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10am MCAC Meeting Agenda:

- USMC Representative and the MCAC – USMC Partnership
- 2019 Spring General Assembly Date/Location
- Bill Moore, MCAC – Adidas – Nicklasson Athletics Partnership

General Business:

- MCAC Financial Report (Curfman, Northland). Attachment to be provided separately.
- NJCAA Transgender Policy (Multiple, Conf. Office) **Apdx C**
- eSports / other emerging sports (Multiple, Conf. Office)
- NJCAA non-scholarship recognition – MCAC proposal to NJCAA to renew / create non-scholarship recognition in Football and Wrestling (Conf. Office)
- NJCAA Connect Committee Review (RCTC)
- Conduct & Chemical Use (Central Lakes)
- Potential Two-Year Colleges sponsoring Athletics / ASA Conference Oct. (Exec Comm.)
- Executive Committee Sport Liaison proposal (Exec Comm.) tabled-
- MCAC / Region Post-Season Reimbursement Reminder (**Apdx A**)
- MCAC / Region XIII Women's Tournament Structure Committee proposal (Conf. office)
- Minnesota State Colleges & Universities Title IX Compliance Seminar (MinnState Office)
- MCAC CoSIDA Individual / Group Membership(s) (Conf. office) (**Apdx D**)
- NJCAA Asst. Region Director Position (**Apdx C**)

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Sport Reports / Sport Specific Agenda Topics:

- Football – Watkins, King, Lappapa
 - NJCAA Top 20 Poll Process (Conf. Office)
 - Handshake Line Protocol Clarification (NDSCS)
 - 2020 Schedule
 - Stats Entry / Hudl Assist (Conf. Office)
 - Coaches Meeting Date/Location
 - Coaches Group Leadership (Mesabi Range/Central Lakes)
 - UW-SP, Concordia College JV contests
- M/W Soccer – Watkins
 - Contest statistics
 - NJCAA Game Roster Form
 - Contests against non-NJCAA schools
- Volleyball – Reed
 - Division III National Rankings / At-Large Bid
 - National Tournament, Rochester
 - NJCAA Transgender Athlete policy
- Golf - Retzlaff
 - Potential new programs; Alexandria Tech
 - Current program status check
- Clay Target - Watkins
 - Season Review
 - Fall Championships
 - NJCAA sanctioning
- M/W Basketball - Lester
 - Pre-season coaches meeting date/time
 - Film exchange options (RCTC)
 - Referee assignor/evaluator (RCTC)
 - Future Region Tournament/Men
 - Region Tournament Format/Women

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- Wrestling – Purcell
 - MCAC Dual championship
 - Pre-season coaches meeting date/time
 - National Non-scholarship designation (see Gen. Business)
 - NJCAA Athlete-of-the-Week proposal
- Baseball – Lamppa
 - 16-team post-season model
 - NSC Bubble Opportunity
- Softball – Reed
 - 2020 spring schedule/Bill McBride/post-season dates (Itasca)
 - NSC Bubble Opportunity
- Other items as presented

Friendly Reminder of NJCAA Region XIII Joint, Men's & Women's Meetings, beginning at 12:30pm.

Same Zoom Platform.

Same Room Location at National Sports Center.

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Sport Report: Football

- The MCAC Championship Game will again be at SCSU on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1pm kickoff
 - Cost of Live Stream expected to be similar to past years \$500-\$800
 - For the first time last year the MCAC had to organize, contract and pay for ambulance service; it is expected that this will be the case again this year.
 - For the first time last year the MCAC had to pay game-day security; it is expected that this will be the case again this year.
 - It is highly possible that schools may be asked to provide workers to help with chain crew, ball retrieval specialists and/or statistics help.
 - Open to suggestions/feedback how to mitigate costs while providing good experience for the teams and fans.
 - SCSU will host several high school games the days prior and may have IM's or NSIC/NCAA events later that evening.
- Coaches/AD's have access to crew evaluation survey's each week. These surveys are important to our assignor and used to identify best crews for post-season. Reminder that schools will direct pay post-season officials and will receive hosting re-imbursement per MCAC policy approved last GA.
- Some schools have contracted with Hudl Assist to provide game-day stats from submitted film. We will ask those schools to share their experiences. Timely and accurate submission of stats continues to be a challenge in some venues; not having sports information staff creates significant challenges in this process.
- FDLTCC has picked up a non-conference game with UW-SP JV. Our hope is to expand the relationship with the UW schools that have JV programs to help fill the 12th team void in the schedule. It is in the best interest of the league to not have the same MCAC teams playing the same JV teams every year.
- Coaches will discuss and propose thoughts on 2020 schedule and format. It is highly recommended that AD's and coaches communicate prior to the meeting
- Tom Inforzato is coaches chair this year, filing in for Greg Medeck (sabbatical). Jeff Linder is coaches secretary, filling in for Tom Inforzato.

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Sport Report: Football, cont.

- **Coaches Meeting:** Coaches will meet in person, on Monday November 11 in St. Cloud. In the past, this has fallen on holiday. In the past, coaches have agreed that this is the only way to meet effectively in person to conduct voting. As always, open to discussion.
- **Handshake Line Policy:** Coaches discussed and agreed to the concept of checking with the opponent through the officials in the 4th quarter as to if the teams can shake hands immediately after the game. At times, teams have needed a cooling off period. On some occasions, site administrators have elected not to have teams shake hands.
- **NJCAA Top 20 Poll:** The NJCAA football ranking committee now meets on Monday mornings to discuss poll. It has been established that margin of victory does not factor into voting; this is true both for human votes and computer model after week 5. There is no advantage or need for 'running up scores' from a polling or post-season standpoint. Doing so does create many other problems which may impact the sport of football at the NJCAA level.
- **The Conference office will propose to the NJCAA to re-examine** how polls are conducted and recommend a top 15 (scholarship) and top 5 (non-scholarship). This would reflect best practice in the industry and reflect common sense in that we are currently ranking 20 of 50 teams (40%).
- **Other Football items as presented.**

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Sport Report: Soccer

Four Men's Teams: MnWest, Lake Superior, Riverland, Anoka-Ramsey

Four Women's Teams: MnWest, Lake Superior, Rochester, Anoka-Ramsey

Winter 2019-20 MCAC Survey will include question on sport expansion, including M/W soccer

- **Game Statistics:** In soccer, MCAC teams must record and submit stats from all contests; including those vs. JV teams, club team, etc. Box score doesn't have to reflect opponent, unless it is another NJCAA program. The NJCAA stat enforcement policy applies in these cases.
 - **NJCAA Soccer Roster:** NJCAA teams must use designated roster form, which shows cautions/ejections. Cards accumulated in any contest (JV, club, NJCAA) count in card accumulation.
 - Reminder that MCAC Soccer is conducted in regular season format. Post-season contests are Region competitions.
 - Conference office would like to see more submissions of Athlete-of-the-Week from soccer; in the meantime, we will select honorees based on box-scores, game reports.
 - Other soccer items as presented.
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Sport Report: Golf

Three Men's Teams: Mesabi Range, M State-Fergus Fall, Southwest Tech.

- Alex Tech has discussed adding golf as its first NJCAA-sponsored sport.
- Twin Cities Gateway is looking to submit bid to host NJCAA Championships in Blaine/Anoka area. We would like to solicit 'volunteers' that could help with event from MCAC schools.
- Conference office will report on golf as information is presented.
- Region meeting will discuss fall event and spring nationals.
- Other Golf items, as presented.

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Sport Report: Volleyball

16 MCAC Teams (2 Divisions of 8) in competition this season, as well as independent Century.

- Reminder of Century play-in contest; discussed in women's Region meeting.
- Century will be incorporated into 2020 Southern Division schedule; Division will need to modify schedule rotation created last year.
- MCAC Crossover currently limited by gym space / cost. Are there other venues or ways to expand for full MCAC participation?
- Reminder that RCTC and Rochester Amateur Sport Commission will host 2019 National Tournament; also, 2019 will reflect 2nd year of 12-team event. Hopefully opportunity for 3rd MCAC team to be considered for at-large.
- Question raised specifically to NJCAA transgender policy as it applies to volleyball. Information from Jeff White (NJCAA legal council) has been shared with schools who posed the questions.
- Other Volleyball items, as presented.

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Sport Report: Clay Target

Twelve colleges with 275 registered SA's; three member colleges are not in NJCAA but are MCAC members.

- Fall championship in Grand Rapids; longer day, earlier start time.
- Ridgewater has two campus squads, forming one team. Good model for other, similar campuses.
- Populations at Central Lakes and Minnesota State Southeast have expressed interest in joining at the varsity level at some point.
- Conference office added AOW honor for CT this year. Need coaches to submit candidates, brief write-ups & pictures.
- MCAC continues to work with NJCAA on possible sponsorship; seeking to replicate the survey used for eSports to gauge national interest. NJCAA has specific criteria for proposals; at least two regions and 15 colleges need to support.
- If sport became NJCAA sponsored, there would be changes to current MCAC policy (min. credits, etc.)
- It is the hope and intent of MCAC that USA Clay Target would be vendor of choice for NJCAA, due to quality of delivery, etc.
- Awards costs will be higher for Fall Championship, due to Novice, JV and Varsity levels.
- Conference is looking for more cost-effective photo options for the event.
- Other Volleyball items, as presented.

General Reminders:

Coaches need to be 'fluent' on Presto for voting and should use their own school email (not AD's, former coach, etc.).

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Sport Report: Basketball (M/W)

Date and time needs to be established for pre-season coaches calls. Traditionally, we have conducted separate calls for men and women.

- RCTC men's coach Brian LaPlante has recommended that the Conference consider Synergy as possible replacement for Krossover (which was taken over by Hudl). **Synergy** is basketball specific and a product of high quality. Some concerns exist over pricing; currently, MCAC teams have 'free' Conference exchange pool with ability to upgrade their own, individual plans.
 - Concerns were fielded and noted regarding some challenges at some MCAC venues; our member colleges are aware and working to the best of their ability to mitigate these issues.
 - The Conference office will ask two coaches from each gender to review sport code before it is posted.
 - Other basketball items, as presented.
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Sport Report: Wrestling

Date and time needs to be established for pre-season coaches call, if one is desired by the coaches. In previous years, the Conference has conducted calls and distributed information by email.

- RCTC will host the MCAC Dual Championships, a new event this season.
- The MCAC will be asking the NJCAA to consider an Athlete-of-the-Week in Wrestling and to formalize the non-scholarship championship currently administered by the coaches association.
- The Conference office will ask one coach and one administrator from wrestling schools to review sport code before it is posted.
- Other Wrestling items, as presented.

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Sport Report: Baseball

Date and time needs to be established for pre-season coaches calls. Traditionally, we have conducted separate calls for baseball and softball.

- Changes were made to and approved by coaches to the MCAC All-Division process.
 - The NJCAA Region post-season format will be presented at the Men's Region Meeting.
 - MCAC baseball will operate in a two-Division format in 2020.
 - The MCAC spring sport webpages should be live in early December.
 - It has been noted that there may be a conflict with NSIC baseball in St. Cloud during the 2020 post-season.
 - Other baseball items, as presented.
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Sport Report: Softball

Date and time needs to be established for pre-season coaches calls. Traditionally, we have conducted separate calls for baseball and softball.

- Changes were made to and approved by coaches to the MCAC All-Division process.
- The NJCAA Region post-season format will be presented at the Men's Region Meeting.
- Rice Creek complex, Shoreview, MN, is available and interested in bidding for the 2020 MCAC tournament. It is a four-field complex and could host Region XIII A and B.
- The MCAC spring sport webpages should be live in early December.
- The MCAC Northern Division, pending EC approval, has been circulated by Itasca/Kyle Erickson
- Other softball items, as presented.

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Appendix A:

2019-20 MCAC / Region XIII Post-Season Reimbursement

Establish and equitable flat rate region tournament reimbursement model for host colleges of MCAC Championship events which also serve as Region XIII post-season competitions.

Teams traveling to event are responsible for their travel costs.

The college or organization which is hosting the event is responsible for all associated costs, profits, facility fees and related items.

The college or organization which is hosting the event may charge an equal and equitable tournament entry fee, upon approval by the Executive Committee.

The college or organization which is hosting shall submit to the Executive Committee an event budget plan for approval: anticipated revenue, expense, ticket fee, participation fee, etc.

The Conference office shall reimburse the host college as follows:

- The reimbursement rate shall be up to \$100 per team, per day, with reimbursement paid to host institution or organization.
 - Ex. WBB Regional: \$400 Day 1, \$200 Day 2 X two sites
 - Ex. MBB Regional: \$800 Day 1, \$400 Day 2, \$200 Day 3
 - Ex. FB Semi-final: \$200 One Day
- The MCAC Executive Committee would review and approve a pre-event budget and would have decision authority in relation to participating teams and in event of extenuating circumstances.

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Appendix B: 2019-20 MCAC Honors / Awards list: (does not inc. new CT)

FY20 MCAC Awards List

Fall:

\$400 Football: 5 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 2; State Champ R-Up, State Champ, COY]

\$240 Volleyball: 3 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 2, COY]

\$320 Soccer: 4 awards @ \$80 each. [M Regular Season, W Regular Season, COY]

\$390 Clay Target: 13 Awards @ \$30 each. (Top 2 teamX2, top 3 individual, top 3 female, top 3 male)

\$240 Golf: 3 award @ \$80 each. [Team Champ, Team Runner-up, Medalist]

Winter:

\$480 MBB 6 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 2; State Champ R-Up, State Champ, COY, Tourn MVP]

\$240 WBB: 3 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 2, COY]

\$240 Wrestling: 3 award @ \$80 each. [Dual Meet Team Champ, Tournament Champ, COY]

Spring:

\$560 Bsb 6 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 3; State Trn R-Up, State Champ, Tourn MVP]

\$240 SB: 3 award @ \$80 each. [Divisional Champ X 2, COY]

\$160 Duplicate Award (2) in event of co-Division champions

\$80 for Service/Retirement awards

\$3,590 Total Estimate

\$410 Shipping Estimate

\$4,000 Award Cost

The NJCAA Region XIII is responsible for the following awards:

Football, Region Championship Plaque, awarded as the State championship game.

Volleyball, Region XIII A & B Tournament plaques.

M/W Soccer, Region XIII tournament plaques

Men's Basketball, Region Championship Plaque, awarded as the State championship game.

Women's Basketball Region XIII A & B Tournament plaques.

Wrestling, District Championship Awards

Softball Region XIII A & B Tournament plaques.

Baseball, Region Championship Plaque, awarded as the State championship tournament.

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Jeff White <jwhite@njcaa.org>
Tue 9/10/2019 10:18 AM

- Watkins, Peter J

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Peter, I have pasted below Article I, Section 6.

Section 6 - Gender Regulations

A. Female Participation on Male Team: The NJCAA will allow women to participate with men on the same team providing that the female participant(s) are otherwise eligible NJCAA student-athletes and providing that the participant(s) college of participation does not have a women's team in the participant(s) sport or category.

A.1. Female student-athletes participating on a male team shall be listed on the men's eligibility form for that sport.

A.2. Those women listed on a men's eligibility form must participate in the men's regional and national tournament unless the NJCAA National Office is notified prior to the beginning of the regular season that the student-athlete will participate in women's postseason play.

A.2.a. This declaration must be signed by the athletic director and the student-athlete.

B. Male Participation on Female Team: Males may not participate on women's teams in any sport.

C. Transgender:

C.1. A trans-male (female to male) student-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for gender transition may compete on a men's team but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team.

C.2. A trans-female (male to female) being treated with testosterone suppression medication for gender transition may continue to compete on a men's team but may not compete on a women's team until completing one calendar year of documented testosterone suppression treatment.

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Appendix D: CoSIDA membership / MCAC programs

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Peter, thank you so much for following up with an email about our discussion earlier this week. I have a couple of thoughts. Yes, we would love to have your membership – today but more importantly in the future for 2019-20. I know we had a webinar about the ADA compliance, but it was over a year ago. I'm including the transcript for you to review – free of charge, no membership necessary. Take a look at it and see if it is helpful.

I think you and your members will find **CoSIDA** membership to be helpful as much for the resources and professional development opportunities as anything else. We have a mentoring program and monthly webinars as I think I mentioned.

If you believe you want to sign up for membership, [click on this link](#) and go to the Individual Membership and begin the process there. Let me know when you have completed it. I'll add your conference to our database and then I can affiliate you with it. I'm happy – when August rolls around – to communicate directly with any members you want to suggest for membership. Or give you details to communicate with them.

We would really like to see our NJCAA numbers grow because we think we have things we can offer that subset of our membership. I appreciate you for reaching out and I'll wait to hear what you decide on membership now or later.

Take care and keep in touch.

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