

TranSouth Women's Softball Conference By-Laws

Chair: Brandie Paul: Martin Methodist College

- I. Roster
- II. Scheduling
 - a. Each Team will play every other team in the conference one time in a doubleheader. The schedule will rotate on a home and away basis every other season.
 - b. A conference schedule will be done at the coaches meeting before the conference tournament.
- III. Cancellations, Forfeits, and Make-Ups
 - a. A team must make every effort to play all conference games including the use of make-ups and neutral site make-ups if needed. You must play **14** of **14** conference games to be eligible to be the TranSouth Conference Regular Season Champion.
 - b. If a team refuses to play and will not attempt to schedule a make-up, then you should alert the Conference Chair who will contact the Conference Commissioner. Conference games should take precedence over non-conference. Losses will be awarded for seeding purposes only to those teams that play fewer than 14 conference games or refuse to play their make-up games. These losses will not count on your overall record.
- IV. Umpires
 - a. The conference assignor will be notified of each team's schedule and will assign umpires accordingly. Tony Walsh is current umpire assignor for our conference.
- V. Equipment / Site Criteria
 - a. The distance to the home run fence should be a minimum of 190 feet in left and right fields and a minimum of 200 feet in center field. The distance to the home run fence should be a maximum of 225 feet in all fields.
 - b. All other policies pertinent to the sport shall conform to NCAA regulations.
- VI. Forms and Reports
 - a. Coaches/SID's shall report all scores and stats to the Conference SID no later than noon (CST) Monday Morning.
 - b. Coaches should use the reporting sheet that is issued by the Conference SID.
 - c. Failure to report stats will eliminate potential Player of the Week Candidates.
 - d. The Conference SID shall release weekly stats to all conference coaches via fax, email, or internet by each Monday of the regular season.
 - e. The Conference SID will be responsible for the release of all information

concerning the conference tournament, All-Conference Team, and Player of the Week, as well as any other awards given by the conference.

VII. Coaches Meeting

- a. The official women's softball meeting will be held at the conference tournament.

VIII. Awards

- a. Coach of the Year—will be voted on in the same ballot with All-Conference and Player of the Year.
- b. Freshman of the Year— Nominations will be submitted by each conference head coach. From such nominations a vote will be taken on the nominated players
- c. Player of the Year—Nominations will be submitted by each conference head coach. From such nominations a vote will be taken on the nominated players.
- d. Player of the Week—Coaches will nominate a player each week through the NAIA website nomination process. The Conference SID will choose the selected player.
- e. All-Conference Team
 - i. Each Head Coach will submit a nomination ballot consisting of their players. Each coach may nominate up to six of their own players. This form will be submitted to the conference SID on the Monday prior to the conference tournament.
 - ii. The conference SID will compile the list of nominees and resubmit it to each head coach.
 - iii. Each coach will put the players in order of #1 being the best player, #2 being next best, etc. Coaches **cannot** vote for their own players.
- f. All Conference awards will be presented during the first day of the Conference Tournament. The first team shall receive medallions. The Coach, Freshman, New-Comer, Pitcher and Player of the Year will receive a Plaque.

IX. Conference Champion and Tournament

- a. A TranSouth Regular Season and Tournament Championship will be awarded. The Regular Season Champion will be decided upon completion of all conference matches during the Regular Season.
- b. The conference tournament will rotate every year. (2010 TNU, 2011 CU, 2012 MCU, 2013 BC, 2014 Lyon, 2015 FHU, 2016 UU, 2017 MMC)
 - i. To host the conference tourney you must have lights.
 - ii. To host the conference tourney you must have a tarp.
- c. If weather makes it impossible to finish the conference tournament and no clear cut winner is established the regular season champion will be the tournament champion.
 - i. If there is an undefeated team they will be awarded the championship.
 - ii. If there are 2 or more undefeated teams the team with the highest regular season TranSouth ranking will be awarded the championship.
- c. Criteria for TranSouth standings and system for tiebreakers within the conference are as follows.
 - i. Head to Head Competition within the TranSouth

- ii. Best record against other finishing teams (1-8)
 - iii. Coin Toss (at a neutral site with both head coaches present)
 - d. All teams will qualify for the Conference Tournament.
 - e. Conference Tournament Games
 - i. Umpires will be provided by the host team, they are to be NCAA certified.
The cost of the umpires will be the responsibility of the host team.
 - ii. The all-conference awards will be sent to the host school.

- X. The NAIA Women's Softball Handbook and NCAA Women's Softball Rules shall guide other policies not specified by the conference.