

2011-2012 TranSouth Men's Soccer Policies

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Preseason Rankings: Mid-August

Weekly Report: games stats must be web synced to Dakstats after each game.

Weekly TSAC Player Awards: Nomination on NAIA Website by 5 p.m. Sunday

Postseason Tournament: Six team single-elimination tournament, #1 and #2 seeds get bye

Each tournament game is played at the home of the higher seed in that game

Tie breaker: (1) Win/Loss Record Points will be awarded for each conference game played (Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points); **(2)** Head to Head Competition; **(3)** Straight Goal Differential within the TranSouth (four goal max. per match); **(4)** Longo Rating System - as described in the NAIA handbook; **(5)** Coin Flip.

2011 TranSouth Championship Dates: (tournament details listed below)

First Round | Saturday, Nov. 5 | @ higher seeds - #6 @ #3, #5 @ #4

Semi Final | Tuesday, Nov. 8 | @ higher seeds - #6/#3 winner @ #2, #5/#4 winner @ #1

Championship | Friday, Nov. 11 | two winners play @ higher seed

2011 TranSouth Championship Site: games hosted by higher seed in each game

2011 NAIA National Championships Opening Round: November 20 | Campus Sites

2011 NAIA National Championships Final Site Dates: Nov. 29 – Dec. 4, 2011

2011 NAIA National Championship Site: Orange Beach Sportsplex | Orange Beach, Alabama

Scholar Athletes (TranSouth): Turn in to sport SID by October 15, 2011

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Scholar Athlete Qualification:

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

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

All conference 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 Teams
 - i. Each Head Coach will submit a nomination ballot listing up to six of their own players. This form will be submitted to the conference chair.
 - ii. The conference chair will compile the list of nominees and resubmit it to each head coach. From this list, each coach will vote for two all-conference teams. A coach may not vote for his/her own players.

- iii. Each position will be ranked and coaches should list players in the order of their evaluation. The first and second teams will be comprised of 4 forwards, 4 midfielders, 4 defenders, and 2 Goal Keepers.
- f. All Conference awards will be presented during the Tournament. The first team shall receive medals. The Coach, Freshman and Player of the Year will receive a plaque. The Regular Season Champion and the Tournament Champion will be awarded a banner.
- g. The All conference teams will be announced at the Conference Tournament championship game with Player of the year awards announced after the Conference Final.

Conference Champion and Tournament:

I. 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 Regular Season Champion and Runner-up will get a bye to Conference Semi-Final.
- c. Criteria for TranSouth standings and system for tiebreakers within the conference are as follows:
 - i. Win/Loss Record Points will be awarded for each conference game played
Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points
 - ii. Head to Head Competition
 - iii. Straight Goal Differential within the TranSouth (4 goal max. per match)
 - iv. Longo Rating System—as described in the NAIA handbook
 - v. Coin Flip
- d. The top six seeded teams will qualify for the Conference Tournament. Seed one and two will get a bye to the tournament. The other top 4 seeds will play in a play-off.
- e. The play-off games are Saturday November 6th. Seed 3 will play seed 6 and seed 4 will play seed 5 at higher seed's field.
- f. The Conference Semi-Final will be Tuesday November 9th at Higher Seeds field. Seed #1 vs. winner of Seed #4/#5 and Seed #2 vs. winner of Seed #3/#6
- g. The Conference Final will be Friday November 12th at higher Seeds field.
- h. The winner of the TranSouth Tournament Championship will receive the conference's automatic bid to the National Tournament.
- i. Conference Tournament Games
 - i. Four officials are required for all playoff matches. The cost of the officials will be the responsibility of the host team.
 - ii. In case of bad weather the format is as follows 1) Alternate Site 2) flip the fixture 3) Move the Date 4) Higher Seed wins.

- II. The NAIA Men's Soccer Handbook and NCAA Men's Soccer Rules shall guide other policies not specified by the conference.

Scheduling

- a. Each Team will play every other team in the conference only once. If more than one game is played between two schools, only the first game will count towards conference playoffs. This rule excludes any games played in a Pre-Season or Season Tournament.
- b. A conference schedule will be in place in advance of each upcoming season.

Cancellations, Forfeits, and Make-Ups

If a match is cancelled and cannot be made up, it will be recorded as a forfeit to the team responsible for the cancellation.

Officials

Ronnie Cowan is the assigner for all conference teams home matches.

Equipment / Site Criteria

- a. Minimum Field Dimensions are (70 yds x 110 yds) NAIA standard.
- b. Maximum Field Dimensions are (80 yds x 120 yds) NAIA standard.
- c. All other policies pertinent to the sport shall conform with NAIA regulations.

- d. All Conference games must be played using the Brine Soccer ball.
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Forms and Reports

- a. Scouting reports are not to be given to non-TranSouth schools on any other TranSouth member.
 - b. Coaches/SID's shall report all scores within an hour of the completion of all matches. Stats are requested to be websynced to DakStats as soon as possible following each match. Hopefully following the match, if not first thing the following day. Stats should be websynced no later than 5 p.m. each Sunday when the Player of the Week nominations are due.
 - c. Failure to report stats will eliminate potential Player of the Week Candidates.
 - d. Stats are posted immediately upon DakStats Websynch.
 - 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.
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Coaches Meeting

The official Men's soccer meeting will be held at a central location each August.