



# PATRIOT LEAGUE

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## PATRIOT LEAGUE POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

TODAY'S SCHOLAR-ATHLETES, TOMORROW'S LEADERS



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## **ARTICLE 1**

# **FOREWORD**

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The Patriot League Policy and Procedures Manual has been developed to provide both guidance and information to Patriot League members. It represents a synthesis of established Patriot League procedures.

Further, this document addresses compliance procedures, and, as such is to be used in conjunction with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Manual, which states specifically the rules that govern intercollegiate athletics. Patriot League institutions are expected to abide by all rules and procedures set forth in both the NCAA and Patriot League Manuals.

It is the League's intention to update this manual annually. In the interim, new legislation passed at regular Patriot League business meetings will be reported to the Athletic Director, SWA, and Policy Committee member at each Patriot League institution. It will then become the responsibility of the Athletic Director to pass this new information along to all other appropriate and interested parties.

As no manual, no matter how comprehensive, can answer every question that may arise, Patriot League Manual users are encouraged to contact the Patriot League office with questions so that the issue may be researched and pertinent material included in future Manual updates.

## ARTICLE 2

# HISTORY

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In 1983, six institutions were drawn together by their common desire to promote quality athletics within the context of academic excellence. Thus, the Colonial League was established. Comprised of Bucknell University, Colgate University, Davidson College, The College of the Holy Cross, Lafayette College, and Lehigh University, the League brought together a group of highly selective, academically strong universities and colleges with similar philosophies on the potential contribution of athletics within an educational institution. All six institutions competed in football, and five of the six had based the allocation of financial aid solely upon need. The sixth, Holy Cross, had previously granted athletic scholarships, but agreed to abandon that policy in order to join the League.

At the time of the Colonial League's creation, the Ivy League was searching for another pool of competitors that shared its academic and athletic philosophy. However, a new league could be formed, made up of schools that shared academic, athletic, and financial assistance similarities with the Ivy League, and future play could be designed with interlocking competition.

Such a relationship would benefit both leagues. The Ivies would have a group of schools with which to compete on an equal financial aid basis, maintain Division I-AA (now Football Championship Subdivision) status, and have a reasonable hope of winning. The Colonial League teams would benefit from the national media exposure that competition with the Ivies would bring, and this exposure would reinforce the philosophies and academic similarities of the institutions in the Colonial League as compared with those in the Ivy League. In February 2012, the Patriot League Council of Presidents endorsed a policy that permitted athletic merit aid for the sport of football beginning with the class enrolling in the fall of 2013. In 1996, it moved to allow basketball scholarships. That policy was applied to all sports except football in 2001.

The Colonial League's first Commissioner was Alan Childs, then a faculty member at Lafayette College. Such a choice was not an accident, for the association of academic officers with the League. Dr. Childs served the League in this capacity for three years. In summing up the creation of the Colonial League, Alan Childs said,

... (it) was the right thing for our institutions to do, at the right time in the history of intercollegiate athletics. We can now have sane and sensible athletics in an intellectually stimulating and educationally sound academic environment. It has taken effort and dedication, but the times called for a solution to the abuses we had seen in intercollegiate athletics. College athletes must be students first. A quality education is the most important part of their college experience. If intercollegiate athletics and educational goals prove to be incompatible, then intercollegiate athletics must leave the campus. The guiding principles of the League have served to keep athletics in their proper role in the development of our students."

The Colonial League initially competed strictly as a football conference beginning full round-robin play in football in 1986. Colonial League tournaments in golf, cross country, tennis, and volleyball were instituted in 1988; and beginning with the 1990-91 academic year, the League sponsored 22 sports, eleven for women, and eleven for men. Women's rowing was added as a Patriot League championship event beginning in the spring of 2005, while women's golf became the League's 24<sup>th</sup> sport at the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. Overall, the League conducts championships in 23 sports.

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There have also been organizational changes, which have taken place since the League's inception. On January 1, 1990, the Colonial League's name was changed, and the name Patriot League was officially adopted. Additionally, membership has shifted slightly. Davidson College chose to leave the League after the 1988 football season. Fordham University joined the League in 1989 and resigned its membership in 1995 for all sports except football. The United States Military Academy joined the League in 1989, and the United States Naval Academy joined the League in the 1991-92 academic year.

In July of 1995, the Council voted to offer associate membership in selected sports as Fordham University became the initial associate member in football. Fairfield (field hockey), Georgetown (football), Hobart (men's lacrosse), Towson (football), Ursinus (field hockey) and Villanova (women's lacrosse) also competed as associate members.

The Patriot League welcomed American University as its eighth full member in July 2001. Shortly thereafter, the Council of Presidents approved a policy to limit associate members to the sport of football and for other sports if an associate member was necessary for the League to be eligible for an NCAA automatic qualification berth. Currently, Fordham and Georgetown are the League's associate members in football. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2010) and Georgetown (2013) are associate members in women's rowing and the University of Richmond (2014) an associate member in women's golf.

In June and August 2012, Boston University and Loyola University Maryland respectively were welcomed as the ninth and 10th all-sport members to the League, effective with the 2013-14 academic year.

### **HISTORY OF PATRIOT LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS**

Dr. Alan Childs (1986-89);

Dr. Carl Ulrich (1989-93);

Connie Hurlbut (1993-99);

Carolyn Schlie Femovich (1999-2015);

Jennifer Heppel (2015-present)

## ARTICLE 3

# MISSION & VISION *[revised June 2010]*

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- 3.1 Mission.** The Patriot League promotes opportunities for students to compete in Division I intercollegiate athletics programs within a context that holds paramount the high academic standards and integrity of member institutions, and the academic and personal growth of student-athletes.
- 3.2 Vision.** The Patriot League will be the exemplary intercollegiate athletics conference in the country for student-athletes who demonstrate success both in academic achievement and athletic competition.
- a. Offering broad-based and diverse athletic programs, the League schools are dedicated to shared values of integrity, character and the personal development of all students.
  - b. Student-athletes are provided the opportunity to achieve their athletic potential and compete successfully at the NCAA Division I level.
  - c. The Patriot League will be recognized nationally for the effective integration of Division I athletics into the educational mission of the institution.
  - d. Student-athletes are prepared to become leaders and to make meaningful contributions to society.
- 3.3 Guiding Principles.** To realize the vision, the League will be guided by the principles identified below, and will monitor and assess achievement in each of the areas.
- a. League members are NCAA Division I institutions with high academic standards and are deeply committed to enrolling and graduating student-athletes who are academically representative of their institutions. While maintaining high academic standards, League institutions provide successful competitive experiences within and outside the League. Member institutions are proud of their Patriot League affiliation and respect and trust each other to define and manage their athletics programs according to League values.
  - b. Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate their commitment to both academic excellence and athletic competitiveness. They benefit from diverse, high-quality undergraduate experiences and graduate prepared to make meaningful contributions to society. Their athletic experience is consistent with strong academic values and exemplifies the highest ideals of ethical behavior and sportsmanship.
  - c. Professionals, who are coaches and athletic/academic administrators in member institutions, are respected as educators by colleagues within and outside their institution for their unwavering commitment to the quality of the student-athlete experience and their espousal of League values.
  - d. The League office, under the direction of the Commissioner, supports member institutions by communicating League values, managing programs in accordance with these values, and celebrating the achievements of student-athletes and League athletic/academic professionals. The office actively promotes the mission and vision of the League and supports the individual and collective efforts of member institutions to be recognized as leaders in the constructive reform of college athletics.

## ARTICLE 4

# PATRIOT LEAGUE OFFICE

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**4.1 Patriot League Office.** The Patriot League Office was established in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on September 1, 1989. On July 1, 2001, the headquarters moved to nearby Center Valley, Pennsylvania. The Office's location was selected in order to make it central to all member institutions. Under the direct supervision of the Commissioner, the Office performs the following functions:

- a. Oversees all League Championships, providing the necessary personnel for supervision as well as the presentation of awards.
- b. Prepares and distributes annual League schedules.
- c. Acts as the public relations liaison between member institutions and media outlets, and works to bring positive public exposure to the League.
- d. Collects and reports statistical data for each League sport, informing the members of the League and media on contest results, League standings, leading scorers, and upcoming League contests.
- e. Assists the membership in the area of compliance with NCAA rules and regulations, as well as, serving as a liaison between the NCAA and the member institutions.
- f. Develops, publishes, and distributes a weekly electronic newsletter to all member institutions, media, administrators, alumni, and fans.

## **4.2 Address/Contact Information.**

### **PATRIOT LEAGUE**

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Center Valley, PA 18034

Phone: (610) 289-1950

Website: [www.patriotleague.org](http://www.patriotleague.org)

## **4.3 Staff.**

- Jennifer Heppel, Commissioner
- Deb Herman, Executive Assistant & Business Manager
- Richard Wanninger, Senior Associate Commissioner for External Relations
- Jimmy Johnson, Assistant Commissioner for Multimedia
- Ryan Sakamoto, Assistant Commissioner for Communications
- Lynn Hughes, Director for Compliance and Sport Management
- Emily Parkins, Director for Championships and Sport Management
- Richard Zhu, Director for Sport Management
- Morgan Uber, Patriot League Network Correspondent
- Jackie Eddy, Associate Director for Communications
- Pat McGowan, Administrative Intern
- Kevin Williams, General Manager, Patriot League Sports Properties

## ARTICLE 5

# LEAGUE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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**5.1 Officers.** The Patriot League officers are as follows:

- a. President.** The Chair of the Council of Presidents is the League's President.
- b. Secretary-Treasurer.** The Commissioner of the Patriot League is also the Secretary-Treasurer.

**5.2 Committees.** The Patriot League is governed by three (3) committees: the Council of Presidents, the Policy Committee, and the Committee on Athletic Administration. Standing and/or ad hoc governance committees may be established by the Council of Presidents, as deemed necessary. Appointments to these committees are made by the Executive Committee of the Council. The League's Commissioner is responsible for the administrative functions associated with committee operations. *[See Article 6.7 for additional committee information]*

**5.3 Quorum.** A simple majority of the membership of each committee constitutes a quorum. Normally, passage or adoption of a proposal or resolution is based upon the number of member institutions present and voting. *[Refer to Constitutional/Operational Bylaws in Articles 6 and 7]*

**5.4 Committee Chairpersons.** The committee chairperson's service by committee and institution are displayed below:

**a. Council of Presidents:**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1989-1992    | Dr. Peter Likins, Lehigh University                        |
| 1992-1994    | Rear Adm. Thomas Lynch, U.S. Naval Academy                 |
| 1994-1996    | LTG Howard Graves, U.S. Military Academy                   |
| 1996-2000    | Dr. William D. Adams, Bucknell University                  |
| 2000-2002    | Arthur J. Rothkopf, Lafayette College                      |
| 2002-2004    | Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., College of the Holy Cross |
| 2004-2005    | Dr. Benjamin Ladner, American University                   |
| 2005-2007    | Dr. Rebecca Chopp, Colgate University                      |
| 2007-2009    | Dr. Brian Mitchell, Bucknell University                    |
| 2009-2011    | Dr. Alice Gast, Lehigh University                          |
| 2011-2013    | Dr. Daniel H. Weiss, Lafayette College                     |
| 2013-2015    | Dr. Cornelius Kerwin, American University                  |
| 2015-2017    | Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J., College of the Holy Cross      |
| 2017-2019    | Dr. John C. Bravman, Bucknell University                   |
| 2019-Present | Dr. Alison R. Byerly, Lafayette College                    |

**b. Policy Committee:**

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1989-1991 | Dr. Herman Kissiah, Lafayette College |
| 1991-1994 | Larry Shinn, Bucknell University      |
| 1994-1997 | Karen Leach, Colgate University       |
| 1997-1998 | Dr. Herman Kissiah, Lafayette College |

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|--------------|--|
| 1998-1999    | Anthony Kuzniewski, College of the Holy Cross  |
| 1999-2004    | Bruce Selleck, Colgate University              |
| 2004-2007    | Charles R. Pollock, Bucknell University        |
| 2007-2011    | Dr. Jim Krivoski, Lafayette College            |
| 2011-2015    | Dr. John F. Axelson, College of the Holy Cross |
| 2015-2019    | Dr. Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy       |
| 2019-Present | Dr. Robert Karch, American University          |

**c. Committee on Athletic Administration:**

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|--------------|--|
| 1989-1990    | Fred Dunlap, Colgate University          |
| 1990-1993    | Frank McLaughlin, Fordham University     |
| 1993-1996    | Ron Perry, College of the Holy Cross     |
| 1996-1999    | Dr. Eve Atkinson, Lafayette College      |
| 1999-2002    | Dr. Joseph Sterrett, Lehigh University   |
| 2002-2004    | Richard Greenspan, U.S. Military Academy |
| 2004-2006    | Chet Gladchuk, U.S. Naval Academy        |
| 2006-2008    | John Hardt, Bucknell University          |
| 2008-2010    | David Roach, Colgate University          |
| 2010-2012    | Richard Regan, College of the Holy Cross |
| 2012-2014    | Dr. Bruce McCutcheon, Lafayette College  |
| 2014-2016    | Dr. Joseph Sterrett, Lehigh University   |
| 2016-2017    | Jim Paquette, Loyola University Maryland |
| 2017-2019    | Chet Gladchuk, U.S. Naval Academy        |
| 2019-Present | Dr. Billy Walker, American University    |

**5.5 Administration of Sport Groups. [June 1997]**

**a. Sport Group Liaisons.**

- 1. Institutional Administrative Liaisons.** Each administrative liaison functions as a representative of the Committee on Athletic Administration or the Sport Management Committee, and must hold one of the following positions: director of athletics, associate director of athletics or assistant director of athletics. Individuals assuming this role are appointed by the chair of the Committee on Athletic Administration for a three-year term with an option to renew for an additional term. When practical, an administrator selected to an NCAA sport committee should be appointed as the administrative liaison in that sport and the term should correspond to that of the NCAA committee. *[May 2015]* Administrative liaisons should attend business meetings for his/her sport group(s), whenever possible. Attendance by the administrative liaison at the League championship for his/her sport group is recommended, but not required.
- 2. Coaches' Chair.** For each sport, the individual in this position must be a head coach and will serve a two-year term. The chair may be re-appointed for a second term at the recommendation of the coaches' group. *[August 2008]* The term of each chair shall begin on July 1. The position will normally rotate alphabetically among the member schools that participate in that sport. The only exceptions will be:

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- a. If the position is due to rotate to a school with a first-year coach. At that time, it is recommended that the school be skipped, to be re-inserted into the rotation two years later.
  - b. For those instances where a coach leaves before serving out his/her two-year term, the school forfeits the remaining portion of the term, and the position moves to the next school in the rotation, continuing as if the full two years had been served.
- 3. League Liaison.** A League office representative will oversee administration of Patriot League sport committee groups. League liaisons will be expected to attend all business meetings for his/her sport group(s). *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

### b. Business Meetings.

- 1. Purpose and Frequency.** Each sport group will have one (1) annual mandatory meeting during which head coaches will discuss “sport business” (e.g., proposed amendments to Patriot League policy, policies impacting the sport nationally) and vote on items, if necessary. Additional annual meetings may be requested, but are subject to the approval of the Committee on Athletic Administration. *[May 2008]*
- 2. Date and Location.** The annual meeting will be held in the Patriot League office or via conference call at a date and time agreed upon by the sport group and administrative liaisons. The following sport groups will meet in-person on an annual basis: men’s basketball, women’s basketball and football. The following sport groups will have meetings that rotate annually between an in-person meeting and a conference call: baseball, field hockey, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball and volleyball. The following sport groups will conduct their annual meetings via conference call, unless otherwise specified: men’s and women’s cross country/track and field, men’s golf, women’s golf, rowing, men’s and women’s swimming and diving and men’s and women’s tennis. Changes to the meeting location must be approved in advance by the CAA. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**Exception: National Sports Conventions.** If all head coaches will be attending the national sport convention and all head coaches and administrative liaison(s) unanimously agree to meet at the convention one year in advance, then the meeting may be held at the coaches’ convention.

In all cases, the coaches’ group must request holding the League business meeting at their convention and the Sport Management Committee must approve the location no later than April of the previous year. In addition, administrative liaison(s) and/or the League office have the authority to determine that the agenda warrants a meeting at the League office or that meeting at the location of the coaches’ convention is not cost effective for all parties involved.

- 3. Participants.** The annual business meeting will be limited to head coaches only. No assistant coaches may be in attendance, with the exception of an emergency, at which time the head coach may send one representative in their place. Head coaches that do not attend the annual mandatory meeting (or send a representative and alert the League office in the case of an emergency) would result in the institution being fined \$500.

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4. **Agendas.** The following operational guidelines will be utilized for the development and distribution of each sport's meeting agenda:
  - a. Three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting, a written request for agenda items will be sent out by the sport's coaches' chair/League liaison.
  - b. One week prior to the meeting, the agenda will be finalized by the coaches' chair in consultation with the League liaison and administrative liaison.
  - c. The League liaison will email the agenda and any pertinent materials to each head coach and the administrative liaison. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  
5. **Minutes.** The following operational guidelines will be utilized for the taking, review, and distribution of each sport's meeting minutes:
  - a. Minutes will be recorded by a League liaison.
  - b. A draft of the minutes will be emailed by the League liaison to the coaches' chair and administrative liaison for review within two weeks of the meeting.
  - c. The final minutes will be distributed by the League liaison to all head coaches, the administrative liaison, the Committee on Athletic Administration, the Sport Management Committee and the League office staff members.
  
6. **Other Meetings.** Additional business meetings may be requested by sport group liaisons to address urgent issues. In these instances, all coaches and liaisons in the sport are to be notified and contacted regarding availability. Every effort should be made to conduct additional meetings via teleconference. Pre-championship meetings will be held, but it is recommended that discussion of "sport business" (excluding championship issues) be avoided at these meetings. In those cases where coaches regularly attend national conventions, efforts should be made to conduct an optional meeting. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  
7. **Expenses.** All reasonable expenses incurred during the conduct of approved sport group business meetings (e.g., room rental, food and beverage, teleconference fees) will be paid by the Patriot League office. The cost of pre-championship meetings will continue to be the responsibility of the host institution.
  
8. **Governance, Standing and Advisory/Sport Groups.** League Governance Committees, Standing Committees and Advisory/Sport Committees are listed in Article 6.7.

## ARTICLE 6

# CONSTITUTIONAL BYLAWS (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION)

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### 6.1 Offices.

- a. The registered office of the corporation shall be at 3773 Corporate Parkway, Suite 190, Center Valley, Pennsylvania, 18034.
- b. The corporation may also have offices at such other place as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or the activities of the corporation may require.

### 6.2 Seal. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation, the year of its organization and the words “Corporate Seal, Pennsylvania.”

### 6.3 Purposes. The purposes of the Corporation (the Corporation may be referred to alternatively in these Bylaws as “The League”) are:

- a. To conduct intercollegiate athletics within a context that holds paramount the academic programs of the member institutions and the academic and personal growth of student-athletes;
- b. To hold membership as a conference in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) [*Staff editorial revision, August 2019*];
- c. To engage in such intercollegiate athletic competition in accordance with the principles, policies, constitution and bylaws of the NCAA as well as such other principles, policies and bylaws as may, from time to time, be adopted by the League;
- d. To provide procedures for the enforcement of the NCAA principles, policies, constitution and bylaws and other principles, policies and bylaws as may, from time to time, be adopted by the League;
- e. To effectuate such other or additional purposes as may, from time to time, be adopted and approved at meetings of the member institutions;
- f. To provide that student-athletes will be representative of the total student body of each member institution in general academic achievement and overall educational experience;
- g. To provide that policies governing admission and financial aid of student-athletes, and intercollegiate athletics, of each member institution will encourage balanced and fair competition on a continuing basis among the member institutions of the League;
- h. To provide for the sharing of appropriate information among the member institutions regarding their athletic programs and the admission and financial aid of student-athletes in football, men’s and women’s basketball, and other sports as identified by the League;
- i. To foster mutual respect and confidence among the member institutions and to foster the purposes and principles of higher academic education;

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- j. To take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the above purposes; and
- k. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the League's Bylaws or other regulations, the League shall not engage in any activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(a) of the Code, as being an organization referred to in Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

**6.4 League Code.** The League shall be governed and administered according to the League Code which shall consist of the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and such rules and regulations as are established, from time to time, by the Council of Presidents.

**6.5 Members.**

**a. Charter Members.** As of the date of incorporation, the members of the League are:

- Bucknell University
- Colgate University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- United States Military Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- American University—admitted as a regular member effective July 2001
- Boston University—admitted as a regular member effective July 2013
- Loyola University Maryland—admitted as a regular member effective July 2013

**b. New Members. [revised, Council, June 2010]**

1. New regular and associate members may be admitted into the League upon proper application in accordance with criteria established by the Council of Presidents and by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of all regular member institutions in good standing.
2. At the time of acceptance, a new regular or associate member shall pay an amount to be determined by the Council of Presidents. Payment shall be made prior to the effective date of active membership unless determined otherwise by the Council of Presidents.
3. Beginning with the effective date of membership, the regular or associate member will pay dues for the current membership year as determined by the Council of Presidents. New members will be eligible to share in NCAA revenue distributions that are earned after their effective date of active membership.

**c. Members.** Regular and associate membership in the League is by institution and all rights and duties inherent in that membership may be exercised by or enforced against such member institutions only. Member institutions are responsible for compliance by student-athletes and employees at their institutions. Students enrolled in a regular or associate member institution do not, by virtue of such enrollment, acquire membership in the League. The League has no direct jurisdiction over any student enrolled in a regular or associate member institution or any

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employees, and no individual students or employees have any membership rights in the League.

- d. NCAA Division I Membership.** Only colleges and universities holding Division I membership in the NCAA or in the applicable sport shall be eligible for regular or associate membership.
- e. Admission/Readmission into Membership.** Admission or readmission to regular and associate membership in the League shall be by vote of the Council of Presidents. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Council of Presidents shall be required to approve an application for admission or readmission and a member institution that seeks readmission shall not be counted in determining the required vote.
- f. Declaration of Regular Membership.**
  1. A condition of regular membership and application for membership shall be a Five-Year Declaration of Membership/Letter of Commitment Form signed by the institution's chief executive officer which states that the institution makes an initial five-year commitment to membership in the League. *[Council, June 1995]*
  2. Subsequent to the initial five-year commitment, members will be committed to the League for a period of two years renewable on an annual basis. The annual renewal will take effect automatically unless the chief executive officer notifies the Commissioner in writing by June 30, at least one year prior to the effective date of the resignation date, which shall be June 30 of the year in which the school wishes to withdraw from the League. Once a member has officially announced its intention to withdraw from the League, should it desire to change its decision, it must then go through the full application process as required by other applicant institutions. *[Council, June 2010]*
  3. Should the institution desire to change its membership decision after it has submitted its Letter of Commitment but prior to the effective date of its membership, the policy and procedures for resignation of membership as outlined below will apply. *[Council, June 2013]*
- g. Associate Membership: Granting & Revocation of Membership.**
  1. The Council of Presidents may grant, on a three academic year basis, associate membership status to a college or university for the purpose of permitting such institution to participate in sports conducted under the auspices of the League. On or before the end of the second academic year, the League may offer continuation of associate membership to an institution for an additional three academic year term. Thereafter, the League may continue to renew an institution's associate membership for subsequent three-academic year terms at the conclusion of the second year of each term. *[June 2002]*
  2. When an institution accepts an offer of membership in the League as an associate member, it agrees to abide by the League Code and all subsequent amendments thereto and all rules and regulations currently in existence or subsequently adopted by the League.

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3. The annual membership dues for an associate member shall be determined by the Council of Presidents prior to the commencement of each academic year and may be changed from year to year as determined by the Council of Presidents.
  4. Associate members shall designate appropriate representatives as required by the League Code to attend and participate in the discussions of the Council of Presidents, Policy Committee and Committee on Athletic Administration and other established committees of the League deemed appropriate. Such representatives, however, will participate in an ex-officio capacity without entitlement to vote, except with respect to those matters which concern the sport(s) for which the institution was granted the status of associate membership. The determination of which matters an associate member may vote upon shall be solely determined by the Chair of each body and may not be appealed or subject to review by any body of the League or any other body or court. *[Council, December 1998]*
  5. Associate membership status may be revoked on notice to the institution's President at any time and upon 30 days notice in the sole discretion of the Council of Presidents. Revocation will be effective at the conclusion of the particular sport season(s) for which an institution was granted the status of an associate member. This decision shall not be subject to review by any body or court.
  6. An associate member shall share in the distribution of only those League revenues generated by the sport(s) in which it participates as an associate member of the League. The revenues shall be applied, used and distributed to regular and associate members in accordance with applicable League regulations and as determined by the Council of Presidents.
  7. To the extent that any provision of the League Bylaws or rules and regulations appears to be different from the provisions of this Article, the provisions of this Article shall govern.
- h. Voting.** Regular and associate member institutions shall vote and participate in the activities of the League through their respective duly appointed and authorized representatives to the Council of Presidents, the Policy Committee, the Committee on Athletic Administration, and other established committees of the League. On matters in which the representative of an associate member is granted the right to vote, each regular and associate member shall have one vote. *[June 2002; revised 2010]*
1. Any amendments to the Operating Bylaws require a majority vote of all regular members and associate members eligible to vote on the matter. *[Council, June 2011]*
  2. Any amendments to the Constitutional Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all regular member institutions, not only those present at the meeting of the Council of Presidents. *[Council, June 2010]*

Therefore, any actions of the League's governing committees such as the Committee on Athletic Administration, Policy Committee and the Council of Presidents will require the requisite number of votes to approve an Operating or Constitutional Bylaw.

**i. Membership Responsibility and Conditions.** By acceptance into membership of the League, each member institution represents that it will adhere to the League Code and will, in all its acts, conform in every way with its substance and spirit, without exception.

**j. Intercollegiate Athletic Programs Requirements.**

1. All regular member institutions must annually sponsor and conduct a representative schedule in Division I men's and women's basketball and no less than the minimum number of other Division I varsity programs as required by NCAA regulations for Division I classification.
2. Sports shall be designated for League championship or in-season competition by a consensus of the Council of Presidents. If a vote is needed, then a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Presidents, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Athletic Administration and the Policy Committee, and following the development of a championship budget proposal, shall be required.
3. An institution prohibited from competing in post-season competition by the NCAA or the Patriot League shall not be eligible for the League championship in the cited sport(s), but its regular-season contests against League opponents shall count in the League standings. Also, an institution that has been declared ineligible for post-season competition may not compete in a League championship that determines the Patriot League's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Championship in that sport. *[Council, 2004]*

An individual student-athlete declared ineligible by the NCAA or Patriot League will not be eligible for regular-season competition and participation in any post-season League championship, unless determined otherwise by the Commissioner.

- a. An ineligible team's student-athletes and coaches will continue to be eligible for individual League awards voted on during the regular season (e.g. Player of the Week, All-League team, Player of the Year, Coach of the Year).

In sports in which revenue is generated and distributed by the NCAA or Patriot League, an institution with an ineligible team will continue to receive their share of distribution as determined by League policies. *[Council, 2012]*

4. Each regular or associate member institution will send its most competitive team to the League championship.
5. If a regular member institution sponsors a sport for which the League conducts a championship or regular in-season competition, the member institution must participate in the League competition unless an exemption from participation has been approved in advance by a majority of the Council of Presidents. The following criteria for an exemption shall apply:
  - a. An institution will be permitted to exempt no more than one sport from League competition;
  - b. Withdrawal of the sport under consideration will not jeopardize the League's automatic qualification or overall competitiveness;

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- c. The institution will not align its program with another Division I conference;
  - d. The competitive experience is determined to be undesirable for student-athletes from other League institutions due to facility or other competitive limitations at the institution requesting the waiver; and
  - e. The commitment to gender equity at the institution and in the League is not compromised. *[December 2001]*
- k. **Termination of Regular Membership.** Upon a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents, not including the alleged offending member institution, to be preceded by notice to the alleged offending member institution, membership in the League may be terminated for the following reasons:
  - 1. Resigning or attempting to resign from the League without having complied with the resignation policy. In addition to loss of membership, failure to comply with the resignation policy may also result in the forfeiture of any or all financial enumeration directly associated with the League, including the NCAA basketball tournament and other tournament distributions.
  - 2. Failing to live up to the standards and requirements of the League, both in spirit and in letter, as expressly and implicitly set forth in its Code.
  - 3. If a regular or associate member institution becomes ineligible for active membership in the NCAA by a written determination of the NCAA.
- l. **Annual Dues.** The Council of Presidents shall annually establish the dues to be paid for the following year by each regular or associate member institution, which shall be set on an equitable basis, and prescribe the date by which payment of such dues shall be made. Should League expenses warrant, each regular and associate member institution may be assessed an amount to maintain League operations.
- m. **Resignation from Regular Membership** *[Council, June 2010, revised Council, June 2013]*
  - 1. The chief executive officer of the withdrawing institution will notify the Commissioner in writing not later than June 30, one year prior to the effective date of the resignation date, which shall be June 30 of the year in which the member wishes to withdraw from the League.
  - 2. If the withdrawing member notifies the League of its intention to withdraw from membership not later than June 30 one year prior to the effective date of the resignation, and if all membership obligations and commitments are met through the resignation date, the withdrawing member shall be required to pay \$500,000 to the League by June 30 of the resignation year as liquidated damages. If the withdrawing member notifies the League of its intention to withdraw after June 30 of the year prior to the effective date of its resignation, and if all membership obligations and commitments are met through the resignation date, the withdrawing member shall be required to pay \$1,000,000 to the League by June 30 of the resignation year as liquidated damages.

The withdrawing member shall forfeit any share of accrued assets of the League as well as any future League shares of NCAA or other revenue distributions. Council may impose

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an additional fee for failure of the withdrawing member to meet any membership obligations and commitments.

3. The payment in this Article shall in no way be construed as limiting the monetary damages or remedies to which the League or its remaining members may be entitled at law or equity. The payment amount will not be due only if the member institution is withdrawing because it decided to no longer be a member of Division I of the NCAA or it no longer participates in intercollegiate athletics.
4. Eligible teams and student-athletes from the withdrawing member institution will be permitted to participate in Patriot League championship events for which they qualify. The withdrawing member will not be permitted to host any League championship games or events, but will continue to be eligible to earn the League's automatic qualification into an NCAA championship.
5. Beginning with the withdrawing member's notification of its intention to withdraw from membership, the member and its representatives on League committees will only be eligible to vote on matters that directly pertain to its year(s) of membership with the League.
6. Representatives from the withdrawing member will not be permitted to serve as an officer of the League or as chair of its governance committees (i.e., Council of Presidents, Policy Committee or Committee on Athletic Administration) or of its standing committees, and will immediately be removed as the Patriot League representative to any NCAA or other national governing body committee.
7. The withdrawing member will forfeit any rights to appear within the League's television package effective with the date of its notification of intention to withdraw from membership.

### **n. Resignation from Associate Membership [Council, June 2011]**

1. The chief executive officer of the withdrawing institution will notify the Commissioner in writing at the end of the League's competitive season in the sport in which associate membership was granted, and not less than one year prior to the expiration of their membership term.
2. If all membership obligations and commitments are met, the withdrawing associate member shall not be required to pay a withdrawal fee. The withdrawing member shall forfeit any share of accrued assets of the League in the sport in which associate membership was granted, as well as any future League shares of NCAA or other revenue distributions. Council may impose a fee and/or penalty for failure of the withdrawing associate member to provide the required notification of their resignation.

### **6.6 Council of Presidents.**

- a. The business and affairs of this League shall be managed by its Council of Presidents, which shall consist of the Presidents or Superintendents of the regular member institutions. (The Council of Presidents shall act in the capacity of the Board of Directors of the League. Any

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references to the Board of Directors in these Bylaws or in applicable law shall be deemed to refer to the Council of Presidents.)

- b. The Council of Presidents, in its capacity as the Board of Directors, and in its capacity as representatives of the members, shall exercise all of the powers of the League and do all such lawful acts and things, whether required by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, to be exercised by the Board of Directors of the members.
- c. The Council shall have a Chair to be elected biannually by the Council. The term of the Chair shall begin on July 1. In electing the Chair, consideration shall be given to tenure on the Council and to alphabetical rotation. *[June 2002]*

The Council shall meet at least twice each year at a time and place to be arranged by the Chair. Special meetings, which may be held via telephone conference, may be called at any time upon the initiative of the Chair or by the request of at least three members.

- d. A majority of the 10 regular members of the Council of Presidents shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the acts of a majority of the Presidents present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Council. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Council of Presidents may be taken without a meeting, if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Presidents in office and shall be filed with the Secretary of the League.
- e. At the discretion of the Chair, the Council of Presidents may be expanded to include the president(s) of any associate member institution entitled to vote on a matter which concerns the sport(s) for which the institution was granted the status of associate membership. *[Council, June 2011]*
- f. Each member of the Council of Presidents shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the League and shall perform all duties as a director, including duties as a member of any committee upon which such member may serve, in good faith, in a manner such member reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the League, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing such duties, a director shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared by any of the following:
  - 1. One or more officers or employees of the League whom the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented.
  - 2. Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters that the director reasonably believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person.
  - 3. A committee of the Council of Presidents upon which the director does not serve, duly designated in accordance with the law, as to matters within its designated authority, which the director reasonably believes to merit confidence.

A director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if such person has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause reliance to be unwarranted.

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In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Council of Presidents, Committees, and individual directors may, in considering the best interests of the League, consider the effects of any actions upon employees and students of member institutions, and upon communities in which offices or other establishments of the League are located, and all other pertinent factors. The consideration of those factors shall not constitute a violation of this Article.

Absent breach of fiduciary duty, lack of good faith or self-dealing, actions taken as a member of the Council of Presidents or any failure to take any action shall be presumed to be in the best interests of the League.

A member of the Council of Presidents of the League shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take action, unless:

- a. The director has breached or failed to perform the duties of office under this Article; and
- b. The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to:

- a. The responsibility or liability of a director pursuant to any criminal statute; or
- b. The liability of a director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, State or Federal Law.

### **6.7 Governance Committees. *[June 2002]***

#### **a. Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents.**

1. The Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents shall consist of the Chair of the Council of Presidents and two other members of the Council as appointed by the Council of Presidents. A Vice-Chair will be elected and shall act on behalf of the Chair in his or her absence.
2. The Executive Committee will have the authority of the Council of Presidents to act on their behalf between Council meetings at the request of the Chair, subject to the final authority of the Council.
3. The Executive Committee shall hear appeals of a ruling of a League Committee other than the Council of Presidents, or a ruling of the Commissioner related to eligibility, compliance with League policies and the League's Code of Conduct.
4. The Executive Committee shall approve League appointments to Standing and Governance committees of the League as required; approve League appointments to NCAA Governance Committees (e.g., Councils, Standing Committees) with the exception of the NCAA Board of Directors and Presidential Forum, which shall be determined by the Council of Presidents.

**b. Policy Committee. [June 2002]**

1. The Policy Committee shall, on request of the Council, act on behalf of the Presidents and shall study and make recommendations on the implementation of policy. The Policy Committee shall monitor on a continuous basis the policies and programs of the League to assure that they are consistent with the spirit and intent of the League Code. As circumstances warrant, it may recommend changes in basic policy or in the documents of the League Code to keep current the spirit and principles of the League. The Policy Committee shall have the opportunity to review and comment on all recommendations initiated by the Committee on Athletic Administration for consideration by the Council of Presidents. [*Council, December 1995*]
2. The membership of the Policy Committee shall be constituted in the following manner:
  - a. Each member institution through its President shall appoint a representative to the Policy Committee.
  - b. The Chair of the Committee on Athletic Administration shall be an ex-officio member of the Policy Committee.
  - c. The Chair of the Council of Presidents shall be an ex-officio member of the Policy Committee.
  - d. The Chair of the Admissions and Financial Aid Directors shall be ex-officio members of the Policy Committee.
3. The Chair shall be appointed biannually by the Council of Presidents. The term of the Chair shall begin on July 1. Appointment of the Chair shall be made with emphasis placed upon tenure within the League and with consideration given to alphabetical rotation of the membership. The Chair in consultation with the Commissioner shall set the date and place of the regular meetings and of any special meetings, both of which may be held via telephone conference call, and may be requested by the representatives of at least three member institutions.
4. The Policy Committee shall have the responsibility to place appropriate issues on the agenda of the Council of Presidents and the Committee on Athletic Administration. The Policy Committee shall be free at all times to request from member institutions whatever information it deems necessary for the successful discharge of its duties within the scope of the League Code.
5. The Policy Committee will oversee the implementation of and compliance with rules of eligibility set by the NCAA and/or the League. The Policy Committee will review the annual Academic Index reports and related admissions information and assess institutional compliance with League policies and standards.
6. All policies, interpretations and monitoring of policy relating to intercollegiate athletics are within the purview of the Policy Committee, subject to the review and approval of the Council of Presidents.
7. The Policy Committee shall keep under continuous review all matters within the purview of the League. It shall recommend detailed rules for the effective control of League policies, policy that may be acted upon by the Council of Presidents.

**c. Committee on Athletic Administration. [June 2002]**

1. Each member institution through its President shall name two representatives to the Committee on Athletic Administration who shall be the Director of Athletics and the Senior Woman Administrator at the institution. Each institution will maintain one vote on all legislative matters. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to handle the various operational aspects of League activities. In particular, it shall be the responsibility of this Committee to keep the implementation of policies under close and constant review and to promote other institutional cooperation designed to affect the spirit and intent of the documents of the League Code. The Committee on Athletic Administration shall have the opportunity to review and comment on all recommendations initiated by the Policy Committee for considerations by the Council of Presidents. *[Council, December 1995]*
2. The Chair of the Committee on Athletic Administration shall be appointed biannually by the Council of Presidents, with emphasis placed upon tenure within the League and with consideration given to alphabetical rotation of the membership. The term of the Chair shall begin on July 1. The Chair, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall set the date and time of the regular meetings. Special meetings may be called upon the request of at least three member institutions.
3. Each member institution shall furnish the Committee on Athletic Administration such information affecting the organization, support and conduct of intercollegiate athletics, as the Committee may deem necessary to the effective discharge of its responsibilities.
4. The Committee on Athletic Administration shall keep under review all matters within the purview of the documents of the League Code and shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the Policy Committee and the Council of Presidents with respect to such matters and any other matters of general concern.
5. The member institutions agree to abide by the Committee on Athletic Administration's decisions on operational matters, subject to the discretionary review by the Policy Committee and the Council of Presidents.

**d. Standing Committees and Advisory and Sport Committees.** All Standing Committees and Advisory and Sport Committees will be established or endorsed by the Council of Presidents, and report to the appropriate Governance Committee of the Patriot League listed in Article 6.7 of the Constitutional Bylaws. *[See Article 7.11 of the Operational Bylaws for definition of established committees]*

**6.8 Meetings.**

- a. **Schedule of Meetings.** The Council of Presidents shall meet at least twice a year. The Policy Committee and the Committee on Athletic Administration shall meet as needed. The fall term meeting of the Council of Presidents shall constitute the Annual Meeting of the League. Other meetings of these bodies may be called by the respective Chair or three of the members of the bodies, provided there is a 15-day written notice of such meeting to the member institutions. Meetings may take the form of conference calls.

- b. **Voting.** A simple majority of the membership of each of the Council of Presidents and all committees shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise stated herein, passage or adoption of a proposal or resolution shall be based upon the number of member institutions present and voting. Only the duly appointed authorized representative of a member institution shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Policy Committee and the Committee on Athletic Administration. At the Council of Presidents' meetings, only the Presidents shall be entitled to attend and vote, unless the Council of Presidents decides otherwise.

**6.9 Administration.**

**a. Officers.**

- 1. **President.** The Chair of the Council of Presidents shall serve as President of the League. The President shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President, subject to the delegation of executive and administrative duties to the Commissioner. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- 2. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Commissioner shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the League. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Council of Presidents and all meetings of the members and act as clerk thereof, and record all the votes of the League and the minutes of all its transactions in League office files kept for that purpose; and shall perform like duties for all committees of the League when required. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the Council of Presidents, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council of Presidents of the League, under whose supervision the Secretary shall be. The Secretary shall keep in safe custody the corporate seal of the League, and when authorized by the Council of Presidents, affix the same to any instrument requiring it.

The Treasurer shall have custody of the League funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the League, and shall keep the monies of the League in a separate account to the credit of the League. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the League as may be ordered by the Council of Presidents, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President of the League and the Council of Presidents, at the regular meetings of the Council of Presidents, or whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the League.

**b. Commissioner.**

- 1. The Council of Presidents shall appoint one person to serve as the chief executive and administrative officer of the League who shall have the title of Commissioner. A unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents shall be necessary in order to effectuate the appointment of the Commissioner.
- 2. The terms of employment for the Commissioner shall be as follows:
  - a. The Commissioner shall be appointed by a written contract for a minimum of one year and the contract is renewable by a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents.

If the contract is not to be renewed, the Commissioner shall be given a minimum of six months written notice before employment can be terminated.

- b. The Commissioner reports to the Council of Presidents and shall be evaluated by it as a body on a regular basis. The Policy Committee and the Committee on Athletic Administration will be involved in the evaluation process at the discretion of the Council of Presidents.
- c. The compensation to be paid to the Commissioner and any other terms of employment shall be fixed by the Council of Presidents and incorporated in the written contract employing the Commissioner. The Commissioner's compensation will be determined in accordance with the League's compensation philosophy. *[December 2011]*

**3. Duties and Responsibilities of the Commissioner.** The Commissioner shall direct the activities of the League and shall have the authority, duty, and responsibility, which the Commissioner may exercise in his/her discretion, unless otherwise instructed by the Council of Presidents to do the following:

- a. Sign, on behalf of the League, documents requiring a League signatory;
- b. Receive, collect, and disburse the income received by the League as directed by the Council of Presidents;
- c. Engage such assistants and employees as may be authorized by the Council of Presidents and to fix their compensation within the limits of approved budgets;
- d. Prepare an annual budget covering all of the proposed activities of the League and submit the same to the Council of Presidents for approval;
- e. Disburse the funds of the League only in accordance with the terms of the budget approved by the Council of Presidents and to make further disbursements only when authorized by the Council of Presidents and to report regularly on these disbursements to member institutions;
- f. Be responsible for a compilation, review or audit and financial accounting to the members in compliance with the requirements of Section 5553 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, at their annual Fall Meeting, together with a report of the activities and proceedings of the League during the preceding year;
- g. Be responsible for the preparation of the agenda of business and proceedings for meetings of the Council of Presidents, the Policy Committee, the Committee on Athletic Administration and other established committees of the League;
- h. Act as the Secretary-Treasurer of the League and perform the duties normally associated with that office;
- i. Supervise League in-season competition, and League championships; to maintain records of competition between members of the League; to act as League representative and liaison with the NCAA in all matters concerning League business; and to review eligibility and certifications of institutional sponsorship forms for all recognized League sports;
- j. Serve as the League's chief compliance and enforcement officer in conjunction with the institutional athletics directors and compliance administrators and to insure that the members are in compliance with the NCAA and the League Code;
- k. Promote the prestige and success of the League through public relations and marketing efforts among intercollegiate institutions, athletic associations, media and other appropriate entities;

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- l.** Negotiate agreements on behalf of the League with sponsors, radio and television networks, sports arenas and other parties as required by the League, provided, however, that the Commissioner shall have no authority to bind the League by such agreements unless first approved by the Committee on Athletic Administration and endorsed by the Council of Presidents. Further in this regard, no such agreements shall be binding upon the League unless signed by the President of the League;
- m.** Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be determined by the Council of Presidents from time to time; and
- n.** Cast the League vote at NCAA Conventions in accordance with the majority vote of the League members.

### 6.10 Books and Records.

- a. Location.** The books, accounts, and records of the League may be kept at such place or places as the Council of Presidents may from time to time determine.
- b. Inspection.** The books, accounts, and records of the League shall be open to inspection by any member institution subject to regulations as the Council of Presidents may prescribe.
- c. Audit.** The accounts of the League shall be audited or reviewed not less than annually by a certified public accountant who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Council of Presidents and who shall provide a report to the Council of Presidents. The annual report of the certified public accountant shall include the requirements of, and serve as, the annual report required by Section 5553 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.
- d. Form 990. [May 2009]** Consistent with its fiduciary responsibilities, the members of the Council of Presidents (acting as the Board of Directors) of the Patriot League adopts the following procedure for annual review of the League's responses to Internal Revenue Code Form 990:
  - 1.** Thirty days before filing with the Internal Revenue Service, or as soon as practicable prior to filing, the Council of Presidents will review and comment on proposed responses for the Form 990.
  - 2.** The final Form 990 will be transmitted to all Council Members along with the League's year-end financial statements in December of each year.

- 6.11 Indemnification.** The League shall indemnify each member of its Council of Presidents, its Committees, its officers and employees whether or not then in service as such (and his or her executor, administrators and heirs), against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any litigation to which the individual may have been a party because the individual is or was a member of the Council of Presidents, a Committee, an officer or an employee of the League. The individual shall have no right to reimbursement, however, in relation to matters as to which he or she has been adjudged liable to the League for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties, or was derelict in the performance of his or her duty as a member of the Council of Presidents, a Committee, an officer of employee by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties of his or her office of employment. The right to indemnity for expenses shall also apply

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to the expenses of suits, which are comprised or settled if the court having jurisdiction of the matter shall approve such settlement.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such member of the Council of Presidents, Committee, officer or employee may be entitled.

### 6.12 Miscellaneous Provisions.

- a. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the League shall be July 1 through June 30 of each year.
- b. **Checks, Drafts and Notes.** All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the League shall be signed by such officer or officers or agent or agents as shall from time to time be designated by resolution of the Council of Presidents.
- c. **Gifts.** The Council of Presidents may accept on behalf of the League, any contribution, gift, and bequest or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the League.
- d. **Capital Contributions.** The Council of Presidents shall have authority to provide for the member institutions to make capital contributions in such amounts and upon such terms as are fixed by the Council of Presidents in accordance with the provisions of Section 5541 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

### 6.13 Amendments to Constitutional Bylaws.

- a. **Procedure.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Commissioner at least 60 days before the meeting at which they are to be considered and acted upon, and at least 30 days' written notice shall be given by the Commissioner to each member institution.
- b. **Amendments to Amendments.** A proposed amendment to the Constitutional Bylaws may be amended at the meeting at which they are to be considered and acted upon by a two-thirds (2/3) vote provided the amendment to the proposed amendment does not result in a substantive change of the proposed amendment, the decision of which shall be in the sole discretion of the President. However, any amendment or amendment to a proposed amendment may be adopted at any such meeting without the above prior notice by a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents.
- c. **Voting.** Amendments to the Constitutional Bylaws must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all regular member institutions, not only those present at a meeting of the Council of Presidents.
- d. **Effective Date.** An amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

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**7.1 Scope of Competition.**

- a. Sponsored Athletic Competition.** The Patriot League shall sponsor athletic competition in the following twenty-four sports:

**MEN**

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Indoor Track and Field  
Lacrosse  
Outdoor Track and Field  
Soccer  
Swimming and Diving  
Tennis

**WOMEN**

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Golf#  
Indoor Track and Field  
Lacrosse  
Outdoor Track and Field  
Rowing^  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming and Diving  
Tennis  
Volleyball

^Began in 2004-2005

#Began in 2012-2013

- b. Criteria for League Sport Sponsorship.** Six (6) full member institutions must sponsor a sport at the varsity level in order for it to be added to the list of League sponsored sports outlined above in Article 1. *[June 2002; revised 2013]*
- c. Participation in Other Athletic Leagues.** Members of the League shall resign from other athletic leagues governing competition in the sports, which they shall play in the League. This requirement applies to those affiliations which would conflict with League competition and would not include organizations such as those affiliated with the Eastern College Athletic Conference.
- d. Football Rules.** Those institutions participating as members of Patriot League Football agree to administer their program under the terms specified by the Patriot League Agreement dated December 3, 1986, and as amended by normal League processes.
- e. Other Sports Rules.** Those teams competing in sports other than football will agree to abide by the set of rules, regulations, and procedures approved by the Council of Presidents. Those rules will be consonant with the spirit of the football agreement.

**7.2 Assessments.**

- a. Non-League, Post-Season Basketball Tournaments.** Each member institution participating in either the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament or the National Invitational post-season

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Tournament (NIT) shall be subject to a League assessment as a result of such participation. Assessment for participation in the NCAA Tournament shall be computed as follows:

1. Each member participating in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament shall receive 25 percent of a participation unit received by the League office from the NCAA in the year following that participation. The value of a unit is determined annually by the NCAA, with the League's distribution dependent on the number of eligible past participants. *[Council, June 1994; revised, Council, June 2019 (effective with participation in the 2020 Tournament)]*
2. Should a League member win a game in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (including the first-round game) or the League have more than one institution participate in the tournament and the League receives an extra unit of basketball revenue distribution, the extra unit will be distributed the following years as follows:
  - a. 2 shares to the institution that won the tournament (or first-round) game(s)
  - b. 9 shares (1 each) to the other full member institutions
  - c. 1 share to the League office *[revised February 2008, June 2013]*
3. Each member institution who participates in the National Invitational Tournament shall keep the net revenue if \$15,000 or less. Thereafter 50 percent of additional revenue will be shared with the League. *[Council, June 2005]*

- b. **Budget Deficiencies.** In any year in which the League revenues are insufficient to meet budget requirements or insufficient to meet other authorized expenditures, each member institution shall be subject to an assessment for its pro rata share based upon only the number of member institutions at the time of the assessment of such deficiency.

### 7.3 Distribution of Revenues.

- a. **League-Sponsored Events.** All revenues derived from League-sponsored championships or other League-sponsored events, shall be deposited to the account of the League, and, unless otherwise authorized by the member institution, such revenues shall be used to defray League expenses.
- b. **Television Revenue.** All revenues derived from television packages or games negotiated by the League shall be deposited to the account of the League and utilized to fund television or other multimedia opportunities or shared equally with full member institutions through a reduction of future dues to the League.
- c. **Surplus Revenue.** If, at the end of any fiscal year, it is determined that there will be a surplus of League revenues after the payment of all League expenses incurred in that year, a surplus may be distributed to member institutions by vote of the Council of Presidents.

### 7.4 Eligibility Rules. *[Council, December 2016]*

- a. **First-Year Student-Athletes.** First-year student-athletes are eligible for varsity competition.

- b. Institutional Requirements.** All students participating in intercollegiate athletics must meet the institutional requirements for participation published by each member institution.
- c. Statistical Data.** The member institutions of the League may share annual statistical data relating to academic eligibility, degree objectives, and graduation of students participating in intercollegiate teams.
- d. Normal Academic Progress [Editorial revision, May 2007].** All students participating in intercollegiate athletics must be enrolled full-time and must be making normal academic progress in an academic program leading to a first baccalaureate degree.

Full-time status is based on the student-athletes' level of academic work (undergraduate or graduate) and the definition of full-time enrollment for that academic level at the applicable institution. *[Re-affirmed November 2007]*

If a student-athlete will not be enrolled full time for a semester during a Patriot League eligibility extension, the institution must submit a waiver and articulate the rationale for part-time enrollment. *[Re-affirmed November 2007]* (NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3 "Final Semester/Quarter" may be applied to a student-athlete enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies during their final undergraduate semester **first consecutive eight (8) semesters only.**)

- e. Normal Years of Eligibility. [Council, December 2010]** A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within four calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution. "Athletic redshirting" (holding a student out of competition as an underclassman for the express purpose of saving a year of NCAA eligibility for a fifth year of enrollment) is prohibited. Patriot League eligibility policies apply to all League and non-League competition.

For purposes of starting the count of time under the four-year rule, a student-athlete shall be considered registered at a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign) when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the student's first day of classes for that term.

- f. Waivers. [Council, December 2016]** An additional semester(s) of eligibility may be granted for a student-athlete that presents sound academic rationale for continuing in their academic program. Waivers are processed as outlined below.

**1. Exceptions Administered by the Institution's Policy Committee Representative.** The institution's Policy Committee representative may approve exceptions to the Patriot League Eligibility Rules (Article 7.4) and grant an additional semester(s) of eligibility for a student-athlete that presents sound academic rationale for continuing in their academic program, and meets the criteria stated below. Such exceptions shall be administered by the Policy Committee representative of the certifying institution, in accordance with institutionally developed review procedures.

**Deadline for Institutional Administration – Reporting to Policy Committee.** Prior to the student-athlete’s first day of classes for the term in which the exception is to be utilized, the institution’s Policy Committee representative shall sign and file with the League office the specific exception on a reporting form designed by the League office. The Policy Committee will annually review institutionally granted exceptions in order to monitor compliance with the spirit of the rule.

Exceptions may not be granted by the institution’s Policy Committee representative subsequent to the first day of classes for the term in which the exception is to be utilized. In these instances, an institution may choose to submit the waiver for review by the Policy Committee in accordance with Article 7.4.f.2.

**a. Years of Eligibility due to an NCAA Hardship Waiver.**

- 1. Undergraduate.** An extension of undergraduate Patriot League eligibility may be granted to a student who misses a season of competition as a result of a serious injury and/or illness and has previously been granted a NCAA Hardship Waiver by the League office (NCAA Bylaw 12.8.4).
- 2. Post-Baccalaureate.** The Patriot League is committed to its founding principle of providing intercollegiate athletics competitive opportunities for undergraduate students. However, under special circumstances, the institution’s Policy Committee representative may grant an exception to enable a student to compete as a graduate student in their first year after earning the first baccalaureate degree. In order for such an exception to be granted, the student must meet *all* of the following criteria:
  - a.** Have NCAA eligibility remaining due to reasons of NCAA hardship and have previously been granted a NCAA Hardship Waiver by the League office (NCAA Bylaw 12.8.4);
  - b.** Choose to pursue a graduate degree at the League institution from which he/she graduated; and,
  - c.** Present sound academic rationale or documentation related to enrollment in a post-baccalaureate degree program.

**b. Years of Eligibility due to Circumstances Beyond Control.**

- 1. Undergraduate.** An extension of undergraduate Patriot League eligibility may be granted by a League institution at its discretion to a student who misses a season of competition as a result of the following:
  - a.** A life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family (which is clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation);
  - b.** Extreme financial difficulties experienced by an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent and as a result of a specific event (e.g. layoff, death in the family); or
  - c.** Natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, floods).

- 2. Post-Baccalaureate.** The Patriot League is committed to its founding principle of providing intercollegiate athletics competitive opportunities for undergraduate students. However, under special circumstances, the institution’s Policy Committee representative may grant an exception to enable a student to compete as a graduate student in their first year after earning the first baccalaureate degree. In order for such an exception to be granted, the student must meet all of the following criteria:

  - a.** Have NCAA eligibility remaining due to reasons of circumstances beyond their control:

    - 1.** A life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family (which is clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation);
    - 2.** Extreme financial difficulties experienced by an individual upon who the student-athlete is legally dependent and as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family); or
    - 3.** Natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, floods).
  - b.** Choose to pursue a graduate degree at the League institution from which he/she graduated; and
  - c.** Present sound academic rationale or documentation related to enrollment in a post-baccalaureate degree program.
- c. Years of Eligibility due to a Transfer Waiver.** Transfer students whose academic programs require a ninth semester/fifth year from the date of their first college matriculation (see “Normal Years of Eligibility” above) toward a baccalaureate degree will normally be eligible for athletic competition in the ninth semester/fifth year of undergraduate work (assuming the student has met all other NCAA Division I criteria including the one year waiting period). *[Council, June 2002]*
- d. Years of Eligibility due to Normal Academic Progress.** An extension of eligibility may be granted for a student that completes the first baccalaureate in less than eight semesters of full-time study and continues full-time enrollment in a second baccalaureate or graduate degree program at the original certifying Patriot League institution. See Article 7.4.d. *[Council, June 2002]*
- e. Service Exceptions to Normal Years of Eligibility.** Time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempted from the application of Patriot League Normal Years of Eligibility (four-year rule). *[Council, December 2010]*
- f. Medical Absence Waiver.** An extension of undergraduate Patriot League eligibility may be granted to a student who misses a term or part of a term as a result of an injury or illness and has been previously granted a Medical Absence Waiver by the League office (NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.7-(a)). The student must have athletic eligibility remaining and completing credits toward their first baccalaureate degree. *[Council, December 2013]*
- g. Internships.** An extension of undergraduate Patriot League eligibility may be granted to a student to pursue an internship opportunity. In order for such an exception to be granted, the student must meet all of the following criteria:

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1. The student missed a season of competition as a result of serious injury and/or illness and has been previously granted a NCAA Hardship Waiver by the League office (NCAA Bylaw 12.8.4);
  2. The student presents documentation of a confirmed internship; and,
  3. The student submits an explanation of how the internship will fit into his/her overall academic plan.
- 2. Other Eligibility Waivers – Policy Committee Review.** Any interpretations or exceptions to the rules on eligibility other than those expressly stated above will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Policy Committee during their November or May meeting and subject to approval by the Council of Presidents. The following are examples of situations that would be processed under this category. Note: This provision is meant to accommodate an academically grounded exception to League eligibility rules. *[May 2008; revised, Council, December 2016]*
- a. Personal leave of absence.
  - b. Study Abroad.
  - c. Special Academic Programs.
  - d. Academic Dismissal.
  - e. Academic Misconduct.
  - f. Behavioral Misconduct.
  - g. Other Special Circumstance.
- g. Intra-League Transfers.**
1. **All Sports, except basketball.** A student-athlete who is recruited and participates on a varsity team in a Patriot League sponsored sport at a League institution and transfers to another League institution to compete in the same varsity sport must complete a year in residence at the institution in which he/she transfers before being eligible to play. All other Patriot League eligibility policies regarding transfer students will continue to apply. *[Council, December 2006; revised June 2014; June 2018]* Note: Legislation does not apply to Army West Point and Navy football. This legislation is interpreted to apply only to direct transfers *[May 2010]*. A student-athlete transferring to a non-League institution in their sport between League schools is not an Intra-League Transfer for purposes of this legislation.
  2. **Basketball.** In the sport of basketball, a student-athlete who transfers from one Patriot League institution to another must complete two years in residence at the institution to which he/she transfers before being eligible to play. *[June 1999; revised June 2014; revised, Council, June 2018]*
  3. **NCAA Waiver – All Sports.** If a student-athlete receives a NCAA transfer waiver of the academic year of residence requirement, the intra-League transfer rule will be waived. *[Council, June 2018]*

**h. Use of Ineligible Player. [Council 2004]**

- 1. League Policy.** An institution found to have competed an ineligible student-athlete in a League or non-League contest will be required to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible student-athlete participated if it is determined that:
  - a.** The institution knew or had reason to know of the student-athlete's ineligibility or failed to make a reasonable inquiry into the student-athlete's eligibility status, and/or
  - b.** The ineligible student-athlete made a noticeable contribution to the outcome of the contest(s).
- 2. League Contests.** If the Patriot League requires a member institution to forfeit a League contest, standings and win/loss records will be adjusted appropriately to reflect that requirement, as well as Presidents' Cup point standings, if applicable. In addition, the Commissioner will notify the League institutions involved in the contest of the forfeiture in writing within 48 hours of the decision.
- 3. Non-League Contests.** If the League requires a member institution to forfeit a non-League contest, the institution shall notify the opposing school of the forfeiture in writing, with a copy of the correspondence provided to the Commissioner within 48 hours of the decision.
- 4. Extenuating Circumstances.** In cases where there is documented proof, such as clerical or record-keeping errors, on the part of the institution and the League is provided with written documentation to support such, the Commissioner will review that information prior to making a final decision regarding forfeiture to determine institutional knowledge and responsibility.
- 5. Appeals/Protests.** If a League institution wishes to appeal a forfeiture decision, the institution should forward a written appeal, along with supporting documentation, to the Patriot League Commissioner no later than 14 days after receipt of the forfeiture decision. The appeal will be heard at the earliest time convenient to the members of the Executive Committee of the Council. If the case is urgent and the Executive Committee cannot be convened; the Chair of the Council shall have the authority to rule on the appeal. Once a decision has been rendered, the decision shall be final and shall not be appealed further.

**7.5 Admissions.**

- a. Admissions.** Student-athletes will be admitted only through the normal admissions procedures of each institution. The member institutions of the League, except Army West Point and Navy, agree to maintain a common Candidate Reply Date to offers of admission. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- b. Standards.** Standards are established to permit each member institution to demonstrate that the student-athletes in each entering class are representative of their class. Quantitative data on academic qualifications for matriculating student-athletes in the sports of football and basketball, and for any student-athlete receiving a merit-based financial aid award above need, will be shared annually by the member institutions. Refer to Patriot League Admissions and Academics Index Guidelines. *[Council, March 2001]*

**7.6 Financial Aid. [Revised March 2001; January 2017]**

- a. General Policies.** In accordance with the Patriot League's commitment to a true student-athlete model and academic integrity, the League's financial aid policy is firmly based on high academic expectations. At the same time the League respects the different financial aid philosophies of its members and allows them to follow different paths to achieve the League goal that every student-athlete is an academically successful student and that student-athletes are academically representative of their class. The League's financial aid policy and specific principles follow.
- b. Academic Principles.** Each student-athlete receiving a financial aid award within need or above need shall meet the required academic standards of the institution. Collectively, student-athletes receiving financial aid shall be academically representative of the student body of the institution.
- c. Merit Awards – Academic and Athletic.** Student-athletes receiving academic and athletic merit awards should collectively reflect the academic qualifications consistent with the profile of their entering class. The Council of Presidents (in consultation with the Policy Committee) will develop standards for determining whether this requirement has been satisfied and for enforcing compliance with it.
  - 1. All Sports.** Consistent with the above principles, and at the discretion of the member institution, student-athletes in all sports may be granted academic or athletic merit aid awards not limited by demonstrated financial need. All student-athletes receiving academic merit awards above need shall be reported annually, along with their academic index, to the Commissioner for review by the Policy Committee at its fall meeting. *[Council, February 2012]*
  - 2. Football. [Revised, Council, January 2017]** It shall be permissible to offer financial aid to football student-athletes not limited by demonstrated financial need. The annual limit on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters shall not exceed sixty (60).

Further, institutional data on all financial aid offers (academic, athletic or need-based) made to incoming and continuing student-athletes participating in football shall be reported annually to the Commissioner and reviewed by the Policy Committee at its fall meeting.

Note: In the first two years of implementation (for classes entering in the fall of 2013 and 2014), not more than 15 equivalencies per years of countable aid or a total of 30 equivalencies over the initial two-year period shall be awarded to incoming football student-athletes, including transfer student-athletes. *[Council, June 2012]*

Note: Per approval by the Council of Presidents, Fordham will begin awarding merit aid to its football class entering in the fall of 2010. *[Council, May 2009]*

- d. Institutional Policies.** Consistent with the League goals of competitive balance and open communication, member institutions should notify the League membership of changes in their institutional financial aid policy before such changes are implemented. *[Council, March 2001]*

- 7.7 Compliance Program.** The League will conduct a compliance program as part of its operations to ensure that member institutions are conducting their intercollegiate athletics programs and related areas within the rules and regulations of the NCAA. Each institution will designate a primary liaison with whom the League office will have primary interaction. This person shall be called the institutional compliance administrator. The League compliance program will at a minimum entail the following: *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- a. Education.** Development of compliance materials, guides and programs for member institutions' use and review. This may include newsletters, seminars, and distribution of NCAA materials.
  - b. Self-Study.** Available to assist member institutions with reviews of their programs to ensure compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.
  - c. NCAA Reviews.** Available to assist member institutions with compliance and/or certification reviews conducted by NCAA staff.
- 7.8 Television and Multimedia Rights.** *[January 2008, December 2010, December 2013; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- a. Multimedia.** It is the goal of the Patriot League to maximize the visibility of the League and its member institutions utilizing various forms of multimedia (i.e., television, digital and satellite radio). The League and its member institutions will work cooperatively to meet the League's contractual obligations, and make all home games (League and non-League) available for inclusion in the League's television ("Linear") and over-the-Internet ("Digital") packages. Thereafter, the games will be released to its member schools in a timely manner for possible inclusion in institutional television packages after meeting the contractual obligations of the League's multimedia partners.
    - 1. General Administration of Media Rights.** Patriot League policies relative to the Linear and Digital of regular-season competition involving member institutions and the Patriot League championships shall be administered by the Patriot League office. League members shall not enter into agreements that conflict with the contractual rights of the parties and/or existing League policies without approval of the Commissioner.
    - 2. Ownership Rights.** The League and its member institutions jointly own the Linear and Digital rights for all regular-season home and institutionally controlled League and non-League games, involving all League-sponsored sports. For the League Linear and Digital agreement(s), the League will have the right to annually choose an unlimited number of each institution's home games in any League sport with the exception of football and basketball. The details on the rights to select football and men's basketball games are listed as follows:
      - a.** For the sport of football, the League will have the option of selecting no more than two (2) home games per year for Linear and Digital combined unless mutually agreed otherwise by the school and the League.

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- b.** For the sport of men’s basketball, the League will have the option of selecting no more than three (3) home games per year for Linear and Digital combined unless mutually agreed otherwise by the school and the League.

The selection of events will be done in consultation with the League’s Linear and Digital partner(s) and member institutions in an effort to meet the contractual requirements for the League’s Linear and Digital package(s). Thereafter, the Linear rights to televise regular-season League contests will be held by the home institution unless the member institution agrees to release the events.

The Digital rights for all home League and non-League events will remain with the League and all League sports will be streamed on the League’s web-based digital network. It is the institution’s decision whether to include its non-Patriot League sports on the League’s digital network.

The League owns the Linear and Digital rights to produce and distribute all League championship events. A League institution wishing to produce and televise any post-season competition in League sports may do so provided it does not conflict with other League Linear or Digital agreements, and is approved by the League office.

The Patriot League will work with League institutions that have partnerships with television outlets to provide optimum exposure. The League will honor any pre-existing Linear agreements and subsequent renewals with over-the-air network television (i.e. CBS agreement for Army/Navy men's basketball game) and the existing institutional television (Lafayette/Lehigh football game) commitments. These events are exempt from the League television package unless the institutions agree to return them to the League for inclusion in the League television package.

- 3. Negotiation of League Television and Digital Agreement(s).** The Patriot League Commissioner or staff designee will negotiate with television entities or third parties for the League's television and digital agreement(s), including all regional and national network telecasts, and all regional and national cable telecasts. This negotiation will be done in consultation with the Administrative Committee of the Committee on Athletic Administration. The Commissioner is empowered to negotiate agreements, subject to approval of the Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents.
- 4. Selection of Events.** Following the selection of events to meet the contractual obligations of the League’s Linear and/or Digital partners, the rights to televise events for home or institutionally-controlled events will be returned to the institutions for inclusion in any institutional Linear packages. The League staff will work with its digital partner to select any live events for inclusion in a special package (i.e., ‘Game of the Week’ or championship events) within seven business days of the television selection date.

If an institution requests release of contest(s) prior to the League’s digital partner’s selections, the League will make best effort to facilitate a waiver of the normal selection deadline policies. Until receiving that permission from the League, the institution may not assign any television or digital rights for competition in League sport to any national, regional, or local Linear or Digital outlet.

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Should one League institution have a total of three men's basketball games or two home football games be selected for inclusion within the League's Digital package, pending mutual agreement in a timely manner with the League, an institutional television partner will also be permitted to broadcast one of those games which is included within the League's Digital package.

After the selection of games by the League for inclusion in the League's Linear package, a member institution may offer any remaining regular-season games for television distribution provided that they do not conflict with the League's Linear and Digital agreement(s). The institution will notify the League office of all games that are to be televised as part of the institutional package no later than one month prior to the start of the respective season. If games are selected for broadcast after that deadline, the host institution will inform the League office in a timely fashion.

Through at least the 2020-21 academic year and the League's current national television agreement, below are the selection deadlines for the League's television and digital partners. (Note: Dates could be revised to meet future contractual agreements)

- a. Fall Sports.** Each institution shall submit its fall sport (cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, volleyball) schedules for all home League and non-League games or institutionally-controlled events to the League office by March 15 of each year for consideration in the League's Linear and Digital packages. The League will notify the member schools of the selections by its linear partner(s) by June 1 and seven business days later for its digital partner.
- b. Winter Sports.** For winter sports (basketball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field), each institution shall submit its schedules for all home games or institutionally-controlled events by June 1 of each year for consideration in the League's Linear and Digital packages. The League office will notify the member schools of the selections by its linear partner(s) by September 10 and seven business days later for its digital partner.
- c. Spring Sports.** For spring sports (baseball, golf, lacrosse, rowing, softball, tennis, track and field) member schools shall submit their schedules for all home games or institutionally-controlled events to the League office no later than June 1 each year, for consideration in the League's Linear and Digital packages. The League office will notify the member schools of the selections by its linear partner(s) by November 15 and seven business days later for its digital partner.
- 5. Game Times for Linear and Digital Games.** The League in conjunction with its Linear partner(s) shall determine start times for all games that are part of the League television package. Game times will not be changed for any Digital production as part of the League package with the exception of moving the start time at either five (5) or thirty-five (35) minutes after the hour to enhance the overall production of the digital network webcast. For games that are institutionally produced for television, the host institution shall determine the start time within the League bylaws, and inform the visiting institution of the game time as soon as possible. Thereafter, Directors of Athletics of the competing institutions must agree upon schedule changes for games televised within an institutionally produced television package. If the two schools cannot agree upon an adjusted game time

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for an institutionally televised game, the Commissioner shall be called upon to resolve the matter in a timely manner.

6. **Disputes Involving Linear and Digital Rights.** The Commissioner shall resolve any disputes involving Linear or Digital rights and potential conflicts with the League Linear and Digital agreements in a timely manner.
7. **Television Time-out Policy.** All televised Patriot League games shall follow traditional NCAA format, unless the television partner requests an altered schedule. The specific television time-out policy for each League television package telecast will be generated by the League office and its television partner before being distributed by the host institution.
8. **Digital Time-out Policy (football/men's lacrosse only).** For non-televised home football games, one ninety (90) second media timeout will occur during each quarter. In addition, the sport of men's lacrosse will also implement one sixty (60) second timeout during each quarter of any non-televised home game. Below is the schedule for those timeouts.
  - a. **Football – Electronic Media Timeouts (in-game).** The duration of the electronic media timeout is ninety (90) seconds and there is one electronic media timeout per quarter. In addition, electronic media breaks are only allowed between extra periods (first and second, second and third, etc.) per NCAA rules. Length of those breaks will remain as listed above (1:30).

The priority order for when a media timeout is used is:

1. After first scoring play (e.g. field goal OR touchdown and extra point);
  2. Charged team timeout;
  3. Change of possession - provided in the referee's judgment, the stoppage does not affect the momentum of the game (most likely after punt).
- b. **Football - Electronic Media Timeouts (Between Quarters).** The one electronic media timeout of ninety (90) seconds will come after each team has had one possession unless the initial possession takes more than five minutes. In this case, the first timeout will be allowed without each team having a possession.

There will also be a 60-second commercial break between each quarter and overtime session, per NCAA policy.

- c. **Men's Lacrosse – Electronic Media Timeouts.** For non-televised games on the Patriot League Network in the sport of men's lacrosse, an electronic media timeout of ninety (90) seconds will be taken during the first team-called timeout of each quarter. If a team-called timeout is not utilized by either team during a quarter, the electronic media timeout would be taken during the next two timeouts called in following quarters, allowing for a maximum of four during regulation.

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d. The League may adjust the electronic media timeout format for all sports that are produced for the Patriot League Network to accommodate the linear partner while utilizing the NCAA format as the standard.

9. **Satellite Radio Policies.** The League shall maintain satellite radio rights for all home men and women's basketball games, with the exception of any pre-existing agreements.

b. **Logos.**

1. **League Marks.** The League also has the rights to use the institutional marks with approved corporate partners. However, the League must receive approval to use the marks from each of the League members before an agreement will be signed.

Institutional use of League marks used for merchandise and produced for general public sale must meet prior approval of the League office. Companies producing the merchandise must be licensed with the involved institution, and receive approval from the League office before a product is produced. The League will not charge a royalty of the institution; however, any licensing companies will be charged a nominal fee for use of the League mark.

2. **Institutional Marks.** The League shall have the non-exclusive right to utilize institutional marks (logos, school nicknames, abbreviations, etc.) of its members and associate members for official League purposes described in this bylaw. This includes the use of approved institutional marks on League's website /publications/broadcasts, for all media inquiries and on institutionally approved League merchandise.

By August 1 of each academic year, the League shall obtain written approval from each institution on which institutional marks the League can use.

The use of institutional marks used for merchandise and produced for general public sale, must meet prior approval of each institution's athletic department contact. This approval process must be done in a timely fashion. The institution will not charge a royalty of the League; however, any licensing companies will be charged a nominal fee for use of the institution's mark.

The League will only authorize the use of institutional marks by sponsors or corporate partners with the prior approval of each member institution.

The League shall have the rights to use institutional marks in conjunction with any Patriot League championship event with other participating League members or in a dual usage with the League logo.

7.9 **Violations of League Code.**

a. **Within the League.** When a Director of Athletics receives a report of a League Code violation from one of his/her coaches, he/she will communicate the violation via letter to the Director of Athletics of the alleged offending member institution with a copy to the Commissioner. It is essential that the report contain names, dates, location and facts. After thorough investigation, the Director of Athletics of the alleged offending institution will respond to the inquiring

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Director of Athletics again with a copy to the Commissioner, with an outline of his/her findings and actions taken, if any, or reasons why no action was taken.

1. Should the situation still be unresolved, the Commissioner shall then conduct his/her own investigation to settle the matter. If warranted, violations shall be reported to the NCAA Enforcement Office.
2. The Commissioner shall report to the President or Superintendent of the member institution any violation that is not handled in an appropriate manner by the Director of Athletics.

**b. Outside the League.** Communication shall be from Director of Athletics to Director of Athletics following the same procedures as set forth above, with a copy to the Commissioner. In unresolved situations of a serious nature, the Commissioner will then communicate with the Commissioner of the involved conference. In the event the institution is an independent, the Commissioner will communicate with the NCAA Enforcement Office.

**c. NCAA Violations.** Institutions shall self-report Level I, II and III violations through the NCAA Requests/Self-Reports On-line (RSRO). League staff shall review RSRO bi-weekly. A cumulative violations report will be distributed annually to the Council, Policy Committee and Committee on Athletic Administration. *[June 2004; revised August 2013]*

**7.10 Choice of Law and Consent to Jurisdiction.** Any dispute or claim rising out of or relating in any way to the League Code or its implementation or enforcement shall be governed by the law of Pennsylvania. Any person or entity making any claim arising out of or relating to the League Code or its implementation or enforcement agrees to bring such claim in the state and federal courts in Pennsylvania and consents to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of such courts.

**7.11 Standing & Advisory Committees of the League.** *[June 2002; revised, Council, June 2019]*

**a. Standing Committees.**

1. **Admissions Directors Committee.** The membership of the Directors of Admissions Committee shall consist of a representative from each regular member plus a representative from each football associate member. This committee reports to the Policy Committee and shall meet annually each fall to review Academic Index reports and related admissions information.
2. **Financial Aid Directors Committee.** The membership of the Financial Aid Directors Committee shall consist of representatives from each regular member plus a representative from each football associate member. The committee reports to the Policy Committee and shall meet as needed in person or by teleconference.
3. **Senior Woman Administrators.** The membership shall consist of the designated senior woman administrator from each regular member institution. The administrators are charged with the review of issues related to the general well-being and experiences of all student-athletes as well as issues of particular concern for women's programs.
4. **Sport Management Committee.** Membership of the Sport Management Committee (SMC) will consist of two administrators from each campus, one of which must be a

woman administrator. In most cases the woman administrator will be the Senior Woman Administrator (SWA); however each campus has the responsibility to appoint the two individuals best suited to represent their sport programs as members of the Patriot League. In addition, one Faculty Athletics Representative and two student-athletes will serve as ex-officio members. This committee reports to the Committee on Athletic Administration and shall meet two times in person and once by conference call each academic year as needed. *[June 2016]*

**5. Senior Compliance Administrators Committee.** The membership of the Senior Compliance Administrators Committee shall consist of the main compliance contact from each regular member institution. Associate members in football are invited to participate in the meetings. This committee reports to the Committee on Athletic Administration and shall meet once a year, and by conference call as needed.

**6. Committee on Multimedia Operations.** The membership of the Committee on Multimedia Operations shall consist of three to five members, selected by the Administrative Committee of the Committee on Athletics Administration (CAA) via a nomination process. This committee reports to the Committee on Athletic Administration and shall meet as needed in-person or by teleconference. It is charged with providing guidance and serving as a resource to the League office on issues including, but not limited to, digital network production standards, over-the-top programming selections, and brand consistency. *[Council, June 2019]*

**b. Advisory and Sport Committees.**

**1. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** The membership of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) shall consist of up to two (2) student-athlete representatives from each regular member institution. The committee reports to the Sport Management Committee and shall meet in person at least once a year and by conference call at other times during the year.

**2. Sport Medicine Committee.** The membership of the Sport Medicine Committee shall consist of the Director of Sport Medicine/Head Athletic Trainer or their designee from each regular member institution. The committee reports to the Sport Management Committee and will meet annually in-person or by teleconference in the spring/summer of each year.

**3. Facilities and Operations Committee.** The membership of the Facilities and Operations Committee shall consist of the athletic department personnel responsible for the oversight of facilities used for Patriot League events. The committee reports to the Sport Management Committee and shall meet once a year either in person or through conference calls.

**4. Sport Groups.** The membership of each of the Sport Groups shall be the head coach from every League member that sponsors the sport at the varsity level. A League representative shall be responsible for the administrative functions associated with the Sport Groups. The Sport Groups report to the Sport Management Committee and shall meet once a year either in-person or by teleconference. Head coach attendance at the annual Sport Group meeting is mandatory. *[October 2006; Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**7.12 Amendments to Operational Bylaws.**

- a. Procedure.** Proposed amendments of the Operational Bylaws of the Council of Presidents must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Commissioner at least thirty days before the meeting at which they are to be considered and acted upon, and at least fifteen days' mail notice thereof shall be given by the Commissioner to each member institution.
- b. Amendments to Amendments.** A proposed amendment to the Operational Bylaws may be amended at the meeting at which considered by a majority vote provided the amendment to the proposed amendment does not result in a substantive change of the proposed amendment. However, any amendment or amendment to a proposed amendment may be adopted at any meeting without the above prior notice by a unanimous vote of the Council of Presidents.
- c. Voting.** Amendments to the Operational Bylaws must be adopted by a majority vote of all member institutions, not only those present at a meeting of the Council of Presidents.
- d. Two-Year Moratorium.** If the Sport Management Committee and/or the Committee on Athletic Administration has taken action (i.e. either approved, defeated or voted on) on a proposed legislative item within the previous two years, these committees will neither review nor act on a similar proposal for at least two years from the date of the proposal's original decision. *[Revised May 2007]*

Exceptions will be made due to sport-specific rule changes, new or amended NCAA/League legislation, or if the majority of the respective committee votes to reconsider legislation prior to the completion of the two-year period. *[June 2004]*

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# STATEMENTS, COMMITMENTS, GUIDELINES

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### 8.1 Statement of Gender Equity & Diversity.

#### a. **Gender Equity.** [*Council, December 1994; revised December 2002*]

1. The Patriot League is fully committed, as a matter of principle, to the policy of complete gender equity as defined by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Gender Equity Task Force appointed in March 1992 and as stated in its final report in July 1993.
2. While Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 defines statutory compliance requirements in a number of areas, it deals with minimums, not the desirable state.
3. Within the Patriot League, athletics provides an important component of the undergraduate experience and its support is part of the mission of our institutions. Participation in intercollegiate athletics contributes to the physical, intellectual, and moral development of those involved. In addition, the student bodies of Patriot League institutions take pride in the accomplishments of their student-athletes, in their teams, and in the Patriot League.
4. The Patriot League and its member institutions seek to provide all student-athletes of both sexes with equal opportunities to participate in intercollegiate athletics and to provide men's and women's sports with equity in institutional and League support. Institutions should ensure that male and female student-athletes have equivalent access to financial aid. Patriot League institutions also should strive to assure equal opportunities for men's and women's sports in terms of athletic facilities and equipment, scheduling of practices and competitions, quality of coaching, general administrative support and support from the leadership of the institution.
5. The Patriot League and its institutions should strive to foster the personal and professional development of male and female coaches and administrators by providing equal opportunities to participate in all aspects of League governance.
6. The Patriot League encourages its members to undertake activities to foster the participation of women and girls in sport. These activities should be both on campus and in our neighboring communities and primary and secondary schools.

- #### b. **Diversity.** [*Council, December 2002*]
- The Patriot League is committed to a policy of promoting and providing opportunities for all individuals. This commitment is based on a fundamental appreciation and respect for individual differences and cultural diversity. This commitment is realized through Patriot League and its member institutions' structures, programs and policies that promote and ensure fair and equitable opportunities, benefits and resources for all persons associated with the intercollegiate athletic program, including student-athletes, coaches and administrators. The Patriot League and its member institutions will abide by all applicable Federal and state laws and published policies concerning equal opportunity and non-discrimination in the conduct of their intercollegiate athletic programs.

## **8.2 Compliance Commitments.**

- a.** The Patriot League office and its member institutions are equal opportunity employers committed to equal opportunity in employment and education, and do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion or national origin, or against handicapped persons. The League complies with non-discrimination regulations under Title VI and Title VII and the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; and Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Commissioner of the Patriot League, as well as the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Athletics of each member institution, are highly committed to both the spirit and letter of all applicable federal, state and regional regulations.
- b.** Further, the Patriot League is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and, as such, is bound by its rules and regulations for the administration of intercollegiate athletics, as well as for regular-season and post-season competition. Therefore, unless League rules are more restrictive, the rules of the NCAA apply.
- c.** Lastly, as an association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, the Patriot League is committed to only engage in activities sanctioned under this exemption.

## **8.3 Protests.**

### **a. Protests.**

- 1.** All protests of incidents involving Patriot League member institutions are to be submitted in writing to the Patriot League Commissioner within 72 hours of the incident.
- 2.** Only those incidents involving the alleged violation of Patriot League regulations are considered by the Commissioner.
- 3.** A copy of the protest is to be sent to the Director of Athletics of the institution or institutions involved in the incident.

### **b. Arbitration.**

- 1.** Upon receipt of a protest, the Commissioner reviews the incident to determine whether an emergency meeting of the Directors of Athletics needs to be called. The decision to call an emergency meeting is made by the League's Commissioner.
- 2.** If the Commissioner determines that there is an already existing precedent for dealing with the incident or that the regulations of the Patriot League have not been violated, a conference call is made to the institutions involved, citing the precedent or interpreting the regulation covering the alleged incident.
- 3.** After careful study of the incident, the Commissioner, in consultation with the League's Directors of Athletics, determines whether the protest is to be honored or denied.

**c. Appeals.**

1. The Patriot League member institution may appeal the decision by forwarding a letter of appeal to the Commissioner. All parties involved in the decision being appealed must be informed of the pending appeal.
2. Upon studying the facts of the incident and the subsequent ruling, the Commissioner will render a final decision. The Commissioner returns the decision to all parties involved in the appeal and to the Policy Committee.

**8.4 Statement on Study Abroad. [Endorsed July 2013]** A core principle of the Patriot League is that student-athletes be afforded academic and educational opportunities as offered to other students generally. The opportunity to study abroad or engage in an international study experience can be a valuable part of a student-athlete's undergraduate educational experience and personal development. Institutions are encouraged to support opportunities for student-athletes to participate in such programs.

It is recommended that each League member discuss this matter internally with their coaches, faculty and administrators in an effort to identify study abroad and international study opportunities available to student-athletes. Institutional expectations and opportunities as well as any sport restrictions should be communicated to student-athletes early in the recruiting process. It is recommended that this approach and/or the institutional position be presented as an added-value for the student-athletes at the institution. Further, League institutions are encouraged to pursue alternative opportunities for international study experiences that would minimize the impact on the student-athlete's sport season(s) and athletic commitments.

**8.5 Concussion Management Guidelines. [Endorsed September 2014]**

- a. Concussion Guidelines.** Each Patriot League institution will develop and place on file a concussion management plan per NCAA policies. This plan will direct all decisions regarding concussions and at a minimum, must contain the following:
1. An institution's concussion management plan will be made publically available either through printed material, website or both.
  2. Student-athletes, coaches and athletic department personnel will be educated annually about the signs and symptoms of concussions and injuries to the head.
  3. Medical staff will administer pre-participation baseline concussion assessment based on their individual resources and clinical experiences.
  4. Student-athletes will be removed from athletic activities and undergo evaluation by the medical staff if they exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion.
  5. A student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion will not return to athletic activity for the remainder of that calendar day and must be medically cleared to return to athletic activity by the institution's team physician or physician's designee per their concussion management plan.

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6. Non-sport related concussions will be managed with the same protocol as sport-related concussions according to the institutional concussion management plan.
7. Concussion management plans will take into consideration both the physical and mental aspects of concussions and injuries to the head. Institutions will have procedures outlined that address academic accommodations to be made for student-athletes who experience cognitive difficulties during the recovery period.
8. Individualized concussion management, treatment plans and return-to-play clearances will be based upon a student-athlete's medical history, tests and medical staff evaluations.

The entire *Concussion Management Guidelines* document can be found on the [Patriot League's webpage under Governance](#).

## ARTICLE 9

# CODE OF CONDUCT *[June 2002; revised May 2013; Council, June 2017]*

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- 9.1 Purpose.** The Patriot League was founded upon the principles of fairness, equality, and excellence in academics as well as in athletic participation. It strongly supports the NCAA's core principle: promoting character development of participants and fundamental values such as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility. The Patriot League member institutions will ensure that their athletic programs promote and require the highest standards of sporting behavior and ethical conduct by all participants (student-athletes, coaches, staff, and faculty). Additionally, the member institutions will require and demand the highest standards from all program supporters (bands, cheerleaders, spirit groups, student bodies, and spectators).

Host institutions must provide venues that foster an environment of fair play, civility and respect. This will allow the conducting of sporting events that properly showcase the student-athletes, member institutions, and the Patriot League as a whole.

The Commissioner of the Patriot League is empowered to monitor and require member institutions to enforce this Code of Conduct.

- 9.2 Institutional Responsibilities.** Institutions will ensure that good sporting behavior and ethical conduct is promoted at all times. Each institution will actively support the Patriot League Code of Conduct and ensure that the policy is presented to all members of the institution annually. The contents of the Code of Conduct will be discussed in an annual meeting with coaches and administrators. This information will also be provided at the annual orientation of incoming student-athletes and reviewed with all other student-athlete groups at the beginning of each academic year.

Each institution will promote sporting and ethical conduct throughout the year. Institutional representatives and event management staff will be most vigilant during the conduct of any game or athletic event. In that regard host institutions will do the following:

- a. Ensure that an administrative representative of the host institution is present (or readily accessible) at all Patriot League contests and that he/she is charged with the enforcement of the League's Code of Conduct. The representative will identify him/herself to the visiting coach or administrator prior to the start of the contest.
- b. Provide for adequate security, police and other game management measures necessary to protect the safety of student-athletes, coaches and officials, and to maintain adequate crowd control during home athletic events.
- c. Announce a statement promoting good sporting behavior before each home athletic event where a public address system is available and/or print the announcement in the game program. Public address announcers will be directed to announce the game in a manner that is respectful and not demeaning of the visiting team and assist event management with the promotion of good sporting behavior throughout the game.
- d. Reserve or protect the seating or spectator areas immediately behind the visiting team bench for fans of the visiting team.

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- e. Ensure that members of the institution's band, cheerleading squad, mascot and other such spirit groups in attendance at athletic events adhere to the League's Code of Conduct. The home team's band is to be seated in areas on the home team's side or half of the playing venue. The cheerleaders and mascot must remain in the area designated for their team's spectators, and on the same side or half of the playing surface of their respective team bench, unless pre-approved by the League and host institution.
- f. Report incidents of poor sporting behavior or unethical conduct by student-athletes, coaches or institutional representatives to the institution's Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator within 24 hours of the incident.
- g. The Director of Athletics (or designee) of the institution(s) alleged to have been involved in an incident of poor sporting behavior or unethical conduct shall provide a written report of any incident that is a direct violation of Patriot League Standards as defined below to the Commissioner within 48 hours of the incident. The report will include the identities of the individual(s) involved and the Director of Athletics' recommendation for a penalty and/or remedial action. The Commissioner is authorized to approve or alter the recommended penalty and/or remedial action. Should notification set forth in Article 9.2.f above occur more than 24 hours after the incident, the Director of Athletics (or designee) shall have 24 hours from the time he/she is notified of the incident to provide the written report to the Commissioner.
- h. Report in writing the removal or suspension of a student-athlete or institutional personnel from a contest for fighting or flagrant behavior to the Commissioner within 24 hours following the contest. The Director of Athletics will administer an immediate suspension of that individual(s) from the next intercollegiate contest, including Patriot League or NCAA championship competition, or if the last contest of the season, the suspension will be extended to the beginning of the next season. During a suspension, the coach involved may not be in the team bench area, nor make any attempt to coach the team from one hour before the contest begins until one hour after the contest ends. Similarly, a suspended student-athlete(s) may not dress nor sit on the team bench prior to, during or following the game, but at the institution's discretion may attend the game and/or or travel with the team. If warranted, the Commissioner may impose additional penalties for repeated suspensions by an individual within the same sporting season.

**9.3 Patriot League Responsibilities and Procedures.** The Council of Presidents is responsible for approving and modifying the Patriot League Code of Conduct. The Council of Presidents will invest authority in the Patriot League's Commissioner to ensure that all member institutions abide by the League's Code of Conduct and the authority to impose sanctions as deemed appropriate.

The Commissioner will ensure that all facts regarding an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct are reported promptly following the incident. After all interested institutions and affected individuals have had an opportunity to present any facts or arguments regarding the violation, the Commissioner may issue a directive to an institution to take action on the violation. This action may include admonishment or warning, a private or public reprimand, suspension of any person from attendance or participation in one or more events or games, forfeiture of any game or other actions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

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Any member institution has the right to appeal the directive of the Commissioner to the League Appellate Body consisting of the current and incoming chairs of the Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator groups. The member institution must submit a written appeal to the Patriot League office within 48 hours of receipt of the directive. This written statement will include the institution's objection and its alternative recommendation of action concerning this violation. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Commissioner may withdraw or modify the original directive. If an appeal occurs during a Patriot League Championship and must be acted upon prior to the end of the championship, the League Appellate Body will be charged with hearing the appeal and determining the appropriate course of action.

Any member institution may obtain a stay of the Commissioner's directive upon submission of the written statement until the Commissioner withdraws the directive or the Executive Committee of the Council of Presidents hears the appeal and takes final action.

**9.4 Patriot League Standards.** The Patriot League requires the highest ethical conduct by all institutional personnel and demands the highest commitment to integrity, ethical behavior, and fair play in all athletic endeavors. In this regard, the following actions are considered to be inconsistent with the high standards the League strives to represent and instill:

- a. Publicly criticizing or making derogatory statements (verbal, written or through all forms of social media) of an official, the Patriot League personnel or League policies, another member institution or any of its personnel, especially student-athletes by any member of the athletic department or associated representative. This includes comments with respect to their conduct, character, competence, integrity, or appearance and involves all forms of communication, including talking with media, all forms of social media as a representative of the institution and electronic mail.
- b. Striking, attempting to strike, or otherwise physically abusing an official, coach, staff member, student-athlete, cheerleader, mascot or other person in attendance at an athletic event. This includes throwing objects at an individual or onto the playing surface.
- c. Acts dangerous to others, unsafe behavior, inciting participants or spectators to violent or abusive action, obscene gestures, profanity or provocative language or action toward an official, student-athlete, coach, spectator, bench or score-table personnel.
- d. Defacing, destruction or theft of property associated with an athletic event, including property of the opposing team or a staff member or game official.
- e. Harassment by spectators or cheering actions directed at opposing players, officials, or coaches. Harassment includes disrespectful cheers focusing on an opponent's race, religion, sexual orientation or physical characteristics, or any "cheer" which is vulgar or obscene.
- f. Displaying signs or banners that contain offensive language or pictures, particularly displays that may be vulgar or obscene, and messages that incites others to engage in unsporting-like behavior.
- g. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or public drunkenness by any individual at an athletic event.

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- h.** Cheating by coaches, staff, or student-athletes in connection with any athletic event. This includes the use of drugs or unauthorized substances, in addition to actions that violate League or NCAA policies.
- i.** Negative recruiting, including derogatory statements about another member institution, its personnel, or its athletic program to a prospective student-athlete, the prospect's parents, high school coach, or other persons interested in the prospective student-athlete.
- j.** Any violation of local law, federal law, or generally recognized standards of good conduct by any individuals.

**9.5 Statement Requirement of Coaches.** Coaches are expected to support all game officials and any public criticism of a game official is a violation of the League's Code of Conduct. In that regard, coaches are to refrain from making any comments to the media concerning game officials through all forms of media and communication, including social media. Coaches are not permitted to enter or attempt to enter the locker room of a game official preceding or following a contest or follow the officials off the field of play or out of the venue.

Coaches are expected to support the League staff and staff of the member institutions. Public criticism of a League decision or of an institutional staff member through any form of media is a violation of the League's Code of Conduct.

Coaches are to remain in their designated coaching and team areas and refrain from any action that would incite others in attendance at the contest. Coaches are expected to make reasonable efforts to discourage spectators from engaging in poor sporting behavior during athletic events.

Coaches are expected to promote high standards of fair play and good sporting behavior by their student-athletes by disciplining them for acts of misconduct or unethical behavior during games, practice and related functions.

Coaches are to be mindful that a determination regarding the continuation of play of any scheduled contest is the responsibility of the game officials and that taking a team from any playing area is not the coach's prerogative. However, in instances where institutional policies related to safety direct a coach to vacate a playing area, the coach should respond accordingly.

**9.6 Specific Requirements of Athletics Administrators and Institutional Staff Members.** Athletics administrators and institutional staff are expected to support the officials of a game and any public criticism of a game official is a violation of the League's Code of Conduct. In that regard, administrators and staff are to refrain from making public comment concerning game officials through any form of communication (i.e. verbal, written, electronic, social media). Administrators are not permitted to enter or attempt to enter the locker room of a game official preceding or following a contest, unless specifically authorized to interact with the officials (i.e. game operations).

Athletics administrators and institutional staff are expected to support the League staff and staff of another member institution. Public criticism of a League decision or of another institution's staff member is a violation of the League's Code of Conduct.

- 9.7 Contest Statement.** One of the following statements or a similar institutional statement should be read before or during all athletic events where a public address system is utilized.

“Ladies and gentlemen, [Host Institution] and the Patriot League welcome you to today’s contest. We ask that you join us and coaches, student-athletes and officials in practicing good sporting behavior in supporting your teams and in your conduct toward student-athletes, coaches, officials and other spectators. Unruly and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Please note that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and use of tobacco also are prohibited. Spectators are not allowed on the playing field at any time.” Thank you.

Or:

“Ladies and gentlemen, [Host Institution] and the Patriot League promote good sporting behavior by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We encourage everyone to actively support all participants of today’s game, and ask that you express your enthusiasm in a respectful and sporting-like manner. Please note that the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages (and use of tobacco) also are prohibited. Spectators are not allowed on the playing field at any time.” Thank you.

- 9.8 Patriot League Award of Good Sporting Conduct.** In the spirit of ethical conduct and sporting behavior, the Patriot League has established an Award of Good Sporting Conduct to recognize and honor exemplary sporting behavior. All Patriot League student-athletes, coaches, a team as a whole and staff members associated with a member institution’s intercollegiate athletic program are eligible for the award. The definition of good sporting conduct is left to the discretion of the member institution with the understanding that the behavior should be at a standard beyond what is normally expected during the course of play. Award recipients will receive an Award of Good Sporting Conduct.
- 9.9 Patriot League Male and Female Sportsmanship Award.** Created in 2006, the Patriot League Male and Female Sportsmanship Award is open to all Patriot League student-athletes, with one male and one female winner selected. Each Patriot League institution is eligible to nominate candidates which are then voted on by the Patriot League Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Institutional Administrators. (See Article 10.4)
- 9.10 Award of Leadership of Character.** The Patriot League has established an Award of Leadership and Character to recognize and honor those who demonstrate excellence in leadership and service while participating in Patriot League athletics. All Patriot League student-athletes and a team as a whole associated with a member institution's intercollegiate athletic program are eligible for the award. (See Article 10.5)

## ARTICLE 10

# AWARDS

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As acknowledgment of outstanding athletic and academic performance, the Patriot League administers an awards program. The numbers and types of awards have been established by the Policy Committee with the approval of the Council of Presidents.

All team and individual awards are procured by the League's Commissioner. Once presented, League awards become the permanent property of the institution or individual, with the exception of the rotating trophies: men's and women's championship trophies and the Presidents' Cup.

**10.1 Academic Achievement.** Student-athletes attaining academic distinction are recognized by the League, as specified below.

**a. League Academic Honor Roll.**

1. During the semester in which their sport's team championship is contested, all student-athletes who meet the following criteria will receive a certificate from the League acknowledging their accomplishment: *[March 1997]*
  - a. Achieve a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.2 during the academic semester which coincides with his/her sport *[CAA, November 2009; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
2. Each institution's sports information director is responsible for submitting to the League office those student-athletes who qualify for the League Honor Roll.

**b. Academic All-Patriot League Team. *[May 2010; staff editorial revision, July 2017]***

1. Starters or key reserves with a minimum of a 3.2 cumulative GPA and at least sophomore status academically will be eligible. Nominees must have completed at least one academic year at their institution.
2. The teams will be voted on by sports information directors, who are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes. Voting will be based on a combination of academic and athletic accomplishments.
3. Each school can designate an unlimited number of nominees, and can designate one of their nominees as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year candidate. Faculty Athletic Representatives (FAR) must approve their institution's ballot. It is suggested that the FAR is consulted and asked to review the nominees and provide input regarding the institutional vote.
4. The size of the teams will be:

Football – 14

Baseball, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Softball – 12

Field Hockey, Women's Rowing, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer – 11

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Swimming, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track – 10  
Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Volleyball – 7  
Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis – 6  
Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Golf, Women's Golf – 5

5. If there are ties in the voting, the size of the team will be expanded to include everyone involved in the tie.
6. Student-athletes named to the Academic All-League Team will receive a Patriot League certificate and holder.
7. The team will be released at the same time as the sport's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award (to reflect the manner in which academic honors are awarded for sports where All-League is decided by championship finish).

**c. Sport-Specific Scholar-Athletes of the Year.**

1. For each of the 24 League sponsored sports, one student-athlete is recognized as that sport's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. An award is given to each recipient. To be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Achieve a minimum of a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average (at the time of nomination) and
  - b. Serve as a starter or key player in his/her sport.
2. Sport-Specific Scholar-Athletes of the Year are selected by the League's sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes.
3. Nominations for both the Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Academic All-Patriot League awards will be due by the Monday after the regular season in team sports, and the Wednesday following the championship for sports where the awards are presented after the Patriot League championship.

**d. Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.**

1. One male and one female Scholar-Athlete of the Year are selected from the 24 scholar-athlete recipients described above. An award is given to each recipient.
2. The Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award winners are selected by the League's sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes.
3. Winners will be announced at the end of the academic year.

**10.2 Athletic Achievement – Sport Specific.** Please see sport-specific sections of Article 15 for sport-specific awards.

**10.3 Championship Awards.** Each championship will have the following awards:

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- a. Rotating championship trophy. *Note: in football, in the event of co-champions, the rotating trophy will be retained by the NCAA Automatic Qualifier.*
- b. Individual trophy for team champion to retain. *Note: in the event of co-champions, each team will receive an individual champion trophy. [Staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
- c. Trophy for runner-up team. *Note: in the event of co-runners-up, each team will receive a runner-up trophy. [Staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
- d. Award for Regular-Season Team Champion (#1 seed) in the sports of: baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball.

Please see sport-specific sections of Article 15 for sport-specific championship awards.

### 10.4 Patriot League Sportsmanship Award (SAAC Award) [May 2010; staff editorial revision July 2017]

- a. Nominations for the Sportsmanship Award are accepted throughout the year. The League office will solicit nominations toward the conclusion of the academic year.
- b. The League office will distribute nominations received to each institution's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) administrator for votes. Institutions shall consult their SAAC to determine the male and female winners. Votes are due to the League office no later than June 1.
- c. The definition of good sporting conduct is a standard beyond what is normally expected during the course of play that incorporates the Patriot League Code of Conduct along with the NCAA values of respect and integrity. Nominees must have demonstrated the values of respect and integrity through a specific action ideally directed toward an opponent. Nominees must have consistently demonstrated the values of respect and integrity in his or her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics. An individual student-athlete or team nominees must be a member of a Patriot League sponsored sport during the academic year. Nominees must be in good academic standing at time of award application. A team may be considered as a nominee if extraordinary circumstances exist; otherwise, only individuals will be considered.
- d. The League office will provide the award winners with a glass award (teams who win will receive one glass award as recognition for their achievement) and a congratulatory letter from the Commissioner.

### 10.5 Patriot League Award of Outstanding Leadership and Character. [May 2010] The Patriot League has established an Award of Outstanding Leadership and Character to recognize and honor those who demonstrate excellence in leadership and service while participating in Patriot League athletics. All Patriot League student-athletes and a team as a whole associated with a member institution's intercollegiate athletics program are eligible for the award. The definition of leadership and character for the purposes of this award is as follows, including but not limited to any of the following ideals:

#### Leadership

- Demonstrated Leadership on the "field" of competition and within the campus community.
- Promotes a Leadership vision for the betterment of one's team or teammates.

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- Mentorship of teammates.
- Role model on campus.

### Character

- Active participation in on-campus and/or community service projects.
- Perseverance in overcoming hardships.
- Demonstration of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

A male and female award will be awarded. The League office will solicit nominations from each institution at the conclusion of the academic year. Institutional Senior Woman Administrators will cast their vote for the individual (or group) they feel best exemplifies what it means to be a Patriot League Leader. The League office will provide the award winners with a glass award (teams that win will receive one glass award as recognition for their achievement) and a congratulatory letter from the Commissioner.

### **10.6 Sport-Specific Player and Coach Awards – Method of Selection. [Staff editorial revision, July 2018]** The general method of selection for sport-specific player awards is as follows:

- a. Prior to a specified deadline, the League communications staff asks each coach to nominate those players from his/her team whom he/she feels are worthy of consideration.
- b. The communications staff then compiles a list of nominees and submits this list, with appropriate instructions, to all participating League coaches for their vote.
- c. The voting results are tabulated by the communications staff and announced at a specified time (see each sport's individual sport-specific regulations in Article 15 for more detailed instructions).
- d. In all sports, if there is a tie for a major award between a student-athlete on the first team and a student-athlete on the second team, the award is given to the student-athlete on the first team. [February 2007] The same procedure would apply if one student-athlete is on the first or second team and one was not on either team. [February 2008]
- e. In all sports, if there is a tie for major awards and both student-athletes are on the same All-League Team, the award would go to the student-athlete with more first place votes. [February 2008]
- f. In all sports, if the tie is unable to be broken by the previous procedures, then the coaches shall re-vote. A re-vote of the sports information directors would apply if two (or more) student-athletes remained tied following the coaches' re-vote. If the student-athletes were still tied after both re-votes, Co-Player (or Coach) of the Year winners would be declared. [June 2013; Staff editorial revision, July 2018]
- g. Sport groups may conduct their All-League voting via open ballot, if so desired. [February 2007]

### **10.7 Rookie of the Year. [February 2008]** The Patriot League "Rookie of the Year" award shall be awarded only to student-athletes enrolled in their first collegiate academic year.

### **10.8 Presidents' Cup.**

- a. The Presidents' Cup is awarded to the member institution with the highest cumulative sports point total for their League standings in sponsored men's and women's sports.
- b. Points are awarded based upon a combination of an institution's regular-season and tournament finishes in each sport.
  1. If there is no Patriot League championship tournament (football), points are awarded based upon final regular-season standings;
  2. If there is no regular-season competition and the champion is determined by a Patriot League championship (cross country, golf, rowing, swimming and diving, track and field), points are awarded based upon final championship standings;
  3. If all teams compete in the Patriot League championship and there is regular-season competition (tennis, men and women's basketball), points are awarded based on an average of final regular-season standings and championship finish; or,
  4. If all teams do not participate in the Patriot League championship and there is regular-season competition (baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball), points are awarded based upon an average of final season standings and championship finish. For those teams not participating in the championship, the final regular-season standing will be used.
- c. The first-place team receives points equal to the number of Patriot League institutions competing in that specific sport. For example, if all ten (10) institutions compete in a particular sport, then ten (10) points are awarded to the sport's League champion, nine (9) points to the second place finisher, and in descending order for the remaining institutions.
- d. The Patriot League office is responsible for the tabulation of standings, and publicly announces them three (3) times a year: November, March and May.
- e. The Presidents' Cup is a large Revere Bowl on a wooden base with a plaque for the annual winner's name to be engraved and an explanation plaque on the front. The Presidents' Cup rotates annually to the recipient's institution. The annual winner receives a replica of the Presidents' Cup.

**10.9 Naming of Patriot League Trophies.** *[March 1992; revised May 2009]* On occasion, it may be appropriate and/or desirable to name a Patriot League annual major award (e.g. Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, etc.) and/or championship trophy for an individual associated with the Patriot League.

The Committee on Athletic Administration is charged with reviewing nominations and forwarding those approved to the Council of Presidents for their endorsement. The Council of Presidents has the final authority for naming of Patriot League annual major awards and/or championship trophies.

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- a. Nominations.** Nominations may be made by an interested League member (e.g., Directors of Athletics). Candidates may not be an employee of a Patriot League institution or Patriot League office at the time of their naming.
- b. Criteria.** The Committee on Athletic Administration will consider the following criteria when determining whether to recommend that a trophy and/or award be named for a candidate.
  - 1.** Must have made an outstanding contribution in the field of athletics at a Patriot League institution; and
  - 2.** Must have held a leadership position at a Patriot League institution (e.g. head coach, senior campus administrator, senior conference office administrator, etc.) for a period of 10 years or more; and
  - 3.** Must have accomplished a significant achievement in his/her sport. The following are examples of a significant achievement:
    - a.** NCAA National Championship;
    - b.** National Lifetime Achievement Award;
    - c.** Inducted into sport-specific Hall of Fame;
    - d.** NCAA and/or Patriot League records;
    - e.** National honors in athletic leadership; and
    - f.** Must be away from participation in college athletics for a minimum of 5 years, or be deceased.
  - 4. Duration of Award.** Once an annual major award and/or championship trophy has been named after an individual, it may only be changed or retired by action of the Committee on Athletic Administration and endorsement by the Council of Presidents.
  - 5. Current Named Awards.**
    - a.** Baseball: Gene Depew Coach of the Year. *[CAA, February 2017]*
    - b.** Football: Dick Biddle Coach of the Year. *[CAA, November 2018]*
    - c.** Men's Lacrosse: Bill Lawson Coach of the Year. *[CAA, December 2015]*
    - d.** Tennis Tournament Most Valuable Player: Men: Joe Abrahamson Memorial Award; Women: John "Pat" Rooney Award.

# ARTICLE 11

## SPORT SPONSORSHIP

The following chart summarizes each member institution's sports participation in the Patriot League.

| MEN'S SPORTS          | AU        | USMA      | BU        | BUCK      | COL       | HC        | LAF       | LEH       | LOY       | USNA      | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Baseball              |           | X         |           | X         |           | X         | X         | X         |           | X         | 6     |
| Basketball            | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Cross Country         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Football              |           |           |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         |           |           | 7*    |
| Golf                  |           | X         |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 8     |
| Indoor Track          | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         |           | X         | 9     |
| Lacrosse              |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 9     |
| Outdoor Track         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         |           | X         | 9     |
| Soccer                | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Swimming              | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Tennis                |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 9     |
| <b>Men's Totals</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>10</b> |       |
| WOMEN'S SPORTS        | AU        | USMA      | BU        | BUCK      | COL       | HC        | LAF       | LEH       | LOY       | USNA      | TOTAL |
| Basketball            | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Cross Country         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Field Hockey          | X         |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         |           |           | 7     |
| Golf                  |           |           | X         | X         |           | X         |           | X         |           | X         | 6*    |
| Indoor Track          | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Lacrosse              | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Outdoor Track         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Rowing                |           |           | X         | X         | X         | X         |           | X         | X         | X         | 9*    |
| Soccer                | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Softball              |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         |           |           | 7     |
| Swimming              | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 10    |
| Tennis                |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 9     |
| Volleyball            | X         | X         |           | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | X         | 9     |
| <b>Women's Totals</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> |       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>         | <b>15</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>21</b> |       |

### \*2019-20 Associate Members and Sport Affiliation

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Fordham University                          | Football                    |
| Georgetown University                       | Football and Women's Rowing |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) | Women's Rowing              |
| University of Richmond                      | Women's Golf                |

## ARTICLE 12

# GENERAL SPORT REGULATIONS – REGULAR SEASON

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Member institution teams competing in Patriot League competition must abide by the set of rules, regulations and procedures approved by the Patriot League’s Council of Presidents.

The Patriot League governs regular in-season competition among participating member institutions in sponsored sports. See Article 11 for institutional participation, sport by sport. The following general competition rules have been established by the League’s Committee on Athletic Administration and approved by the Council of Presidents, and are applicable to all sports sponsored by the Patriot League. Regulations specific to each sport can be found in Article 15. Please note that the regular-season sports regulations found in this article, and Article 15, are intended to supplement NCAA rules and regulations as prescribed in Bylaw 17 of the NCAA Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**12.1 Site of Competition.** All regular-season contests, in which participating teams or individuals represent members of the League, are to be played at a site either owned by or under the immediate control of one or more of the member institutions. All such contests are to be conducted by institutional management. This would not preclude an institution from utilizing an off-campus facility provided the site is normally used by the institution for its regularly scheduled contests.

### **12.2 Practice and Competition Schedules.**

- a. NCAA regulations are to be observed by member institutions when scheduling practice sessions and competitive events. The Patriot League may establish contest limitations in certain sports, which are more restrictive than applicable NCAA regulations. The Committee on Athletic Administration (CAA) recommends such limitations to the Council of Presidents, based on consideration of the following:
  1. Income and expense involved for each contest and the potential impact on the member institutions’ team budgets;
  2. Class absences required for each contest, especially during mid-term and final examination periods;
  3. Availability of facilities;
  4. Competition dates for other prominent sports’ contests and tournaments, and
  5. Availability of favorable reciprocal agreements with non-League opponents.
- b. The playing and practice season in each League sponsored sport, unless otherwise restricted, is subject to all NCAA limitations in that sport.
- c. Additional scheduling regulations are as follows:
  1. The home team has sole authority to make decisions regarding the cancellation/delay of scheduled competition due to inclement weather.

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2. Each contest is scheduled to accommodate the visiting team and facilitate the play of the contest.
3. If there is a transportation problem on the way to a scheduled contest, contact should be made with the host institution.

**12.3 Travel and Scheduling Policy.** The Patriot League office will develop schedules for League contests and distribute them to coaches and administrators. Priority will be placed on League play by scheduling contests, whenever possible, toward the end of the regular-season. League contests will be rotated on a reoccurring basis between home/away and order of opponents to ensure competitive balance *[June 2005]*. The Sport Management Committee (SMC) is charged with approving League schedules and championship dates. Once the SMC and CAA finalize a schedule and/or dates, all League contests must be played on the originally scheduled date unless changes are made by mutual institutional consent and League office approval. *[See Article 12.4 for rescheduling policy]* If a schedule change is required due to an unforeseen conflict and mutual consent between the competing institutions cannot be achieved, the League office shall make the final decision.

Patriot League principles and policies dictate that concerns for student-athlete academic welfare will always be paramount in designing athletic schedules and resolving scheduling conflicts. Care will be exercised to minimize time missed from academic obligations due to athletic participation and sensitivity to student-athlete academic welfare shall be the obvious priority in all scheduling and/or travel decisions.

In accordance with this philosophy, the following scheduling guidelines are embraced:

- a. Regular-season schedules will be structured so as to not conflict with final exams. *[January 2015]*
- b. Normally, no class time shall be missed for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest, and the practice is in conjunction with the contest.
- c. Normally, daylight permitting, weekday athletic contests will not start prior to 3 p.m.
- d. Scheduling will normally require student-athletes to miss no more than one day of classes per away athletic contest, and less whenever possible.
- e. Every effort will be made to limit, in original scheduling, the number of mid-week (Monday-Thursday) away contests scheduled per week in any sport to one.
- f. Normally, no more than two opponents shall be scheduled for competition during a single away trip. Exceptions would include multi-team competitions and tournaments.
- g. Whenever possible and reasonable, departure for a contest on a subsequent day shall not be prior to the end of that day's classes.
- h. Teams will normally return to campus following athletic competition.

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- i. League competition will be given priority in establishing and refining athletic schedules, wherever possible.
- j. Exceptions will be made under established institutional policy.

**12.4 Rescheduling.** *[Editorial revision, June 2009; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*

- a. **General Policy.** The rescheduling of an approved Patriot League contest requires the agreement of the involved Directors of Athletics or designees and approval by the Patriot League office. If institutions agree to reschedule a League game, the League office must receive written notice (via email) from the involved Directors of Athletics or designees, confirming the new game date.

**1. Unforeseen Conflicts.** *[Staff editorial revision, August 2019]* If an athletic contest is cancelled due to an unforeseen conflict, athletic directors or designees from the involved institutions must agree to a rescheduled date for the contest and notify the League office as soon as possible, but not more than 72 hours from the original contest date. If institutions are not able to agree to a date within the 72-hour time frame, the League office, in consultation with the Directors of Athletics from the involved institutions, will determine the date for the rescheduled contest.

**2. Non-League Games.** Patriot League competition must take precedence over non-League contests should it be necessary to reschedule a contest due to weather conditions or an unforeseen conflict.

- b. **Deadline for Competition.** In sports where round-robin competition determines the selection and seeding of teams for the Patriot League championship, all scheduled and rescheduled League contests that affect seeding must be played no later than the Monday prior to the Patriot League Championship. In those sports with mid-week, first-round or quarterfinal games (e.g. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) as part of the Patriot League championship, all regular-season League competition must be scheduled to conclude the Saturday prior to the Patriot League championship.

*[Exception: if the final game of the season cannot be played Saturday due to an unforeseen conflict or severe weather, the game may be played Sunday and must not begin later than 12 p.m.]*

**12.5 Site Change Policy.** For spring sports, the following site change policy is to be in effect:

- a. If, by mutual agreement of the institutions involved, a site is changed due to bad weather, the originally scheduled “away” institution shall bear the cost of the originally scheduled “home” institution’s travel.
- b. This amount would not exceed the amount that the originally scheduled “away” institution had budgeted for their travel once all home game management costs had been covered. *[June 1994]*

**12.6 Administrative Accompaniment.** Either a coach or administrator must accompany any institutional team that plays away from its home campus.

**12.7 Travel Party.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* There are no restrictions on the travel party for student-athletes for the regular or championship season.

**12.8 Squad Size/Bench Limit.** *[December 2013, revised, CAA, November 2017]*

- a. Regular Season.** The regular-season squad size refers to the number of eligible players on the visiting team that may dress and participate in game day activities (e.g. pre-game warm-ups, etc.) during Patriot League regular-season competition. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution for regular-season Patriot League competition. Bench limit includes all individuals in the bench area (student-athletes, coaches, trainers, etc.). Team physicians are exempt from this bench limit.
- b. Championship.** The championship squad size refers to the number of eligible players on all teams participating in the Patriot League Championships that may dress and participate in game day activities (e.g. pre-game warm-ups, etc.). The championship squad sizes are in effect for all days/games/matches of the championship. Bench limit includes all individuals in the bench area (student-athletes, coaches, trainers, etc.). Team physicians are exempt from this bench limit.

| Sport                     | Regular-Season Visiting Team Squad Size | Regular-Season Bench Limit | Championship Squad Size | Championship Bench Limit |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Baseball                  | 27                                      | 35                         | 27                      | 35                       |
| Basketball (M/W)          | 15                                      | 25                         | 15                      | 25                       |
| Cross Country (M/W)       | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 12                      | N/A                      |
| Field Hockey              | 24                                      | 30                         | 24                      | 30                       |
| Football                  | 60                                      | N/A                        | 60                      | N/A                      |
| Golf (M)                  | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 7                       | N/A                      |
| Golf (W)                  | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 7                       | N/A                      |
| Lacrosse (M)              | 42                                      | 54                         | 32+10*                  | 54                       |
| Lacrosse (W)              | 32                                      | 50                         | 32                      | 50                       |
| Rowing (W)                | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 25                      | N/A                      |
| Soccer (M)                | 22^                                     | 33                         | 22^                     | 33                       |
| Soccer (W)                | 22                                      | 37                         | 22                      | 37                       |
| Softball                  | 20                                      | 35                         | 20                      | 35                       |
| Swimming (M/W)            | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 36# (18 each)           | N/A                      |
| Tennis (M/W)              | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 9                       | N/A                      |
| Track/Field, Indoor (M/W) | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 64 (32 each)            | N/A                      |
| Track/Field Outdoor (M/W) | N/A                                     | N/A                        | 70 (35 each)            | N/A                      |
| Volleyball (W)            | 15                                      | 25                         | 15                      | 25                       |

\*For all games in the Patriot League men’s lacrosse championship, teams may only have 32 participants eligible to compete with, with an additional ten (10) student-athletes allowed for warm-up, per NCAA regulations. *[December 2013; revised, CAA, January 2015]*

^Men’s soccer championship and visiting team regular-season squad size will remain at 22 *[December 2013]*

# The swimming squad size is 18 participants, as calculated per NCAA rules. *[May 2009]*

**c. Squad size and bench limits shall not be less than NCAA championship limitations.** *[CAA, February 2019]*

**d. Waiver/Exception.** An institution may apply through the League office for a waiver of the squad size/bench limit for visiting teams for League games contested at neutral, special venues (i.e. professional stadiums/arenas)

**12.9 Playing Rules.**

- a. The playing rules of the NCAA or sports association as approved by the NCAA are to be followed in all sports for which such rules are published, unless more restrictive rules have been established by the Committee on Athletic Administration and approved by the Council of Presidents.
- b. Proposals for rules interpretations and modifications recommended by the Sport Group Chairs are subject to the approval of the Committee on Athletic Administration and the Council of Presidents.

**12.10 In-Season Statistics.**

- a. Each institutional sports information department is responsible for keeping complete team statistics for all League and non-League contests.
- b. Correct, updated contest scores must be submitted to the Patriot League's office on a daily or weekly basis during the season.

**12.11 Officials.**

- a. Officials are to be provided by the home team as assigned by the League's Coordinator/Supervisor of officials for each sport (if applicable).
- b. Unless specified, local officials may be used, provided they have proper certification and ratings.
- c. Decisions of officials are final. There are to be no protests.

**12.12 Member Information.** There is to be no exchange of information regarding League members with institutions outside the League.

**12.13 Tickets.**

- a. Patriot League member institutions may establish the price of admission for all sports or athletic events held under their supervision.
- b. Members of the institutions' student body, faculty and staff may be allowed to purchase reduced price tickets, as established by each institution. Further, the host institution may establish a general price and a reduced rate ticket price for high school and grade school students.
- c. The following policies pertain to complimentary tickets:
  - 1. The awarding of complimentary tickets must conform to NCAA rules and regulations. (See NCAA Bylaw 16.2).
  - 2. Complimentary seats are to be located immediately behind the visiting team bench.

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3. Two (2) complimentary tickets and one (1) parking pass for each contest are to be provided by the host institution to each participating official.
4. No complimentary tickets are to be issued to participating teams for League championship play.
5. Complimentary tickets for League contests in the sports listed below are to be allotted, at no charge, to a visiting team for each regular-season scheduled game:

| Sport                      | Squad Size | Complimentary Pass List Number |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Baseball                   | 27         | 108                            |
| Basketball (M/W)           | 15         | 60                             |
| Cross Country (M/W)        | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Field Hockey               | 24         | 96                             |
| Football                   | 60         | 250                            |
| Golf (M)                   | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Golf (W)                   | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Lacrosse (M)               | 42         | 168                            |
| Lacrosse (W)               | 32         | 128                            |
| Rowing (W)                 | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Soccer (M)                 | 22         | 88                             |
| Soccer (W)                 | 22         | 88                             |
| Softball                   | 20         | 80                             |
| Swimming/Diving (M/W)      | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Tennis (M/W)               | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Track/Field, Indoor (M/W)  | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Track/Field, Outdoor (M/W) | N/A        | N/A                            |
| Volleyball (W)             | 15         | 60                             |

**12.14 League Hospitality for Visiting Athletic Teams.**

- a. A map or other directions are to be included with contractual correspondence, indicating location of the facility, entrance, locker rooms, etc.
- b. Visiting institutions should communicate with the host regarding time of arrival, number in the party, special requests, etc.
- c. If possible, a host institution representative should meet the incoming team at the event facility and provide information and assistance prior to the competition.

**12.15 Public Address Announcers.** The primary duty of the public address announcer is to fairly and accurately communicate the necessary information to enhance the enjoyment of the contest for both the home and visiting fans. The following are recommended procedures for public address announcers:

- a. Read the Patriot League Sportsmanship Statement prior to each contest;
- b. Be fair and impartial;

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- c. Do not attempt to be a cheerleader or the home team’s “super fan”;
- d. Use language that is in good taste, inoffensive and reflects the high standards of an institution of higher education;
- e. Do not use language or an approach that could inflame or adversely influence a crowd;
- f. Do not anticipate plays or official rulings aloud;
- g. Give only necessary information;
- h. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the stadium/arena so that accurate directions may be given in the event of an emergency;
- i. Do not allow anyone except those authorized by games management to use the microphone, and;
- j. Do not criticize officials’ decisions directly or indirectly. *[June 1994]*

**12.16 Uniforms.** Unless otherwise stated in the sport-specific sections of the manual or NCAA playing rules, light colored uniforms are to be worn at home and dark colored uniforms are worn away. The home team may wear dark colored uniforms if advance communication is given to the away team to wear light colored uniforms. *[Revised, CAA, May 2018]*

**12.17 Cheerleading/Bands.** Members of each institution’s band, cheerleading squad and other such spirit groups in attendance at athletic events must adhere to the League’s Code of Conduct. The home team’s band is to be seated in areas on the home team’s side or half of the playing venue.

In men’s basketball, the League office must approve the seating location of bands.

Institutions are encouraged to refer to the guidelines set by the [American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors \(AACCA\)](#).

**12.18 Medical Procedures.** Following are recommended standards and procedures for League operation:

- a. Each member institution should require all student-athletes to secure certification of their medical fitness for participation from a physician. (The medical examination administered to all students before entrance to the member institution will not suffice as clearance for sports participation.)
- b. This certification should be accomplished prior to the individual’s first practice with an intercollegiate sports team.
- c. Physician-signed medical certification for all students participating in the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program is to be on file at the appropriate office.

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- d. Loss of one of the paired organs (i.e., kidney, eye, etc.) may disqualify a student-athlete from participation in intercollegiate athletics. If participation is granted by the team physician, the student-athlete and his/her parents/guardians will be required to sign a waiver form prepared by the certifying institution's legal counsel.
- e. All determinations regarding whether a student-athlete is physically able to participate in intercollegiate athletics are to be made by a team physician. The decision of the team physician is final.

**12.19 Sports Medicine.** The following section will outline the Sports Medicine requirements of the host institution for intercollegiate athletic events:

- a. **Committee.** There shall be a Sports Medicine Committee composed of ten (10) representatives, one from each full-member institution. These individuals shall be either a Head Athletic Trainer or a designated representative from each institution with final approval by the Commissioner of the Patriot League. *[June 2001]*
- b. **Communication.** The Sports Medicine office will send a courtesy letter informing the visiting trainer(s) of services, facilities, equipment and medical coverage (i.e., athletic trainer, physician) for scheduled events and championships. It is also encouraged to have this letter placed on each institution's website for easy access by visiting athletic trainers or coaches. *[June 2001]*
- c. **Medical Coverage.**
  - 1. **Certified Athletic Trainer/Qualified Representative.** A certified athletic trainer or qualified representative of the Athletic Training Program or Sports Medicine Department will be present at all intercollegiate athletic events at least one hour prior to the start of the event.
  - 2. **Physician.** Physician coverage for all intercollegiate athletic events is on-call with the following exceptions:
    - a. Football: a physician will be on site for all home football contests;
    - b. Patriot League Basketball Championships: a physician will be on site for all Patriot League Tournament games.
  - 3. **Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services.** It is recommended that an ambulance or comparable emergency medical service be present for all home football contests. All other intercollegiate athletic events should have established institutional protocols for accessing the emergency medical system for each venue in which contests are held. It is suggested that each institution's Emergency Plan contain specific instructions for assessing emergency medical services when dealing with: *[June 2001]*
    - a. Patriot League Championships;
    - b. Men's Lacrosse;
    - c. Cross Country, and
    - d. Track and Field.

4. **Sports Medicine Facilities.** The host institution’s athletic training room will be available to the visiting athletic trainer(s). Any special needs or requests must be communicated to the host institution prior to the contest. A prescription from a doctor or a treatment plan from a certified athletic trainer is required unless accompanied by a certified athletic trainer.

**d. Game-Day Staging.**

**1. Pre-game.**

- a. Personal greeting or introduction.
- b. It will be the responsibility of the host Sports Medicine staff to provide water, cups and injury ice.
- c. A taping table must be provided.
- d. It is required that the host institution have splints, crutches, cervical collar, knee immobilizer, blanket, scoop stretcher or spine board and/or ambulance service available.
- e. Visiting teams are expected to supply their own taping supplies and medical kit.

**2. During the event.**

- a. The host athletic trainer and/or physician will assist the visiting athletic trainer, if requested.
- b. The visiting athletic trainer will be responsible for requesting medical assistance from the host athletic trainer in case of a serious injury.

3. **Post-event.** The host athletic trainer will check with the visiting team athletic trainer regarding any injuries or problems.

- e. **Code of Ethics: Athletic Trainer.** The profession is a field that requires application of specialized knowledge and skill for the benefit of others. The profession of Athletic Training should endeavor to promote the highest standards of conduct and integrity in professional service and in our activities.

- f. **Sports Medicine Reciprocal Coverage. [May 2012]** In the event that the host institution provides ‘reciprocal medical coverage’ for the visiting team (i.e. the visiting team is traveling without an athletic trainer or physician), the host institution’s on-site athletic trainer will have final authority on the medical decision in regards to concussions, musculo-skeletal injuries and general medical conditions sustained during competition. The host Athletic Trainer is expected to thoroughly explain the rationale leading to the decision to the respective student-athlete and visiting team head coach, while maintaining the utmost in ethical and professional conduct.

**12.20 Lightning Policy.** It is recommended that each institution follow a lightning policy, which should/may incorporate the NATA lightning recommendations. It is also suggested that a lightning detector (i.e., Sky Scan) may be used in conjunction with other conventional methods (i.e., consulting with the National Weather Service, the flash to bang method) in determining practice and/or game status. In the practice setting, the athletic trainer will be responsible for determining the threat of lightning, and will then make a decision with the coaching staff when to evacuate the field. In the event setting, the athletic trainer will inform the officials of the instrumentation to be

used and policy in effect (i.e., evacuating a game site if the detector indicates that there is an imminent threat). The decision to “call” or delay a game would be made with agreement of the assigned athletic trainer, present officials and **host administration**. *[June 2001; revised March 2010; revised, CAA, November 2018]*

**12.21 NCAA Drug Testing.** In accordance with NCAA regulations, student-athletes are required each year to sign a consent form, prior to practice (football and track and field) or competition (all other sports), demonstrating their understanding of the NCAA drug testing program and their willingness to participate. That program subjects all student-athletes to the possibility of year-round random testing for a series of banned performance enhancing and/or street drugs. Current NCAA list of banned drugs will be used by the League. Student-athletes who participate for a Patriot League member institution, by NCAA affiliation and support of the testing program, are obligated to the testing requirements. The Patriot League recognizes the rights of individuals to decline participation in drug testing, but affirms that such action will preclude their participation in intercollegiate athletics at member institutions. Sports Medicine personnel are encouraged to provide accurate and sound information on dietary supplements. Information on dietary supplements and a listing of prohibited substances may be utilized obtained by contacting the Resource Exchange Center (REC) at the [National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc.](#) (816-474-7321 or 877-202-0769). All calls are confidential. *[June 2001/updated March 2010]*

**12.22 Tobacco Products.** In keeping with the commitment to the health, safety and well-being of student-athletes, there will be a binding policy on all members of the Patriot League in all sports to prohibit by any athletic staff member and/or student-athlete the use of any form of tobacco products. This policy shall be in effect during any phase of the institution’s athletic programs in which interaction occurs between athletic staff and student-athletes.

**12.23 Sport-Specific Video Exchange Policy Violations.** *[May 2009; revised, CAA, November 2017]*  
The following penalty structure applies for any violation of a sport-specific video exchange policy. The terms of the penalty structure shall be applied per season. Teams should notify League staff of any issues (travel, technology, etc.) within stated sport-specific deadlines.

- a. **First Offense.** Letter of reprimand issued from the League office to the head coach, with a copy to the respective Director of Athletics.
- b. **Second Offense.** Letter of reprimand issued from the League office to the head coach, with a copy to the respective Director of Athletics. In addition, the involved head coach will be assessed with a \$250 fine.
- c. **Third Offense.** The head coach will be assessed with a \$500 fine for each additional offense of the sport-specific tape exchange policy in a given season.

**12.24 Video Board Replays.** Member institutions with video scoreboards are limited to showing one replay of a controversial play or official’s call. During timeouts or inaction/dead balls, unlimited replays of highlights or non-controversial plays may be shown.

## ARTICLE 13

# CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**13.1 Guiding Principles.** The determination of League champions is one of the most significant purposes of the Patriot League. Participation in a League championship is the culmination of the competitive season for most student-athletes and represents the ultimate competition among peers. Championships shall be operated in a manner that promotes the highest ethical conduct and ensures the optimum student-athlete experience. In concordance with our Patriot League values, student-athletes and programs will be recognized for both their academic and athletic achievements from the season. As a result of the student-athlete's time, dedication and sacrifice, they are rewarded by participating in a championship that is run with class, spirit and integrity.

- a. The host institution, in coordination with the League staff, will ensure a safe, fair and sportsmanlike atmosphere for the tournament.
- b. League championships will be conducted using NCAA championship guidelines in order to better prepare teams for play in the NCAA championship.
- c. Championships will be designed to ensure that parameters for NCAA Automatic Qualification are met.
- d. As a reward for sports with non-full field championships, the regular-season champion becomes the number one (1) seed and host for that year's tournament, unless otherwise specified. Full-field championships sites will be selected via a rotation of the institutions and contingent on the adequacy and availability of the facility.
- e. Hosting a League championship requires a serious commitment on the part of the host institution to assure that top quality conditions are in place so that each participating student-athlete is able to perform at the peak of his or her ability. Full cooperation in achieving this goal is expected.
- f. Host facility(s) must be available for play from the beginning of practice, through the conclusion of the championship and meet the League's minimum standards. Championship practice and competition takes priority over regular-season contests and the League staff will work with the host institution to alleviate conflicts.
- g. In order to minimize missed class time, practice at the host site will generally be limited to the day prior to the start of the championship for full-field sports and the day prior to the semifinal contests and any day in between the semifinals and final game for the non-full-field championships.
- h. Championship budgets must be managed efficiently. So as not to create ever-increasing standards for future hosts, no host enhancements will be permitted (i.e. gifts, banquets, speakers).
- i. Broadcast partners and sponsors should be incorporated into League championships in a manner that ensures the quality and integrity of the championship.

**13.2 General Administration.** All Patriot League championships shall be conducted under the direct supervision of that championship's manager and the Patriot League representative for the championship. The championship manager and the Patriot League representative shall be the final authority regarding all championship matters on-site as some adjustments should be expected in the best interest of the championship. All League Championships are subject to such requirements, standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the League's Constitution and Bylaws.

Specific information regarding administration, facility and championship management, game and practice procedures and sport-specific championship information for all Patriot League Championships can be found in the Patriot League Championship Manuals.

- a. Championship Manager.** The Championship Manager shall be designated by the Director of Athletics at the host institution.
- b. Games Committee.** The official Games Committee will consist of the Patriot League Representative(s), the Championship Manager, the head official and the coaches' group chair (if present; if not, the host coach). In case of a crisis situation or major emergency, the Games Committee will work in conjunction with the Patriot League Commissioner and the administrative committee (with its representation described in 13.2.i). Please see the Patriot League Championship Manuals for sport-specific Games Committee information. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017; revised, CAA, February 2018]*
- c. Dates and Site.** The exact dates and site of the tournament will be listed and distributed to each institution by the League office.
- d. Host Institution Site.**
  1. Unless the championship is designated as home of the highest seed, the site is selected on a rotating basis, subject to the agreement of the host institution.
  2. If a member institution chooses not to host a League championship, the League office must be notified a minimum of one year in advance. A replacement site would be determined by soliciting the membership and presenting the alternative site(s) to the Sport Management Committee for selection and final approval. In the selection process, consideration will be given to other championships hosted in a given year, fiscal impact, as well as past and future championship host rotation. A host institution must have a facility that meets the minimum standards for hosting the particular championship. *[Revised, CAA, February 2017]*
  3. If the championship is designated as home of the highest seed and if the highest seed cannot, or chooses not to host the championship, then the option moves in descending order to the second-highest seed, etc.
  4. **Minimum Standards for all Championships.** The following requirements are paramount to hosting a League championship:
    - a. Playing area that meets NCAA guidelines or is approved by Committee on Athletic Administration.

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- b. Locker rooms in sufficient number for the particular sport and a training room in reasonable proximity to the competitive area.
  - c. Spectator seating area to accommodate the majority of anticipated spectators.
  - d. Parking area in close proximity to the competitive site to accommodate teams and spectators.
  - e. Scoring table and press area (preferably protected from inclement weather) to accommodate the needs of the championship.
  - f. Concession stand on-site or a plan to bring in portable or temporary set-up equipped to service those attending the championship.
  - g. Institutional staffing assigned and available to assist Patriot League staff with the conduct and management of the championship beginning the day before competition through the completion of play and tear down.
    - 1. Championship Manager (pre-planning, on-site supervision, evaluation/wrap-up).
    - 2. Media Relations staffing (scoring, timing, PA, stats and reporting).
    - 3. Facility/Operations staff (for set-up, tear down and on-going maintenance).
    - 4. Merchandise personnel (to staff program and merchandise sales area, if applicable).
    - 5. Ticket personnel (if applicable).
    - 6. Concessions personnel.
    - 7. Security personnel (secure competitive area from spectators, etc.).
  - h. To facilitate hosting a successful Patriot League Championship all requests from the League office must be implemented to meet minimum standards (i.e., additional seating, concessions, etc.).
- e. **Eligibility.**
- 1. All League teams and individuals who have met League championship requirements may qualify to participate in the League championship. For additional information, please see Section 6.5.
  - 2. All participating team members must abide by eligibility rules, as listed in the sport's NCAA Championship Handbook, and those of the Patriot League.
- f. **Squad Size.** All teams shall be limited to the Patriot League mandated squad size for their respective sport. See Sections 12.7 and 12.8. *[CAA, November 2017]*
- g. **Official Team Roster.** *[June 1999]*
- 1. Each participating team must submit a roster of participants to the championship manager and Patriot League representative with copies to each of the other participating teams prior to the first competition.

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2. In sports that permit changes, rosters for semifinal games may be amended up until the beginning of the pre-championship meeting/teleconference, unless otherwise specified.
  3. Teams that advance to the championship game may amend rosters prior to the championship game. However, if changes are made, it is the responsibility of the head coach to get updated rosters to the championship manager, Patriot League representative and opposing head coach prior to the start of the game in order for the changes to be valid.
- h. Patriot League Tiebreaking Procedure/Selection Seeding.** *[February 2007]* Non-League contests completed before the Monday prior to the championship will be included in the tiebreaker formula, if necessary. Any non-League contest played on or after the Monday prior to the championship will not be included in the tiebreaker formula.
1. **Two-way ties.** In the case of a two-way between teams in the final standings for regular season League play, the following process will be used until all ties are broken and the seeding process is completed (ties will be broken in rank order beginning with the highest seed):
    - a. Head-to-head competition: The higher seed will go to the team that has won the most League contests played against the other team involved in the tie.) *[June 2005]*
    - b. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records will be made between the tied institutions starting at the highest possible seed and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
    - c. Sport-specific tiebreaking procedure, if any (see sport-specific regulations).
    - d. Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents. (In the sports of baseball and softball: Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents [only applicable if the same number of games is played against a common opponent]). *[February 2010]*
    - e. Coin flip for sports other than baseball and softball. In the sports of baseball and softball: RPI comparison based on data available the week after the end of the original Patriot League regular season schedule. *[February 2010]*
  2. **Multiple Ties.** In the case of multiple ties (more than two teams tied for the same spot), the following process will be used:
    - a. Records between the tied teams will be evaluated to determine if one team won more contests against the other tied institutions. *[June 2005]*
    - b. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records will be conducted for each team starting with the highest seed not involved in the tie and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
    - c. Sport-specific tie-breaking procedure, if any (see sport-specific regulations).

- d. Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents. (In the sports of baseball and softball: Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents [only applicable if the same number of games is played against a common opponent]). *[February 2010]*
- e. Coin flip (two teams) or draw (multiple teams) for sports other than baseball and softball. In the sports of baseball and softball: RPI comparison based on data available the week after the end of the original Patriot League regular season schedule. *[February 2010]*

***Note: The entire process for multiple-team ties must be completed. The Patriot League does not revert back to the two-way tie formula once the multiple-team tie has been resolved – the League is to continue through the steps with any remaining tied teams. [Staff editorial revision, August 2019]***

- i. **NCAA Championship Qualification.** *[Revised, CAA, November 2017]* Each game in a League Championship will be treated as a separate game when considering weather and/or field conditions. In the event that a Patriot League championship cannot be completed (e.g., due to inclement weather), an administrative committee comprised of the Sport Group’s athletics director liaison (if applicable), host institution athletics director, Sport Management Committee liaison to the Sport Group, and a League office liaison will recommend to the Commissioner the cancellation of the championship and the automatic qualifier. The committee will utilize the following in determining the automatic qualifier: the highest remaining seed at the time of cancellation shall receive the League’s bid to the NCAA Championship, where applicable. If post-season play does not commence, the regular-season League champion shall receive the League’s bid to the NCAA Championship. If there is a tie in the regular-season standings, the above tie-breaker will be used to determine the champion. Please see Section 15 for sport-specific policies to determine the NCAA automatic qualifier.
- j. **Pre-Championship Meetings.** *[February 2007; staff editorial revision, July 2017]* During the week before the championship, the League office will conduct a mandatory pre-championship meeting (in-person or via conference call) with the following participants: Championship Manager, the Sports Committee, involved head coaches, sports information personnel, facilities staff, head official, a League representative and other staff members concerning the schedule of events, awards, practice times, etc. The League office will provide an agenda for the call, set the time of the call, and provide the necessary conference call information to each participating institution. The Commissioner shall inform the Director of Athletics in writing when institutional representatives do not participate on the conference call.
- k. **Officials.** With the exception of basketball, participating coaches will be provided with the names of the officials working their specific championship game/match the night before the competition begins. *[February 2007]*
- l. **Lodging.** *[February 2007]*
  - 1. For non-full field championships and the basketball championship, visiting teams needing accommodations will be required to stay at the designated host hotel(s), which will be reserved at competitive room rates by the League office. Information regarding host

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hotel(s) and reservation instructions will be distributed by the League office. Institutions that do not stay at the designated host hotel(s) will be assessed a \$500 penalty per team.

2. For full-field championships, participating institutions are encouraged to work with the Patriot League lodging coordinator for housing needs.
  3. Each participating institution is responsible for the cost of its lodging.
  4. When necessary, lodging arrangements for the officials will be separate from the participating institutions.
- m. Transportation and Meals.** All transportation and meals shall be arranged by and at the expense of each participating institution.
- n. Participant Gifts.** The League office will provide championship participants with complimentary Patriot League championship participant gifts. Additional gifts may be purchased through the League office.
- o. Practice Times.** *[February 2007]* With the exception of basketball, if the facility is available and if practice time is requested by the traveling teams, practice is permitted the day before championship competition but shall not begin before noon. The League office (working with the host administration) will establish practice schedule and may determine that the facility is not suitable for practice due to poor weather conditions.
- p. Medical Services.** *[June 2005]* It is required at each practice and competition session that the host institution provide or delegate responsibility to ensure:
1. The presence of a certified athletic trainer or other person qualified to render emergency care to an injured athlete;
  2. Planned access to a medical facility, including a plan for communication and transportation between the competition site and a medical facility for prompt medical service, if warranted; and,
  3. A thorough understanding by all participating administrators, coaches and certified athletic trainers of the personnel and procedures involved.
- q. Lightning Policy.** See Section 12.20. *[staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- r. Training Services.** The host institution will coordinate training services including access to training room facilities and on-site emergency first aid for all practices and competitions. In addition, ice and water must be provided by the host institution at the site of the competition.
- s. Cheerleaders.** *[September 2006]* All cheerleading squads must conform to the guidelines set by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors (AACCA) at Patriot League Championship events. Neither the Patriot League nor the host institution shall be responsible for supervising or monitoring routines performed by cheerleaders at championship events. Except as noted in this section, supervision of cheerleading squads, their activities,

yells and stunts is solely the participating institution's responsibility. The participating institutions shall ensure that the squad has sufficient training, supervision and equipment for any and all routines its squad may choose to perform. Championship managers must inform participating institutions if the host facility has more stringent requirements. If so, the director of athletics at each institution must apprise his or her cheerleading squad of such requirements and ensure compliance.

**13.3 Cost-Sharing Policies.** *[June 1998]*

**a. Basketball Championship.**

**1. Tournament Games.**

**a. Traveling Teams.** At the conclusion of the Tournament, each institution whose team travels will submit a reimbursable expense form to the Patriot League office. The following categories and limits will be reimbursable:

- 1. Transportation.** The actual, documented amount expended.
- 2. Per Diem.** The actual documented amount spent, provided it does not exceed the figure yielded by multiplying the number of the travel party (not to exceed the reimbursable travel squad limit of 23 each for men and women) by: \$60 for each day of the competition involving an overnight stay and \$30 for the day of departure from the site provided the team did not compete on that day for each.
- 3.** The maximum reimbursable travel squad number is: Lower of actual number or 23 each for men and women's teams. (Maximum of 15 players)

**b. Host Team.** The host institution shall submit to the Patriot League office a financial statement, and appropriate documentation, to include all revenues and approved expenses for tickets, facility, personnel, officials and miscellaneous items. Once all income and expenses are received these dollars are included in the cost share reconciliation. *[Note: No checks for revenue ticket sales should be sent to the League office until the cost share reconciliation is complete and institutions are notified.]*

**2. Championship Games.**

**a. Traveling Teams.** At the conclusion of the championship game, the institution whose team travels will submit a reimbursable expense form to the Patriot League office. The following categories and limits will be reimbursable:

- 1. Transportation.** The actual, documented amount expended.
- 2. Per Diem.** The actual documented amount spent, provided it does not exceed the figure yielded by multiplying the number of the travel party (not to exceed the reimbursable travel squad limit) by: \$60 for each day of the

competition involving an overnight stay and \$30 for the day of departure from the site (an overnight stay is not required).

3. The maximum reimbursable travel squad number is: Lower of actual number of maximum of 23. (Maximum of 15 players)

- b. **Host Teams.** The host institution shall submit to the Patriot League office a financial statement, and appropriate documentation, to include all revenues and approved expenses for tickets, facility, personnel, officials and miscellaneous items. Once all income and expenses are received these dollars are included in the cost share reconciliation. *[Note: No checks for revenue ticket sales should be sent to the League office until the cost share reconciliation is complete and institutions are notified.]*

### 3. Financial Reporting

- a. **Deadline.** Traveling team and host institution financial reporting forms are to be submitted to the League office by the date designated in the Basketball Tournament Manual(s) (usually early April). The Commissioner reserves the right to impose a financial penalty for late submission of reports.

- b. **Settlement.**

1. After all tournament and championship games and League office expenses are met, net income from all tournament and championship games is applied to determine the Total Net Income or Expense.
    2. Total Net Income is then distributed to institutions based proportionately upon their reimbursable travel expenses as defined above.
    3. If additional revenues remain after institutional travel reimbursement, those revenues will be distributed with each institution and the League office receiving an equal share.
    4. If a net deficit is incurred after all tournament and championship expenses have been paid, but prior to reimbursement of any institutional travel expenses, each institution and the League office will pay an equal share of the deficit.

*[Note: For more specific detail and deadlines, refer to the Patriot League Basketball Tournament Manual(s).]*

- b. **Full-Field Championships.** Expenses for the following full-field Patriot League Championships will be subject to the cost-sharing plan: cross country, golf, indoor track and field, rowing, swimming and diving, tennis, and outdoor track and field. *[February 2006]*

1. **Traveling Teams.** At the conclusion of each championship, each institution whose team travels will submit a reimbursable expense form to the Patriot League office. The following categories and limits will be reimbursable:

- a. **Transportation.** The actual, documented amount expended as approved by the League office.
2. **Host Teams.** At the conclusion of each championship, the host institution will submit an expense report to the League office. This report will divide expenses into specific categories. They include: facility and personnel; officials; hospitality and food; medical services, and miscellaneous. All expenses must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Patriot League office. For each permissible category, the amount reported will be the actual documented expense. These amounts will be totaled as the gross expense for the event.

The host institution retains 50 percent of all revenue from ticket sales. The remaining revenue will be deducted from the gross expense report; this will result in the reimbursable expense amount.
3. **Settlement.** The reimbursable expense amounts will be submitted by each institution (host and traveling) no later than 30 days from the conclusion of each championship. This will yield total championship expenses. This amount will be averaged for each championship. At the conclusion of each year, institutions expending more than the average of all full-field championships will be reimbursed; institutions expending less than the yearly championship average will be invoiced.
- c. **Non-Full Field Championships.** Expenses for non-full field championships will be subject to the following cost-sharing plan:
  1. **Traveling Teams.** Each institution is responsible for its own travel, lodging and per diem expenses.
  2. **Host Teams.** Host institutions are responsible for paying the officials' fees and expenses and covering all facility and staffing expenses.

*Note: No financial reporting needs to be submitted to the League office at the conclusion of each non-full field Championship.*
- d. **Other Championships.** Cost-sharing policies for any other topics of championships will be determined by the League office.

**13.4 Use of Patriot League Name.** The label of "Patriot League Championship" or "Patriot League Champion(s)" is to be used only in conjunction with sports identified as official sports sponsored and supported by the Patriot League on behalf of the membership. [June 2002]

## ARTICLE 14

# UNFORESEEN CONFLICTS

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**14.1 Introduction.** The following guidelines have been created to ensure that all Patriot League competitions (regular season and championship) are managed and conducted in the most efficient manner. In addition, these guidelines are intended to protect the participation opportunities for all Patriot League teams as well as the overall health of all Patriot League student-athletes, the general student body on each member campus and every campus community. All unforeseen conflicts (e.g. pandemic, epidemic, endemic, severe weather, natural disaster, national/local security matter, facility emergencies) that could have an impact on League competition will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the League office, in consultation with the respective athletic directors involved (or their designees) and identified local, regional or national authorities.

Departments of Athletics will notify the League office immediately once it becomes known that an unforeseen conflict could have an impact on a campus and/or specific athletic program. In the event of unforeseen medical emergencies, once a determination or diagnosis has been made by the local medical authorities (e.g. Office of Health and Human Services, campus health center, local health authorities.), the League office must be notified immediately with a status report of the situation.

It is the understanding that the following guidelines will be applied only when an entire team is prohibited from travel or competition by their local medical authorities (e.g. concerns of spreading a disease or illness) or when a school is unable to field a team with the minimum number of student-athletes to comprise a starting lineup regardless of position.

## 14.2 Regular Season.

- a. Schedule Change.** If a schedule change is required due to an unforeseen conflict as referenced above, the Directors of Athletics or designees from the involved institutions and the League office should be notified as soon as the conflict becomes known. Patriot League competition must take precedence over non-League contests should it be necessary to reschedule a contest due to an unforeseen conflict. If institutions are not able to agree to another date, then the League office will make the final decision regarding the competition.
- b. Deadline for Competition.** In sports where round-robin competition determines the selection and seeding of teams for the Patriot League Championship, all scheduled and rescheduled League contests that affect seeding must be played in accordance with the policies set forth in Article 12.4 – Rescheduling. *[Staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- c. Rescheduling of Games.** If an athletic contest is cancelled due to an unforeseen conflict, the policies set forth in Article 12.4 – Rescheduling should be adhered to. *[Staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- d. Un-played Contests.** If a League contest in sports with an established League schedule or scheduling requirement cannot be played as scheduled due to an unforeseen conflict and, the League office in consultation with the Directors of Athletics determines that the contest cannot be rescheduled, it will be declared an un-played contest. As such, an un-played contest will not count as a win, loss or tie for either team involved.

In such a situation for sports other than soccer, the final regular-season standings shall be determined by the number of League losses. In soccer, the final regular-season standings shall be determined by the number of points earned in League games divided by the number of League games played (win = 3 points, loss = 0, tie = 1). Any resulting ties in the final League standings will be broken following the Patriot League tie-breaking procedures for the respective sport.

### 14.3 Championships.

- a. **Field-of-Four/Six Championship Host Institution.** If a host institution is impacted by an unforeseen conflict and cannot host the championship as scheduled or as revised by the League office, the championship will be relocated to the next highest seed in descending order based on their ability to host the championship.
- b. **Field-of-Four/Six Championship Participant (Non-host institution).** Once the championship bracket has been determined (teams and seeds), if one or more of the participating teams are impacted by an unforeseen conflict and cannot compete, the championship bracket will be re-seeded accordingly with the remaining teams and contested at the host institution.
- c. **Cancelled Field-of-Four/Six/Basketball Championship and the League's NCAA Automatic Qualifier.** *[Staff editorial revision, August 2019]* If a field of four/six/basketball championship is cancelled due to an unforeseen conflict, the League's automatic qualification bid into that sport's respective NCAA tournament field will be awarded to the team that finished the highest (e.g. first place) in the regular-season standings and is deemed able to compete by the institution's local authorities. Teams will be reviewed in descending order through the final regular-season standings until a qualifying team is determined.
- d. **Full-Field Championship.** Once notified of an unforeseen conflict on the campus of a pre-determined full-field championship host institution, the League office, in consultation with Directors of Athletics of the participating institutions, will determine whether the championship can be relocated to an alternate venue and/or rescheduled to a later date, or whether the championship should be cancelled. The determination will be made taking into consideration costs, missed class-time, regional qualifying events, NCAA dates and deadlines and other Patriot League and campus events.
- e. **Basketball.** If the League office is notified that a basketball team is unable to compete in a tournament game due to an unforeseen conflict at least 48 hours before the start of the tournament, the League office, in consultation with the Directors of Athletics will determine the feasibility of reseeding the tournament.

If a team notifies the League office less than 48 hours before the start of the tournament or once play has begun that their basketball team is unable to compete in a tournament game, the game will be considered a forfeit with a win being awarded to the opposing team and the tournament bracket will not be altered.

If a neutral site cannot be secured in a timely manner or at a venue that meets League office approval, the contest will be played at the opponent's facility.

**f. Cancellation of a Championship for Team Sports without an Established Regular-Season Schedule and the League's NCAA Automatic Qualifier.** If a procedure for determining the League's automatic qualifier has not been adopted for such a sport, a committee consisting of the Directors of Athletics of the institutions originally scheduled to participate in the championship will determine which team will become the League's automatic qualifier. The committee will consider various factors including, but not limited to the following competitive information (*Note: the examples are listed in no particular order*):

1. Head-to-head competitions
2. Common non-League opponents
3. Strength of schedule
4. Computer rankings
5. Performance during second half of season

The committee will convene via teleconference immediately following the cancellation of the Patriot League Championship. A majority vote of the athletic directors of the teams participating in the championship will decide the League's automatic qualifier.

**14.4 Severe Weather Plans for Championships.** In the case of impending severe weather that could impact the normal conduct of a League championship, a League representative will ensure the following plans are implemented:

**a. Step I.** A Severe Weather Emergency Team (SWET) team will be assembled eight (8) days prior to the beginning of championship competition and will consist of a Patriot League representative for championships, a League media relations liaison, Sport Management Committee (SMC) liaison, and representatives of the host institution from each of the following areas: championship manager, facility operations, media relations, sports medicine and risk manager (if applicable). Other members of the team will include the coaches' chair along with a representative from the League's hotel booking representative. During the call the following details will be reviewed and/or enacted:

1. The status of the path of the impending severe weather, in consultation with the local National Weather Service contact.
2. Establish a communication network (i.e. conference call sources, exchange of cell numbers, host and League websites, etc.).
3. Establish check-in times for the team leading up to three (3) days prior to the first day of championship competition.
4. Establish a plan for worst-case scenario including plans for prior to the beginning, during and post-event.
5. Create a contact list of additional resources (e.g., local hospital, fire and police).

**b. Step II.** If severe weather is still probable three (3) days out from the beginning of the championship competition, the League office will convene via conference call to include administrators from the participating institutions along with the SWET members to review

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plans that have been developed. Feedback on the plans will be solicited and any necessary adjustments to the championship schedule or site.

- c. **Step III.** If the severe weather plans need to be activated, the deadline to do so shall be by noon on Wednesday for championships that begin their competition on Friday, and not less than 48 hours in advance when competition begins on a weekday. While severe weather may be the most common threat to the normal conduct of a championship, these procedures would be applied in a similar manner as other circumstances dictate.

d. **The roles and responsibilities for SWET members are as follows:**

**1. League office.**

- a. **League Championships Representative.** Serve as the point person for the overall conduct of the event and coordination of communication with all parties.
- b. **League Media Relations Representative.** Coordinate communication to stakeholders utilizing the League's website and through host site media relations and media outlets as applicable.

**2. Host Institution.**

- a. **Host institution Point of Contact.** This role will usually belong to the championship manager or another administrator designated by the host institution with the ability to communicate information from the host institution (or event site).
- b. **Championship Manager and Facility Operations.** Develop safety plans for the facility, practices and backup facility needs. They will identify potential problems, determine viability of facility for championship competition and monitor the track of weather as required (using weather service contact designated by the host institution).
- c. **Sports Medicine.** Develop plans to handle any athletic training or medical emergencies for all student-athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.

**3. Other Members.**

- a. **SMC Sport Liaison.** In conjunction with facility operations personnel will develop a communication plan for participating teams and spectators. Plans should include information on travel routes to and from the site, parking, hotels and meal accommodations.
- b. **Coaches' Chair.** Offer a perspective from the coaches' point-of-view related to team needs, practices and competition.
- c. **League Hotel Booking Representative.** Evaluate the lodging options in coordination with the League championships representative and SMC sport liaison. They will notify host hotels of the situation and develop contingency accommodations in the event of a postponement, relocation or cancellation of the championship.

## ARTICLE 15

# REGULAR-SEASON SPORT-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

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### 15.1 Baseball.

#### a. Regular Season.

##### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution shall play four three-game weekend series, two four-game weekend series as split doubleheaders, one four-game weekend series against assigned travel partner and one mid-week single game against assigned travel partner. The schedule will be completed by establishing the last permissible weekend of play prior to the start of institutional exams and counting backward from that weekend. The series is permitted to be moved into May should the move not conflict with either institution's final exam period and should the two involved institutions agree to the change. *[June 2001; revised, CAA, November 2016]*
  - b. A maximum of four (4) non-Division I games may be played during a season. *[June 2001]*
  - c. League doubleheaders will consist of the first game being seven innings and the second game being nine innings.
  - d. Three-game weekend series will consist of a doubleheader with the first game being seven innings and the second game being nine innings. The remaining game will be nine innings. *[CAA, November 2017]*
  - e. Weekend games shall start at noon or 1 p.m. unless the institutions involved mutually agree upon another game time. *[February 2008]* Prior to Daylight Savings Time, weekend games must start at noon.
2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes for visiting teams shall be limited to twenty-seven (27) participants with a bench limit of thirty-five (35) during the regular season and for all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.
3. **Roster Exchange.** The visiting team must submit their 27-man roster upon arrival at the game site, on competition day, for regular-season and championship contests.
4. **Umpires.**
- a. Umpires are to be assigned by the Baseball Supervisor of Officials for all League and non-League games.
  - b. Umpires should be notified of the applicable rules of play by the home team coach. The home team coach is required to have a baseball rulebook available.

- c. One umpire-in-chief and two field officials are required for each League contest. *[May 2006]*
- d. Umpires' judgment decisions are final and not subject to protest. Protests can only be made on rules interpretations. At the time of the protest, the official scorer is informed and the game continues. After the game, the Commissioner decides if the protest is legitimate (after proper investigation and counsel). If so, and the outcome of the game was affected, the game shall be replayed from the point of protest.

**5. Equipment.** The Patriot League Championship official ball is the Diamond D1-CLLS.

**6. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Each institution is required to utilize a full infield tarp for their baseball field.
- b. During a League game, any player who comes into contact with an umpire and is ejected is automatically suspended for a minimum of eight (8) days. The Commissioner determines the exact length of the penalty, after thorough review of the matter. The home team must report such incidents immediately following the game to the Sports Group Chair and the Commissioner.
- c. During regular-season League games, the visiting team will be allotted forty (40) minutes for on-field team batting practice. *[February 2009]*

**7. Rainout Policies. *[CAA, November 2018]***

**a. Three-Game Weekend Series.**

- 1. Teams have a three-day window to complete each regularly scheduled three-game series. As established by the coaches, a series can be shifted, not to conclude later than Monday, if inclement weather is predicted at the site.
- 2. If teams cannot complete all three games during the three-day window, it will not be made up.

**b. Four-Game Weekend Series.**

- 1. Teams have a three-day window to complete each regularly scheduled four-game series. As established by the coaches, a series can be shifted, not to conclude later than Monday, if inclement weather is predicted at the site.
- 2. If teams cannot complete all four games during the three-day window, it will not be made up.

**c. Split Doubleheaders.**

- 1. If the Saturday doubleheader is started and then rained out, it will not be made up on the following Monday.
- 2. If inclement weather is predicted at both sites, the dates will be moved to Sunday and Monday.

3. If a Saturday is rained out for Teams A and B (at the site of Team A), but Teams C and D are able to play Saturday, the originally scheduled Sunday games (between Teams B and C and Teams A and D) will be played as is. Teams A and B are permitted to make up Saturday's rained out game on Monday, given that no games were started on Saturday. Ideally, the decision to postpone the Saturday doubleheader between Teams A and B will be made before Team B travels to Team A on Friday night.
4. All games that cannot be completed within a three-day window will not be made up.

**d. Midweek Games.** Any rained-out midweek games will not be made up.

**e.** A game will be declared halted if it is called due to rain, curfew, darkness, or light failure and the game has not yet reached the regulation number of innings. If possible, the game will be resumed the next day. If the game cannot be completed within the three-day window, it will be declared a no contest and will not be made up.

**f.** If a game is called because of rain, curfew, darkness, or light failure after the regulation number of innings, and the game is tied, the game shall be finished within the three-day window. If the game cannot be resumed and completed, it will be declared a tie.

**g.** If a game is called because of rain, curfew, darkness, or light failure after the regulation number of innings and the game is not tied, it is considered a completed game.

**h.** In the case of site changes due to weather, the originally scheduled "home" team remains the "home" team for purposes of scoring, uniform color (light) and batting order. The host institution may remain in their dugout. [see also Article 12.5 – Site Change Policy]

**8. Scouting.** League coaches are prohibited from providing written or verbal scouting reports to non-League teams. [May 2000]

**b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Baseball Championship Manual. [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]

**c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

**d. Awards.** [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]

**1. All-League Team.**

**a.** A 12-member preseason all-League team and preseason Player and Pitcher of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. [February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018]

**b.** A 26-member All-League team (13 first-team/13 second-team) will be selected by head coaches. Each team to consist of: catcher (1), first baseman (1), second baseman (1),

shortstop (1), third baseman (1), outfielders (3), starting pitchers (3), relief pitcher (1) and an at-large player (1). A player may not be selected for a positional placement and the at-large player on the All-League team. The positional placement takes precedence over the at-large player (except in the instance of the first team at-large player having priority over a second team positional placement). Certificates are given to All-League team selections. *[Revised, CAA, November 2018]*

- c. **Major Awards.** The head coaches select the Player, Defensive Player, Pitcher, Rookie and the Gene Depew Coach of the Year. Trophies are given to the Player, Defensive Player *[CAA, February 2017]*, Pitcher, Rookie and Gene Depew *[CAA, February 2017]* Coach of the Year.

## 2. **Championship Awards.**

- a. **Tournament MVP.** Tournament MVP is selected by the tournament staff. The winning coach will be consulted in this process. A trophy is given to the Tournament MVP.
- b. **All-Tournament Team.** The All-Tournament team will be an 11-member team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the champion team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from the other semi-final team. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*

- 3. **Weekly Awards.** Player, Pitcher and Rookie of the Week are selected by the League communications staff. Certificates are given to Players, Pitchers and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.2 Basketball, Men's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution shall play one (1) home and one (1) away contest against all participating League members.
  - b. The game management practices of each institution shall be written and distributed to all League members prior to the beginning of the Patriot League regular-season. *[June 1998]*
  - c. Mid-week games should start no later than 7 p.m., unless mutually agreed otherwise. Start times earlier than 7:30 p.m. are encouraged. *[June 2001]* Mid-week doubleheaders may be scheduled provided the institutions involved agree to do so. A minimum of 2 hours and 45 minutes is recommended between posted game times for a doubleheader and three (3) hours if the second game is televised live.
  - d. Saturday games should start between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday games are to start no later than 3 p.m. Game times may be changed by mutual agreement if there are home event management or television reasons that dictate a change. *[June 2001; revised June 2002; May 2004]* For any scheduled doubleheader, institutions will establish a set time for the second game to begin and ensure sufficient warm-up time for involved teams.
  - e. If a Patriot League school plays two consecutive regular-season road games and a date change is made to accommodate the League's television package, the impacted school will be allowed a minimum of 48 hours between the start of the first game and the start of the second road game, unless agreed upon by both parties. *[Council, December 2010]*
  - f. No games may be scheduled on the Sunday prior to the start of the Patriot League Championship without the approval of the League office. *[December 2010]*
  - g. Any games postponed because of inclement weather or for other reasons must be completed by no later than the Monday prior to the start of the Patriot League Tournament.
  - h. Institutions are permitted to schedule up to two (2) non-Division I opponent per season. *[May 2013; revised, CAA, May 2019]*
- 2. Squad Size. *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]*** Squad sizes shall be limited to fifteen (15) participants and a bench limit of twenty-five (25) for visiting teams during the regular-season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only. *[Exceptions will be made for a Clergy or Officer Representative]*

**3. Officials.**

- a. All regular-season and championship officials will be assigned by the Patriot League Supervisor of Officials.
- b. Expenses of officials for all Patriot League contests will be shared at the conclusion of each season. The League office will coordinate.

**4. Scouting.** Written or verbal reports of Patriot League games shall not be exchanged with non-League schools. *[June 1996; revised October 2013]*

**5. Video Exchange. [July 2009]** All League members must use the Synergy Sports Technology as their digital video exchange company for the purpose of the League video exchange policy.

**a. Regular Season.**

- 1. **League Games.** Video of all League games will be exchanged via Synergy. The home team will be responsible for posting League games at the conclusion of but not later than four hours after the conclusion of the League contest. If the home team experiences any technical difficulties, the visiting team will post their copy to Synergy, if available. *[May 2014]*
- 2. **Non-League Games.** Video of all non-League games will be exchanged via Synergy. All non-League games shall be posted within 72 hours of the tip-off time of the respective game.
- 3. League members are not permitted to exchange digital video or distribute traditional tapes of League games to a non-League team. [Exception for licensees of Synergy open library]

**b. Tournament Video Exchange Policy.**

- 1. Game video will be exchanged after each round of the tournament.
- 2. Game video must be made available on Synergy no later than noon the day following the applicable first round, quarterfinal and/or semifinal games. The home team will be responsible for posting game video no later than noon the day following the contest. *[May 2012]*

**c. Officials.** Officials are granted access to a League-designated video system for purposes reviewing game video. *[May 2010]*

**d. Recording Guidelines and Standards. [May 2011]** It is recommended that:

All Video

- Include sound if possible
- Show the ball and the entire area of play (including out-of-bounds play)

- Show the entire game, including dead ball plays and all free throws

Taping the Scoreboard

- At each media timeout
- At the end of each half (including the end of each overtime period)

**6. Complimentary Tickets.** A maximum of sixty (60) complimentary tickets are to be allotted, at no charge, to the visiting team for each League game. *[May 2005]*

**7. Scorebook.** For all League games, the visiting team scorebook must be provided a seat next to the official scorebook on press row. *[February 2009]*

**8. National Anthem.** For all League games, all involved teams (including coaches) are to remain on the court for the playing of the National Anthem. The Anthem will be played immediately prior to the introduction of the teams. *[May 2007]*

**9. Television.**

- a. For Patriot League produced telecasts, the League reserves the right to place a sponsor’s banner on the host institution’s scorer’s table.
- b. Time between doubleheaders will be reduced to 25 minutes when one or both games are being televised.

**10. Branding.**

- a. Each institution must have a full-set of Patriot League member institutions’ team banners displayed at their home court.
- b. Each institution must have Patriot League logo displayed at their home court on both sides.
- c. If an official title sponsor is established for the Patriot League Basketball Championship, the sponsor’s name must be used in all references to the event in the member institution’s printed materials.
- d. Additional guidelines and marketing initiatives can be found in the League’s Identity Guidelines. *[May 2001]*

**11. Radio.** Every effort must be made to provide equal accommodations to the official radio stations for the home and visiting teams. *[May 1994]*

**b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Men’s Basketball Tournament Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

**d. Awards. [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]**

**1. Preseason Awards.**

- a. A five-member preseason all-League team and preseason Player of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2018]*

**2. All-League Team/All-Defensive Team/All-Rookie Team.**

- a. The All-League team will consist of a first, second and third team of five (5) players each, and is not restricted by position.
- b. The All-Defensive team will consist of five (5) players, and is not restricted by position.
- c. The All-Rookie team will consist of five (5) players, each of whom must meet freshman status.
- d. Coaches select the All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie teams. The method of selection for the All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie teams is as follows:
  - 1. A coach may not vote for his own players.
  - 2. Coaches must complete a nomination form and return it to the League office on the Monday of the last week of the regular season. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections.
  - 3. All ballots must be returned to the League office by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day after the last regular-season game.
- e. Certificates are given to All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie team selections.
- f. **Major Awards.** The coaches select Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year. Trophies are given to the Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year.

**3. Championship Awards.** A five (5) member All-Tournament Team and a Tournament MVP will be selected at the conclusion of the tournament. Trophies are given to the Tournament MVP and All-Tournament selections.

**4. Weekly Awards.** Player and Rookie of the Week are selected by League media members. Certificates are given to Players and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.3 Basketball, Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution shall play one (1) home and one (1) away contest against all participating League members.
- b. The game management practices of each institution shall be written and distributed to all League members prior to the beginning of the Patriot League regular-season. *[June 1998]*
- c. Mid-week games should start no later than 7 p.m., unless mutually agreed otherwise. Start times earlier than 7:30 p.m. are encouraged. *[June 2001]* Mid-week double-headers may be scheduled provided the institutions involved agree to do so. A minimum of 2 hours and 45 minutes is recommended between posted game times for a doubleheader and three (3) hours, if the second game is on TV.
- d. Saturday games should start between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday games are to start no later than 3 p.m. Game times may be changed by mutual agreement if there are home event management or television reasons that dictate a change. *[June 2001; revised June 2002; May 2004]* For any scheduled doubleheader, institutions will establish a set time for the second game to begin and ensure sufficient warm-up time for involved teams.
- e. If a regularly scheduled Patriot League game must be moved in order to accommodate the Patriot League television package, other League games will not be moved unless one of the involved teams in the TV game would play on the road with less than two days off between games. *[May 2007]*
- f. Any games postponed because of inclement weather or for other reasons must be completed by no later than the Monday prior to the start of the Patriot League Tournament.
- g. Institutions are permitted to schedule up to two (2) non-Division I opponent per season. *[May 2013; revised, CAA, May 2019]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to fifteen (15) participants and a bench limit of twenty-five (25) for visiting teams during the regular-season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only. *[Exceptions will be made for a Clergy or Officer Representative]*

#### 3. Officials.

- a. All regular-season and championship officials will be assigned by the Patriot League Coordinator of Officials.



- Show the entire game, including dead ball plays and all free throws

Taping the Scoreboard

- At each media timeout
- At the end of each half (including the end of each overtime period)

**6. Complimentary Tickets.** A maximum of sixty (60) complimentary tickets are to be allotted, at no charge, to the visiting team for each League game. *[May 2005]*

**7. Scorebook.** For all League games, the visiting team scorebook must be provided a seat next to the official scorebook on press row. *[February 2009]*

**8. National Anthem.** For all League games, all involved teams (including coaches) are to remain on the court for the playing of the National Anthem. The Anthem will be played immediately prior to the introduction of the teams. *[May 2007]*

**9. Television.**

- a. For Patriot League produced telecasts, the League reserves the right to place a sponsor’s banner on the host institution’s scorer’s table.
- b. The pre-game timing sheet for time-outs for televised games will be consistent throughout the regular season and the Patriot League Tournament. *[June 2001]*

**10. Branding.**

- a. Each institution must have a full-set of Patriot League member institutions’ team banners displayed at their home court.
- b. Each institution must have Patriot League logo displayed at their home court on both sides.
- c. If an official title sponsor is established for the Patriot League Basketball Championship, the sponsor’s name must be used in all references to the event in the member institution’s printed materials.
- d. Additional guidelines and marketing initiatives can be found in the Identity Guidelines. *[May 2001]*

**11. Radio.** Every effort must be made to provide equal accommodations to the official radio stations for the home and visiting teams. *[May 1994]*

**b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Women’s Basketball Tournament Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

**d. Awards. [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]**

**1. Preseason Awards.**

- a. A five-member preseason all-League team (non-position specific) and preseason Player of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2018]*

**2. All-League Team/All-Defensive Team/All-Rookie Team.**

- a. The All-League team will consist of a first, second and third team of five (5) players each, and is not restricted by position.
- b. The All-Defensive team will consist of five (5) players, and is not restricted by position.
- c. The All-Rookie team will consist of five (5) players, each of whom must meet freshman status.
- d. Coaches select the All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie teams. The method of selection for the All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie teams is as follows:
  - 1. A coach may not vote for his or her own players.
  - 2. Coaches must complete a nomination form and return it to the League office on the date determined and communicated by the League office, which is usually during the last week of the regular season. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections.
  - 3. All ballots must be returned to the League office by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day after the last regular-season game.
- e. Certificates are given to All-League, All-Defensive and All-Rookie team selections.
- f. **Major Awards.** The coaches select Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year. Trophies are given to the Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year.

- 3. **All-Tournament Team.** A five (5) member All-Tournament Team and a Tournament MVP will be selected at the conclusion of the tournament. Trophies are given to the Tournament MVP and All-Tournament selections.

- 4. **Weekly Awards.** Player and Rookie of the Week are selected by League media members. Certificates are given to Players and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.4 Cross Country, Men's and Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

1. **Scheduling.** There is no regular-season League scheduling requirement.
2. **Sport Group.**
  - a. The Cross Country Sport Group is composed of ten (10) coaches, one from each institution. Coaches from an institution involved in an appeal will not participate in decisions surrounding that appeal. *[February 2006]*
  - b. Men and women's coaches are selected as the Sport Group's Chair on a rotating basis.
3. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Cross Country Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
4. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  - a. **All-League Team.**
    1. Fourteen-member All-League team (The first seven finishers are named to the first team, and eighth through 14th place are named to second team). In case of tie (i.e. tie for seventh place, both runners would be named to first team, and the ninth through 14th-place finishers are named to the second team).
    2. Medals shall be awarded to all student-athletes earning first- and second-team All-Patriot League recognition (14 total). *[February 2008]*
    3. Coaches of the Year (men's and women's) selected by head coaches at the League championship. Trophies are given to Coaches of the Year.
    4. Certificates are given to All-League team selections.
  - b. **Championship Awards.** *[Revised, CAA, November 2017]* The top male and female finisher in each League championship meet is recognized as the Outstanding Performer for Cross Country. The top male and female freshman finisher in each League Championship meet is recognized as the Outstanding Rookie of the Meet for Cross Country. Trophies are given to the Outstanding Performers (men and women's) of the Meet and Rookies (men and women's) of the Meet.
  - c. **Weekly Awards.** A Runner and Rookie of the Week (men's and women's) *[February 2007]* are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Runners and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.5 Field Hockey.

### a. Regular Season.

1. **Scheduling.** Each institution shall play one (1) contest against all participating League members.

The host institution shall set League weekend game times to begin no earlier than 12 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Weekday League games (Monday-Friday) shall not begin earlier than 3 p.m. Game time windows may be adjusted one hour earlier or later to accommodate live television. Games may be played at another time via mutual consent by both institutions. *[May 2009]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to twenty-four (24) participants and a bench limit of thirty (30) for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.
3. **Officials.** All regular-season and championship officials will be assigned by the Patriot League Supervisor of Officials.
4. **Equipment.** White is the official ball color. In the event of inclement weather, if agreed upon by both participating coaches, an orange ball may be used. *[June 1999; Field Hockey Coaches, December 2017]* A dimpled ball should be used for all League contests. *[Field Hockey Coaches, December 2015]*

### 5. Rules and Regulations.

- a. It is the responsibility of the home institution to be certain before game time that the following conditions are met:
  1. Two (2) officials are procured for the game.
  2. A timing device and qualified timekeeper are present and visible.
  3. A scorekeeper and official scorebook are provided.
  4. At a minimum twelve (12) balls are ready for use in the game. *[CAA, February 2006]* Each ball retriever should have a ball while the game ball is in play.
  5. It is recommended that a minimum of four (4) persons be present to act as ball retrievers. *[CAA, February 2006]*
  6. Provide a minimum of sixty (60) game quality balls to the visiting institution for pre-game warm-ups. *[March 2003; Field Hockey Coaches, December 2014]*
- b. Any team which fails to meet a scheduled game forfeits the contest, and the opposing team is awarded the victory with the score of 1-0.

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- c. All games to be counted for championship eligibility must be played by the Saturday prior to the League championship tournament, unless otherwise determined by the League office.
  - d. In-season League games ending in ties are broken in accordance with NCAA Field Hockey Championship procedures.
  - e. Only games of **four (4) full 15-minute quarters** are counted for selection purposes.
  - f. Teams will follow the NCAA pre-game protocol for all regular-season contests. *[February 2012]*
  - g. Teams will follow the NCAA/FIH walk-out for all regular-season games. *[February 2012]*
- 6. Scouting.** Written or verbal reports of Patriot League games shall not be exchanged with non-League schools. *[CAA, May 2014]*
- 7. Video Exchange.** Video of all regular-season and Patriot League Championship games will be exchanged via the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) film exchange policy. Championship host institution will be responsible for recording and uploading all tournament games at the conclusion of each contest. *[CAA, May 2015]*

The NFHCA video exchange policy can be found by navigating to the [Video Exchange Agreement](#) within the NFHCA webpage.

**8. Field Requirements.**

**a. Rules for Turf Surfaces.**

- 1. For turf surfaces, the 25-yard line should be clearly marked on the field according to latest NCAA Field Hockey Rules Modifications.
- 2. If an institution waters its game field, it must be watered and ready for warm-ups sixty (60) minutes prior to the start of the game. *[CAA, February 2006]*

**b. Recommendations for Turf Surfaces.** The turf field should be swept or vacuumed on game day, if necessary.

**b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Field Hockey Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

**d. Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**1. All-League Team.**

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- a. An 11-member preseason all-League team and preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
  - b. A 22-member all-League team (11 first-team/11 second-team) will be selected by head coaches. Certificates are given to All-League team selections.
  - c. **Major Awards.** Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year selected by head coaches. Trophies are given to Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach of the Year.
  - d. The goalkeeper who receives the highest point total in the all-League voting will be named to the first team and earn Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year honors. *[February 2011]*
  - e. Each coach votes for twenty-two (22) players by placing a “1” beside the name of each 11 players for first-team and a “2” beside the name of each 11 players for second-team of whom the coach selects.
  - f. Voting is not restricted by position, except that one (1) first-team vote and one (1) second team vote for goalkeepers must be cast.
  - g. A coach may not vote for his/her own players.
  - h. An open ballot procedure will be used. *[February 2007]*
- 2. Championship Awards.**
- a. **Tournament MVP.** Tournament MVP selected by tournament staff. The winning coach will be consulted in this process. A trophy is given to the Tournament MVP.
  - b. **All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the championship team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*
- 3. Weekly Awards.** Offensive and Defensive Player, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week are selected by League communications staff. *[February 2006]* Certificates are given to Offensive Players, Defensive Players and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.6 Football.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution plays one (1) contest against all participating League members.
- b. Sites for the contests alternate home/away over a two-year period.
- c. The total allowable number of regular season games (and scrimmages) is 11. A 12th game is permissible in years when it is legislated under NCAA bylaws and when an institution is presented with a desirable competitive opportunity. *[June 2001]*
- d. All League games will be played on Saturday afternoon unless both institutions involved agree to a different time. Game time after daylight savings time should be not later than 12:30 p.m., unless the host institution has lights. *[May 2000]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[Revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes for visiting teams shall be limited to sixty (60) participants dressed for competition. *[May 2014]* It is an institutional decision to travel more than 60 with exceptions limited to seniors and injured players. *[June 1996, revised May 2003]* There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.

3. **Officials.** Football officials are assigned by the Patriot League Coordinator of Officials. As long as officials' fees are established as a flat rate to include game fee, per diem and travel, no cost sharing will be necessary.

4. **Video Exchange.** *[August 2010; revised May 2012; Staff editorial revision, December 2017]*

- a. Video of all games will be exchanged via the online film exchange network, Dragonfly.
- b. **League Games.** Home teams shall upload and send their video to all League members no later than 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday. Visiting teams shall upload their video to their locker, making it available to all League members by 12 p.m. (noon) the day following the contest.
- c. **Non-League Games.** Home teams shall upload and send their video to all League members no later than 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday. Visiting teams shall upload and send their video to all League members no later than 12 p.m. (noon) Sunday.
- d. All games will be exchanged on a wide-tight intercut. The exchange will consist of continuous coverage of Offense, Defense and the Kicking Game on separate files. The kicking file will include punt, punt return, kickoff coverage, kickoff return, FG and PAT. ("Tight" is defined as having from the TE to the TE in the picture taken from the end zone. "Wide" is defined as seeing all 22 players and taken from a side line.)

- e. All special team plays must be grouped by type (e.g. punt, punt returns, field goals, kickoff returns, etc.) on the exchanged video.
- f. Teams are not allowed to exchange digital video or distribute traditional tapes of League games to non-League teams unless it is in a direct exchange.

**1. Video Guidelines and Standards. [May 2012]** It is recommended that:

- a. The end zone copy be a tight copy with the exception of kickoff and kickoff return.
- b. The sideline copy start with a shot of the scoreboard showing the clock, down and distance, yard line and score.
- c. The wide or sideline copy show all 22 players at the onset of the play, it should be tight to where a little more than the 22 players are in the frame.
- d. Official's penalty signals be filmed.
- e. In two minute situations, if the clock does not stop and the teams are in play, filming should be continuous.
- f. An offensive team be filmed from the huddle break to the snap through the end of the play.
- g. If a fight breaks out on the field, the camera operator continues to record so there is a video record to refer back to.

**5. Tiebreaking Procedures.** In accordance with NCAA playing rules, ties in League games shall be broken according to NCAA tiebreaking procedures. All games not completed during overtime will be terminated. The final score of these games shall be the final score at the last point that teams had an equal number of scoring opportunities. *[July 1996]*

**6. Head Sets.** All member institutions are required to provide the visitors with five headsets on the field and four in the coaching box that are of equal quality to those used by the home team. If headphones stop working on one side of the field, the host institution should notify the officials. The officials will require the opposing coaching staff to discontinue use of the same number of headphones until the malfunction is corrected. Once headphones are back in working order, the officials must be notified immediately in order that full use can be resumed by the opposing team. *[May 2000]*

**7. Game Management. [May 2007]**

**a. Snow Removal Policy. [October 2016]** If snow is in the forecast on football game day, the host institution administrator must talk on phone the day prior to the game with the League office and coordinator of officials to discuss field conditions and institutional snow removal policies. The host institution administrator must also be at the game site and be available to meet with the game referee before and during the game should a considerable snowfall occur prior or during the game. The following rules are in place for snow removal before and during the game:

- 1. All efforts to remove snow from the playing field and sidelines must be consistent for both teams;
- 2. Extending the length of timeouts, time between periods and at halftime and between overtime periods can be approved by the Referee;

3. Brushes and/or appropriate cleaning devices should be used to keep sidelines, goal lines and end lines as clear as possible;
  4. It is permissible to clear 10-yard intervals, sidelines, goal lines and end lines away from the direction of an offensive team play;
  5. The goal line can be cleared if the Referee has any doubt on the location of the goal line when the offensive team is going in for a possible score;
  6. Only on-field players are permitted to clear a spot for a point after touchdown (PAT) or field goal attempt by hand or foot only. No machinery, equipment or assistance from field maintenance staff or anyone else can be used during a place kicking attempt. Additional clearing of a kicking spot (other than by on-field players) is prohibited.
  7. It is not permissible to clear any 10-yard intervals when an offensive team is inside its opponents' 20-yard line so that team would get a potential open spot for the placement of a field goal or PAT attempt.
- b. Pre-Game Warm-Up Protocol.** One hour prior to the start of the game, the warm-up area will be formatted in the L-shape with the long side on the side of each team's bench. The end zones are to be determined by the home team. Kickers are permitted to use the other half of the field to warm-up until 60 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- c. Host Administration Jurisdiction.** For all League games, up to 60 minutes prior to kick-off the decision to delay the start of the game or postpone the game until the next day will rest with the host institution's administration and in consultation with the administration of the visiting team and the Commissioner of the League office.
- d. Officials' Jurisdiction.** The officials' jurisdiction begins 60 minutes before the scheduled kick-off and ends when the referee determines the score to be final.
- e. Postponed/Delayed Games.** Prior to the start of a game, in the event that the game cannot be played on its scheduled day or rescheduled to the next day, a decision to postpone the game to a weekday or cancel the game should be made by the Athletic Directors of both institutions and the Commissioner of the League. Every reasonable effort will be made to play the game on its scheduled day or the next day.
- f. Suspended Games.** Subsequent to the start of a game, if the officials declare the game suspended due to inclement weather and/or unplayable field conditions, the following procedures will be followed:
1. If fewer than three quarters of the game have been completed, the game will be resumed as soon as possible on the same day, conditions permitting. Games postponed to another day will not start any later than the originally scheduled kick-off time, unless mutually agreed upon by both institutions.
  2. If a game is suspended after the completion of the third quarter, and cannot be resumed on the same day, the game shall be declared complete for the purpose of League standings.
  3. If a game is tied at the end of the third quarter, and cannot be resumed on the same day, the game will be resumed the next day, conditions permitting.

4. In the event that the game cannot be resumed on the next day, a decision to postpone the game to a weekday or cancel the game should be made by the Athletic Directors of both institutions and the Commissioner of the League. Every reasonable effort will be made to play the game on its scheduled day or the next day.

**g. Un-Played Games. [May 2009]** If a League game(s) cannot be played as scheduled and the League office, in consultation with the athletic directors, determines that the game cannot be re-scheduled, then the game will be considered an un-played game. An un-played game does not count as a win or a loss for either team involved.

In such a situation, the final regular -season standings shall be determined by the number of League losses. Any resulting ties will be broken following the Patriot League tie-breaking procedures for the sport of football.

**8. Complimentary Tickets.** A maximum of two hundred-fifty (250) complimentary tickets are to be allotted, at no charge, to the visiting team for each League game.

**9. Other.**

**a. Spring Practice.** Spring practice will be conducted under guidelines established by the NCAA. *[June 1995]*

**b. Roster Size. [June 2012]** The maximum team roster size for pre-season camp and the regular-season will be as follows:

1. 2013 season – 95 student-athletes.
2. 2014 and 2015 seasons – 92 student-athletes.
3. 2016-present season – 90 student-athletes.

**b. Determination of League Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier. [Revised May 2009; August 2010]** The League champion, as well as the NCAA Automatic Qualifier, is determined on the basis of regular-season competition with other League teams, as follows:

1. A win counts two (2) points.
2. The team with the highest number of points is the regular-season Patriot League Champion. If two or more teams are tied for the most number of points, all tied teams will be declared Patriot League Champions.
3. Participation in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Championship is permitted. *[Council, June 1995]*
4. In the event of a single Patriot League Champion, that team will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.
5. In the event of Patriot League Co-Champions, the tiebreaker for the Automatic Bid to the NCAA Championship is as follows:

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- a. If a tie exists, the higher seed will go to the team that won the most head-to-head League contest(s) played against the other team(s) involved in the tie.
- b. If a tie still exists, a comparison of League records will be made between the tied institutions starting at the highest seed and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
- c. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records against common out-of-league opponents will be made.
- d. If a tie still exists, a committee consisting of the athletics directors of each of the institutions not involved in the tie will make a final decision. The committee should consider various factors including, but not limited to, the following examples. Note: the examples are listed in no particular order:
  1. strength of schedule
  2. overall record
  3. computer rankings
  4. performance during second half of season

The committee will meet immediately following the conclusion of the final game of the season's final weekend. A majority vote of the members of the committee will be needed to determine the champion.

**c. Awards. [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]**

**1. Preseason Awards.**

- a. A 29-member preseason all-League team (13 offense/12 defense/4 special teams) and preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. The offense will consist of one (1) quarterback, two (2) running backs, three (3) wide receivers, one (1) tight end, five (5) offensive linemen and one (1) fullback/halfback. The defensive team will consist of four (4) defensive linemen, four (4) linebackers and four (4) defensive backs. The special teams team will consist of one (1) place kicker, one (1) return specialist, one (1) punter and one (1) non-specialist special teams player. [Staff editorial revision, July 2018]

**2. All-League Team. [Revised, CAA, May 2007; CAA, May 2016]**

- a. 58-member all-League team selected by head coaches (13 first-team offense/12 first-team defense/4 first-team special teams; 13 second-team offense/12 second-team defense/4 second-team special teams). The offense will consist of one (1) quarterback, two (2) running backs, three (3) wide receivers, one (1) tight end, five (5) offensive linemen and one (1) fullback/halfback. The defensive team will consist of four (4) defensive linemen, four (4) linebackers, and four (4) defensive backs. The special teams will consist of one (1) place kicker, one (1) return specialist, one (1) punter and one (1) non-specialist special teams player.

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- b. Major Awards.** The Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and the Dick Biddle Coach of the Year are selected by head coaches. Trophies are given to the Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and the Dick Biddle Coach of the Year. *[CAA, November, 2018]*
- c.** The method of selection is as follows:

  - 1.** A coach may not vote for his own players.
  - 2.** Coaches will submit a list of nominations to the League office in the order they would like the student-athletes to be considered (first listed is first choice, etc.).
  - 3.** Nomination forms are due to the League office by 10 a.m. on the Friday of the last week of the regular-season. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections.
  - 4.** Voting will be conducted via rank order for each position.
  - 5.** On the Monday morning following the regular-season, coaches must complete and return their final ballots by 10 a.m.
  - 6.** An open ballot procedure will be used. *[Football Coaches, February 2017]*
- d.** The teams will be released on the Tuesday morning following the regular-season.
- e.** Certificates are given to all-League team selections.
- d. Weekly Awards.** Offensive, Defensive, Special Teams Player, and Rookie of the Week are selected by League communications staff, sports information directors and media. Certificates are given to Offensive Players, Defensive Players, Special Teams Players and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.7 Golf, Men's and Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

1. **Scheduling.** There is no regular-season League scheduling requirement; however, League members are encouraged to schedule intra-League competition.
2. Teams are permitted to play the championship course during the regular season. *[CAA, February 2019]*

### b. League Championship.

Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Men's and Women's Golf Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

### c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).

The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship (Men and Women). Every effort will be made by the League to conduct the Patriot League Golf Championship. In the event that the Patriot League Championship can't be played, the team with the highest Golf Stat ranking would receive the League's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. *[February 2012]*

### d. Awards. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

#### 1. All-League Team.

- a. 10-member All-League team (The first five finishers are named to the first team, and sixth through 10th place are named to second team). [In the case of a tie (e.g. tie for fifth place) both golfers would be named to first team, and the seventh through 10th-place finishers are named to the second team.] Medals are given to the first-team and second-team All-League finishers. Certificates are also given to All-League team selections.
  - b. Coaches of the Year (men and women's) are selected by head coaches at the championship. Trophies will be given to the Coaches of the Year.
- #### 2. Championship Awards.
- The Most Outstanding Player (men and women's) is the top finisher at the League championship. The Most Outstanding Rookie (men and women's) is the top freshman finisher at the League championship. Trophies are given to the Most Outstanding Players (men and women's) and Most Outstanding Rookies (men and women's).
- #### 3. Weekly Awards.
- The Golfer of the Week (men and women's) is selected by League communications staff. A minimum of thirty (30) percent of teams must compete in a week, which is defined as Wednesday through Tuesday evening, to honor a Golfer of the Week. Certificates are given to the Golfers of the Week. *[Revised, CAA, February 2019]*

## 15.8 Lacrosse, Men's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution plays one (1) contest against all participating League members.
- b. Consideration is to be given to scheduling traditional opponents for non-League play.
- c. The host institution shall set League weekend game times to begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Weekday League games (Monday-Friday) shall not begin earlier than 3 p.m. Game time windows may be adjusted one hour earlier or later to accommodate live television. Games may be played at another time via mutual consent by both institutions. *[May 2009]*

**2. Squad Size.** *[Revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to forty-two (42) participants and a bench limit of fifty-four (54) for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition. *[CAA, January 2015]*

**3. Officials.** All regular season and championship officials will be assigned by the national officiating organization.

**b. Scouting.** League members are prohibited from videotaping a game in which another League opponent is participating. *[February 2007]*

**c. Video Exchange.** *[CAA, November 2018]* All League members must use Hudl as their digital video exchange company for the purpose of the League video exchange policy.

**1. Regular Season.** The home team will be responsible for posting its video of League games by midnight following the contest. The away team will be responsible for posting its video for League games 24 hours after the start of the contest.

**2. Tournament.** The home and away teams will be responsible for posting their respective videos for tournament games by 10 a.m. the next day, including all rounds in which the teams participate.

**3.** For tournament games, teams are permitted to film their upcoming opponent(s).

**4.** Sound is not required.

**5.** Video should be in HD format.

**6.** The scoreboard clock must be included after each goal and at the beginning and end of each quarter.

**7.** For all face-offs, the camera must be zoomed in with a quick zoom out following the face-off.

- d. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Men’s Lacrosse Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- e. **NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.
- f. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**1. All-League Team.**

- a. A 16-member preseason all-League team and a preseason Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. The 16-member preseason team will be comprised of four (4) attackmen, four (4) midfielders, four (4) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper, one (1) face-off specialist, one (1) long stick defensive midfielder and one (1) short stick defensive midfielder. *[February 2012; revised, CAA, February 2018; staff editorial revision, July 2018; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- b. 32-member all-League team (16 first-team/16 second-team) selected by head coaches. First team will be comprised of four (4) attackmen, four (4) midfielders, four (4) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper, one (1) face-off specialist, one (1) long stick defensive midfielder and one (1) short stick defensive midfielder. The second team will be comprised of four (4) attackmen, four (4) midfielders, four (4) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper, one (1) face-off specialist, one (1) defensive midfielder, and one (1) wild card for either a goalkeeper, face-off specialist or defensive midfielder. *[CAA, December 2013; revised, CAA, February 2018]* Certificates are given to all-League team selections.
- c. **Major Awards.** Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Face-Off Specialist *[CAA, February 2016]*, Goalkeeper, Rookie and the Bill Lawson *[CAA, December 2015]* Coach of the Year are selected by head coaches. Trophies are given to the Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Face-Off Specialist, Goalkeeper, Rookie and the Bill Lawson Coach of the Year.
- d. The goalkeeper who receives the highest point total in the All-League voting will be named to the first team and earn Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year honors. *[February 2011]*
- e. The method of selection is as follows:
  - 1. Each coach nominates players from his team for All-League recognition and for the following major awards: Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. All head coaches will appear on the ballot for Coach of the Year voting. Nominations are due to the League office prior to the last weekend of Patriot League competition.
  - 2. The League office will compile a ballot and email it to the coaches to vote prior to the last weekend of Patriot League competition.

3. Ballots must be returned to the League office by the specific date determined by the League office prior to the Patriot League championship.
4. Coaches may not vote for their own players for All-League or major awards and may not vote for themselves for Coach of the Year.

**2. Championship Awards.**

- a. **Tournament MVP.** A trophy is given to the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.
  - b. **All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the champion team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*
- 3. Weekly Awards.** The Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Face-Off Specialist, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to the Offensive Players, Defensive Players, Goalkeepers and Rookies of the Week. *[February 2006; revised, CAA, February 2016]*

## 15.9 Lacrosse, Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution plays one (1) contest against all participating League members.
- b. Schedules will be developed on a two-year rotation with opponents alternating between home and away. *[February 2006]*
- c. All postponed games must be rescheduled on the first, common open date, or with the agreement of the Directors of Athletics. If a school refuses to play, the game is recorded as a forfeit.
- d. The host institution shall set League weekend game times to begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Weekday League games (Monday-Friday) shall not begin earlier than 3 p.m. Game time windows may be adjusted one hour earlier or later to accommodate live television. Games may be played at another time via mutual consent by both institutions. *[May 2009]*

**2. Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to thirty-two (32) participants and a bench limit of fifty (50) for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. *[February 2008]* There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition.

**3. Officials.** Three officials will be used in all League contests and will be assigned by the League's Supervisor of Officials. *[May 1994; staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**4. Equipment.** The official ball for every Patriot League regular season and championship game shall be the same color and surface as the official ball used by the NCAA during the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship. *[February 2009]*

#### 5. Rules and Regulations.

- a. Any team which fails to meet a scheduled game forfeits the contest, and the opposing team is awarded the victory with the score of 1-0.
- b. Statistics are to be made available to the visiting team no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the game. *[February 2007]*
- c. It is the responsibility of the home institution to ensure that before game time the following conditions are met:
  1. A timing device and qualified timekeeper are to be present and visible.
  2. A scorekeeper trained in women's lacrosse bookkeeping and official scorebook are to be provided. *[May 2000]*

3. Three (3) balls that conform to the official Patriot League ball policy stated within these regulations are ready for use in the game. *[February 2009]*
  4. It is recommended that two (2) persons be present to act as ball retrievers.
  5. Warm-up time for a team arriving late (due to extenuating circumstances) is 30 minutes in length, beginning with the arrival of the opponent to the site.
  6. Games ending in ties are to be broken in accordance with the NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Book.
- 6. Video Exchange.** *[February 2010, revised December 2013]* Video of all regular-season and Patriot League Championship games will be exchanged via the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association film exchange policy.
- a. **Championship.** Participating institutions are not permitted to record potential opponents during the semifinal matches of the League Championship. The host institution for the League championship will film all tournament games and upload to the IWLCA film exchange. *[Revised, CAA, January 2015; Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  - b. **Filming Guidelines and Policy.** The current Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association guidelines and policy can be found on the IWLCA webpage.
- b. League Championship.** *[June 1999]* Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Women’s Lacrosse Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.
- d. Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
1. **All-League Team.**
    - a. A 16-member preseason all-League team and a preseason Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[February 2012; revised, CAA, February 2018]*
    - b. A 32-member all-League team (16 first-team/16 second-team) selected by head coaches. Each team will be comprised of three (3) attackers, three (3) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goaltender and six (6) at-large. *[CAA, December 2013; revised, CAA, February 2018]* First and second team at-large selections can be made from any position group. Certificates are given to all-League team selections.
    - c. **Major Awards.** Attacker, Defensive Player, Midfielder, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach of the Year are selected by the head coaches and will be voted upon at the conclusion of all-League voting. *[February 2011]* Nominees for Attacker, Defensive Player, Midfielder and Goalkeeper of the Year must be first-team selections. Trophies are given to the Attacker, Defensive Player, Midfielder, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach

of the Year. [*Women’s Lacrosse Coaches, September 2015; staff editorial revision, July 2018; revised, CAA, November 2018*]

**d. The method of selection for the All-League team and Major Awards is as follows:**

1. Each coach nominates players from his/her team for All-League recognition, in the order they would like the student-athletes to be considered (first listed is first choice, etc.), prior to the final week of competition.
2. The League office will compile a ballot and email it to coaches with supplementary information, including up to three bullet-points per nominee at the completion of the final League game.
3. Each head coach will select its postseason all-League team using the four designations listed in item B above. Ballots must be returned to the League office by 10 a.m. on the day following the final regular-season League game.
4. Following the internal release of the All-League results, each coach may nominate for the following major awards: Attacker of the Year, Midfielder of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year and Coach of the Year. Each head coach will be on the ballot for coach of the year, all other major award nominees must be first-team All-League selections.
5. Voting for major awards will close at 5 p.m. the day following the last regular-season League game.

e. The All-League team will be selected via an open ballot.

**2. Championship Awards.**

**a. Tournament MVP.** A trophy is given to the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

**b. All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the Championship team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. [*May 2006*]

**3. Weekly Awards.** The Attacker of the Week, Defensive Player of the Week, Midfielder of the Week, Goalkeeper of the Week and Rookie of the Week Awards are selected by the League communications staff. Certificates are given to Attackers, Defensive Players, Midfielders, Goalkeepers and Rookies of the Week. [*January 2011; revised, CAA, November 2018*]

## 15.10 Rowing, Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

1. **Scheduling.** Institutions are not required to compete versus other member institutions prior to the championship.
2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to twenty-five (25) participants (23 competitors and 2 substitutes).
3. **Officials.** Officials will be assigned by the Patriot League, in conjunction with the host institution (when applicable).

### b. League Championship.

Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Women's Rowing Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

### c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).

The winner of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. All reasonable efforts will be made to conduct the Patriot League rowing championship in a timely and prudent manner. In the event of cancellation of the championship and all three races (i.e., Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8, and Varsity 4) cannot be completed, every effort will be given to complete the Varsity 8 and utilize those results to determine the AQ.

In the event that the Varsity 8 race cannot be completed, a committee consisting of the Directors of Athletics of the participating institutions would determine which team will become the League's automatic qualifier. The committee would meet via teleconference as soon as possible following the cancellation of the League's championship to determine the League's automatic qualifier. This call would need to be completed prior to the deadline to submit for NCAA selections.

Criteria to be considered by the committee:

1. Only the results in the Varsity 8, Second Varsity 8 and Varsity 4 competition will be used.
2. Consideration will be given to the following race results for the current year's spring competition schedule:
  - a. Results from the Murphy Cup, Eastern Association of Women's Rowing Colleges Sprints, Knecht Cup and Dad Vail Regattas.
  - b. Results from head-to-head competition during the spring season.\*
  - c. Results versus common non-League opponents during the spring season.\*
3. The most recent Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/US Rowing Coaches Poll (CRCA Poll) may be considered if evaluation of race results in item 2 is inconclusive.

A majority vote of the committee would determine the League's automatic qualifier. In the event that there is no consensus among the committee, the Patriot League Commissioner would determine the champion. *\*Note: Late-season performance weighted more heavily*

*than early-season results. Late-season performance defined as competition that takes place in the four weeks prior to NCAA selection.*

**d. Awards. [Staff editorial revision, July 2017]**

**1. All-League Teams. [March 2010]** Coaches will select their own representatives for the All-League teams based on their institution’s finish in the first Varsity 8 race. Each placing boat will select the following number of student-athletes (coaches may select student-athletes from any one of their institution’s boats, not just the Varsity 8 boat). Certificates are given to All-League team selections.

**a. First Team.**

1st Place Boat – 1 Coxswain, 3 rowers

2nd Place Boat – 2 rowers

3rd Place Boat – 1

4th Place Boat – 1

5th Place Boat – 1

6th Place Boat – 0

**b. Second Team.**

1st Place Boat – 3

2nd Place Boat – 1 Coxswain, 1 rower

3rd Place Boat – 1

4th Place Boat – 1

5th Place Boat – 1

6th Place Boat – 1

**2. Championship Awards.**

**a.** Medals are given to the top three finishers in each event at the championship.

**b.** The Coach of the Year is selected by head coaches. The Boat of the Year is the first-place finisher in the I Varsity 8 race. Trophies are given to the Boat and Coach of the Year.

**3. Weekly Awards.** The Boat of the Week is selected by the League communications staff. All boats (I Varsity Eights, II Varsity Eights, Varsity Fours) are eligible for the weekly award. Certificates are given to Boat of the Week recipients. [CAA, May 2016; revised, CAA, February 2019]

## 15.11 Soccer, Men's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution plays one (1) contest against all participating League members.
- b. Reciprocal dates will be used in the development of regular-season League schedules. *[May 2000]*
- c. The home team must contact the away team before 10 a.m. the morning of the contest, if the game is going to be postponed.
- d. At the time of cancellation, the home team must reschedule the match for a later date.
- e. The host institution shall set League weekend game times to begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Weekday League games (Monday-Friday) shall not begin earlier than 3 p.m. Game time windows may be adjusted one hour earlier or later to accommodate live television. Games may be played at another time via mutual consent by both institutions. *[May 2009]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to twenty-two (22) participants and a bench limit of **thirty-three (33)** for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.

#### 3. Officials.

- a. Three (3) officials are required for all League matches during the regular season. Four (4) officials are permitted, per institutional discretion. *[SMC, February 2016]*
- b. The game officials for all League and non-League games are assigned by the Supervisor of Officials.
- c. Host institutions will purchase and provide the electronic communication system RefTalk for use by game officials during the regular-season and championship. *[CAA May 2014]*

4. **Uniform Color.** Home teams during the regular season, and higher seeds during Patriot League Tournament matches, shall select which uniform color they will wear (light or dark colors) and the opponent shall wear the opposite (dark or light). *[February 2010]*

#### 5. Rules and Regulations.

- a. All host Patriot League institutions shall provide adequate changing facilities and showers for visiting teams. *[May 1994]*

- b. Bands will not be permitted behind any goal and opposing team benches. *[CAA, May 2018]*
- 6. **Scouting.** League coaches are prohibited from providing written or verbal scouting reports to non-League teams. *[June 1996]*
- 7. **Statistics.** Each institution will officially designate a sports information representative to stat home matches to more effectively record statistics at home soccer contests. *[June 2002]*
- b. **Video Exchange.** *[August 2013]* Game film/video will be exchanged via the online video exchange network, Dropbox. *[CAA May 2016]* Video should not be edited prior to upload.
  - 1. **Regular Season.** All non-conference and League home games will be uploaded to the Dropbox network within 24 hours of the game scheduled start. If the home team has technical difficulties, all teams and the League office should be notified via email and the visiting League-team will post their copy to Dropbox.
  - 2. **Tournament Video Exchange.**
    - a. For the quarterfinal games, the home team will be responsible for uploading game film within 24 hours of game scheduled start.
    - b. For the semifinal and championship games, the host institution is responsible for filming all games, uploading game video by 12 noon the day after the semifinal games and providing a DVD copy to participating teams.
  - 3. **Filming Guidelines and Standards.** *[Revised, CAA, February 2018]* It is recommended that the following standards are met by each institution in regards to quality of game video:
    - a. Film from mid-field, preferably elevated from a covered position.
    - b. Film introductions; include the starting line-ups.
    - c. Video should be in color, with a wide angle view (¼ to ½ of the field). On a set piece within the final ¼ of the field, view should not exceed that dimension.
    - d. Video should be recorded in 4Mbps HD quality.
    - e. Video should be of high quality and be in good working order.
    - f. The camera operator should show the scoreboard following each goal, at the completion of each half and overtime. Additionally, the operator should show the scoreboard 3-4 times during the game.
    - g. A maximum of two files (one per half) should be uploaded per game.
    - h. The camera operator(s) should be trained to ensure the above recommendations are satisfied.
- c. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Men’s Soccer Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- d. **NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. *[June 2001]*

e. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**1. All-League Team.**

- a. An 11-member preseason all-League team and preseason Offensive Player, Defensive Player, and Midfielder of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. The preseason team will consist of: three (3) attacking players, three (3) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper and one (1) non position-specific player. *[February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- b. 33-member all-League team (11 first-team/11 second-team/11 third-team) selected by head coaches. Each team to consist of: three (3) attacking players, three (3) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper and one (1) non position-specific player. *[February 2007; revised CAA June 2013; CAA May 2017]* Certificates are given to all-League team selections.
- c. The method of selection is as follows:
  - 1. A coach may not vote for his/her own players.
  - 2. Coaches must complete a nomination form and return it to the League office prior to the last weekend of the regular season. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections.
  - 3. Coaches must complete and return their final ballots after the last regular-season game has been played.
- d. **Major Awards.** Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year selected by head coaches. Trophies are given to Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Midfielder *[CAA, May 2016]*, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach of the Year.
- e. The goalkeeper who receives the highest point total in the all-League voting will be named to the first team and earn Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year honors. *[February 2011]*

**2. Championship Awards.**

- a. **Tournament MVP.** A Tournament Most Valuable Player is selected by tournament staff. The winning coach will also be consulted. A trophy is given to the Tournament MVP.
- b. **All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the champion team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*

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- 3. Weekly Awards.** The Offensive and Defensive Player, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week are selected by League communications staff. *[February 2006]* Certificates are given to Offensive and Defensive Players, Goalkeepers and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.12 Soccer, Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution plays one (1) contest against all participating League members.
- b. The home team must contact the away team before 10 a.m. the morning of the contest, if the game is going to be postponed. At the time of cancellation, the home team must reschedule the match for a later date.
- c. For the weekends that League play is scheduled for Friday and Sunday, games must be played on the originally scheduled dates and may not be moved to another date unless weather is an issue. *[February 2006]*
- d. The host institution shall set League weekend game times to begin no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Weekday League games (Monday-Friday) shall not begin earlier than 3 p.m. Game time windows may be adjusted one hour earlier or later to accommodate live television. Games may be played at another time via mutual consent by both institutions. *[May 2009]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to twenty-two (22) participants and a bench limit of **thirty-seven (37)** for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.

#### 3. Officials.

- a. During the regular season, three (3) officials are required for all League matches. *[June 1996]* Four officials are permitted, per institutional discretion. *[SMC, February 2016]*
- b. Officials for League and non-League contests are secured through the League's Supervisor of Officials and paid by the host institution. *[June 2001]*
- c. Host institutions will purchase and provide the electronic communication system RefTalk for use by game officials during the regular-season and championship. *[CAA, May 2014]*

4. **Uniforms.** For all Patriot League regular-season games the home team will wear white/light uniforms. *[CAA, May 2013]*

#### 5. Rules and Regulations.

- a. Bands will not be permitted behind any goal and opposing team benches. *[CAA, May 2018]*

6. **Scouting Reports.** Coaches are not permitted to give a scouting report on any League team. *[June 1999]*
  7. **Statistics.** Each institution will officially designate a sports information representative to stat home matches to more effectively record statistics at home soccer contests. *[June 2002]*
- b. **Video Exchange.** *[August 2013]* Game video will be exchanged via the on-line video exchange network, TeamXStream. *[CAA, May 2016]* Video should not be edited prior to upload.
1. **Regular Season.** All non-League and League home games will be uploaded to the TeamXStream network within 24 hours of the game scheduled start. If the home team has technical difficulties, all teams and the League office should be notified via email.
  2. **Tournament Video Exchange.**
    - a. For the quarterfinal games, the home team will be responsible for uploading game video within 24 hours of game scheduled start.
    - b. For the semifinal and championship games, the host institution is responsible for filming all games, uploading game video by 12 noon the day after the semifinal games and providing a DVD copy to participating teams.
  3. **Filming Guidelines and Standards.** It is recommended that the following standards are met by each institution in regards to quality of game video:
    - a. Film from mid-field, preferably elevated from a covered position.
    - b. Film introductions; include the starting line-ups.
    - c. Video should be in color, with a wide angle view ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the field). On a set piece within the final  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the field, view should not exceed that dimension.
    - d. Video should be recorded in digital format.
    - e. Video should be of high quality and be in good working order.
    - f. The camera operator should show the scoreboard following each goal, at the completion of each half and overtime. Additionally, the operator should show the scoreboard 3-4 times during the game.
    - g. The camera operator(s) should be trained to ensure the above recommendations are satisfied.
- c. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Women’s Soccer Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- d. **NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.
- e. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
1. **All-League Team**

- a. An 11-member preseason all-League team and preseason Offensive Player, Defensive Player, and Midfielder of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. The preseason team will consist of: three (3) attacking players, three (3) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper and one (1) non position-specific player. *[February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- b. 33-member all-League team (11 first-team/11 second-team/11 third-team) selected by head coaches. Each team to consist of: three (3) attacking players, three (3) midfielders, three (3) defenders, one (1) goalkeeper and one (1) non position-specific player. *[Revised CAA, June 2013; CAA, May 2017]* Certificates are given for all-League team selections.
- c. The method of selection is as follows: *[February 2005]*
  - 1. Coaches submit a list of nominations to the League office prior to the last weekend of the regular season. Nominations will be submitted in the order coaches would like the student-athletes to be considered (first listed is first choice, second listed is second choice, etc.)
  - 2. The League office will produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections. The ballot will be emailed and include an attachment with statistics.
  - 3. Coaches will vote for the top six (6) student-athletes in each position, assigning them a 1-6 ranking (6 points being the highest ranking). Goalkeepers will be ranked 1-2 (2 points being the highest ranking).
- d. **Major Awards.** The Offensive and Defensive Player, Midfielder *[CAA, May 2016]* Rookie and Coach of the Year are selected by head coaches. *[February 2006]* Trophies are given to the Offensive Player, Defensive Player, Midfielder, Goalkeeper, Rookie and Coach of the Year.
- e. The goalkeeper who receives the highest point total in the all-League voting will be named to the first team and earn Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year honors. *[February 2008]*

## 2. Championship Awards.

- a. **Tournament MVP.** A tournament Most Valuable Player is selected by tournament staff. The winning coach will also be consulted. A trophy will be given to the Tournament MVP.
- b. **All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the champion team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*

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- 3. Weekly Awards.** The Offensive and Defensive Player, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week Award are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to the Offensive and Defensive Players, Goalkeepers and Rookies of the Week. *[February 2006]*

## 15.13 Softball.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution will be scheduled to play a three-game series against all participating League members. All games are counted in the League standings. A team must play 80 percent of its scheduled League games to be eligible for the championship. *[October 2012]*
  - b. Beginning in 2011, Colgate and Holy Cross will annually play an “away” game against another League opponent during the first week of League play. *[February 2009]*
  - c. Saturday doubleheader contests will start at a time agreed upon by both institutions. Sunday games will start between 12 noon and 1 p.m.
  - d. Make-up dates are to be scheduled for all League games not played during a weekend series (Saturday, Sunday, or Monday). Exceptions are to be made if the game or games have no possible bearing on the championship seeding structure. The determination of whether the make-up game has possible bearing on the championship is determined by the Commissioner and the Administrative Liaison for softball. *[February 2006]*
  - e. Any rained-out games not played on Saturday or Sunday will be played on Monday. Teams will remain at the game site if playable weather is forecast. Make-up games played on Monday will begin at 1 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by the involved coaches and administrators. *[February 2007]*
  - f. Every attempt should be made to play all League games. League games should be postponed only if safety to the players is threatened.
  - g. In a make-up situation, triple headers are permitted, but require the mutual consent of both schools.
  - h. Games should be made up on the first open date mutually agreed upon by both schools. If a school refuses to play, that game is recorded as a forfeit.
  - i. The cutoff date for scheduling is the Sunday prior to the championship weekend. League games after the cutoff date (except for rain make-ups) do not count in the standings.
2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised December 2013; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to twenty (20) participants and a bench limit of thirty-five (35) for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League Championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition.
  3. **Officials.** All League games must be staffed by umpires assigned by the League’s Supervisor of Umpires. *[June 2001]*

**4. Equipment.**

- a. The official ball is the Rawlings NC12L, in accordance with the Patriot League ball agreement. *[February 2009; staff editorial revision, July 2017; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- b. Bats must conform to the most recent NCAA Softball Approved Bat List. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**5. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. The NCAA tiebreaking procedure will not be used for regular season and championship competition. *[March 2003]*
  - b. For all League doubleheaders, the host institution will be designated as the “home” team for the entire weekend series. On day two, the teams will switch home and away uniforms. *[February 2012]*
  - c. In the case of site changes due to weather, the originally scheduled “home” team remains the “home” team for purposes of scoring, uniform color (light) and batting order. The host institution may remain in its own dugout.
  - d. All Patriot League softball facilities must have an outfield fence. *[May 1994]*
  - e. During all regular-season League games, the home team will wear its light uniforms on Saturday and the visiting team will wear its dark uniforms. On Sunday, the home team will wear its dark uniforms and the visiting team its light uniforms. *[June 1999]*
  - f. Institutions are required to utilize a full infield tarp for all regular season Patriot League contests. *[February 2008]*
- b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Softball Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. If weather limits play at the championship, every effort will be made to complete competition by the NCAA selection deadline to determine a champion. *[February 2009]* If competition must take place on Sunday but cannot be completed, the team that will receive the Automatic Qualifier to the NCAA regional will be based on the following: *[February 2007; revised May 2016]*
- 1. 0 or 1 games played - Highest seed
  - 2. 2 to 5 games played - Highest undefeated seed
  - 3. 6 games played - Winner of game 6 unless each team has one loss, therefore the teams are tied, then:
    - a. Head-to-head competition

- b. Highest remaining seed
- d. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  - 1. **All-League Team.** *[revised June 2005]*
    - a. A 12-member preseason all-League team and preseason Player and Pitcher of the Year will be selected by head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
    - b. 24-member All-League team (12 first-team/12 second-team) selected by head coaches. Each team to consist of: one (1) first baseman, one (1) second baseman, one (1) third baseman and one (1) shortstop, three (3) outfielders, one (1) catcher, one (1) designated player, one (1) at-large, and two (2) pitchers. *[June 2005]* Certificates are given to All-League team selections.
    - c. **Major Awards.** Player, Defensive Player, Pitcher, Rookie and Coach of the Year are selected by head coaches. Trophies will be given to the Player, Defensive Player, Pitcher, Rookie and Coach of the Year.
    - d. The method of selection is as follows:
      - 1. All teams are asked to nominate one player for Player of the Year, one player for Defensive Player of the Year and one player for Pitcher of the Year consideration. Coaches are urged to restrict their nominations to worthy candidates.
      - 2. In order to be considered for All-League recognition, student-athletes must meet the following minimum criteria for Patriot League games only: *[February 2007]*
        - a. **Pitchers.** Compete in 30% of League games at that position.
        - b. **Defensive Positions.** Compete in 50% of League games at that position.
        - c. **Designated Player.** Compete in 50% of League games at that position.
      - 3. **At-Large Player.** *[Revised, CAA, November 2017]* All teams may nominate one player for At-Large consideration on the All-League team. Those players nominated may be considered for other All-League recognitions, but shall only be selected for one position.
        - a. The top two players following the coaches' ranking of the At-Large nominees will be named to the first and second All-League teams, respectively. In the event a player has been selected to the All-League team at another position, the next highest ranked player shall be considered for At-Large selection until the team is fully selected. The entire first team will be selected followed by the entire second team.
      - 4. The League Office will solicit a preliminary ballot with the All-League nominees by the Wednesday prior to the last weekend of the regular season. Final ballots with overall and League only stats would be sent out Sunday evening and would be due

back to the League Office on the Tuesday prior to the championship. *[Softball Coaches, September 2014]*

5. Coaches may not vote for their own players.

**2. Championship Awards.**

**a. Tournament MVP.** A tournament Most Valuable Player will selected by tournament staff. The winning coach will also be consulted. A trophy is given to the Tournament MVP.

**b. All-Tournament Team.** 11-member All-Tournament team consisting of four (4) student-athletes from the champion team, three (3) student-athletes from the runner-up and two (2) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament Team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*

**3. Weekly Awards.** Player, Pitcher and Rookie of the Week are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Players, Pitchers and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.14 Swimming and Diving, Men's and Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

1. **Scheduling.** There is no regular-season League scheduling requirement; however it is recommended that League teams compete against all other League teams during the regular season. *[June 2001]*

### 2. Rules and Regulations.

a. In a dual meet, if coaches do not agree on the length of the course, the teams will compete in the 25-yard distance. *[March 2012]*

b. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Swimming and Diving Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

### c. Awards. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

#### 1. All-League Team.

a. 18-member men's and 18-member women's first team All-League (first-place finishers at the championship meet and back-filled by points) and 18-member men's and 18-member women's second team All-League (second-place finishers at the championship meet and back-filled by points). Certificates are given to All-League team selections.

#### 2. Championship Awards. *[May 2009]*

a. Medals are given to the top three finishers in each event at the championship.

b. **Major Awards.** The coaches will vote on the Swimmer (men and women's) of the Meet, Diver (men's and women's) of the Meet and Rookie (men and women's) of the Meet during the championship. Nominations are due during warm-ups on Saturday night. Voting for Swimmers of the Meet and Rookies of the Meet will take place during the final diving event. Voting for Divers of the Meet will take place during the final relay event. Trophies are given to the Swimmers, Divers and Rookies of the meet.

c. Swimming Coach of the Year (men and women's) and Diving Coach of the Year (men's and women's) are selected by head coaches during the championship. Trophies are given to Swimming Coaches and Diving Coaches of the Year. *[Revised, CAA, May 2018]*

d. Total point information will be provided to the coaches prior to submitting nominations. Coaches should only consider championship specific information and are discouraged from lobbying for votes.

3. **Weekly Awards.** The Swimmers and Divers of the Week are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Swimmers and Divers of the Week.

## **15.15 Tennis, Men's and Women's.**

### **a. Regular Season.**

#### **1. Scheduling.**

- a. All teams shall play, at a minimum, five (5) League opponents during the spring segment. *[December 2013; revised, CAA, February 2018]*
- b. For a match where both teams are at the site of competition, if inclement weather occurs and the match cannot be played outside within two hours of the scheduled start time, then the match will take place at the institution's indoor backup facility (either ITA approved or non-ITA approved). If no on-campus backup facility is available then the home team must secure a facility off-campus. For a match that is cancelled prior to a team's departure, a makeup date should be scheduled and played at the original location. *[Clarified June 2005; staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

#### **2. Host Requirements.**

- a. See Scheduling for indoor back-up requirements.
- b. Secure a minimum of one certified official to be present for all Patriot League tennis matches. It is recommended that more than one official be present for League matches. *[May 2003]*
- c. Score tenders are encouraged by the home team for all matches.
- d. Singles sticks are encouraged at matches.

#### **3. Protest Committee. *[February 2007]***

- a. The following individuals will serve on the Women's Tennis Protest Committee: the Sport Management Committee liaison, the women's tennis coaches' chair and one at-large coach to be determined by a rotation. The at-large coach will serve a three-year term, determined by institutional alphabetical rotation. Future at-large appointments are as follows: *[Revised, CAA, February 2018]*
  1. Navy – 2019-21
  2. Army West Point – 2022-24
  3. Boston University – 2025-27
- b. The following individuals will serve on the Men's Tennis Protest Committee: the Sport Management Committee liaison, the men's tennis coaches' chair and one at-large coach to be determined by a rotation. The at-large coach will serve a three-year term, determined by institutional alphabetical rotation. Future at-large appointments are as follows: *[Revised, CAA, February 2018]*
  1. Bucknell – 2019-21
  2. Colgate – 2022-24
  3. Holy Cross – 2025-27

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c. Protests must be filed using the Patriot League Tennis Protest form, located on the Patriot League webpage.

1. The protest must be made within 48 hours of the match;
2. The official must sign the forms; and
3. The institution's Director of Athletics or designee must sign the form.

d. If a team is traveling and unable to provide the Director of Athletics signature within 48 hours, the protest form must be emailed to the League office within 48 hours and the signature of the Director of Athletics or Sport Management Committee representative must be received by noon on Monday. If a protest form including a signature of the Director of Athletics was not received by noon on Monday, the Tennis Protest Committee will not review the protest.

e. The protest will be reviewed as either a Level I or Level II violation.

1. **Level I Violation.** A blatant and intentional violation of ITA and/or Patriot League rules resulting in a reversal of the match results and a letter of notification to the institution.
2. **Level II Violation.** A violation of Patriot League Code of Conduct, ethical conduct, integrity and/or sportsmanship resulting in a letter of notification to the institution. Multiple Level II violations by the same individual and of a similar nature could result in the violation being processed as a Level I violation.

*Note: Violations of the Patriot League Code of Conduct will be adjudicated according to the policies outlined in Article 9.*

b. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Tennis Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

c. **NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

d. **Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

**1. All-League Team.**

a. The All-League team is selected by head coaches.

b. The All-League team will consist of twelve players with six (6) on the first team and six (6) on the second team. The first team will consist of the six (6) best overall players, regardless of singles or double status, voted by the coaches. The second team will consist of the next six (6) overall players, regardless of singles or doubles status, voted by coaches. Certificates are given to All-League team selections.

c. The method of selection is as follows:

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1. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
  2. Coaches must complete a nomination form and return it to the League office by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately following both the men's and women's League championships. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
  3. All ballots must be returned to the League office by the Friday following the League tournament.
- d. Major Awards.** Player (men's and women's), Doubles Team (men's and women's) *[CAA, February 2015]*, Rookie (men's and women's) and Coach (men's and women's) of the Year are selected by head coaches. Trophies are given to Players, Doubles Teams, Rookies and Coaches of the Year.
- e. An open ballot procedure will be used. *[Tennis Coaches, October 2015]*
2. **Championship Awards.** The tournament MVP is selected by tournament staff. The winning coach will also be consulted. Trophies will be given to the Tournament MVPs. *Note: men's award known as the Joe Abrahamson Memorial Award and women's award known as the John "Pat" Rooney Award.*
  3. **Weekly Awards.** The Tennis Players of the Week are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Tennis Players of the Week.

## **15.16 Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor.**

### **a. Regular Season.**

- 1. Scheduling.** There is no regular-season League scheduling requirement.
- 2. Officials.**
  - a. Local club officials are to be used, if available.
  - b. If students, former team members or faculty are used, they must be trained and informed of their duties.
  - c. Regardless of the number of officials, the head coach should assume responsibility for the conduct of the meet.
  - d. A meet referee shall be designated for each regular season meet and shall not be a member of the coaching staff of any participating school.
- 3. Results.** During the regular season, all coaches are expected to report complete meet results to Direct Athletics by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday following competition.
- 4. Failure to Participate (Honest Effort) [February 2008; revised, CAA, November 2017]**
  - a. Competitors must participate in the trials and/or finals of all events in which they are declared. Such participation is also required in subsequent rounds as a result of qualifying, or when participation is a criterion for entry in a subsequent meet.
  - b. Participation is the expectation that a competitor start the athletic challenge requirements of the event, according to the rules of the event. Qualification to the next round of an event is, in itself, satisfaction of participation.
  - c. A failure to participate is considered an assumption that the competitor in violation has abandoned the competition and, therefore, shall be barred from all remaining events in the current meet.
  - d. The referee, upon proper protest, based upon all authorized evidence and with consideration given to circumstances beyond the control of the competitor, including medical, shall determine whether circumstances clearly demonstrate that a violation of this rule has occurred.
  - e. This rule shall not preclude the creation of additional restrictions published in handbooks and manuals by conferences or championships games committees.

### **b. Sport Group.**

- a. Men and Women's coaches are selected as the Committee Chair on a rotating basis.

- b. The coaches' group is responsible for selecting the coach who will serve on the USTFCCA committee as the Patriot League representative *[February 2012]*. The selected coaches' institution is responsible for funding the coach's attendance at the USTFCCA conference. *[February 2011]*
- c. The NCAA Track and Field Manual specifies that the Sports Committee is to give specialized assistance and guidance to the meet director such as:
  - 1. Assist the meet director with meet administration;
  - 2. Determine the use and placement of competitors' number;
  - 3. Approve the time schedule and changes in order of events;
  - 4. Determine the number of lapped runners who shall remain in the competition;
  - 5. Determine the structure for running timed-section finals;
  - 6. Be responsible for determining qualifying procedures and drawing lanes;
  - 7. Decide procedures to resolve ties for the last qualifying position in subsequent rounds;
  - 8. Determine the use of lap implements for the meet;
  - 9. Set time and place for inspecting, weighing and measuring all implements to be used in the meet;
  - 10. Designate field-event site or runway at least one hour before competition begins;
  - 11. Determine the number of field event competitors who will advance to the final round;
  - 12. Establish a time by which all preliminaries in a field event must be completed;
  - 13. Set starting heights and increments; and
  - 14. Qualifying and drawing for lanes please refer to rule 5, section 11, and articles 1-8. The one exception is in article 7 where the sports committee will be replaced by meet referee and jury of appeals.
- c. **League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championship Manuals. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- d. **Awards, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
  - 1. **All-League Team.**
    - a. First-place finishers are selected as All-League first team and second-place finishers are selected as second team. Certificates are given to All-League team selections.
    - b. Coach of the Year (men's and women's) is selected by head coaches at the championship. A trophy is given to the Coach of the Year (men's and women's).
  - 2. **Championship Awards.**
    - a. Medals are given to the top three finishers in each event at the championship.
    - b. **Major Awards.** The Outstanding Track Performer (men and women's), Outstanding Field Performer (men and women's) and Rookie (men and women's) of the Meet are selected by head coaches. The Highest Point Scorer (men's and women's) is awarded

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to the student-athlete who accumulates the most points at the championship. Trophies are given to Outstanding Track Performers, Outstanding Field Performers, Highest Point Scorers and Rookies of the Meet. *[Revised, CAA, November 2018]*

3. **Weekly Awards.** The Track Performer, Field Performer and Rookie of the Week (men and women's) are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Track Performers, Field Performers, and Rookies of the Week.

## 15.17 Volleyball, Women's.

### a. Regular Season.

#### 1. Scheduling.

- a. Each institution shall play one (1) home and one (1) away contest against all participating League members. *[June 1998; staff editorial revision, August 2019]*
- b. Participating League members will be placed in three-team travel pods, as determined by League staff, and compete over eight weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and two Tuesday dates. *[May 2009; revised, CAA, November 2016]*
- c. All matches played on Monday-Friday will begin at 7 p.m. Matches played on Saturday will begin at 4 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by both institutions. *[May 2007]*
- d. It is required that teams only schedule Division I opponents. *[CAA, May 2007]*

2. **Squad Size.** *[February 2009; revised, CAA, November 2017]* Squad sizes shall be limited to fifteen (15) participants and a bench limit of **twenty-five (25)** for visiting teams during the regular season and all teams during the Patriot League championship. There are no squad size limitations for the home institution in regular-season competition only.

#### 3. Officials.

- a. All League and non-League games must be assigned by the League's Supervisor of Officials. *[June 2001; revised February 2007]*
- b. It is encouraged that the R1 official assigned will be a nationally ranked official. *[CAA, May 2007]*
- c. Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) line judges are required for all League matches. *[CAA, May 2015; staff editorial revision, February 2018]*

4. **Video Exchange.** *[CAA, February 2018]* Video of all matches will be exchanged via the online video exchange network, VolleyMetrics.

5. **Uniforms.** *[May 2016]* For Tuesday matches (i.e., mid-week matches), dark colored uniforms are to be worn by the away team and light colored uniforms are to be worn by the home team. For Friday matches, dark colored uniforms are to be worn by the away team and light colored uniforms are to be worn by the home team. For Saturday matches, light colored uniforms are to be worn by the away team and dark colored uniforms are to be worn by the home team.

#### 6. Rules and Regulations. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*

- a. Each head coach must be a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

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- b. There will be a 5-minute intermission between the second and third games of every match. *[June 2005; staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
- c. Timeouts for all regular-season League matches will be seventy-five (75) seconds in length. Technical timeouts will be used as well, regardless of whether or not there is a media entity broadcasting the match. The length of timeouts for the Patriot League championship will be determined by the media entity, if applicable. If no media is present, the championship timeouts will be seventy-five (75) seconds in length. *[May 2016]*
- d. The use of the Challenge Review System is permissible for League matches. *[CAA, May 2017]*

**7. Scouting.**

- a. Coaches of League institutions shall not provide scouting reports or game film on other League teams to coaches outside the League.
- b. Trading of information within the League on both Patriot League and non-League opponents is permitted.

**8. Pre-Match Protocol. *[May 2008]***

- a. The court will be available 90 minutes prior to the start of the match. It is permissible to make the court available 120 minutes prior to the start of the match, if the facility can accommodate. *[SMC, February 2016]*
- b. The first half hour will be divided into two (2) fifteen minute segments, with the first segment for the home team and the second segment for the visiting team.
- c. The remaining 60 minutes will follow NCAA protocol.

**9. Game Management.**

- a. Complete match facility set-up and preparation at least one hour prior to scheduled match time.
- b. Have a certified athletic trainer present 90 minutes before match time for taping and treatment.
- c. Provide adequate locker room facilities - two hours prior to match time.
- d. Home team must provide a statistical crew (NO PLAYERS) to keep both the home and visiting team statistics at all matches on the computerized program used by the Patriot League. The sports information director, in cooperation with the head coach, must train ALL statisticians prior to the start of the season using the rules videotape supplied by the NCAA. It is strongly recommended that one (1) individual serves as the official statistician for all home matches during the season. *[May 2000]*

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- e. The visiting team must receive statistics no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the match. *[June 2002]*
  - f. Provide twenty (20) balls for the visiting team's warm-up. *[June 2001]*
  - g. Each member institution is required to secure and train the following match personnel:
    - 1. Scoreboard operator;
    - 2. Statisticians (3);
    - 3. Three-ball rotation crew (four-six individuals); and
    - 4. Public address announcer.
  - h. Require all match personnel to be appropriately dressed and at courtside 30 minutes prior to the scheduled match starting time.
  - i. Instruct all match personnel that impartiality is a significant part of their responsibility. Permit no match personnel to exhibit emotion that could be viewed as favoring either competing team.
  - j. Require match officials to actively supervise the timed warm-up period.
  - k. Provide a visible timing device for match warm-up.
  - l. Provide visible scoring device for the match.
  - m. Provide a pre-match meeting facility for the visiting team.
  - n. Restrict photographers and videotape operators to an area outside of a distance of ten (10) feet from the end lines and sidelines. No flashes permitted.
- b. League Championship.** Rules, regulations and information related to the League championship can be found in the Women's Volleyball Championship Manual. *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- c. NCAA Championship Automatic Qualifier (AQ).** The champion of the Patriot League Championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.
- d. Awards.** *[Staff editorial revision, July 2017]*
- 1. All-League Team**
    - a. A seven-member preseason all-League team and a preseason Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches and sports information directors, who cannot vote for their own student-athletes. *[February 2012; staff editorial revision, July 2018]*
    - b. The all-League team will consist of a first and second team of seven (7) players each selected by the head coaches. *[March 2003; revised May 2011]* Certificates are given to all-League team selections.

c. The method of selection is as follows:

1. A coach may not vote for his/her own players.

2. Coaches must complete a nomination form and return it to the League office prior to the last weekend of the regular season. The League office will then produce a ballot for the coaches to make their final selections.

**3. Major Awards.**

a. Coaches will rank players 1-14 (14 points being the highest ranking). The student-athlete with the most points would be awarded Player of the Year. *[May 2007; revised May 2011]*

b. The Setter and Libero with the highest number of votes are awarded Setter and Libero of the Year, respectively. A separate vote will be utilized if there is no Setter or Libero on the first or second team. The Rookie of the Year vote would only be utilized if there were no rookie on the first or second team. *[CAA May 2007; revised May 2011; CAA, February 2016]*

c. Trophies are given to the Player, Setter, Libero, Rookie and Coach of the Year.

4. All ballots must be returned to the League office by noon on the Monday following the last regular-season game.

d. The all-League team will be selected via an open ballot.

**2. Championship Awards.**

a. **Tournament MVP.** A tournament Most Valuable Player will be selected by the tournament staff. The winning coach will also be consulted. A trophy is given to the Tournament MVP.

b. **All-Tournament Team.** The seven-member All-Tournament team consisting of three (3) student-athletes from the champion team, two (2) student-athletes from the runner-up and one (1) from each of the other semifinal teams. Each member of the All-Tournament team is selected by their respective coach and will be announced during the championship awards ceremony. *[May 2006]*

3. **Weekly Awards.** The Player and Rookie of the Week Awards are selected by League communications staff. Certificates are given to Players and Rookies of the Week.

# APPENDIX A

## 2019-20 PATRIOT LEAGUE INSTITUTIONAL SPORT SPONSORSHIP

(Associate Members in Italics)

### **MEN**

#### Baseball (6)

Bucknell University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
U. S. Military Academy  
U. S. Naval Academy

#### Basketball (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Cross Country (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Football (7)

Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
*Fordham University*  
*Georgetown University*

#### Golf (8)

Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Indoor Track and Field (9)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Lacrosse (9)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University

College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Outdoor Track and Field (9)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Soccer (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Swimming and Diving (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Tennis (9)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

### **WOMEN**

#### Basketball (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Cross Country (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Field Hockey (7)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University

#### Golf (6)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lehigh University  
U.S. Naval Academy  
*University of Richmond*

#### Indoor Track and Field (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Lacrosse (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Outdoor Track and Field (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Rowing (9)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
*Georgetown University*  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Soccer (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Softball (7)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
U.S. Military Academy

#### Swimming and Diving (10)

American University  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Tennis (9)

Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

#### Volleyball (9)

American University  
Bucknell University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University Maryland  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

# APPENDIX B

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## 2019-20 PATRIOT LEAGUE COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

### 1. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

#### a. **Council of Presidents** (*Liaison – Heppel*)

Sylvia Mathews Burwell, American University  
LTG Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Military Academy  
Dr. Robert A. Brown, Boston University  
Dr. John C. Bravman, Bucknell University  
Dr. Brian W. Casey, Colgate University  
Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., College of the Holy Cross  
Dr. Alison R. Byerly, Lafayette College (Chair)  
Dr. John D. Simon, Lehigh University  
Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J., Loyola University Maryland  
Vice Admiral Sean Buck, U.S. Naval Academy

#### **Executive Committee** (*Liaison – Heppel*)

LTG Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Military Academy  
Dr. Alison R. Byerly, Lafayette College (Chair)  
Dr. John D. Simon, Lehigh University (Chair-Elect)

#### b. **Committee on Athletic Administration** (*Liaisons – Heppel, Wanninger*)

Dr. Billy Walker (Chair) and Athena Argyropoulos, American University  
Mike Buddie and Kristine Fowler, U.S. Military Academy  
Drew Marrochello and Kristie Bowers, Boston University  
Jermaine Truax and Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University  
Dr. Nicki Moore and Juliana Smith, Colgate University  
Marcus Blossom and Rose Shea, College of the Holy Cross  
Sherryta Freeman and Kaitlyn McKittrick, Lafayette College  
Dr. Joseph Sterrett and Stacy Shiffert, Lehigh University  
Donna Woodruff and Teddi Burns, Loyola University Maryland  
Chet Gladchuk and Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy

#### **Administrative Committee** (*Liaison – Heppel*)

Dr. Billy Walker, American University (Chair)  
Drew Marrochello, Boston University, (Chair-Elect)  
Chet Gladchuk, U.S. Naval Academy (Past Chair)

#### c. **Policy Committee** (*Liaison – Heppel*)

Dr. Robert Karch, American University (Professor, School of Education), (Chair)  
COL Holly West, U.S. Military Academy (Director, Strategic Plans and Assessment)  
Dr. Doug Sears, Boston University (Vice President and Chief of Staff to the President)  
Dr. Linda Smolka, Bucknell University (Associate Professor Mathematics)  
Dr. Douglas Johnson, Colgate University (Professor of Psychological  
and Brain Sciences)  
Dr. Jeff Gray, Fordham University (Sr. Vice President for Student Affairs)

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Erik Smulson, Georgetown University (Vice President for Public Affairs and Sr. Advisor to the President)  
Dr. Sarah Petty (Associate Professor of Chemistry), College of the Holy Cross  
Dr. David Stifel, Lafayette College (Professor of Economics)  
TBD, Lehigh University  
Dr. Robert Kelly, Loyola University Maryland (Vice President and Special Assistant to the President)  
Dr. Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy (Professor of Chemistry)

**2. SPORT MANAGEMENT**

**a. Sport Management Committee. (*Liaisons – Zhu, Hughes, Parkins*)**

|            |                     |                |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| American   | Athena Argyropoulos | (202) 885-3024 |
|            | Andrew Smith        | (202) 885-3046 |
| Army       | Bob Beretta         | (845) 938-3303 |
|            | Kristine Fowler     | (845) 938-8758 |
| Boston     | Kristie Bowers      | (617) 353-4683 |
|            | Brendan Sullivan    | (617) 353-1905 |
| Bucknell   | Maisha Kelly        | (570) 577-1712 |
|            | Tim Pavlechko       | (570) 577-3588 |
| Colgate    | Toni Rogers         | (315) 228-7605 |
|            | Juliana Smith       | (315) 228-7852 |
| Holy Cross | Rose Shea           | (508) 793-2318 |
|            | TBD                 | TBD            |
| Lafayette  | Kaity McKittrick    | (610) 330-5474 |
|            | Andrew Foster       | (610) 330-5472 |
| Lehigh     | Stacy Shiffert      | (610) 758-6332 |
| Loyola     | Teddi Burns (Chair) | (410) 616-2643 |
|            | Dave Gerrity        | (410) 617-2547 |
|            | Bill Wnek           | (410) 617-2172 |
| Navy       | Loretta Lamar       | (410) 293-8936 |
|            | Eric Ruden          | (410) 293-8748 |

**Ex-Officio**

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| Bucknell | Halie Mariano (SAAC Rep) |
| Colgate  | Dr. Jason Meyers (FAR)   |
| TBD      | TBD (SAAC Rep)           |

**b. Sport Group Liaisons**

**Baseball**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Administrative Liaison: | Bob Beretta, Army West Point (2018-21) |
| Coaches' Chair:         | Paul Kostacopoulos, Navy (2019-21)     |

**Basketball, Men's**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Administrative Liaisons: | Donna Woodruff, Loyola (2018-21)<br>Tim Pavlechko, Bucknell (2018-21) |
| Coaches' Chair:          | Tavaras Hardy, Loyola (2019-21)                                       |

**Basketball, Women's**

Administrative Liaisons: Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette (2018-21)  
Brendan Sullivan, Boston (2016-21)  
Coaches' Chair: Bill Cleary, Colgate (2019-21)

**Cross Country/Track and Field, Men and Women's**

Administrative Liaison: Juliana Smith, Colgate (2019-22)  
Coaches' Chair: Amy Horst, Loyola (2019-21)

**Field Hockey**

Administrative Liaison: Athena Argyropoulos, American (2007-20)  
Coaches' Chair: Lindsay Jackson, Holy Cross (2019-21)

**Football**

Administrative Liaisons: Jermaine Truax, Bucknell (2018-21)  
Rose Shea, Holy Cross (2018-21)  
Coaches' Chair: Rob Sgarlata, Georgetown (2018-20)

**Golf, Men**

Administrative Liaison: Kristine Fowler, Army West Point (2019-22)  
Coaches' Chair: Steve Napoli, Holy Cross (2019-21)

**Golf, Women**

Administrative Liaison: Stacy Shiffert, Lehigh (2019-22)  
Coaches' Chair: Bruce Chalas, Boston (2019-21)

**Lacrosse, Men's**

Administrative Liaisons: Marcus Blossom, Holy Cross (2019-22)  
Eric Ruden, Navy (2019-22)  
Coaches' Chair: Charley Toomey, Loyola (2019-21)

**Lacrosse, Women's**

Administrative Liaisons: Billy Walker, American (2019-22)  
Kaity McKittrick, Lafayette (2018-21)  
Coaches' Chair: Jenna Petrucelli, American (2019-21)

**Rowing**

Administrative Liaison: Kristie Bowers, Boston (2019-22)  
Coaches' Chair: Madeline Davis, Boston (2019-21)

**Soccer, Men's**

Administrative Liaisons: Mike Buddie, Army West Point (2019-22)  
Andrew Foster, Lafayette (2018-21)  
Coaches' Chair: Dean Koski, Lehigh (2018-20)

**Soccer, Women’s**

Administrative Liaisons: Drew Marrochello, Boston (2018-21)  
 Maisha Kelly, Bucknell (2019-22)  
 Coaches’ Chair: Adrian Blewitt, Army West Point (2019-21)

**Softball**

Administrative Liaison: Toni Rogers, Colgate (2019-22)  
 Coaches’ Chair: Joey Lye, Bucknell (2019-21)

**Swimming, Men and Women’s**

Administrative Liaison: Loretta Lamar, Navy (2019-22)  
 Coaches’ Chair: Bill Smyth, Boston (2019-21)

**Tennis, Men and Women’s**

Administrative Liaison: Dave Gerrity, Loyola (2017-20)  
 Men’s Coaches’ Chair: Ralph Van Ormer, Lafayette (2019-21)  
 Women’s Coaches’ Chair: Keith Puryear, Navy (2019-21)

**Volleyball**

Administrative Liaisons: Nicki Moore, Colgate (2018-21)  
 Andrew Smith, American (2015-22)  
 Coaches’ Chair: Alija Pittenger, Loyola (2018-20)

**3. NCAA COMMITTEES** [\[Click here to view online\]](#)

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| Army West Point | Mike Buddie              | (845) 938-3701 |
| Boston          | Drew Marrochello         | (617) 353-7327 |
| Bucknell        | Jermaine Truax           | (570) 577-3054 |
| Colgate         | Dr. Nicki Moore          | (315) 228-7783 |
| Holy Cross      | Marcus Blossom           | (508) 793-2571 |
| Lafayette       | Sherryta Freeman         | (610) 330-5470 |
| Lehigh          | Dr. Joseph Sterrett      | (610) 758-4320 |
| Loyola          | Donna Woodruff           | (410) 617-2283 |
| Navy            | Chet Gladchuk            | (410) 293-2700 |

**b. Faculty Athletic Representatives** (*Liaison – Heppel*)

|                 |                    |                |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| American        | Dr. Robert C Karch | (202) 885-6285 |
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| Holy Cross      | Dr. Sarah Petty    | (508) 793-3428 |

APPENDIX B: COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

|           |                      |                |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------|
| Lafayette | Dr. David Stifel     | (610) 330-5673 |
| Lehigh    | Dr. D. Gary Harlow   | (610) 758-4127 |
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| American        | Athena Argyropoulos | (202) 885-3024 |
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| Boston          | Kristie Bowers      | (617) 353-4683 |
| Bucknell        | Maisha Kelly        | (570) 577-1712 |
| Colgate         | Juliana Smith       | (315) 228-7852 |
| Holy Cross      | Rose Shea           | (508) 793-2318 |
| Lafayette       | Kaity McKittrick    | (610) 330-5474 |
| Lehigh          | Taryn Gall          | (610) 758-4607 |
| Loyola          | Teddi Burns (Chair) | (410) 617-2643 |
| Navy            | Loretta Lamar       | (410) 293-8936 |

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| American        | Andrew Smith        | (202) 885-3046 |
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| Colgate         | Toni Rogers         | (315) 228-7605 |
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| Lafayette       | Michael Chamberlain | (610) 330-4421 |
| Lehigh          | Taryn Gall          | (610) 758-4607 |
| Loyola          | Bill Wnek           | (410) 617-2172 |
| Navy            | Loretta Lamar       | (410) 293-8936 |

**e. Athletics Communications Directors** (*Liaison – Sakamoto*)

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| American        | TBD               | TBD            |
| Army West Point | Matt Faulkner     | (845) 938-6871 |
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| Bucknell        | Jon Terry         | (570) 577-3121 |
| Colgate         | John Painter      | (315) 228-7566 |
| Holy Cross      | Charles Bare      | (508) 793-3941 |
| Lafayette       | Phil LaBella      | (610) 330-5123 |
| Lehigh          | Steve Lomangino   | (610) 758-6631 |
| Loyola          | Ryan Eigenbrode   | (410) 617-2337 |
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**f. Ticket Managers** (*Liaison – Wanninger*)

|                 |                  |                |
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APPENDIX B: COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

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| Colgate    | David Riggs   | (315) 228-7600 |
| Holy Cross | TBD           | TBD            |
| Lafayette  | Billie Weiss  | (610) 330-5471 |
| Lehigh     | Brett Casey   | (610) 758-6613 |
| Loyola     | TBD           | TBD            |
| Navy       | Matt Munnelly | (410) 293-4955 |

**g. Marketing Directors** (*Liaisons – Wanninger, Eric Ruden*)

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| American        | Robert Sherman    | (202) 885-3075 |
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| Lafayette       | Scott Morse       | (610) 330-5129 |
| Lehigh          | Rich Haas         | (610) 758-4338 |
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| Lafayette       | Matt Bayly        | (610) 330-5766 |
| Lehigh          | Jack Foley        | (610) 758-4332 |
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| Navy            | Jim Berry         | (410) 293-8726 |

## 2019-20 Patriot League Administrative Meeting Schedule (As of July 19, 2019)

\*LISTED TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
|------------------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>2019</b>      |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Aug. 4</b>      | <b>STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT</b>                        | <b>12 PM</b>                             | <b>PRINCETON, NJ</b>      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Aug. 5</b>      | <b>PATRIOT LEAGUE/IVY LEAGUE MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT</b>                    | <b>9 AM</b>                              | <b>PRINCETON, NJ</b>      |
| <i>Mon-Tues</i>  | <i>Aug. 5-6</i>    | <i>FCS Commissioners</i>   | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Bristol, CT</i>        |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Aug. 7</i>      | <i>NCAA Board of Directors</i>   | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Aug. 27</b>     | <b>ATHLETICS DIRECTORS: ADMINISTRATIVE EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>             | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY</b> |
|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Sept. 4</b>     | <b>TRACK &amp; FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY</b>                                   | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Sept. 5</b>     | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                              | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Sept. 11</b>    | <b>WOMEN'S LACROSSE</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Sept. 17</b>    | <b>BASEBALL</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Sept. 24</b>    | <b>SOFTBALL</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Sept. 25</b>    | <b>MEN'S LACROSSE</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Wed-Thurs</b> | <b>Sept. 25-26</b> | <b>CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS</b>   | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>WORCESTER, MA</b>      |
| <i>Wed-Thurs</i> | <i>Sept. 25-26</i> | <i>Collegiate Commissioners Association</i>                              | <i>TBD</i>                               | <i>Chicago, IL</i>        |
|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Oct. 3</b>      | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                              | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <b>Tues-Wed</b>  | <b>Oct. 8-9</b>    | <b>SPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>10/8 – 4 PM to<br/>10/9 – 1 PM</b>    | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <i>Wed-Fri</i>   | <i>Oct. 16-18</i>  | <i>NCAA Council and Standing Committees</i>                              | <i>10/16 – 4 PM to<br/>10/18 – 12 PM</i> | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Oct. 21</b>     | <b>MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <i>Mon-Tues</i>  | <i>Oct. 28-29</i>  | <i>NCAA Presidential Forum</i>   | <i>2 PM</i>                              | <i>Atlanta, GA</i>        |
| <i>Tues-Wed</i>  | <i>Oct. 29-30</i>  | <i>NCAA Board of Directors</i>   | <i>3 PM</i>                              | <i>Atlanta, GA</i>        |
| <b>Tues-Wed</b>  | <b>Oct. 29-30</b>  | <b>ATHLETICS DIRECTORS</b>   | <b>10/29 – 2 PM to<br/>10/30 – 12 PM</b> | <b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Oct. 31</b>     | <b>COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE</b>                         | <b>1 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Nov. 4</b>      | <b>ROWING</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 5</b>      | <b>ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS</b>  | <b>9:30 AM</b>                           | <b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 5</b>      | <b>FINANCIAL AID DIRECTORS</b>   | <b>9:30 AM</b>                           | <b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 12</b>     | <b>POLICY COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>10:30 AM</b>                          | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Nov. 13</b>     | <b>PRESIDENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                                    | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Nov. 13</b>     | <b>MEN'S GOLF</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Nov. 14</b>     | <b>WOMEN'S GOLF</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Nov. 14</b>     | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                              | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Dec. 5</b>      | <b>SENIOR COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATORS</b>                                  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Dec. 10</b>     | <b>ATHLETICS DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS (Dinner December 9)</b> | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Dec. 10</b>     | <b>COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS</b>   | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Dec. 12</b>     | <b>FIELD HOCKEY</b>  | <b>11 AM</b>                             | <b>PL OFFICE</b>          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Dec. 12</b>     | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                              | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
|                  |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>2020</b>      |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Jan. 9</b>      | <b>SPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Jan. 14</b>     | <b>VOLLEYBALL</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |

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| <b>2020<br/>(cont.)</b> |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>Jan. 15</b>     | <b>MEN'S SOCCER</b>  | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>Jan. 15</b>     | <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>  | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>      |
| <i>Mon-Thurs</i>        | <i>Jan.20-23</i>   | <i>USNA Leadership Conference</i>                                    | <i>TBD</i>                               | <i>U.S. Naval Academy</i> |
| <i>Tues-Wed</i>         | <i>Jan. 21-22</i>  | <i>NCAA Council and Standing Committees</i>                          | <i>1/21 – 8 AM to<br/>1/22 – 1 PM</i>    | <i>Anaheim, CA</i>        |
| <i>Wednesday</i>        | <i>Jan. 22</i>     | <i>NCAA Presidential Forum</i>                                       | <i>2 PM</i>                              | <i>Anaheim, CA</i>        |
| <i>Wed-Sat</i>          | <i>Jan. 22-25</i>  | <i>NCAA Convention</i>   | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Anaheim, CA</i>        |
| <i>Thursday</i>         | <i>Jan. 23</i>     | <i>NCAA Board of Directors</i>                                       | <i>TBD</i>                               | <i>Anaheim, CA</i>        |
| <i>Mon-Thurs</i>        | <i>Jan. 27-30</i>  | <i>Collegiate Commissioners Assoc. (FCS/Div. I)</i>                  | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Naples, FL</i>         |
| <i>Thurs-Fri</i>        | <i>Jan. 30-31</i>  | <i>CCACA</i>   | <i>TBD</i>                               | <i>Chicago, IL</i>        |
|                         | <b>TBD</b>         | <b>STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>                            | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
|                         |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>Feb. 4</b>      | <b>SPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>                                    | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>Feb. 25</b>     | <b>FOOTBALL</b>  | <b>11 AM</b>                             | <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>Feb. 25</b>     | <b>FOOTBALL HEAD COACHES AND ATHLETICS DIRECTORS</b>                 | <b>3 PM to 5 PM</b>                      | <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>Feb. 26</b>     | <b>ATHLETICS DIRECTORS/ COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>     | <b>10 AM to 12 PM/<br/>12 PM to 4 PM</b> | <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA</b>   |
|                         |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>April 1</b>     | <b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING</b>   | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>April 14</b>    | <b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b>  | <b>11 AM</b>                             | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>April 15</b>    | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                          | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>April 16</b>    | <b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>  | <b>11 AM</b>                             | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <i>Wed-Fri</i>          | <i>April 22-24</i> | <i>NCAA Council and Standing Committees</i>                          | <i>4/22 – 4 PM to<br/>4/24 – 12 PM</i>   | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <b>Monday</b>           | <b>April 27</b>    | <b>SPORT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>                                    | <b>12 PM</b>                             | <b>VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>    |
| <i>Tuesday</i>          | <i>April 28</i>    | <i>NCAA Presidential Forum</i>                                       | <i>8 AM</i>                              | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <i>Wednesday</i>        | <i>April 29</i>    | <i>NCAA Board of Directors</i>                                       | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>April 30</b>    | <b>COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE</b>                     | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
|                         |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Tues-Thurs</b>       | <b>May 5-7</b>     | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION SPRING MEETINGS</b>          | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>LEESBURG, VA</b>       |
| <b>Tues-Wed</b>         | <b>May 12-13</b>   | <b>SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE</b>                                     | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>BALTIMORE, MD</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>May 19</b>      | <b>PRESIDENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>                                | <b>10 AM</b>                             | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>May 19</b>      | <b>FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES (Tent.)</b>                     | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>May 20</b>      | <b>POLICY COMMITTEE (Dinner May 19)</b>                              | <b>9 AM</b>                              | <b>CENTER VALLEY, PA</b>  |
|                         |                    |  |  |                           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>June 2</b>      | <b>ATHLETICS DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS (Dinner June 1)</b> | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>EASTON, PA</b>         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>June 2</b>      | <b>COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS</b>   | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>EASTON, PA</b>         |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>June 4</b>      | <b>COMMITTEE ON ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION</b>                          | <b>2 PM</b>                              | <b>CONFERENCE CALL</b>    |
| <i>Mon-Wed</i>          | <i>June 15-17</i>  | <i>NCAA Council and Standing Committees</i>                          | <i>6/15 – 4 PM to<br/>6/17 – 12 PM</i>   | <i>Indianapolis, IN</i>   |
| <i>Mon-Thu</i>          | <i>June 22-25</i>  | <i>Collegiate Commissioners Association</i>                          | <i>All Day</i>                           | <i>Park City, UT</i>      |
|                         | <b>TBD</b>         | <b>DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS</b>  | <b>TBD</b>                               | <b>NEW YORK, NY</b>       |
|                         | <b>TBD</b>         | <b>FACILITY &amp; OPERATIONS DIRECTORS</b>                           | <b>TBD</b>                               |                           |
|                         | <b>TBD</b>         | <b>SPORTS INFORMATION/MARKETING PATRIOT LEAGUE NETWORK</b>           | <b>TBD</b>                               |                           |

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