

2011-2012 TranSouth Baseball Policies

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Preseason Rankings: TranSouth – Nov. 14; NAIA – Nov. 15

Weekly Rating Report: Ratings report to TranSouth rater each Monday (All coaches vote)

Weekly Conference Player/Pitcher Awards: Nominations on NAIA SIDHelp Website by 10 a.m. each Monday

Postseason Tournament: Six-team double-elimination tournament (top 6 regular season)

Note: Must play 18 conference games to be eligible for regular season championship

Note: Official bracket will be the approved NAIA bracket at www.NAIA.org

Tie breaker: (1) Head-to-head, (2) head-to-head with next team up in standings (if tied for 1 and 2, then next team below), (3) overall NAIA record percentage, (4) overall record percentage. If three-way tie, break tie down to two teams, then break two-team tie.

2011-12 TranSouth Tournament Dates: April 30 – May 3, 2012 (Coaches Meeting, April 29 @ 7:00 p.m.)

2011-12 Tournament Site: Union University (Fesmire Field) Jackson, Tenn.

2011-12 NAIA Opening Round: May 10-14, 2012 (five-team double elimination tournament)

2011-12 NAIA World Series Dates: May 25 – June 1, 2012

2011-12 NAIA World Series Site: Lewiston, Idaho

TranSouth Scholar-Athletes: Turn in to Sport SID at end of first semester grading period

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Scholar-Athlete Qualifications:

TranSouth - Recipients must be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student academically with at least 3.0 GPA

NAIA - Recipients must be a junior, senior or graduate student academically with at least a 3.5 GPA

All conference awards: See section below. Post season awards will be voted on by coaches during coaches meeting prior to the conference tournament.

Nomination Details:

Announcement of Awards will be made during awards ceremony on first day of conference tournament.

Official Equipment: Official ball: Rawlings

Scheduling/Rainouts/Suspended Games/Ties:

- Teams will play a three-game weekend series according to the master schedule.
- Coaches are to agree on starting times for all conference games.
- The games/series must be completed on consecutive days.
- Games can be moved because of weather and be played Thursday/Friday, Friday/Saturday, Saturday/Sunday, or Sunday/Monday. Note: Trevecca Nazarene and Union cannot play games on Sunday.
- Games continued on second day must be completed as they were started (Nine--inning games will be finish as a nine-inning games, seven-inning games finished as seven-inning games.)
- A nine-inning game can be completed on second day of series, followed by a double-header. No triple-headers can be played in one day.
- Ties and suspended games: Games cut short by weather from the first day should be completed the next day. On the second day of the series, a game is complete after 4.5 innings (if the home team is ahead) or five innings (if the visiting team is ahead). If tied on second day, the game would be recorded as a tie and refer to winning percentage.
- Swapping of Home Sites: Every effort should be made to play all conference games. This includes swapping home sites in the event the scheduled home site is unplayable.

Game stats are to be web synced to Dakstats after each game. Failure by a school to report more than 2 weeks in a season will result in players and coaches from that school being ineligible for selection to the all-conference team.

All-Conference Awards:

Player of the Year, Coach of the Year

First Team All-Conference: Catcher x2, First Base, Second Base, Third Base, Shortstop, Extra Fielder, Starting Pitcher x4, Outfield x4, Relief Pitcher, Designated Hitter

Second Team: Catcher x2, First Base, Second Base, Third Base, Shortstop, Extra Fielder, Starting Pitcher x4, Outfield x4, Relief Pitcher, Designated Hitter

Rawlings Gold Glove Team: one player for each of the nine defensive positions

Only the first team will receive medals.

Umpires: Mr. Tony Thompson will assign the umpires for all TranSouth Conference games.

Rules: Professional baseball rules apply except where NAIA differs.

Run Rule: All conference games will have a 10- run rule in effect after seven innings of a nine-inning game, and after five innings of a seven-inning game.
