

## WIAC CROSS COUNTRY OPERATING CODE

### 2007 Season

[Note: The WIAC Sport Codes consist of those policies, procedures and practices unique or specific to the conduct and administration of each conference championship sport, and are intended as **supplements** to the *NCAA Manual*, *WIAC Handbook on the Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics* and the recognized playing rules of each sport, **not** as replacements for them. In addition, football, volleyball and men's/women's basketball have manuals that include expectations related to the administration of those sports.]

#### I. RULES

##### A. Conference/National Rules

Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable of and abide by all WIAC and NCAA rules. When in doubt, coaches are expected to consult with their athletics director concerning the application of a rule.

##### B. Contest Rules

The NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook shall govern all WIAC cross country competitions.

#### II. SPORT SEASON

##### A. Squad Limits [See WIAC Bylaw 16.1]

The number of student-athletes permitted to participate (practice or compete) in **men's** cross country is limited to 24 (plus allowable additions).

##### B. Length of Season/Contest Limitations

Refer to current NCAA Manual [Bylaw 17.7].

##### C. Race Distance

The recommended distance is the same length as the National Cross Country Meet. A host institution can elect to establish race distances different from those of the national meet provided they have informed all participating institutions beforehand.

##### D. Scoring

The scoring shall follow the current NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook.

##### E. Number of Race Entries

The host institution shall determine the number of entries and the number of teams an institution may enter. A host institution may run all its team members at a home meet as varsity, junior varsity or other team members.

**III. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP [See Guidelines for the Administration of WIAC Championships]**

**A. Team Eligibility**

Each institution must compete in at least three meets prior to the Conference Championship.

**B. Date**

The meet shall be held the two weeks prior to the NCAA Division III Regionals. The meet shall be a combined men's and women's Championship.

**C. Site and Time**

1. The meet site will rotate in the order listed below. The race starting times will be 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. The order of races will alternate each year between men and women unless the coaches agree upon a different proposal. Race order shall be the same as the NCAA Division III National Championship order.

2005 - Superior	2010 - Eau Claire
2006 - La Crosse	2011 - Platteville
2007 - Oshkosh	2012 - Stout
2008 - Stevens Point	2013 - River Falls and repeat
2009 - Whitewater	

2. The meet director should arrange for an alternate site (across state) in case of poor weather conditions. This requires cooperation of all coaches and Athletics Directors. If a site change occurs, the original site will host "as soon as possible" but not necessarily the next year (there may be other campus commitments that would prevent hosting).
3. All coaches should be available for a conference call at 9:30 a.m. on the Friday of the Championship to discuss weather conditions and site.

**D. Race Distance**

The distance shall be the same as designated for the NCAA Division III Championship Meet.

**E. Entries**

An institution may enter a maximum of 15 individuals and all 15 entries should be listed in the championship program. Entries must be received by the Monday preceding the championship. Each institution is limited to a maximum of 12 male and 12 female participants in the championships.

**F. Scoring**

1. The scoring shall follow the current NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook.
2. Ties will not be broken.

**G. Rules**

All NCAA Cross Country rules shall be followed.

#### **H. Meet Committee**

A meet committee shall be convened to address issues that arise during the conference championship tournament which are not covered in the Operating Code. The Meet Committee shall be comprised of the Commissioner (or designee), the athletics director of the host institution, the sport chair, and the head coach from the institution that hosted the championship the previous year.

### **IV. AWARDS [See WIAC Administrative Regulation Article 25]**

#### **A. Conference Championship**

A championship award (plaque or trophy) will be awarded to both men's and women's championship teams. Each member of the championship team will receive a certificate.

The awards are to be presented immediately following the completion of the final competition.

#### **B. Athlete-of-the-Week**

Each week during the season, the conference office will select a male and a female cross country athlete-of-the-week when nominations and data are sufficient. The recipients will receive a plaque from the conference.

#### **C. Coach-of-the-Year**

A coach-of-the-year will be selected by the coaches for both men's and women's cross country at the conclusion of the season in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.4. The recipients will receive an award from the conference.

#### **D. Scholar-Athlete Award**

A scholar-athlete will be selected for both men's and women's cross country at the conclusion of the season in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.6. In men's sports, the award shall be entitled the "**Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award**". In women's sports, the award shall be entitled the "**Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award**".

#### **E. All-Conference**

The WIAC All-Conference First Team for both men and women shall be comprised of the top 7 finishers in the conference championship meet. Each recipient will receive a plaque. The second team shall be comprised of the 8-14 finishers. Each recipient will receive a medal. The 15-20 finishers will receive honorable mention certificates.

### **VI. SPORT CHAIR/SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **A. Sport Chair**

The Sport Chair will be the coach of the conference championship host institution team. [See WIAC Administrative Regulation 24.2 for duties and responsibilities of sport chairs.]

#### **B. Cross Country Sport Committee Meeting**

The cross country sport committee shall conduct its annual telephone conference call on the Monday

afternoon following Thanksgiving.

**2007 CHAMPIONSHIP**

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2007  
Site: UW-Oshkosh  
Meet Director: Al Ackerman  
Sport Chairs: Deb Vercauteren/John Zupanc, UW-Oshkosh  
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Athletic Directors' Liaison: Steve Nelson, UW-Superior

Sport Committee Conference Call: 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 26, 2007