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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC) represents the collective interests of Mississippi's fifteen public two-year colleges. This Association was chartered in part, to provide a framework for the development and administration of policies and procedures related to the governance of student activities at the various institutions.

It is the belief of the MACCC membership that a well-rounded program of student activities greatly enhances the total development of the individual student and promotes the fulfillment of the purpose of the various institutions. The benefits of such activities prepare students through the development of discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play and other virtues essential to success in life.

The Association supports the wholesome benefits of inter-school competition in athletics and other student activities. Through this shared vision of the institutional and collective benefits of a progressive program of student activities, the MACCC seeks to offer competitive programs that are established and maintained based on a high standard of ethics and fair play.

To this end the Association has developed and approved the following policies and guidelines to insure fairness and equity to all students and institutions participating in activities sanctioned by the MACCC. The rules and regulations contained herein have been established as a guide for the administration of student activities sanctioned by the Association. Participating institutions shall be entitled to all privileges of membership granted through the constitution and by-laws of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC)

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the MACCC to foster a state program of intercollegiate activities in an environment that supports equitable opportunities consistent with the educational objectives of member colleges.

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Article I. ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Policies, Rules and Regulations

MACCC institutions are bound by NJCAA policies, rules and regulations. In the event there is a difference in policy of MACCC and the NJCAA, the more restrictive policy shall be followed.

In all cases, the MACCC Commissioner shall have the authority to monitor, investigate, report and impose penalties for violations of either MACCC or NJCAA policies, rules, or regulations. In addition to any NJCAA sanctions issued, MACCC will issue penalties in accordance with this Handbook. (See NJCAA handbook for corroborating statement of policy by the NJCAA). Article V, Sec. 1, e.

Participating colleges have agreed to respect institutional boundaries in the recruitment of students. These boundaries, originally established to provide local and regional financial support for the various colleges, serve as restrictive borders for institutional recruitment in athletics and other student activities as well as in the recruitment of general students.

Rules, regulations, or policies shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption by vote of the MACCC presidents unless otherwise specified.

Hereafter the terms "Association" or the acronym "MACCC" will refer to the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference.

- a. The activities of the MACCC shall be administered by the Commissioner, the MACCC Athletic Directors' Association, the Athletic Council, the Executive Committee of the MACCC, and the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC).
- b. Requirements for participation in MACCC athletic activities are (1) to endorse the code of sportsmanship, (2) active membership in the National Junior College Athletic Association, and (3) To abide by all rules of the Association.
- c. Acceptable conduct by participants in competitive sports is rightfully the concern of all who share in promoting athletics. However, the final responsibility for the conduct of coaches, players, and spectators is that of the president of each institution.
- d. Breaches of conduct by coaches, players, and spectators should be reported to the Commissioner, and action will be taken as deemed necessary under the established policies of the Association.

Section 2 - Athletic Council

- a. The Athletic Council of the MACCC shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Association. It shall be composed of four (4) Presidents; one (1) Athletic Director; one (1) Chief Academic Officer; and one (1) Dean of Students divided between the north and south. The members representing the council will serve a two (2) year term on a rotating basis, with their term expiring in June. Rotation occurs when the MACCC Chairperson's term expires in June.
- b. The duties of the Athletic Council shall be as follows:
 1. To conduct hearings and investigations related to alleged violations of the rules and regulations, to impose penalties for violations and to adopt procedures for operation in keeping with rules and regulations of the Association while complying with the principles of due process.
 2. May make an exception to the written policy of the Association when based on an established precedence or hardship imposed by the Association.
 3. Such other duties as may be specifically designated to it by the Association.
- c. No member of the Athletic Council shall sit in judgment of a case where his or her own college is concerned. The chairman shall replace members of the committee when necessary.

Section 3 - Athletic Infractions Committee

- a. The Athletic Infractions Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Association. It shall be composed of two (2) Presidents and two (2) Athletic Directors. The members representing the committee will serve a two (2) year term on a rotating basis, with their term expiring in June. Rotation occurs when the MACCC Chairperson's term expires in June.
- b. The duties of the Athletic Infractions Committee shall be as follows:
 1. To assist the Commissioner in determining when rules and regulations involving MACCC activities have been violated.
 2. To assist the Commissioner in imposing penalties for violation of rules and regulations in accordance with MACCC policy
- c. No member of the Athletic Infractions Committee shall have voting power in a case in which his or her own college is involved. The chairman may replace a committee member if necessary.

Section 4 - Athletic Directors Association

- a. **Purpose** - The purpose of the AD Association is to coordinate and develop policy for athletics so results will be consistent with the total educational program of all member institutions.
- b. **Officers** - The elective officers of the AD Association shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman and a Secretary. The officers will be elected during the spring meeting each year.
- c. **Meetings** – The AD Association shall hold quarterly meetings each year. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman, who shall designate the time and place of said meetings and shall send notice thereof to all members.
- d. **Voting** – Each member college shall be entitled to one vote. If an athletic director cannot attend a meeting, a representative may attend to represent the member college.

- e. **Scheduling** – The AD Association shall oversee scheduling of all sports.
- f. **Changes** – The AD Association shall study and recommend rules changes to the MACCC.

NOTE: MACCC Athletic Directors will not consider rules recommendations from individual sports that do not have a majority of MACCC teams supporting changes.

Section 5 - The Commissioner

The Commissioner shall exhibit the highest level of professionalism in carrying out his duties as described herein. This includes in his conduct of investigations of possible rule violations; in his interviews and/or discussions with coaches and other school officials whose programs are under investigation; and in his reporting and/or discussions of possible violations with members of the general public and the media.

The duties of the Commissioner shall be as follows:

1. To enforce rules, regulations and sanctions of the Association. This shall include the authority to investigate any report of a violation and/or any suspected violation.
2. To be responsible for the interpretation of policies, rules and regulations set forth in this Handbook and to be responsible for making exceptions to such policies, rules and regulations as may be necessary from time to time.
3. To keep a permanent record of all rulings and opinions of the Athletic Association, Athletic Council and the Association on questions appealed to those groups.
4. To set up standard procedures whereby official data may be collected from all member colleges for determining the eligibility of student athletes, and to furnish such data to the Association, or member colleges upon request.
5. To serve in the capacity of Recorder and attend the meetings of the Athletic Directors Association, the Athletic Council, and the Association. In the capacity as recorder, the Commissioner shall prepare and preserve a complete record of the minutes of meetings of these groups and shall mail a copy to each member immediately after each meeting.
6. Purchase suitable trophies for winners of contests.
7. To set up a system for securing reports from all officially recognized organizations or affiliated groups of the MACCC.
8. To advise all affiliated sub-organizations of the MACCC.
9. To assist and represent the Association in supervising and arranging all post-season activities or tournaments.
10. To assist the Athletic Directors and Athletic Council in carrying out the duties of those groups.
11. To make recommendations for the benefit of the Association.

NOTE: Written opinions or rulings are the only valid responses from the Commissioner's office or the NJCAA Region XXIII Men/Women's Directors that are binding. Oral opinions are not official, nor binding.

Section 6 – Athletic Liaison

The Presidents approved to expand the MACC Committees to include athletics. This is in line with other MACC Committees. The objective is to keep the Presidents informed on athletic matters. They will serve as the Presidents representatives at AD meetings when available. This will provide an opportunity to keep them informed of issues that may require immediate attention, to discuss athletic matters as needed, as well as solicit their insight.

- a. The Athletic Committee of the MACCC shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Association. It shall be composed of two (2) Presidents. The members representing the council will serve a two (2) year term on a rotating basis, with their term expiring in June. Rotation occurs when the MACCC Chairperson's term expires in June.
- b. The duties of the Athletic Committee shall be as follows:
 1. To serve as the President's liaison between the MACC and Commissioner.
 2. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner on matters related to athletics.
 3. To attend athletic meetings, AD's, coaches, etc.

Article II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 1 - Membership: Membership in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), including certification of athletes, is required of all members of the Association in order to be eligible to participate in all MACCC athletic competition.

Section 2 - All teams shall be assigned a college **representative by the President**, and the representative shall travel with teams to all away contests. All colleges are encouraged to have a representative other than the coach at each school activity.

Section 3 - Any student who represents a member college in an athletic contest shall meet all the eligibility requirements of the Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Colleges that knowingly or not knowingly allow an ineligible player to participate shall forfeit all contests in which said player participated.

Section 4 – All MACCC Member Schools are encouraged to implement drug testing for athletes. Any student-athlete who has been signed to a National Letter of Intent and/or Certified who fails to comply with a MACCC Member College’s drug policy, who test positive for an illegal substance may not participate at another member’s school for a period of one calendar years (during this period the athlete may participate at initial institution where suspended at that college’s discretion).

Section 5 - Visitor’s dressing area: Member colleges shall provide clean, lighted, climate controlled space for visiting teams with adequate space for taping and other activities related to the scheduled athletic activity.

Section 6 - MACCC Grandfather Clause: Students enrolled at a MACCC member college or students who have signed a grant-in-aid scholarship to attend a MACCC member college prior to rules changes are the only students eligible to be grandfathered. Scholarships must be on file in the state office showing the date prior to the adoption of rules by the MACCC.

The signing date for prospects in all sports shall be the same as that fixed by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Section 7 - A college failing to appear as scheduled in all athletic contests shall forfeit the contest and pay \$150 to the host college. Exceptions may be made by the Commissioner on the following basis: 1) when proper notification has been made to the host college twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled contest, 2) acts of nature, and 3) mutual agreement by colleges involved.

Section 8 – Videotaping of athletic contests is authorized by member colleges for the purpose of scouting an opponent, providing such tapes and equipment are not used for instruction by either team during the contest. Colleges may video tape only those games in which their college participates.

Section 9 - Schedules shall be completed and due by:

Football –February 1
Soccer – February 1
Basketball--April 1
Baseball/Softball - May 1
Spring Sports - May 1

The master schedule for all sports must be followed unless there is written notification from the Athletic Directors, of both schools, notifying the MACCC Office they have approved the change due to any reason.

Section 10 - In sanctioned activities that include men and women teams, each member institution shall have one vote on items related to competition.

Section 11 - Any disagreement of athletic matters between colleges that is not covered by these regulations shall be decided by the Commissioner. The decision of the Commissioner may be appealed to the Athletic Council.

Section 12 – International student athletes shall be counted the same as out-of-state student athletes under the current out-of-state limits for each MACCC sport.

Article III. HEARING PROCEDURES

Section 1 – Purpose

The MACCC attempts to maintain an environment to insure the equal protection of all members of the MACCC while they pursue their educational objectives and activities. It is important that each college become familiar with and abides by the regulations published in the MACCC Handbook. It is also important that MACCC member colleges be willing to confront violations by filing complaints. All complaints must be signed by the president of the college filing charges.

All colleges are expected to become familiar with the rules and conform to the standard of conduct contained in the document. Colleges who fail to observe these standards will be referred to the Commissioner or the appropriate hearing body for action.

Section 2 - Authority

The MACCC is primarily responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations. This authority is delegated to the Commissioner via the MACCC Presidents who have the ultimate authority. The MACCC Commissioner renders decisions and handles all appeals through the hearing process.

All rules and regulations set forth are applicable to all campuses, branches or centers operated by a MACCC member college.

All athletes should be informed of the current MACCC regulations. Changes in regulations will be distributed prior to enforcement of the new regulations.

Section 3 - Investigation

The MACCC Commissioner serves as the primary investigator of the MACCC in matters requiring investigation. Staff members from any MACCC member college may be requested to assist the Commissioner's office when the situation merits, i.e., residential investigations or eligibility investigations.

Section 4 - Hearing Procedures

a. When a complaint is received, the college against which the complaint is filed will be notified by the MACCC Commissioner. The college may exercise one of the options listed below.

1. Acknowledge and admit the violation and accept a ruling by the Commissioner.
2. Appeal the action of the Commissioner to the MACCC Athletic Council.
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b. **Notification of Charges:**

A preliminary investigation of any reported violations will be made before formal charges are initiated.

Written notification to the affected college or colleges will specify:

1. That colleges may bring witnesses to testify on their behalf at the scheduled hearing.
2. That colleges have the right to have counsel of their choosing, but such counsel may not speak or participate unless properly recognized by the Chairman of the Hearing Committee.
3. A brief summary of the nature of the charges and evidence to be presented during the hearing.

c. **Procedures during all Hearings:**

1. The hearing is not open to the public. Only colleges with charges pending or their representatives, the college's designated witnesses, the MACCC Commissioner, a secretary designated by the Commissioner to take minutes of the proceeding, the Commissioner's designated witnesses, and members of the appropriate appeal committee may attend hearings.
2. A written record of all hearings will be made by the Chairman or Secretary. All records will be filed in the Commissioner's office. Only colleges directly involved with a case may have access to the records pertaining to the case.
3. The hearing will be conducted in an orderly manner.
4. The accused college will have an opportunity to be heard in its own defense, either by oral testimony or written affidavit. If the college fails to attend the hearing, the hearing shall be held in its absence and sanctions shall be enacted. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based upon proof of violation or policies, rules, and regulation.
5. The college accused will have the opportunity to hear and refute all testimony against them. Where the evidence is presented in writing, the college will have the right to see and refute such written testimony. The accused college may present evidence in its own behalf, may reply to charges in its own words, and may present witnesses on their own behalf.
6. If a witness elects not to appear, a written affidavit may be used.
7. The burden of proof will rest upon those bringing the charges, and all matters upon which the decision is based must be entered as evidence during the hearing. Formal rules of evidence will not be used.

d. **Findings and Recommendations:**

At the conclusion of the hearing the Chairperson of the Committee will give an oral report of the findings and/or sanctions to the college being charged. The Committee will prepare or cause to be prepared, in writing its findings and recommendations. These findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours after the completion of the hearing. This time limit may be extended under unusual or extenuating circumstances.

Section 5 - Appeal Procedures

Rulings by the Commissioner may be appealed to the MACCC Athletic Council. Institutions seeking an appeal must file a written request in the office of the Commissioner within ten (10) days of the original ruling. The request must clearly state the grounds of appeal. The appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate committee where it will be either accepted for consideration or denied. The institution requesting the appeal will be notified by the Commissioner within fifteen (15) working days as to the status of the appeal. The appeal procedures will be concluded within sixty (60) days. All decisions rendered by the Athletic Council are final. Only institutions and their employees holding membership in the Association are disciplined by the Association, and therefore have rights to the appeal procedure. A Coach, Athletic Director, and President of the College must sign all appeals.

Section 6 - Confidentiality of Files

For every college referred to the office of the MACCC Commissioner, a file is established. This file contains the reports of the incident, and all correspondence. While the files may be used for administrative purposes, they are not released to other MACCC member colleges or outside agencies.

Information from the file may be released where the college has authorized such release in writing. Student records may not be released to a third party without written consent of the student.

A college may review its file with the Commissioner.

Article IV. PARTICIPATION / ELIGIBILITY / CERTIFICATION

Section 1 - Participation for all student athletes is defined as follows:

- a. Taking part in any regular season contest or post-season contest.

Section 2 - Eligibility

Colleges may establish rules that are more stringent than the MACCC or NJCAA. Student athletes must satisfy the Institutions, MACCC, and NJCAA rules to be eligible for athletic participation.

- a. All participants in MACCC athletics must be regular high school graduates or obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma.
- b. A student has a maximum of two seasons of eligibility in a particular sport under the rules as defined in Section I above. Exceptions to the policy are: (1) a hardship case declared by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).
- c. Each college may keep a specified number of non-scholarship Mississippi resident athletes: basketball (5); soccer (5); softball (5) above the squad limit in each sport to practice during their first semester of college attendance excluding summer school (second semester if sport begins in the spring) and not have that participation count against their eligibility. These players must meet all MACCC/NJCAA eligibility standards and names must be submitted electronically and on a separate NJCAA eligibility form at the time of certification for each sport to the NJCAA.

Section 3 – Certification Policy

- a. Prior to the first regular season contest, all sports must have their complete rosters (certified student-athletes, practice players, managers, film crew) uploaded into the MCCB Athletic Management System (MAMS) along with copies of the signed LOI's and transfer waivers.

The MACCC Financial Aid/Eligibility Form shall be entered in the MCCB Athletic Management System (MAMS) by each member college and submitted online on a date designated by the Commissioner. MAMS will report the actual dollar amount of all financial aid to student athletes for all sports.

- b. The Athletic Director will designate the primary person responsible for completing the NJCAA eligibility form. Responsibility for entering financial data in MAMS lies with the Financial Aid Director. The final MAMS report must be signed by the President, Athletic Director, Business Manager, and Financial Aid Director of the college.

Responsibility of the Athletic Director:

1. To oversee the completion and submission of all eligibility forms, including eligibility certification (NJCAA Form) and MAMS data entry.

Responsibility of the Coach

1. To ensure all student-athletes who are required to be certified eligible have created an NJCAA student account.
2. Prior to the first regular season contest, enter all student-athletes, managers and team related personnel for a sport on the team roster in MAMS.
3. To certify physical examination of each student.
4. To certify that any players with out-of-state transcripts who petition to be residents of Mississippi have met all requirements.

Responsibility of the Financial Aid Director:

1. Entering financial data in MAMS lies with the Financial Aid Director.

Responsibility of the Registrar or Director of Admissions if audited by the NJCAA or MACCC:

1. To verify enrollment date and terms of enrollment for each student-athlete.
2. To certify the residence of the player and that of the player's parents (in-state or out-of-state). Be sure residential visits have been completed for all in-state students which have out-of-state transcripts.
3. To certify player eligibility under Association rules by affixing the seal of the college and the personal signature on form.

Deadlines to be met when certifying athletes:

1. A copy of the schedule, game roster, **alphabetical team roster of players and all team related personnel** in all intercollegiate sports must be completed and submitted to the Commissioner **prior to the first regular season contest**. All ineligible players must be included on the team roster.

Article V. CONDUCT GOVERNED - COACH, PLAYER, AND SPECTATOR

Section 1 – Presidential Responsibility

The President of each institution has the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of coaches, players, other employees and spectators at his/her institution. The President is expected to encourage an acceptable level of decorum on and off the playing field at all times.

Section 2 - Code of Sportsmanship

This code is offered as a guide for colleges to use in promoting sportsmanship for students and other spectators. The purpose of such a code is to put the principle of good sportsmanship into operation on the athletic field.

- a. I will treat members of visiting teams and their fans as guests and will extend to them every consideration, which I would expect as a visiting fan.
- b. I will applaud excellence in performance exhibited by either team during the contest.
- c. I will consider the officials as the final authorities to make decisions, and I will accept decision without demonstration.
- d. I will support the team and coach regardless of the winning record of the team.
- e. I will take pride in promoting good sportsmanship among the spectators, players, and coaches.
- f. I will recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players.
- g. I will remember that an athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state, or nation.

Section 3 - Misconduct of Coaches and/or Players

- a. Coaches and administrators shall refrain from public criticism of other member institutions, their staffs, or players. Coaches and administrators shall also refrain from making public statements and accusations regarding infractions concerning member institutions and their personnel.
- b. Coaches, players and support personnel shall refrain from all public criticism of officials, which shall include making public any specific communications with the Conference office and/or officiating coordinators related to officiating.
- c. Coaches and support personnel shall provide favorable examples in appearance, conduct, language, and sportsmanship and shall refrain from personal conduct that may incite spectators.
- d. The head coach shall be responsible for the conduct of all assistants, coaches, players, managers or others directly associated with the team in their charge.
- e. The head coach has a direct impact on the tone of spectator behavior. He or she must do more than avoid improper conduct. The head coach must set an example worthy to be followed. The use of gestures to influence the fan's attitudes and verbal abuse of game officials by the head coach must not be tolerated by any member college will not be tolerated by the Association. Charges of misconduct on the part of the head coach or those in his/her charge shall be investigated when reported in writing to the Commissioner's office. Coaches committing such acts of misbehavior cited above shall be placed on probation.

Section 4 - Conduct of Fans and/or Spectators

- a. Each college is responsible for enforcing the code of sportsmanship specified in the Handbook. The code shall be disseminated throughout the student body and posted prominently in sports arenas.
- b. The crowd control is the direct responsibility of the host college.
- c. Each college is encouraged to have a person of administrative position other than the coach at all contests whether held on their campus or sponsored by the college off campus.
- d. The administrator shall ensure that there is no harassment of game officials by fans or spectators. All precautionary measures shall be taken to deal with anyone acting in an unnecessary or irresponsible manner.
- e. Presidents shall be required to identify the administrator by name and position and to report the same to the Commissioner's office prior to the first regular season contest each year.
- f. Colleges failing to handle unruly fans or spectators shall be placed on probation in the activity in which the violation occurs.

Section 5 – Protest

- a. Game officials are required to file a written report of flagrant misconduct on the part of coaches, players, or spectators. One copy shall be emailed to the Commissioner and one copy to the assigning Coordinator.
- b. Flagrant misconduct by coaches includes, but is not restricted to, acts such as verbal abuse, (including profanity) aggressive physical contact with any game official, and actions or gestures which may incite spectators against game officials.
- c. The Commissioner, in consultation with the Chairman of the Athletic Council, shall determine if conditions merit an investigation. The colleges involved shall be notified of the investigation.

Section 6 - Security at Sponsored Contests

- a. The administrator of contests shall provide uniformed campus security at all contests. Local law enforcement personnel may be used but they must be dressed in the uniform of a police officer.
- b. Security officers shall be charged with the responsibility of protecting the safety of game officials and participants at all time during the contests.

ARTICLE VI. DISTRICTS

Section 1 - Policies

- a. Community Colleges shall not conduct or participate in recruitment events or other activities in another community/junior college district except for the recruitment of athletes. This includes recruiting by mail. In reference to mail, an institution has the right to reply to any request from prospective students when they request information by mail. However, institutions shall not acquire mailing lists for students outside their recruiting district for general mass mailing or other means of solicitation.
- b. Invitations shall not be accepted for out-of-district high school visits, band performances, performing groups, or any other such activity that is not sponsored by the Association. Exception for these types of recruiting activities and regional/statewide events must have the written approval of the president in whose district the event or activity is to occur.

Section 2 – Districts Identified

- a. **Coahoma:** Coahoma, Bolivar*, Quitman*, Tallahatchie*, and Tunica*.
- b. **Copiah-Lincoln:** Adams, Copiah*, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Simpson.
- c. **East Central:** Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston.
- d. **East Mississippi:** Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale*, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha.
- e. **Hinds:** Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, Warren and Copiah*.
- f. **Holmes:** Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Madison, Montgomery, Webster, and Yazoo.
- g. **Itawamba:** Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, and Pontotoc.
- h. **Jones:** Clarke, Covington, Green, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith, and Wayne.
- i. **Meridan:** Luderdale County
- j. **Mississippi Delta:** Bolivar*, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington
- k. **Mississippi Gulf Coast:** George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone.
- l. **Northeast:** Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union.
- m. **Northwest:** Benton, Calhoun, DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman*, Tallahatchie*, Tate, Tunica*, and Yalobusha.
- n. **Pearl River:** Forrest, Hancock, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Pearl River, and Marion.
- o. **Southwest:** Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson.

*Overlapping with one or more community colleges.

Section 3 - Request for investigation of Violation of District Policies

NOTE: The Commissioner can investigate without a complaint, but if there is a complaint, then the following items are applicable:

- a. All requests for investigation of possible violations of the district policies must be filed in writing with the Commissioner's office by the President of the institution making the request.
- b. The Commissioner shall investigate the alleged violation and shall assess penalties according to the guidelines in Section 4 of Article VI.
- c. The institution will have ten (10) days after the Commissioner's ruling to appeal to the Athletic Council. Institutions that request an investigation will be responsible for all expenses involved unless the findings verify their allegations. In this case, the institutions in violation of the rules or policies will be billed for the cost of the investigation and all other expenses to the MACCC.

Section 4 - Penalties for Violation of District Policies

- a. If a member college of the MACCC violates any rule listed in Section 1 of Article VI of the MACCC Handbook, that college will be subject to the penalties listed below as deemed necessary by the Commissioner or the Athletic Council.
- b. **Penalties shall be as follows:**
 1. **First Offense** - Probation – this serves as an official notice that action is necessary to be in full compliance with MACCC rules and regulations.
 2. **Second Offense** - Restriction on participation in MACCC sponsored activities and /or the reduction of scholarships.
 3. **Third Offense** - Loss of voting privileges in the Association and other MACCC sponsored activities and / or reduction of funding which accrues to the institution as a result of the violation.
 4. **Fourth Offense** - Loss of participation privileges in MACCC sponsored activities. (A college may appeal for reinstatement after one year.)
- c. Out-of-district recruiting is a matter that should be discussed locally by the leadership of each individual institution.

NOTE: Penalties for first, second and third offenses are cumulative and are subject to a five-year limitation. Each new offense begins a five-year cycle.

Article VII. OUT OF STATE GUIDELINES

Section 1 - Once a student has been classified as an out-of-state student by the college or by the Commissioner, the classification cannot be changed during the length or progress of a season.

Section 2 - All out-of-state students who practice or participate after the first day of classes in a regular term must be allotted a fraction of an athletic grant as determined by the coach or college.

Section 3 - Out-of-state students who receive an athletic grant may participate in more than one sport; however, they must be charged against the quota of each major sport in which they participate for that year.

Article VIII. RESIDENCE RULE

Section 1 - Residence of an Athlete Defined:

- a. The student-athlete residency will be determined by the “The Determination of MS Residency” flow chart. See attached.
- b. Each resident student presenting an out-of-state high school transcript for athletic participation in the Association shall be considered ineligible until approved by the Association.
- c. **Investigation of Residency** - this rule applies to participants in all sports except soccer.
 1. A good faith effort should be made to submit residential investigations to the Commissioner's office thirty days prior to the beginning of the school term in that sport at that college, but no later than one week after the first practice in that sport at that college.
 2. A good faith effort will be made to complete Investigations prior to the first practice, but should be completed no later than the first contest in that sport at that college.
 3. Soccer: In the sport of soccer, if an athlete contacts the coach anytime during the first week of soccer practice for that college, and a residential investigation is needed, the Athletic Director of the college must contact the Commissioner, in writing, to request an investigation. This request must be received by the Commissioner or postmarked by the 10th calendar day from the first day of soccer practice at that college.
 4. Adoption or legal custody. Students having one or both natural parents alive may not use adoption or legal custody in order to circumvent the resident rules for athletic participants. "Natural Parent(s)" is considered to be a relation by blood. Students may claim the residence of either natural parent as long as they can present evidence that they reside there with the parents. (i.e., auto tag, state income tax returns.)
 5. If parents are separated or divorced the student must claim the residence of the parent where the student actually resides.

Article IX. SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Colleges are not bound by district lines or boundaries in the recruitment of athletes. Participating colleges have agreed to respect institutional boundaries in the recruitment of students. These boundaries, originally established to provide local and regional financial support for the various colleges, serve as restrictive borders for institutional recruitment in student activities as well as in the recruitment of general students.

Section 1 – Athletic scholarships shall be awarded according to the following regulations:

- a. **Athletic scholarship defined:** Athletic scholarship (grant-in-aid) shall be defined as any financial assistance provided by the institution that is awarded to persons possessing and exhibiting special athletic skills. It may not include the cost of textbooks. Division I sports are allowed to give full scholarships (published cost of tuition and fees plus room and board). Division II sports are limited to (published cost of tuition and fees). Assistance to athletes above that specified as a full scholarship is limited to ½ (50%) or \$900.00 of the Pell Grant each year or whichever is greater per semester and must be based on a certified need (e.g., Pell Grant). This applies to all sports.

Any dual sport student athlete who participates in a MACCC Division II sport may receive a maximum of \$500 above the cost of tuition and fees to be used solely for the purchase of textbooks and textbook materials. This book fee is not contingent upon the Pell Grant nor does it affect the “Athletic Cap Policy”, which is in place for all MACCC student athletes.

- b. **Athletic grant-in-aid** (whole or fractional part) awarded to out-of-state athletes is authorized to include an amount equal to the cost of out-of-state tuition for the number of out-of-state scholarships allowed in the sport. (i.e., Football – nine (9), Basketball – three (3); Baseball – six (6); Soccer – six (6); Softball – six (6), tennis; three (3) and Golf; three (3).
- c. Athletes receiving athletic aid in more than one sport must be a **participant** in those sports in order to receive athletic aid in those sports.
- d. **Scholarship limits:**
 1. Schools may issue and sign 5 above the available in-state number for the sport of football. However, schools still must adhere to the scholarship limits and roster limits. All 1st year athletes count against the roster number until NJCAA release forms have been submitted on the NJCAA website.
 2. MACCC colleges may not exceed scholarship limits during any term of enrollment. No college may exceed squad limits after the first scheduled contest of the season.
- e. MACCC athletic scholarships may be awarded to any student athlete within the established scholarship limits for sanctioned sports provided they are admitted and enrolled as full-time students at a member institution. Full athletic scholarships are limited to a maximum of tuition, room, and board. Athletes may not receive assistance in cash or in-kind which is not administered by the institution. Under no circumstances may assistance to each athlete exceed the student’s established need as calculated following the regulations of the U. S. Department of Education.
- f. No institutional aid in the form of grants-in-aid is to be allowed for athletes attending summer school.

MACCC ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES									
	Total Scholarships	LOI's	Roster Limits		Student-Athletes Out of State	Scholarships Out of State	Student-Athletes In State	Scholarships In State	Non Athletic Scholarships Roster Spots (In State Only)
Baseball	24	24	35		6	6	18	18	11
Softball	24	24	24		6	6	18	18	0
Men's Soccer	18	18	25		6	6	12	12	7
Women's Soccer	18	18	25		6	6	12	12	7
Men's Basketball	9	15	15		4	3	11	6	0
Women's Basketball	9	15	15		4	3	11	6	0
Men's Tennis	8	8	12		3	3	5	5	4
Women's Tennis	8	8	12		3	3	5	5	4
Men's Golf	8	8	12		3	3	5	5	4
Football	32	60	65		15	9	45	23	5
Total	158	198	240		56	48	142	110	42

- g. Student athletes may receive any financial aid entitlements available to the general student body. All monies administered by the college business office, with the exception of federal student loans, will be considered as part of the total financial aid package. Student athlete's total package may not exceed ½ (50%) of the Pell Grant or \$900.00 per semester above the amount designated as a full scholarship (based on "published" cost of tuition and fees, room and board) for their particular college. (The College Business Manager or Financial Aid Director shall be responsible for contacting the Commissioner each summer to determine the amount designated as a Full Scholarship)
- h. All athletic scholarships (District in-state and out-of-state residents) may be awarded in whole dollar amounts up to but not more than a full scholarship (unless tuition only applies). All out-of-state student athletes must be awarded at least a partial scholarship to participate. District students may participate without receiving scholarships.
- i. Coaches and other college personnel shall have the responsibility of informing all prospective signees of this policy before they allow a prospect to sign the grant-in-aid contract.
- j. No scholarship can be changed after the information is entered in MAMS, except in the following cases:
1. Player drops out of the sport or college
 2. Academic deficiencies
 3. Disciplinary action
 4. To prevent an over award
 5. To replace previously reported financial aid for which a student was determined ineligible.

Injury is not a valid reason for changing the scholarship. Once a player is removed from the certified list, the player is not eligible to participate in the sport during the same season.

Article X. GRANT IN AID

Section 1

- a. All NJCAA Grant-In-Aid Scholarship/Letter of Intent forms for all students must be submitted on the NJCAA web-site. The college's athletic director is responsible in making sure these forms are submitted. Colleges may not exceed scholarship limits/Letter of Intents established by the MACCC during any term. All players and team related student personnel (managers, etc.), receiving aid from a college, must be reported on eligibility forms.
- b. All students receiving an athletic grant-in-aid scholarship shall sign the NJCAA approved Athletic Grant-In-Aid contract form.
- c. Once a student signs the grant-in-aid contract, the student becomes ineligible at all other member colleges for that contracted year unless such student satisfies all of the following requirements:
 1. The student did not quit the team or fail to report to the team
 2. The student is not in violation of Article II, Section 4
 3. The student has a properly executed NJCAA release form

A student is eligible to participate at another MACCC college after first season if they are not offered a scholarship for a second season by the college where they participated their first year.

A release/waiver is automatically granted to student-athletes that have not been offered a LOI by their current institution on or before June 15th. The institution must show proof of LOI issued or offered, i.e., recorded in NJCAA portal, email documentation, etc. Student-athletes who request a release due to transfer are not automatically granted a waiver/release.

- d. A conditional agreement or "make it contract" is not to be considered a part of the athletic grant-in-aid contract and such agreements are illegal under Association rules.
- e. Colleges found guilty of offering "make it" contracts shall be subject to sanctions.
- f. Colleges may not loan helmets, jerseys or any type of college equipment to student athletes during the time of signing for all sports.

Article XI. FINANCIAL AID / ELIGIBILITY REPORT

Section 1 - All member colleges shall be required to submit all athletic and non-athletic aid awarded to individual student athletes electronically through the MCCB Athletic Management System (MAMS). See MAMS Handbook.

The following guidelines will help the Institutions in determining scholarship criteria:

1. All student aid be reported and considered part of the cap.
2. Pell Grants must be applied prior to any other financial aid.
3. All aid awarded beyond athletic scholarships must be merit based. Pell recipients must fall under the maximum caps recommended above.
4. All aid/scholarships must be awarded based on a colleges pre-established scholarship committee recommendations. Scholarship committees must have and follow a published policy for issuing all student aid. Awarded scholarships must adhere to pre-established merit based criteria.
5. Discretionary scholarships defined as scholarships/aid awarded to an athlete at the discretion of one individual without pre-established eligibility criteria and not available to all students, are disallowed.
6. Where outside aid causes a student athlete to exceed the established refund, athletic aid must be adjusted down or withheld to remain within the established cap.
7. Merit based scholarships must have clearly defined criteria, be available to the general student population, and should not allow athletes to receive priority consideration. All merit based scholarships are subject to review and audit by the MACCC Athletics Commissioner. Infractions as determined by the MACCC Athletic Commissioner shall be submitted to the MACCC President's Athletic committee for further review. Criteria for all merit based aid must be submitted to the MACCC Athletic Commissioner in conjunction with the MACCC Athletic Financial Aid/Eligibility Report, which must be on a standardized form.

Section 2 - The President, Athletic Director, Financial Aid Director and Business Manager shall sign the MAMS Report certifying that it is a true and accurate account of all financial aid a student athlete receives from all athletic and non-athletic sources.

Article XII. RECRUITING GUIDELINES
(New Section added June 12, 2013)

Section 1 – Guidelines for all sports

- a. Student/athlete prospects are allowed only one official on-campus visit per college. An Official visit is when the student athlete's transportation, meals, lodging, or any other expense provided in any way by the college.
- b. The recruitment of any student athlete on an opponent's campus is prohibited. No contact with player, player's coach, or guardian is allowed on an opponent's campus. Events, held on a particular campus, but which are not sponsored by the host college are exempt from this policy.
- c. Coaches or college personnel may not go to high school, home, or elsewhere to sign a player. Furthermore, coaches or college personnel may not appear in a picture where the player is signing or announcing the intention of playing for the college. (An exception will be if the player is the son or daughter of coach or college personnel)
- d. Coaches are not allowed to visit high schools during the time of state testing, mid-term examinations, or final examinations.
- e. No preferential gifts of any kind shall be provided for any student/athlete recruit.

Section 2 – Football Guidelines:

- a. Each year the sport of Football will adhere to a Recruiting Calendar which is specific to its sport. The calendar will begin on August 1st and end on July 31st. These guidelines apply to both the recruitment of in-state and out-of-state student athletes. The definition for each recruiting period is listed below:
 1. **Contact Period** – Coaches may recruit and evaluate off of the college campus. In-person contact is allowed. During this period, only one contact per prospective athlete within a calendar day is allowed per high school, per week. One contact constitutes the entire high school. A week officially spans from Sunday at midnight through the next Sunday at midnight.
 2. **Quiet Period** – Coaches are not allowed to leave college campus to recruit or evaluate. Telephone and electronic communication is allowed. High school students are allowed to make on-campus visits. Coaches may attend clinics only and no camps are allowed. Colleges may host clinics. Coaches are not allowed to be in schools during state testing.
 3. **Dead Period** – No contact with athlete or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete, on or off campus. No official or unofficial visits are allowed. Telephone or electronic communication is allowed.

4. **In-District Period** – No contact with athletes or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete, on or off campus except **for those that reside within the district boundaries of the college**. Out of state recruiting is allowed during this time. Out-of-state schools may hold pre- season team camps on the college campus beginning August 1st and concluding no later than the day prior to the college football reporting date. **FOOTBALL ONLY**

Violation – Coaches illegally contacting players out of your district during this time. Text, letters, phone calls, bump-ins, no type of communication at all.

Penalty – For each violation the school will receive progressive sanctions determined by the Commissioner.

5. **Evaluation Period** – **The evaluation period will include the last four Friday’s in October and the first two Friday’s in November**. No contact with athletes or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete at any point during evaluation. Coaches may attend games at out of district schools to evaluate only. Coaches must sit in the stands during the game and have no contact with any prospect. Two (2) Coaches from each school are allowed to be out of district and two (2) Coaches must stay in district during this time.

Violation - Caught on field, at the gate, speaking with players or parents of the players, talking with coaches from either team, etc... Coaches cannot speak with anyone.

Penalty – The school in violation will not be allowed to recruit that school that year.

- c. A maximum of 5 coaches (representatives) for the sport of football are allowed to recruit off-campus at the same time. Four coaches for in-state and one for out-of-state recruiting. The head coach is included in the maximum number.
- b. A maximum of 3 coaches (representatives) for the sports of men’s and women’s basketball are allowed to recruit off-campus at the same time. The head coach is included in the maximum number.

Article XIII. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Section 1 - Request for Investigation of Violation

- a. All requests for investigation of possible violations must be filed in writing with the Commissioner's office by the president of the institution making the request.
- b. The Commissioner shall investigate the alleged violation and shall assess penalties according to the guidelines in Section 2 of Article XI.
- c. The institution will have ten (10) days after the Commissioner's ruling to appeal to the Athletic Council.

Institutions that request an investigation will be responsible for all expenses involved unless the findings verify their allegations. In those cases, the institutions in violation of the rules or policies will be billed for the cost of investigation and all other expenses to the MACCC.

Section 2- Penalties Imposed

If a member college of the MACCC violates any rule or policy listed in either the MACCC Handbook or the NJCAA Handbook, that college will be subject to the penalties listed below as deemed necessary by the Commissioner, with appeals to the Athletic Council of the MACCC or the MACCC acting as a full body.

a. Penalties:

1. **Probation.** (Probation does not restrict the activities of a college or Individual. It does serve as an official notice that action is necessary to redirect behavior toward a more acceptable level)
2. **Restriction on participation** in MACCC sponsored activities.
3. **Loss of voting privileges** in the Association, in athletics and other MACCC sponsored activities.
4. **Loss of participation privileges** in athletics and other MACCC sponsored activities.
5. **Forfeiture** of games won.
6. **Reduction of scholarships** and/or quotas.

Article XIV. MAJOR SPORTS

All MACCC colleges compete in and award grant-in-aid scholarships for the following major sports: football, basketball (men and women), and baseball, soccer (men and women), and women's fast pitch softball. Golf, track, and tennis are spring sports. Men and women may compete in golf, track, or tennis.

All coaches must be CPR Certified and new hire coaches must be certified within thirty days of being hired.

Section 1 – Football

- a. MACCC football practice start date will align with the NJCAA national start date.
- b. All teams must have a minimum of ten (10) practice days prior to a game or scrimmage with another team. The first three (3) days of these seven (7) shall be non-contact. These three days are to be a conditioning period with no contact between players, and the players will be allowed to wear only T-shirts, shorts, shoes, shoulder pads and helmets.
- c. Each college may play a maximum of nine (9) regular season football games within the MACCC conference. No regular season games may be scheduled with non-MACCC teams. College officials are encouraged to play all games on Thursday nights.

NORTH: Coahoma; East Mississippi; Holmes; Itawamba; Mississippi Delta; Northeast; Northwest.

SOUTH: Copiah-Lincoln; East Central; Hinds; Jones; Mississippi Gulf Coast; Pearl River; Southwest.

- d. Division Standings shall be determined by the following criteria:
 1. Division record of the team.
 2. Head-to-head competition during the season by the teams (i.e. winner of the regular season game).
 3. Overall record of the team (conference) in the case of a three (3) team or a four (4) team tie, the overall record will be used to determine the champion and the runner up. Once the tie has been broken, it will move back to head to head competition.
 4. Point spread versus common opponents played during the season.
- e. The MACCC championship will be determined by a two (2) round playoff. (North and South division winners would play runner-up in the opposite division in first round games. The first round winners would then vie for the MACCC conference championship in the second round). No playoff games will begin any earlier than 2:00 p.m. Saturday.
- f. The site of the conference championship game will alternate between divisions when one team from each division advances to the championship. The location is to be within the district of the host college. South - even numbered years, North - odd numbered years.

- g. The host college shall set the time of the game. No Thursday conference championship game will be permitted. In the event the score is tied after a regulation game has been played for the championship, the National Collegiate Athletic Associations' tiebreaker system shall be administered by the game officials. Play shall continue until a winner has been declared.
- h. The host college will handle the tickets to the championship game and be responsible for the accounting of the gate proceeds. MACCC passes issued by the Commissioner's office shall be the only pass to admit persons to the championship game. All media and press associates should be admitted without charge.
- i. Proceeds from the overall conference championship game in football shall be divided in the following manner:
 - 1. Game expenses for officials, lighting, and field shall be paid. (Field expenses to be deducted only if facilities other than the host college facilities are used).
 - 2. The next \$1,000 (\$500 each) shall be distributed to the participating teams.
 - 3. The next \$500 will be paid to the MACCC Association.
 - 4. The remainder of gate receipts will be divided equally between the participating colleges.
 - 5. The host college shall be responsible for the concession stands and shall receive all proceeds derived from the sale of concessions.
 - 6. The admission fee for the regular season as well as playoff games shall be set at the discretion of each individual college.
- j. Teams must use the NJCAA sanctioned football.
- k. All football games postponed due to inclement weather must be made up within forty-eight hours. (i.e. Football games scheduled for Saturday have to be played by Monday and games scheduled for Thursday's have to be played by Saturday). If a game is postponed from Saturday until Monday, the school that is affected has the option to move a Thursday game to Saturday.
- l. The following policies shall govern spring training in football:
 - 1. Participation is limited to full-time students enrolled in course of study except for "prospects" as defined below.
 - 2. Prospects in football may try out at any MACCC member college between January 1st and August 1st. Tryouts must be held on the community college campuses. Each college is limited to two days during the spring semester when protective pads may be used for tryouts. However; they shall be prohibited from competing against anyone above the high school level prior to the graduation date of their high school class. (See MS High School Activities Association.)
 - 3. The head football coach may designate any 20 days within a period of six (6) consecutive weeks during the spring semester to conduct football drills. These designated practice days must be reported to MACCC Commissioner's office prior to beginning spring practice.

- m. MACCC colleges participating in a football game shall be permitted to video the game; however, the video shall not be loaned to any college or person who are not members of the MACCC.
- n. The half-time intermission shall be 26 minutes. Each band will be allowed 12 minutes to enter the field, perform, and exit. The game clock will be set at twelve (12) minutes to show time for each band. When only one (1) band performs the clock should be set to show twenty (20) minutes. Exceptions to this policy may be made to allow for homecoming ceremonies.
- o. MACCC member colleges shall not use excessive noisemakers.
- p. All games shall begin at a time designated by the home college.
- q. If only one 25 second clock is operating, let it remain on for the entire game.
- r. All member colleges shall use video football games and exchange for scouting purposes.
 - 1. Only wide-angle lens can be used for videotaping of MACCC football games.
 - 2. MACCC teams shall exchange videos with their next scheduled opponent for scouting.
 - 3. Video Exchange Policy: All schools must download all films to the MACCC pool through the use of Hudl. This will include both a wide-copy and an end-zone copy with intercuts. Films should be downloaded no later than Friday noon following a Thursday contest and no later than Monday at noon following a Saturday contest.

NOTE: The wide-copy should include all 22 players on the field. Zoom in so numbers are visible, making sure the play is filmed completely. Include the scoreboard visibly at the end of each series.

- s. Encourage all colleges to provide an ambulance service, doctor and certified trainer at all home games.
- t. Encourage all colleges to have a certified athletic trainer employed or contracted on a daily basis.
- u. MERCY RULE – The Mercy Rule requires a running clock during the second half of play if a football team is trailing by 38 points or more. The clock will only stop for called time outs and injury time outs. If the lead is reduced to less than 38 points the clock will run as normal.

Section 2 – Basketball

- a. Fall practice shall begin on October 1. Regular season play begins after the first Monday in November. (See NJCAA sports procedure schedule.)
- b. Each school is required to play each school once. The Conference Champion will be determined by the team winning the regular season. The Conference Tournament is eliminated.
- c. No conference games shall be played on any National Holidays that is observed by all schools.
- d. All conference games will adhere to the following start times; women's game time will start at 5:30 p.m. and the men's games will start at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday). The Saturday games times will be at the discretion of the host school.
- e. Any conference game which has been cancelled must be made up in the order of the original schedule and must be played on the first available date. Schools will not be forced to play on consecutive days and non-conference games would have to be cancelled if it conflicted with a conference game.
- f. During a basketball contest noisemakers, such as horns, bells, band instruments, whistles, etc., shall be prohibited. Pep squads and bands may perform prior to a contest and at half time or official timeouts during the contest. It will be the responsibility of the host college to insure that instruments and noisemakers are not used at any other time during the contest.
- g. The squads for men and women teams during regular season games and tournament games shall be limited to fifteen (15) players plus coaches, managers, and bus driver.
- h. Admission prices for basketball games shall be set at the discretion of the individual colleges. Students must present ID cards in order to be admitted on student rates when visiting other campuses.
- i. The public address system shall be limited to play results, announcements, introductions, and half-time statistics.
- j. Cheerleaders are prohibited from occupying the twelve-foot horizontal space under the home and visitor's basket while the game is in progress. Mascots or other college representative may not run up and down side lines during the contests.
- k. Intermission:
 1. The half-time intermission for men and women's conference games shall be limited to ten minutes. Half-time intermission for men and women's non-conference games shall be limited to 15 minutes.
 2. The intermission between games for men and women shall be limited to twenty minutes.
- l. All MACCC teams will play with the basketball designated by the NJCAA as the official ball for the national championship game.
- m. Basketball Officials will be paid a regular game fee for officiating the MACCC All-Star Games.

- n. All men and women's basketball teams will use the free HUDL film exchange platform to upload MACCC conference games. The home team will be responsible for uploading games within 24 hours of the end of the contest. Teams that violate the policy will be subject to the following:

1st violation: Warning with email sent to the President and Athletic Director

2nd violation: \$100 fine

3RD violation: Film sharing terminated for the remainder of the season

- o. Region 23 Tournament Format:

1. Region Tournament Qualifying Teams:

The Region Tournament will consist of 12 teams.

The top 8 MS teams and the LA champion automatically qualify for the Region Tournament.

2. Tournament Seeding:

MACCC regular season champion will receive the number 1 seed in the Region Tournament. The LA Champion (Team with the best record vs. LA teams) will automatically qualify for the Region Tournament.

MACCC teams will be seeded based on regular season conference standings.

LA champion will be seeded based on Massey ranking. Once the LA champion is seeded, MACCC schools will be seeded accordingly.

MACCC teams (2 - 8 in the regular season rankings) and the LA Champion will be seeded based on the Massey rating.)

All remaining teams, (both MS and LA), can qualify for the 10 – 12 seeds based on Massey ratings.

The top 4 teams will receive a bye.

3. Region Tournament Format:

Four round single elimination format.

The highest seed will host the first and second rounds.

DATES: TBD

Mississippi College will host the "Final Four."

DATES: TBD

4. All-Region Tournament Team:

Only players that participate in the "Final Four" of the Region Tournament will qualify.

Coaches will select player/players from their team.

Champion will have 2 players.

Runner-up will have 1 player.

Remaining 2 teams will have 1 each.

Coach of the championship team will select the tournament MVP.

5. All Region Team:

Coaches to vote for All-Region team.

All-Region: 10 players

MACCC All-Conference 1st Team will automatically qualify for All-Region nomination.

LA schools can nominate a maximum of 2 players per school.

Section 3 – Baseball

- a. The Association shall be governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association game rules except as those rules may be altered by the National Junior College Athletic Association or by the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference. Baseball games that are called before five complete innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead) are considered “halted games” and will be continued, from the point at which the game is called, on a later date. Games called after 5 innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) will be considered “regulation” games.
- b. All schools must purchase a bat testing device and all bats must be tested prior to all MACCC games. Use of an illegal bat will constitute a one (1) game suspension for the player as defined by NCAA rule.
- c. Squad size is limited to thirty-five (35) players, including no more than six (6) out-of-state players.
- e. Fall practice cannot start until after school begins and to follow the NJCAA rule (Baseball Fall practice runs August 10th through November 15th). Schools are limited to 8 hours of practice per week prior to and/or following traditional fall practice but within the NJCAA practice period dates of August 10th through November 15th.
- f. Each college will schedule a doubleheader (nine inning game followed by a seven inning game) with all colleges within the state and one of these shall be scheduled on a weekend. First pitch of Game 2 of a doubleheader must be within 25 minutes of the conclusion of the first game.
- g. A master schedule of division games will be arranged with games to be played on Tuesday or Wednesday and Friday or Saturday of each week. All games postponed for inclement weather or other factors shall be made up on the first available date (next day and following). Games shall be moved up a day to avoid forecasted inclement weather, if agreed upon by both schools. Home team has the option to play at opposing or neutral site due to inclement weather, if agreed upon by both teams. If neutral site is outside of district, must receive approval from the President of that district.
- h. The MACCC Conference Champion will be the team with the highest winning percentage during the twenty-eight (28) game conference schedule. The MACCC Conference Champion will receive an automatic berth to the Region 23 Tournament. The MACCC Champion may play one (1) additional date following the regular season against a non-member college. The next eight (8) teams with the best winning percentage from the conference schedule will advance to the Region 23 playoffs. The best 2 of 3 series will be hosted by the top seeded teams based on winning percentages in the conference schedule.
Seeding: #2 hosts #9, #3 hosts #8, #4 hosts #7, #5 hosts #6

The best of three series will teams will play one game a day for 3 days and start no later than 4:00 pm. All three games must be played within the three days, unless extended by the Commissioner in case of inclement weather.

- i. Ties will be broken in the following manner:

Two team tie:

Won/lost record of head to head competition of the two tied teams.

If a tie remains, the won/lost percentage of the two tied teams vs the team with the highest winning percentage (and proceeding downward, if necessary)

If the tie persists, it will be broken by a flip of a coin conducted by the commissioner.

Three team tie (or more):

The following procedure will be used in the following order until the tie is broken. (Note: if the three teams have three different records against each other, they shall be seeded in best-percentage order). Otherwise, once the tie has been reduced to two teams, the two-team tiebreaker procedure will be used.

Since all three teams will be common opponents, the tie will be broken based on won/lost percentage of games played among the tied teams.

If a tie continues, the won/lost percentage of the tied teams vs the #1 seed and proceeding through the #8 seed if necessary.

If three or more teams are still tied, commissioner will conduct a draw.

- j. The conference/region playoff series shall have three umpires with the cost of fees and travel expenses for umpires to be shared equally among participating colleges. The costs for baseballs, preparation of grounds, and providing an official scorekeeper shall be the responsibility of the host college. Officials for the championship series in baseball shall be appointed by the baseball assigner.

- k. **Baseball Region 23 Tournament Format:**

1. The tournament shall include six (6) teams comprised of the MACCC Champion, the four best of three winners, and the Louisiana representative
 2. The tournament will be a five-day double-elimination tournament
 3. Region 23 tournament rotation:
2023 – Louisiana Representative
2024 – 2026 MACCC Champion
 4. Each participating team will pay an entry fee (\$300)
- l. All playoff games will be nine (9) inning games; (NJCAA tournament rules apply). The host college may set the time for the games.
 - m. All conference games will begin at a time designated by the home team.
 - n. In any conference doubleheader, a team that has a 10-run lead at the end of the fifth inning in the first game shall be declared the winner. In the 9 inning game, there is only a 10 run rule after 7 innings (6 ½ innings if home team is winning by 10). There is no run rule in the 7-inning games.
 - o. Batting practice shall be limited to a 40-minute period (20 minutes per team) prior to the first game. Home team determines batting practice times. No batting practice will be permitted between games of a doubleheader.
 - p. The intentional walk will be automatic in lieu of the four ball pitch-out situation. The coach will notify the home plate umpire who shall place the batter on first base.
 - q. It is the responsibility of the host college to insure that the playing field is properly "marked or lined" prior to all games.

Section 4 – Soccer

- a. Divisions are eliminated and each school will play each other once in the regular season. Conference champion will be determined by the team winning the regular season. A point system (win=3, tie=1 and loss=0) of matches vs conference opponents will be used to determine order of conference finish.
- b. The soccer start date will align with the NJCAA start date, August 1st.
- c. Matches will be played according to NJCAA match rules. Only school representatives or non- soccer players may operate the scoreboard.
- d. Master schedule will assign matches to be played on Tuesdays and Fridays. Once the master schedule is set, adjustments may be made in home and away games to allow for football games and other conflicts.
- e. Squad limit to be set at twenty-five (25) players with six (6) of those being an out-of-state athletes.
- f. If both colleges' field men and women teams, doubleheaders may be played on all playing dates.
- g. Ties will be broken in the following manner:
 1. Head to Head
 2. Conference Goal Difference
 3. Goals For
 4. Goals Against
 5. Away goals for
 6. Away goals against
 7. Away wins
 8. Tom Shepherd Points/ Sportsmanship Points
 9. Play-Off game between tied teams
- h. The MACCC Conference Tournament/Region Tournament will be a seven (7) team tournament with the quarter finals being played on Tuesday prior to the semi-finals. Each team will be charged an entry fee of \$250.
- i. Regular season champion receives a BYE to the semifinals of the Conference/Region Tournament. Next highest finishers play on-campus quarterfinal matches to determine remaining 3 semifinalists (7 at 2, 6 at 3, 5 at 4). Lowest remaining seed plays MACCC Champion in the semifinals.
- j. The Conference/Region Tournament, semifinals will be held on Friday and Championship matches on Sunday with Saturday if necessary due to weather, etc.
- k. The host of the tournament will rotate men's champion in even years and women's champion in odd years.
- l. Each college may award eighteen (18) tuition scholarships per term for men and women teams.
- m. The Tom Shepherd Sportsmanship Award will be chosen by the soccer coaches via vote for the team most deserving.
- n. Each college will pay \$100 dollar fee per program to participate in the MACCC Sophomore Showcase.

Section 5 - Softball

- a. NCAA fast pitch softball rules will apply. The official ball of the MACCC will be the Yellow Dudley NJCAA Core .47.
- b. All playing fields must be properly marked according to NJCAA rules prior to play. If not properly marked, play can be made under protest.
- c. All schools must purchase a bat testing device and all bats must be tested prior to all MACCC games. Use of an illegal bat will constitute a one (1) game suspension for the player as defined by NCAA rule.
- d. Softball games that are called before five complete innings (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) are considered “halted games” and will be continued, from the point at which the game is called, on a later date. Games called after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) will be considered “regulation” games.
- e. Fall practice cannot start until after school begins and to follow the NJCAA rule (Softball fall practice runs August 10th through November 15th). Schools are limited to 8 hours practice per week prior to and/or following traditional fall practice but within the NJCAA practice period dates of August 10th and November 15th. Each college will be required to submit a fall practice schedule before August 1st.
- f. A master schedule of division games will be arranged with games to be played on Tuesday or Wednesday and Friday or Saturday of each week. All games postponed for inclement weather or other factors shall be made up on the first available date (next day and following). Games shall be moved up a day to avoid forecasted inclement weather, if agreed upon by both schools. Home team has the option to play at opposing or neutral site due to inclement weather, if agreed upon by both teams. If neutral site is outside of district, must receive approval from the President of that district.
- g. The MACCC conference schedule shall comply with NJCAA sports procedures policy; however, no games shall be played during examination week. The MACCC master schedule must be followed unless prior approval is given by the Commissioner. Failure to obtain approval would result in both teams forfeiting that game.
- f. First pitch of Game 2 of a doubleheader must be within 25 minutes of the conclusion of the first game.
- g. Conference standings shall be determined by regular season conference record. In case of a tie the following tie-breaker will be used.
 1. Head to head competition
 2. Record against highest ranked teams in the division (descending order if necessary)
 3. Run spread between teams involved in tie (8 run rule max)
 4. Coin toss
- h. The regular season champion will be determined by the winner of the regular season. The conference tournament will be eliminated.
- i. All conference games will begin at a time designated by the home team.
- j. A sophomore showcase will be held during the fall semester with open registration for both in-state and out-of-state athletes. The cost will be \$30 per athlete.

Article XV. SPRING SPORTS

Spring sports participants must meet the same eligibility requirements as participants in all other MACCC sanctioned sports.

All colleges must declare the sports they will participate in during the following year. A copy of NJCAA dues will be accepted. Reports should be submitted to the Commissioner's office by July 1st of each year.

Dates of spring sports finals will be set by the Commissioner and each Coach's Association at the annual fall meeting.

Section 1 – Golf

- a. The NJCAA District D Championship will be played at a site that meets the voting criteria of Conference Coaches through a majority vote. The host school will be based off a rotation, and approval for the site will be voted on the year prior at the MACCC Conference Tournament. The Chair of the MACCC Golf Coaches Association will work with the other MACCC Golf Coaches to schedule a site that meets NJCAA championship criteria each year.

MACCC Tournament Rotation:

Rotation NJCAA District D Championship

Co-Lin (2022)	2023- Co-Lin
MS Gulf Coast	2024- East Central
(2023) Itawamba	2025- East MS
(2024)	2026- Hinds
Northeast (2025)	2027- Itawamba
Southwest (2026)	2028- Jones
Hinds (2027)	2029- Meridian
Meridian (2028)	2030- MS Gulf
East Central (2029)	Coast 2031-
East MS (2030)	Northeast
Pearl River (2031)	2032- Pearl River
Co-Lin (2032)	2033- Southwest
Jones (2033)	

NOTE: When a community college adds a team, that school will be added to the bottom of the rotation.

- a. Players competing in the NJCAA District D Championship will not be allowed to practice on the site grounds for **28 days** prior to the Championship being conducted. This 28 day restriction ends 3 days before the scheduled event to enable schools to have practice rounds on the course. This is to insure fair access to the site leading up to the event for all teams.
- b. The MACCC conference tournament will be a 36-hole event with 18 holes played each day.
- c. A "team" will consist of at least four and no more than five players. The team score will be computed by adding the four low scores of the team members each day. A returning All-American may play in the MACCC Conference and Regional Tournament as an individual if he did not make the starting five (5) on his team.
- d. Colleges may enter less than four contestants and compete for the "medalist" trophy.

- e. A team must have participated in a minimum of 50% of MACCC tournaments to be eligible to participate in the MACCC Conference Tournament.
- f. A conference championship trophy will be presented to the winning team. Ties for individual medalist will also be played off to determine one individual champion, conditions permitting.
- g. In the event of a tie in all MACCC events, the USGA Condition 11 “How to Decide Ties” (Stroke Play) (c) under Part C of Appendix I will be used to break said tie. If there is a tie, the four (4) scores used for the day that the tie occurs will be used to break the tie.
- h. Each school is responsible for its own green fee, equipment, housing, and meals during tournament play.
- i. Each team must have a coach present on each day of the tournament.
- j. All tournaments hosted in conference will have an entry fee. This will include players and coaches or assistant coaches.
- k. The winner of the Hubert Tucker Award and any First or Second Team All-American from the previous year’s national tournament (must also finish in the Top 20 of the MACCC State Scoring Averages of the current year) will represent the MACCC at the National Championship as long as he is in good standing with his institution and competes in the MACCC Conference and Region XXIII Championship. All award winners are allowed to miss only two play dates on the schedule, but the average will reflect all scores. No scores will be dropped.

Section 3 – Tennis

- a. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rules shall govern regular season and tournament competition unless there is an NJCAA or MACCC specific rule.
- b. There will be an Executive Board of the Tennis Coaches' Association composed of four coaches and the chairman of the Coaches' Association. This board shall be elected by the coaches at the annual meeting in even numbered years.
- c. Duties of the Tennis Coaches' Executive Board:
 - 1. All coaches will serve on the regional tournament committee and the tournament director shall chair the committee.
 - 2. Act as Liaison between MACCC coaches, the tournament director, and the Commissioner's office.
 - 3. Settle disputes, protests and appeals.
 - 4. To act as a sounding board for all tennis coaches.
- d. MACCC specific rules
 - 1. Service lets will be used in all conference matches.

a. Scheduling

- 1. A two team pod system will be used to help balance travel for the conference schedule. Teams will play one home match against one team in each pod and one away match against one team in each pod.
- 2. Match default time is 2pm, but can be changed upon agreement by both teams.

b. Procedures

- 1. Teams should make every effort to be on time for matches. If there is an emergency that constitutes a team being late, the coach should call the home team as soon as possible. If a team is thirty (30) minutes late without prior notification, the team shall default the doubles matches.
- 2. The home team shall have water readily accessible to the courts.
- 3. An extra duty championship level ball must be used for all conference matches and the regional tournament. (Summer 2023)
- 4. Singles will be played to best 2 of 3 full tiebreak sets until a match is clinched and then a 10 point tiebreak will be used in lieu of the third set. (Summer 2023)
- 5. The head coaches and assistant coaches of both teams will serve as officials at dual conference matches. The home coach should notify the visiting coach of a request for a line judge and allow them the opportunity to be present on the court with the home coach.
- 6. If a coach, home or visitor, does not have a full team, please call the other coach ahead of time so that he/she will not take his/her players out of class without reason.
- 7. Conference matches are unable to play due to inclement weather (defined by the ITA-Section 1.K.1., page 15) the match will be played on the next available date for both teams.

- c. **Regular Season Stacking, Grievance, and Repercussion Procedure**
 1. When stacking is alleged, the opposing coach shall report the offense to his/her Athletic Director. As a warning, the Athletic Director will contact the accused team's Athletic Director and copy the Commissioner.
 2. If stacking continues or the Commissioner receives additional complaints, a grievance will be filed with the Executive Board of the Tennis Coaches' Association.
 3. The Executive Board has seven days to rule.
 4. A guilty ruling set forth by the Board and the Commissioner will result in a lineup change and the offending team forfeiting all matches played with the egregious lineup.

- d. **Conference Champion**
 1. The conference champion will be determined by the conference regular season record.
 2. Only the conference scheduled matches shall count towards the conference standings.
 3. Every school must play each other at least once.

- I. **Individual NJCAA National Championships Qualifiers**
 - a. In order to qualify for singles and doubles championships, must play at least 75% of the teams conference matches at the #1 position.
 - b. Procedure for determining champion and runner-up
 1. Conference record (winning %)
 2. Head to head between tied players
 3. Least sets lost against tied players
 4. Least games lost against tied players

- II. **Tournament**
 - a. **General**
 1. The men and women's region tournaments will be played over two weekends and hosted by the respective conference champions. (Summer 2022)
 2. The top eight (8) teams according to the conference standings will qualify for the region tournaments. (Summer 2022)
 3. The entry fees for the region tournament shall be \$175.00 per team. At least one certified head official must be provided at each tournament.
 4. All team matches will be played to clinch. (Fall 2020)

 - b. **Lineups & Disputes**
 1. Lineups for the region tournament must be submitted to the respective regional representative and the tennis president by 12pm the Monday prior to the tournament.

2. A lineup dispute may be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the lineup submission. The dispute will need to be emailed to the tennis president by Tuesday at 12pm
3. The opposing coach will be allowed to submit rationale for lineup order.
4. The Executive committee will meet and rule on the dispute by Wednesday at 12pm.
5. If the lineup is found to be egregious, the lineup will be changed by the committee on the positions grieved as the committee sees fit. Positions ruled not to be egregious will remain as is.

Article XVI Publicity

1. Presence of Media during Recruiting Contact. A member institution shall not invite a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by an institution's coaching staff member. Member institution photographers and athletic department staff are permitted.

2. Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Further, a prospective student-athlete may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the stadium/arena, on field pregame celebrations, display picture, name or likeness on video board or any other audio or visual recognition of the prospects visit).

3. Intent to Enroll, Commit, or Accept. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's intention to enroll at a member institution, commit to a member institution, or accept an offer of financial assistance made by a member institution.

4. Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide, commercials, social media), Photos may not be released via social media, to traditional media, or the student-athlete until after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent. The prospective student-athlete is permitted to take photos while wearing or standing next to official member institution gear (e.g., jersey, helmet, gloves, cleats, other team issued clothing, etc.). It is also permissible for prospective student-athletes to take photos in and around member institution facilities, signage, and with coaches/other employees of the institution. Note: it is NOT permissible for member institutions to allow prospective student athletes to depart institutional property with official member institution gear (e.g., jersey, helmet, gloves, cleats, other team issued clothing, etc.).

5. Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member and any institutional staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish or "retweet," etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than member institution staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. This includes a prospective student-athlete's social media post indicating his or her intention to enroll at a member institution, commit to a member institution, or accept an offer of financial assistance made by a member institution.

6. Publicity after Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent.

Article XVII. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Section 1- Trophies shall be awarded to conference champions, state runners-up and division champions (when applicable) in sanctioned sports.

Section 2 - All Conference plaques shall be awarded to first place winners in individual sports. All-Conference selections will be made by coaches in team sports as follows:

Section 1. Athletic Awards

Football

All-Conference

All-Conference Teams will be selected in both the North and South
The All-Conference Teams will consist of the following positions;

Offense

Quarterback (1)
Running back (1)
Offensive linemen (5)
Tight End (1)
Wide Receiver (3)

Return Specialist (1)
Punter (1)
Kicker (1)

Defense

Defensive Linemen (4)
Linebacker (3)
Defensive Backs (4)

Offensive Player of the Year

Defensive Player of the Year

Special Teams Player of the Year

Coach of the Year – Voted by coaches

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed
- Once the All-Conference team is selected there will be a second vote for Players of the Year.
- Only players selected for All-Conference qualify for Player of The Year.

All-Region Team

- Only players selected on the All-Conference Team will qualify for All-Region.
- The All-Region Team will consist of the same positions as the All-Conference Team.
- Players of the Years from both the North and South are automatically placed on the All-Region Team by their position.
- Coaches will submit their votes for the All-Region Team, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.

Men and Women's Soccer

All-Conference/All-Region Teams will consist of the following positions:

Goalkeeper (1)

Forward (3)

Back (4)

Midfielder (3)

Staff of the Year – Nominated and voted by the coaches.

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.
- Once the All-Conference team is selected there will be a second vote for Players of the Year.
- Only players selected for All-Conference qualify for Player of The Year.

Men and Women's Basketball

All-Conference Teams will consist of the following:

1st Team, eight (8) players.

2nd Team, eight players.

Coach of the Year – Winner of the regular season

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.
- Once the All-Conference team is selected there will be a second vote for Players of the Year.
- Only players selected for All-Conference qualify for Player of The Year.

Softball

All-Conference Teams will consist of the following positions:

1st team, 2nd team and a maximum of two honorable mentions per school.

1st and 2nd team will consist of 17 players each, 15 by position, 1 designated player (DP) and 1 utility player (UTL).

The National Fast-pitch Coaches Association (NFCA) criteria of 50% of games played at a position will be used as the qualifier for MACCC All-Conference awards.

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.

Coach of The Year – Voted on by the coaches.

Baseball

All-Conference Teams will consist of the following positions:

1st Team 15 players (4OF, 4INF, 1C, 2UTIL, 4P, plus ties)

2nd Team 15 players (4OF, 4INF, 1C, 2UTIL, 4P, plus ties)

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.

Coach of The Year – Winner of the regular season

Golf

All-Conference Teams will consist of the following positions:

1st Team the next six (6) players with the lowest scoring average from the entire MACCC season's schedule, and ties for the fifth spot.

2nd Team the next six (6) players and ties for the fifth spot.

MACCC/Tommy Snell Medalist - presented to the golfer with the lowest score in the MACCC Tournament.

Hubert Tucker Award - presented to the MACCC Golfer with the "lowest stroke average" each season.

Coach of The Year, Voted on by the coaches

Men and Women's Tennis

All-Conference Team will consist of the following:

1st team, eight (8) players.

2nd Team, eight (8) players.

Process:

- Coaches can only nominate their own players.
- Coaches will submit their votes, however they cannot vote for their own player.
- Players receiving the highest number of votes by position will be selected.
- Tie-breakers will be determined first by number of first place votes and then by national rankings if needed.

Team Champion

Team Runner-Up

Singles Champion

Doubles Champion

Coach of the Year, Voted on by the coaches

Administrative Awards

Athletic Director of the Year, Sports Information Director of the Year, and Athletic Trainer of the Year. These awards represent individuals who strive to create the optimal student-athlete experience on their campus while also performing duties that go far beyond the institutional level. One nominee is selected per category each year and are honored at the MACCC Summer Conference. The winner will be the NJCAA MACCC nominee.

Athletic Director of the Year

Sport Information Director of the Year

Athletic Trainer of the Year

Section II ACADEMIC AWARDS

Section 1- The following criteria shall be used in the selection of Individual Academic All- Conference players:

1. Following G.P.A must be met:

Distinguished Academic All-State must have a 3.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale for a minimum of 24 cumulative hours based on current Academic Year.

Academic All-State must have a 3.25 - 3.79 on a 4.0 scale for a minimum of 24 cumulative hours.

Students in their last year of participation who earns 12 cumulative hours with the appropriate required GPA for either Distinguished Academic All-Conference may be eligible.

2. Submitted form must be signed by the college registrar and the athletic director. It must contain the college seal.
3. Nominee can be a freshman or sophomore with a minimum of 24 cumulative hours.
4. Nominee must have competed in at least one season of a varsity sport.
5. Nomination must be made during academic year in which participation occurred.
6. When computing the final grade point average, **all** course hours must be included with the exception of remedial/developmental course work, which **cannot** be used to meet the requirements for this award.
7. Do not round up when computing the grade point average.

Section 2 - The following criteria shall be used in the selection of Academic Team of the Year:

1. The nominating form must be signed by the college registrar and the athletic director. The form must also contain the college seal.
2. Each student-athlete listed on the eligibility form that finishes the season with the team will be used to figure the team's overall grade point average.
3. When computing the final grade point average, **all** course hours attempted must be included with the exception of remedial/developmental course work, which **cannot** be used to meet the requirements for this award.
4. Transfers get computed, including hours earned at previous college.
5. All hours need to be computed, including F's.
6. All nominating forms are due to the MACCC office by June 15th for all sports.
7. All teams with 2.5 grade point averages or higher can be nominated.
8. The team with the highest cumulative grade point average in each sport will be Academic Team of the Year for that sport.

NOTE: **Nomination Forms can be found on the MCCB web-site.**

HALBROOK AWARD

MACCC colleges compete annually for the David M. Halbrook Award, an award for academic achievement. The winner is determined based on the number of athletes who graduate or complete at the college during the year.

AWARD DEADLINES

Nominations will occur the last week of the regular season beginning on Monday and will continue through Sunday of the last week of the regular season.

Voting will begin the following Monday at 8:00 am and conclude Thursday of that week at noon.

1. Coaches may only nominate student-athletes from their own teams.
2. Coaches may not vote for themselves or their student-athletes for awards determined by a vote of the head coaches.
3. A ballot must be completely filled out to be counted.
4. All coach must vote for post-season awards, all balloting will be conducted electronically using Presto awards.
5. Only nominated student-athletes may receive votes for post-season awards. In all cases, a coach may only nominate his/her own student-athletes.
6. An institution may nominate more than one student-athlete for an individual award.

Article XVIII. ALL-STAR GAMES

At the discretion of the basketball coaches an All-Star game may be played in the sport of basketball. Participants in the All-Star game shall be selected by the Coaches.

At the discretion of the baseball coaches, a fall sophomore Showcase may be played in the sport of baseball. Participants in the Showcase shall be selected by the Coaches.

Article XIX. OFFICIALS

Section 1 - Officials shall be certified by an official's association and shall not be a member of the staff or student body of either college participating in games they officiate.

Section 2 – The MACCC will approve the Coordinator of Officials in the sports of football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

Section 3 – All assigning officials will be required to use Arbiter software to assign officials for MACCC contests.

Section 4 - If the officials are notified at least three hours prior to the game start time that the game is canceled, no fee will be paid to the officials.

The host college shall pay to the officials an amount equal to one half the game fee if the officials are notified between an half an hour and three hours prior to the game start time.

The host college shall pay to the officials their entire fee if the game is canceled within 30 minutes of start time.

Article XX. POLICY ON SANCTIONING NEW ACTIVITIES

Section 1 - Rules governing the sanction of new proposed activities are as follows:

- a. The request to approve a new conference sport shall be considered by the MACCC.
- b. A minimum of eight participating schools must exhibit a willingness to support the proposed activities by making a schedule and giving financial support to the teams.
- c. A specific set of rules and regulations applicable to the sport such as tournaments, officials, etc., must be brought to the Athletic Directors prior to presenting same to the Association.
- d. The final step is approval by the MACCC.

Article XXI. FORFEITS

A forfeit can only be declared when all participating teams are present and the referee or other appropriate contest official has assumed jurisdiction in accordance with the applicable playing rules. A contest that has been completed can be declared a forfeit at a later date by appropriate governing bylaws and policies (national, region, conference). However, when a team does not appear (e.g., due to weather conditions, accidents, breakdown of vehicles, illness, or catastrophic causes) or cannot fulfill its schedule, a forfeit is not recorded (unless the rules of the sport provide for otherwise).

An institution shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for nonfulfillment of a contest. Such instances shall be considered as “no contest” and should be marked as such in the Presto Sports NJCAA Stat System. In circumstances involving institutions from the same conference, the league office has the option to declare a forfeit win and loss for conference-standings purposes only but this does not change an institution’s overall won-lost record. In regards to what score and stats are entered

in the Presto Sports NJCAA Stat System in the case of a forfeit, please refer to the guidelines on Page 6 of the NCAA Statistics' Policies and Guide (also linked below). This page outlines for each sport what scores to enter for forfeits and at what point in the game stats become final.

Article XXII. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of all coaches and other administrators shall be scheduled during the MACCC Summer Athletic Conference to review and revise current business practices and make recommendations for rules changes.

Article XXIII. MEETING TO CONSIDER ATHLETIC MATTERS

The MACC will meet twice (January and June) a year for the purpose of considering athletic recommendations. The annual meeting shall be held on the day before the regularly scheduled January monthly meeting and devoted solely to athletic matters. All changes or revisions of rules will require a majority vote of the Association. Athletic matters will not be considered at any other time during the year unless approved by the MACC Executive Committee and the Association.

Article XXIV. ALL SPORTS CHAIRPERSONS 2023-2024

Athletic Directors	Andy Wood, Holmes CC
Football	Larry Williams, Hinds CC
Basketball	Hope Adams, MS Gulf Coast CC
Baseball	Mike Avalon, Pearl River CC
Tennis	Brooks Buffington, Jones College
Softball	Meleah Howard, Co-Lin CC
Golf	Brad Thornton, MS Gulf Coast CC
Soccer	Chris Handy, MS Gulf Coast CC
Track	Reggie Dillon, Hinds CC

Sports Chairpersons are responsible for:

1. Reporting rules and regulation recommendations to Athletic Directors.
2. Ensuring a record of attendance and minutes for each meeting held by their coaches group.
3. Serving as a liaison between coaches and Athletic Directors' Association.

Athletic Directors' Chairperson is responsible for:

1. Serving as a liaison between the coaches and the MACCC.
2. Reporting rules and regulation recommendations to MACCC.
3. Ensuring a record of attendance and minutes for the Athletic Director's meetings and preparing each meeting agenda.
4. All other duties that may be assigned by the MACCC.

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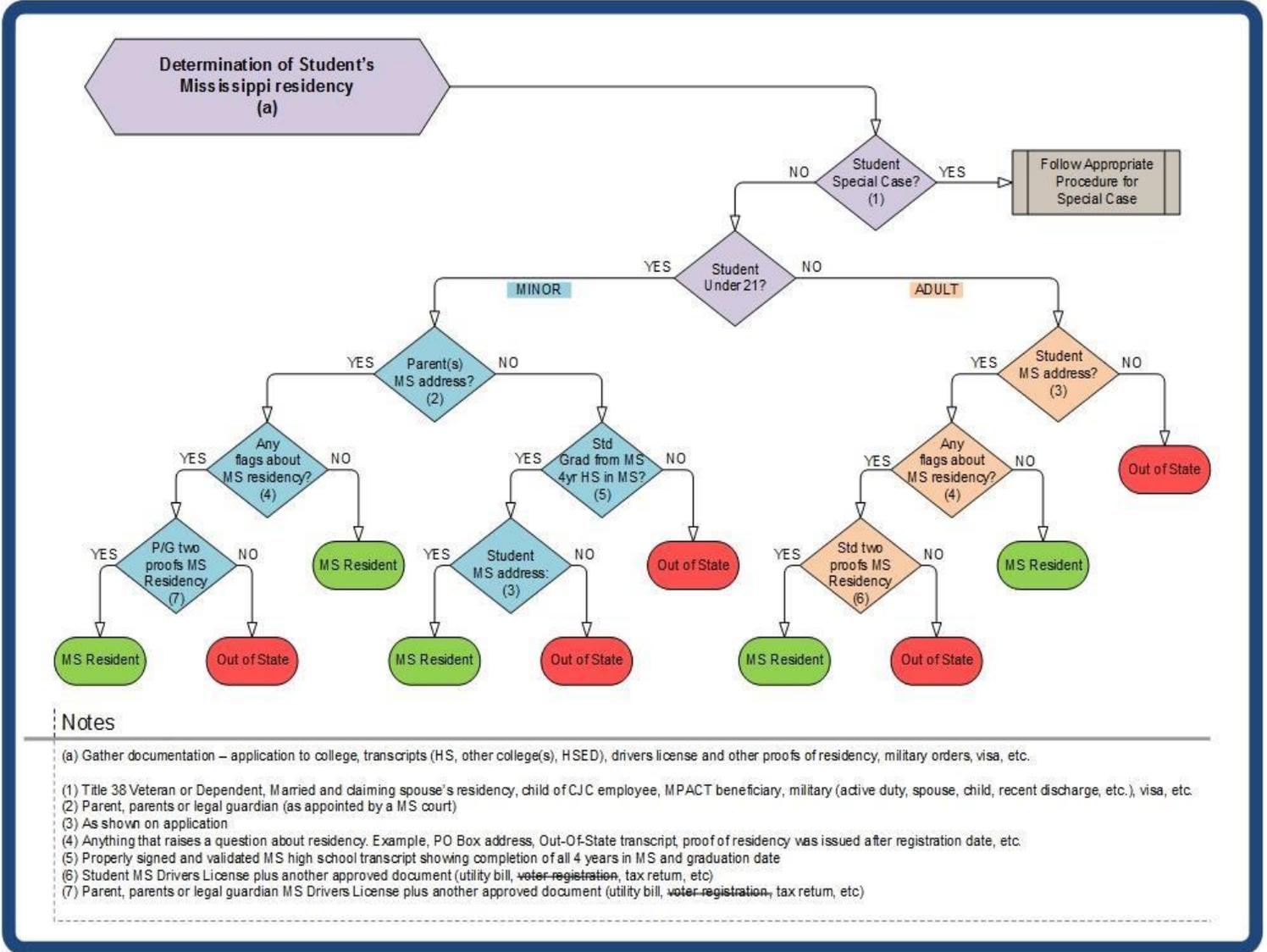
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COORDINATORS OF OFFICIALS

Football:	TBD
Men's Basketball:	Hal Lusk
Women's Basketball:	Paul Lyle
Baseball:	Robert Holloway
Softball:	Dr. Adrienne Barnes
Soccer:	Matthew Thompson

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I. Residency Chart



Notes

- (a) Gather documentation – application to college, transcripts (HS, other college(s), HSED), drivers license and other proofs of residency, military orders, visa, etc.
- (1) Title 38 Veteran or Dependent, Married and claiming spouse's residency, child of CJC employee, MPACT beneficiary, military (active duty, spouse, child, recent discharge, etc.), visa, etc.
- (2) Parent, parents or legal guardian (as appointed by a MS court)
- (3) As shown on application
- (4) Anything that raises a question about residency. Example, PO Box address, Out-Of-State transcript, proof of residency was issued after registration date, etc.
- (5) Properly signed and validated MS high school transcript showing completion of all 4 years in MS and graduation date
- (6) Student MS Drivers License plus another approved document (utility bill, ~~voter registration~~, tax return, etc)
- (7) Parent, parents or legal guardian MS Drivers License plus another approved document (utility bill, ~~voter registration~~, tax return, etc)

II. Football Recruiting Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
August 2023							September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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April 2024							May 2024							June 2024							July 2024						
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Quiet Period	Coaches are not allowed to leave college campus to recruit or evaluate. High School students are allowed to make on-campus visits. Coaches may attend clinics only and no camps allowed. Colleges may host clinics State Testing Dates.
Dead Period	No contact with athlete or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete on or off campus. No official or unofficial visits are allowed. February 3rd-6th is dead for all high school students and transfers.
Contact Period	Coaches may recruit and evaluate off of the college campus. In-person contact is allowed. During this period, only one contact per prospective athlete within a calendar day is allowed per high school, per week. One contact constitutes the entire high school. A week officially spans from Sunday at midnight through the next Sunday at midnight.
In District Only	No contact with athlete or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete, on or off campus except for those that reside within the district boundaries of the college. Any communication with legal guardians, relatives, coaches, and other representatives of out-of-district recruits is prohibited. Out of state recruiting is allowed during this time.
Evaluation	No contact with athlete or legal guardians, relatives, or any individual affiliated with the prospective athlete at any point during evaluation. Coaches may attend games at out of district schools to evaluate only. Coaches must sit in the stands during the game and have no contact with any prospect. 2 Coaches from each school are allowed to be out of district and 2 coaches must stay in district during this time.

NOTE: Telephone and electronic communications are allowable with prospective recruitable student-athletes year-round.