



# MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION

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## 605 WOMEN'S LACROSSE REGULATIONS - *revised November 10, 2005*

### 605.1 Federation Championship

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation shall be composed of a single division for conference play in the sport of women's lacrosse.

#### 605.1.1 Scheduling Format

Federation teams shall play a single-round robin conference schedule playing home or away in successive years.

#### 605.1.2 Conference Scheduling

The Federation's executive director shall annually produce a scheduling matrix specifying home and away conference matches but shall not specify playing dates in order to maintain scheduling flexibility.

#### 605.1.3 Federation Champion

The Federation Champion and automatic berth in the NCAA Championship shall be determined by a post-season tournament.

##### 605.1.3.1 Tournament Qualifications

All teams shall qualify for the MPSF Championship Tournament.

##### 605.1.3.2 Tournament Site Rotation

The site of the Championship Tournament shall be based on the following rotation established by the coaches as follows:

2004 - Denver	2008 - California
2005 - St. Mary's	2009 - Stanford
2006 - Oregon	2010 - Denver
2007 - UC Davis	2011 - St. Mary's

605.1.3.3 Tournament Format - The teams shall be seeded one through six based on their Federation record. Teams seeded one and two shall receive first-round byes. On the first day of the tournament the team seeded fifth shall play the fourth-seed in the first game of the day and the team seeded sixth shall play the third-seed in the second game of the day in the quarterfinal round. Quarterfinal winners shall advance to the semifinal games on the second day of competition with the winner of the 4 vs. 5 seeds playing the #1 seed in the first semifinal game and the winner of the 6 vs. 3 seeds playing the #2 seed in the second semifinal game. The quarterfinal losers shall play a consolation game prior to the first semifinal game. Semifinal winners shall advance to the MPSF Championship Game on the third day of competition, with semifinal losers playing a third-place game prior to the championship match.

605.1.3.4 Tiebreaker - A two-way tie for seeding position shall be broken based on the head-to-head winner of the regular season Federation game receiving the higher seed.

605.1.3.5 Tiebreaker - Ties in the standings between more than two teams shall be broken comparing the results of all games played between tied teams, even if one or more team's seeding is determined during the course of breaking the ties. The following criteria shall be compared in order to break a tie between tied teams:

1. Goal Differential
2. Fewest Goals Allowed
3. Most Goals Scored

If two teams remain tied after this comparison, then the winner of the head-to-head game shall receive the higher seed. If more than two teams remain tied after this comparison then seeds will be determined by a coin flip.

#### 605.2 Official Ball

The Brine (model number) lacrosse ball is recognized as the official Federation ball for all women's lacrosse competition.

#### 605.3 Officials

Three qualified National or District rated officials shall be assigned to work each match counting in the Federation Women's Lacrosse Championship standings. During the championship tournament, three officials plus a fourth alternate will officiate the competition.

#### 605.4 Awards

The following awards will be provided: First-Team All Federation (three attackers, five midfielders, three defenders, one goalie, and four at-large selections – 16 total), Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Coach of the Year and Academic All-MPSF.

#### 605.5 Media Relations

The Federation shall produce a weekly sports information update which shall include statistical leaders for distribution to Federation member institutions, media outlets, the general public and its website.

#### 605.6 Squad Size and Travel Party

Squad size shall be 28 student-athletes for Federation championship tournament competition. The official travel party is 30 individuals with 42 total bench personnel allowable.

#### 605.7 Championship Host Duties

The championship host institution shall:

1. Provide timely projected and final championship budgets to the Federation office.
2. Work with the Federation office to establish a headquarters hotel.
3. Provide travel related expenses, accommodations, vehicles and game fees for game officials representing all member regions in accordance with Federation regulations.
4. Provide sports information staff to oversee tournament desk and media relations.
5. Provide event personnel sufficient for event management and security.
5. Provide pre-event marketing, event sponsors and championship programs.
6. Meal and room for the annual coaches' business meeting.

#### 605.8 NCAA Rules

All Federation games shall be conducted using U.S. Lacrosse Women's Lacrosse Rules.

605.9 Scouting

No scouting reports of any type– written, verbal, videotape, etc. – of Federation teams shall be shared or provided to any team, including MPSF member teams.

605.10 Videotape Policy

For Federation games, the home team shall provide either a videotape feed or a VHS copy of the game tape at the conclusion of the contest or by overnight courier for receipt by the visiting team within 48 hours after the conclusion of the game.