

# NCCAA II, South Region Men's Soccer Bylaws

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## **I. Region Soccer Chair**

### **A. Eligibility**

1. A coach must participate in the NCCAA II South Region for a period of not less than two years.
2. A coach must exemplify the ideals of the NCCAA with respect to the coaching of his team and his reporting of eligibility for his team.

### **B. Nomination**

1. The regional chair can either volunteer or be voted on by the region coaches after a nominating process at the region coaches meeting.
2. If no coach meets the eligibility requirements, the acting chair may nominate and incumbent chair, subject to the acceptance of the nominee.

### **C. Selection**

1. The regional chair shall be voted/decided on by the remaining coaches in the region.
2. If two or more coaches volunteer or are nominated, the coaches will determine the chair by a vote.

### **D. Tenure**

The regional chair shall serve for a period of three years.

## **II. Region Coaches Meeting**

A. Time – During the Regional Tournament at a location to be determined by the host institution.

B. Purpose – Discuss and vote on issues relating to:

1. All-Region Athletes and Player of the Year
2. Coach of the Year
3. Region matters/decisions
4. National Matters with the requested input from the national chair or national office.

## **III. Region Tournament**

### **A. Participating Teams**

1. Teams must be eligible as per the NCCAA Handbook relating to the reporting of statistics.
2. Teams must complete a Declaration of Intent to Participate Form.

### **B. Format**

1. Teams will playoff if needed to have a final four tournament at a host site.
  - a. If there are five to eight teams participating then there will be play-in games played the Monday –

Wednesday prior to the region tournament at the higher seed.

- b. If there are less than four or less teams participating:
  - 1) Four Teams: Number four seed plays the number one seed and the number three seed plays the number two seed at least one day prior to the final.
  - 2) Three Teams: Number two seed would play the number three seed at the host institution at least one day prior to the final.
  - 3) Two Teams: Number two seed plays the number one seed at the host institution.

#### C. Times

- 1. The #1 Seed will determine their playing time in the semi-final round regardless of who is hosting the region tournament.
- 2. If the venue is not lighted it is recommended that the first semi-final match start no later than 1:00 PM if there are to be two matches played at said venue on the same day.

#### D. Seeding

- 1. Teams shall be seeded according to a system of standings of points received from head to head, home and home, region play.  
The point system shall be 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. There are to be no points awarded for a loss, shutout, or goals scored.
- 2. If teams are tied in the standings the following order would be used to determine who would be seeded higher:
  - a. Team with the best record head to head
  - b. Best goal differential head to head
  - c. Fewest goals allowed in region play
  - d. Best goal differential in region play
  - e. Coin Flip

#### E. Hosting

The location of who will host the Region Tournament is decided three years in advance and has rotated between Atlanta Christian College, Clearwater Christian College, Toccoa Falls College and Southeastern University.

- 1. The upcoming schedule for hosting the Region Tournament is as follows: 2007 – Clearwater, 2008 – Toccoa Falls, 2009 – Southeastern.
- 2. The 2010 Region Tournament will be determined. Piedmont Baptist has expressed interest in hosting and a decision should be made at the next Region Meeting.
- 3. If a team is scheduled to host a Region Tournament but drops out of the NCCAA II it is their responsibility to

contact the Region Sport Chair and the Region Chair so that arrangements can be made to make the necessary changes as to who will host in the former school's place.

F. Dates

The dates for the Region Tournament will be determined by the dates of the National Tournament. The Region Final shall be played no later than two Saturdays before the NCCAA National Tournament.

1. Upcoming schedule for dates of the Region Tournament.
  - a. October 23-27, 2007
  - b. October 28 – November 1, 2008
  - c. October 27-31, 2009
2. If the NCCAA changes the dates for the National Tournament the Region will also alter its schedule so that teams will have almost two full weeks to prepare for the National Tournament.

IV. **Awards**

A. All-Region Team

1. Team members
  - a. As per the requirements for NCCAA Division II there shall be 12 players on the first team.
    - 1) One goalkeeper, three defenders, three midfielders, three forwards.
    - 2) Two alternate players from any position of the field will make up the remaining two spots on the first team.
  - b. Criteria
    - 1) Players should be of high character on and off the field. Players receiving red cards during the season will be discussed as to the manner they received this cards.
    - 2) Coach's endorsement is strongly suggested for each nominee.
  - c. Voting
    - 1) After a group of nominees for each position has been agreed upon by all coaches in attendance a vote will be taken and administered by the region chair. Results will be shared immediately.
    - 2) Once the ten players have been selected the remainder of the nominees who did not get selected in the first phase of voting will be placed in a pool. Coaches will then vote and the top two receiving votes in this second phase will be placed on the first team.

2. Second Team
  - a. All players that were nominated for first team will be strongly considered for the second team.
  - b. Coaches will confer on the selection of the eleven players for the second team.
  - c. No requirements for positions. Example:  
There does not have to be a goalkeeper on the second team.
3. Region Player of the Year
  - a. The top ten players on the all region first team will be ranked by the coaches 1-10. Voting shall be 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 points for third, and so on. The region chair will tabulate the results and the results will be shared immediately. Once the results are share a quick discussion by the coaches will follow. If all coaches are in agreement with the results the Region Player of the Year will be the player receiving the most votes. If a coach feels there needs to be another vote, then the top three players from the voting will be voted on again. If there is a tie the second time around, the award shall be shared.