teams will consist of 2 times the number of baseball schools in the division, ties will be included.
  - d. The person with the highest point total in each Division will be named the "Division Player of the Year". The "MCAC Player of the Year" will be voted on at the coaches meeting.
  - e. The All State team (MCAC) will then be selected from the All Division team.
  - f. The All State team (MCAC) will consist of 18 players. Voting procedure will follow the ranking system similar to basketball. Coaches cannot vote for their own players. Coaches must vote or their player will be disqualified. Players that are named All Region 13 are automatically named All MCAC.
  - g. The top three ranked players in each division will be named to the All-State (MCAC) team.
  - h. Division champions will each have two players on the All State (MCAC) team.
  - i. Coaches will select the final players at the MCAC baseball coaches meeting.

B. Conference Office will select Players/Hitters of the Week along with pitchers of the week for the Northern/Central/Southern Divisions

VII. State Tournament Policies

A. Date/Location

1. Scheduled division games must be completed by the Tuesday prior to the MCAC tournament (Friday start).
2. Games not complete on or before the Tuesday of tournament week will be left unplayed and standings/seeding will be determined by win percentage.
3. Wednesday will be used for any potential play in games.
4. Each team participating will be given two days of rest before the state tournament begins.
5. The MCAC tournament will be held in coordination with the Region 13 and NJCAA Division III Tournaments.
6. Tournament hosts:  
St Cloud Technical College will host in 2009-2013.

The following 1st round pairings will be used in the State Tournament.

Bracket

Top	1 vs 8	4 vs 5
Bottom	3 vs 6	2 vs 7

Seeding procedure as follows:

The three (3) division winners will be seeds 1-3; rest are voted on 4-8 by all coaches in Conference. Coaches Conference Call – discuss team strength of schedule, Team Overall Records. All MCAC baseball coaches will submit a public vote via conference call through the Conference Coordinator to determine exact seeds.

B. Type of Tournament

1. 8 team playback tournament. Top four teams will qualify for the Region Tournament. True 4<sup>th</sup> place game will be played between the loser of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game and the winner of the Consolation game.
2. The official ball shall be Diamond or the official NJCAA tournament ball.
3. Participating teams shall furnish the game balls.
4. The top three teams from the North and South, plus the top two teams from the Central will participate.
5. A coin flip will determine the home team.
6. In the MCAC tournament, the ten run rule after five innings is in effect.

C. Tournament Schedule

1. Day 1 – Games 1 & 2 at 11:00 AM  
Games 3 & 4 at 1:30 PM  
Games 5 & 6 (losers bracket) at 4:00 PM  
Games 7 & 8 (winners bracket) at 6:30 PM
2. Day 2 - Game 9 (winner of 5 & 6) at 11:00 AM  
Game 10 (loser of 7 & 8) at 11:00 AM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Game 11 (loser of 10 vs winner of 9) at 1:30 PM – true 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Game 12 (winner of 7 & 8) 1:30 PM – Championship

D. Tie-Breaking Procedures for Entry into the State Tournament

1. In the event of a two or three way tie for a division championship, the team entered in the #1 position will be determined by the following procedure:
  - a. Won-loss record head to head.
  - b. A draw for #1, #2, & #3 positions.
2. In the event of a four way tie for a division championship, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. A draw for the #1, & #2 positions. The remaining two teams will have a playoff to determine the #3 position, with the loser eliminated.
3. In the event of a tie for second place that does not effect any entry into the state tournament, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss record head to head.
  - b. Won-loss record vs champion.
  - c. A coin flip to determine positions.
4. In the event of a three-way tie for second place, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. Won-loss record vs champion.
  - c. A draw for the #3 position, with the remaining two teams involved in a play-off game, with the winner to be #2, and the loser eliminated.
5. In the event of a four-way tie for second place, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. Won-loss record vs champion.
  - c. A draw for two play-off games, with the winners advancing to the state tournament, losers eliminated. Seed determined by coin flip.
6. In the event of a two way tie for third place, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. Play-off game.

7. In the event of a three way tie for third place, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. Record vs champion.
  - c. Record vs runner-up.
  - d. A draw to select the one team eliminated, a play-off game between the other two teams.
8. In the event of a four way tie for third place, tournament participants will be determined by:
  - a. Won-loss records head to head.
  - b. Record vs champion.
  - c. Record vs runner-up.
  - d. A draw for two teams for play-off game.

#### D. Tournament Protest Procedure

1. Tournament Director will be responsible for all umpires for the tournament.
2. The tournament director will have on hand phone numbers or location where all umpires can be reached immediately in the event of a protest.
3. The tournament director shall contact all umpires scheduled to work in the tournament if a protest is filed.
4. All umpires will hear the situation and make an immediate decision.

#### E. Tournament Postponement

In the MCAC tournament, where postponement results, the resumption shall be from the point of delay, as in NCAA rules. All games shall be played in their entirety.

#### G. Tournament Batting Practice

Batting practice before games will be allowed on weekends and for all days of the conference tournament. Equal facilities must be available to all teams. Both home and away teams will have the opportunity to hit, but if the visiting team declines, the home team may still hit. (Refer to Section III , B-6) Standardized time schedule for pre-game hitting.

#### H. Tournament Expenses

1. Authorized expenses are for game officials only.
2. Two umpires for each of the tournament games, and three umpires for the final championship game.

### VIII. Region Tournament Participation

There will be no automatic bids into the Region XIII tournament. The top four teams from the MCAC Tournament will represent the MCAC in the Region Tournament.

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### 3 YEAR MCAC CROSSOVER BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2008-2010

2009 – Dates April 5 & 6

(Saturday Games 2:00 PM-4:00 PM)

(Sunday Games 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM)

Ridgewater		Rochester		Riverland		
<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		
F1	F2	F1	F2	F1	F2	F3
RW vs HI	AR vs DC	RO vs VE	CL vs SC	RL vs IT	MR vs FF	NL vs MW
RW vs AR	HI vs DC	RO vs CL	VE vs SC	RL vs NL	MR vs MW	IT vs FF
<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		
RW vs DC	AR vs HI	RO vs SC	VE vs CL	RL vs FF	MR vs IT	NL vs MW
RW vs HI	AR vs DC	RO vs VE	CL vs SC	RL vs MR	NL vs FF	IT vs MW

2009 – Dates Saturday/Sunday, April 4-5

(Saturday Games 2:00 PM-4:00 PM)

(Sunday Games 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM)

Ridgewater		Rochester		Riverland		
<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		
F1	F2	F1	F2	F1	F2	F3
RW vs VE	SC vs FF	RO vs HI	DC vs IT	RL vs MR	NL vs AR	CL vs MW
RW vs FF	SC vs VE	RO vs IT	DC vs HI	RL vs NL	MR vs MW	CL vs AR
<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		
RW vs SC	FF vs VE	RO vs DC	HI vs IT	RL vs CL	NL vs MW	MR vs AR
RW vs FF	SC vs VE	RO vs HI	DC vs IT	RL vs MW	MR vs CL	NL vs AR

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(Saturday Games 2:00 PM-4:00 PM)

(Sunday Games 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM)

Ridgewater		Rochester		Riverland		
<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		<i>Day 1</i>		
F1	F2	F1	F2	F1	F2	F3
RW vs NL	SC vs IT	RO vs MR	FF vs MW	RL vs AR	CL vs VE	HI vs DC
RW vs IT	SC vs NL	RO vs MW	FF vs MR	RL vs VE	AR vs HI	CL vs DC
<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		<i>Day 2</i>		
RW vs SC	NL vs IT	RO vs FF	MR vs MW	RL vs CL	VE vs DC	HI vs AR
RW vs NL	IT vs SC	RO vs MR	FF vs MW	RL vs HI	VE vs CL	DC vs AR

**Home Sites:** Responsible for all fields and umpires for all games.

**Travel Teams:** \$100 entry fee payable to host team, pay all travel costs

## **2009 MCAC Northern Division Baseball Schedule**

April 8        VCC @ NL  
                 MR @ HI

April 11       MR @ NL  
                 VCC @ IT

APRIL 14      HI @ IT

APRIL 15      NL @ HI  
                 VCC @ MR

APRIL 16      IT @ MR

APRIL 18      IT @ NL  
                 HI @ VCC

APRIL 19      HI @ NL

APRIL 20      IT @ VCC

APRIL 21      HI @ MR

APRIL 22      NL @ IT

APRIL 23      MR @ VCC

APRIL 24      VCC @ HI

APRIL 25      NL @ MR  
                 IT @ HI

APRIL 26      NL @ VCC  
                 MR @ IT

## **2009 MCAC Central Division Baseball Schedule**

April 1 - Wed  
Central Lakes @ Ridgewater  
St Cloud @ MSCTC  
Anoka Ramsey-Bye

April 7 - Tue  
MSCTC @ Central Lakes  
Ridgewater-Bye

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 5PM - Wed  
Anoka Ramsey @ St Cloud

April 10 - Fri  
Ridgewater @ Anoka Ramsey  
Central Lakes @ St Cloud  
MSCTC-Bye

April 11 - Sat  
Ridgewater @ MSCTC  
Central Lakes @ Anoka Ramsey  
St Cloud-Bye

April 14 - Tue  
Anoka Ramsey @ MSCTC  
St Cloud @ Ridgewater  
Central Lakes-Bye

April 18 - Sat  
Ridgewater @ Central Lakes  
MSCTC @ St Cloud  
Anoka Ramsey-Bye

April 19 - Sun  
MSCTC @ Ridgewater  
Anoka Ramsey @ Central Lakes  
St Cloud-Bye

April 22 - Wed  
St Cloud @ Central Lakes  
Anoka Ramsey @ Ridgewater  
MSCTC-Bye

April 25 - Sat  
St Cloud @ Anoka Ramsey  
Central Lakes @ MSCTC  
Ridgewater-Bye

April 26 - Sun  
MSCTC @ Anoka Ramsey  
Ridgewater @ St Cloud  
Central Lakes-Bye

## **MCAC Baseball Southern Division Schedule**

**RO - RCTC**  
**RL - Riverland**  
**MW - Minnesota West**  
**DC - DCTC**

**\*We would play a home and home schedule with all games being 1:00 starts  
and all Doubleheaders (2 7 inning)**

**\* Play a 12 game league schedule**

**April 10, 2009**

**DC @ RL**  
**RO @ MW**

**April 11, 2009**

**RL @ DC**  
**MW @ RO**

**April 18, 2009**

**MW @ RL**  
**DC @ RO**

**April 19, 2009**

**RL @ MW**  
**RO @ DC**

**April 25, 2009**

**MW @ DC**  
**RO @ RL**

**April 26, 2008**

**DC @ MW**  
**RL @ RO**