

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Section 1. Sports Committee.

- a. The Basketball Sports Committee officers will be a chair and a vice-chair (who will serve as secretary).
- b. Meetings
 1. Officers are elected at the spring meeting of the coaches. Only a secretary needs be elected since the secretary becomes chair for the following term. The term of office is two years.
 2. The OAC basketball coaches will meet once during the fall prior to the start of practice. (Revised 5-12-03)
 3. The spring meeting shall be conducted at Otterbein on the last Friday of April at 10:00 a.m. (Adopted 5-13-02)

Section 2. Scheduling Procedures.

- a. Conference games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays with the starting times of 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday games. A change in starting time can only be made with mutual consent of both athletic directors. (Adopted 11-13-99)
- b. Subvarsity games are scheduled separately by the coaches and will start at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. (Adopted 11-13-99)
- c. The regular season shall consist of each team playing a double round-robin schedule on a home-and-home basis. The regular-season Conference schedule will consist of 18 Conference games.
- d. Each coach is responsible for sending a complete schedule to the OAC office by July 1.

Section 3. In Season Policies.

- a. The NCAA Tournament ball is to be used for all Conference games, stamped with the OAC logo.
- b. The home team shall wear a light color uniform, while the visitors shall wear dark color uniforms.
- c. The regular season shall consist of each team playing a double round-robin schedule on a home-and home basis. The regular-season Conference schedule will consist of 18 Conference games.
- d. Crowd control is the responsibility of the host school. Campus security or police may be used for this purpose.
- e. The main court must be available for team use at least one hour prior to game time for a single varsity contest.
- f. The host institution shall provide six NCAA tournament-specified warm-up balls for the visiting team.

- g. The host institution shall provide adequate space for athletic training table and ice upon request.
- h. The host institution will provide NCAA statistics for both teams. NCAA statistics manual should be followed.
- i. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to send team rosters with uniform numbers to the host teams.
- j. The host school may send each visiting school lists of local restaurants, motels, directions and parking facilities.
- k. Pep Bands and Cheerleaders.
 - 1. Cheerleaders are not permitted to be stationed in the basket area on the end lines while the game is in progress.
 - 2. Pep Bands are not to be located in the vicinity of the visiting team.
- l. If there are any special ceremonies scheduled for the 15 minute halftime which might interfere with the players returning to the court, the visiting team should be informed of such conditions prior to the beginning of the contest.
- m. Coaches attending games for the purpose of scouting should have game statistics (NCAA box scores) made available to them.
- n. If a subvarsity game infringes on the starting time of the varsity game, a 30-minute warm-up time will be guaranteed prior to the start of the game.
- o. Written or verbal scouting of Conference schools will not be exchanged between Conference schools or with non-Conference opponents.
- p. During the regular season media timeouts will only be used when the game is televised. The home team coach should notify the assignor of officials and the opposing coach that the game is going to be televised and media timeouts will be used. (Adopted 10-28-07)

Section 4. Officials.

- a. Officials are to be assigned by the OAC Women's Coordinator of Officials.
 - 1. It is strongly recommended that an official not be assigned to a site more than twice.
 - 2. Three officials will be assigned to each OAC game. (Adopted 5-17-99)
 - 3. Officials are to be on the floor 20 minutes prior to game time.
 - 4. A black and white shirt is required.
 - 5. Officials' fees will be set as part of the Conference officials' fee structure.
 - 6. An alumnus of a school is restricted for five years from officiating any of that school's varsity women's basketball games.

- b. Procedures to follow if an inadequate number of officials begin and continue a game:
(NOTE: Any of the following procedures may be changed by mutual agreement of both coaches.)
 - 1. Maximum 60-minute delay of game time.
 - 2. Priorities for replacing the official:
 - a. Attempt to secure an OAC approved official.
 - b. Class I high school official.
 - c. Class II high school official.
 - d. Non-rated official plus single-rated official or single-rated official.
 - e. If cannot fill a, b or c, coaches must agree to d or not play the game.
 - f. The contest should be played if at all possible.

Section 5. OAC Services Required.

- a. Supervisor and assigner of officials.
- b. Weekly statistics will be accumulated and released by the Conference office including Player-of-the-Week.
- c. The information director is responsible for carrying out the selection procedures by which the all-OAC basketball team is chosen.
- d. One certificate will be mailed to each selection on the all-OAC team.
- e. The information director is responsible for carrying out the selection procedures by which the all-academic basketball team is chosen.
- f. One certificate will be mailed to each selection on the all-academic team.
- g. The championship trophies and the plaque for the OAC Coach-of-the-Year will be supplied by the Conference office.
- h. The plaque for the OAC Player-of-the-Year will be ordered by the Conference office and billed to Ohio Northern, sponsor of the award.

Section 6. Tape Exchange. (Adopted 11-13-99)

- a. Videotaping should be done from an elevated midcourt view when possible.
- b. Videotaping must be done with a new standardized VHS/DVD filmed at fast speed and include sound. (Revised 10-28-07)
- c. The "first generation" copy must be postmarked 9 days prior to the scheduled conference competition and arrive no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled game. The tape must be of the last game played prior to the 9 day mail deadline.
- d. Tapes must include all action during game, including foul shots and out-of-bounds plays. The scoreboard must also be displayed following the end of the period of play and following a timeout being called.

- e. The tape must be sent priority mail. If the tape is not received within 5 days of the scheduled competition the coach will call the institution and request another tape sent overnight.
- f. Videotape policy will apply through the first round of play only.
- g. A copy of the game box score should be included with all tapes.
- h. In the event of a problem videotaping the last game played prior to the 9 day deadline, the coach receiving the film has the opportunity to request the tape from the game played either immediately prior to or after that game.
- i. Video tapes will be returned at the site of competition.

Section 7. Championship.

- a. There are two champions recognized during the basketball season: a regular-season champion and a tournament champion. Each will receive a trophy from the Conference office. The OAC tournament champion will receive the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament.
- b. At the conclusion of Conference play, teams will be seeded in the brackets according to the predetermined draw. All scores must be called in to the Conference office at the conclusion of the game on the last Saturday of the regular season for seeding purposes.
- c. Seeding and tie-breaking procedures are described in the Women's Basketball Tournament manual.
- d. If media timeouts are going to be used during the conference tournament the home coach must notify the opposing coach at least 24 hours in advance of the game. (Adopted 10-28-07)

Section 8. Awards.

- a. The OAC office shall fax nomination forms to the coaches one week prior to the OAC Tournament. (Revised 5-13-02)
- b. The OAC basketball coaches will nominate players from their own teams in their preferred ranked order for all-Conference selection. Nominations and accompanying statistics (league games only) must be in the OAC office by Monday at 9:00 a.m. of tournament week. There will be no limitation on the number of nominations made by coach for his/her players. (Revised 5-13-02)
- c. The OAC office shall have ballots to the coaches by the end of the day on tournament Monday. The ballots will include the names to the coaches in institutional alphabetical order. The players will be listed in the order the coach ranked them. (Adopted 5-13-02)
- d. Coaches will vote for 15 players, in rank order. Ballots are due in the OAC office by tournament Wednesday at noon. A coach may not vote for his/her own player(s). (Revised 5-13-02)
- e. The top six vote getters will be first team all-Conference. The next six will be second team all-Conference. Any player receiving votes from two or more different coaches, but not on the first or second team, will be Honorable Mention (up to 19 student-athletes).
- f. In case of a tie, the number of first place votes will break a tie. Coach-of-the-Year ties will stand in case of two-way tie. Should more than a two-way tie occur, the coaches will revote (coaches involved in the tie will not vote). (Revised 11-17-97)

- g. The leading vote-getter in the all-Conference balloting will be named Player-of-the-Year and will receive the Helen Ludwig Player-of-the Year Award. A plaque will be presented to the player who is selected.
- h. Coaches may nominate one freshman separate from the All Conference ballot for Freshman-of-the Year. A separate ballot will be issued from the Conference for the purpose of voting on the Freshman-of-the-Year. The freshman player with the highest number of votes will be declared Freshman of the Year. In the event that a freshman makes it into the first or second All Conference teams and is not voted Freshman-of-the-Year on the separate ballot, Co-Freshmen-of-the-Year shall be names. (Revised 10-28-07)
- i. The regular season championship tournament trophies will be presented during the postgame ceremony of the OAC tournament finals.
- j. The Player-of-the-Week will be selected by the Conference office. Coaches are reminded to confer with their SIDs before their call-in time for OAC Player-of-the-Week nominations.
- k. An all tournament team will be named at the conclusion of the OAC Tournament. The team shall consist of five members and be announced following the OAC Final. (Adopted 10-28-07)

Section 9. Pregame Protocol. The following sequence shall be used in all OAC games (Adopted 5-13-02)

- a. Welcome.
- b. National Anthem.
- c. The announcer shall introduce the starting players in alternate order, beginning with the designated visiting team.
- d. The first player introduced shall proceed to the center circle at midcourt and remain there until the first player from the home team is introduced. These two student-athletes shall shake hands, then go to the free-throw line in front of their respective benches.
- e. The second player introduced shall move to the center circle and the same procedure will be observed until the final starter from the home team has been presented.
- f. The two head coaches will be introduced (visiting coach first) and they will shake hands in front of the official scorer's table.