

2011-2012 Men's Golf Operating Code

1. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

1.1 CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

1.1.1 Conference Competition – There is no mandated in-season competition required.

1.1.2 Conference Championship determined at annual championship meet. The meet is open to those schools that have a varsity men's golf program as set forth in the NCAA regulations.

1.2 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES: The coaches of the golf teams at the sponsoring institutions will make up the PSAC Golf Committee.

1.3 MEETINGS: An official meeting will be held annually at the discretion of the PSAC office.

1.4 PERSONNEL

1.4.1 Staff Limitations

a. 1 head coach

b. 1 full-time assistant (coaching contract with benefits) or part-time assistant or volunteer

c. 1 paid part-time assistant (half time or less) or graduate assistant or volunteer

d. 1 volunteer

e. 4 TOTAL COACHES

1.4.2 Additional Staffing Notes: In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize an unlimited number of full-time undergraduate students with no limitation of duties. In addition to the above limitations, an institution is permitted to utilize a maximum of four (4) social equity positions with a maximum of one (1) per sport. These positions shall be determined by the President and reported to the Commissioner.

1.5 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT: Each Conference member agrees to abide by the regulations and procedures outlined in the National Letter-of-Intent Program.

2. REGULAR SEASON PROCEDURES

2.1 GAME DAY PROCEDURES

2.1.1 Uniforms: Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition or practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, a coach's or team member's headgear must be of an institutional color. A manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or back of the item, as long as it conforms to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.5.

2.1.2 Complimentary Passes: A minimum of two complimentary admissions will be provided to a visiting PSAC student-athlete at any member institution when admission is charged. The complimentary admission list is available online.

2.3 GAME ENVIRONMENT

2.3.1 Unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e. profanity, club tossing or throwing, willful acts of defacing the golf course, use of electronic devices including the use of iPods and cellular telephones, etc.) shall be discouraged.

2.3.2 During the round, defined as from the time the player makes his first stroke until his score card has been signed, at the first offense of any unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships, the student-athlete and coach will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning. The second offense of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a two stroke penalty assessed to the individual with no appeal. Further unsportsmanlike conducts would result in disqualification for that round and ultimately the championship. However, the committee shall have the right, without warning, to impose a two-stroke penalty for any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct including abusive language in any language.

2.3.3 Spectators: Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough, and approximately 15 yards from players. There may be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature. All institutional personnel, excluding designated coach, are considered spectators.

2.3.4 Sportsmanship: The PSAC is committed to developing sportsmanship and creating healthy environments for competition. We believe that part of the role of education through sports is to educate all participants in athletic contests to conduct themselves with civility, dignity and respect for opponents.

2.3.5 Crowd Control Statement: Each member institution is expected to have the following announcement read prior to each contest (at a minimum). Institutions are encouraged to developed a format in which participating student-athletes or other enrolled student-athletes recite this (or a similar statement) prior to competition. “The PSAC and (host institution) promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial comments or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Thank you for your support of the PSAC and (host institution).”

2.3.5.1 Artificial noisemakers are permitted at outdoor athletic events except those devices (i.e. whistles, air horns) that would interfere with the conduct of the contest or those already prohibited by NCAA regular season playing rules.

2.3.5.2 The director of athletics or the designated representative is responsible for removing such instruments from the competition area.

2.3.6 Game Environment, The PSAC and Division II: Institutions have a unique opportunity to establish the link between the educational purpose of Division II athletics and the competition environment at Division II events. Game Environment goes beyond the behavior of players and coaches to include all that surrounds the event, including game administration, fans and student supporters. Sportsmanship should be regarded as a mandatory subset of game environment. That is, an institution can exhibit great sportsmanship without having a great game environment. However, it is not possible to have a great game environment without sportsmanship.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

3.1 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

3.1.1 Date: The third full weekend in October will be the date of the Conference Championship.

3.1.2 Site: (Neutral Venue) The championship shall be played on a neutral golf course and not on a course considered as a school’s home course(s).

3.1.3 Tees: Teams will play from pre-determined championship tee block locations on a golf course that has a minimum length of 6,000 yards for par 70, 6,100 yards for par 71 and 6,200 yards for par 72.

3.1.4 Team: A team shall consist of five players. Team scoring - count low four of five. Players from teams consisting of less than four players will only be eligible for individual awards.

3.1.5 Team Pairings: Team pairings and starting times will be based upon the previous year's tournament standings. Threesomes will be used as much as possible throughout the tournament.

3.1.6 Competition: The competition will be 36 holes. Inclement weather shall be determined by the rules committee and the tournament schedule revised as necessary by the rules committee. If the tournament should be called after 9 holes on the second day, the first 27 holes will count. If there is no play on the second day, the 18 holes played on the first day will count. The team champion is determined by taking the total best 4 of 5 scores for each 18 holes.

3.2 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

3.2.1 Rules Committee: The championship shall be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the Division II Golf Championship handbook. The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the host golf professional and local volunteer USGA members.

3.2.2 Tiebreaker: If there is a tie for the team championship, NCAA rules for determining the winning team in the event of a tie will be used.

3.2.2.1 Individual Medalist & Team Championship tiebreaking Procedures: Team ties shall be broken by a sudden death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. If possible, all playoffs will begin on the first tee; however, the games committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff.

3.2.2.2 Sudden Death Playoff Procedures: Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A,B,C, etc.).

a. Two Teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

#5A, #5B, #4A, #4B, #3A playoff hole #1

#3B, #2A, #2B, #1A, #1B playoff hole #1

b. Shotgun Format:

Three teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 playoff hole 1

Four Teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 playoff hole 1

Five Teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 E #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 E #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 E #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 E #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 E #1 playoff hole 1

3.2.2.3 Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament. The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.

a. Non Sudden Death Tiebreaking Procedures: If a sudden death playoff cannot be completed, the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at the championship

b. Individuals

1. That round's score
2. Score from previous round(s)
3. Coin toss

4. When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time

c. Teams

1. Cumulative total of the noncounting scores
2. Highest cumulative individual total
3. Second highest cumulative individual total
4. Third highest cumulative individual total
5. Forth highest cumulative individual total
6. Lowest cumulative individual total
7. Committee decision

3.2.3 Advice: Players and coaches may communicate with each other in any respect during the tournament. In addition to the provisions of Rule 8-1, the Note under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf will be in effect. Thus, each team may appoint its head or assistant coach to give advice to, or ask for advice from participants on that team provided that:

3.2.3.1 Only one person is appointed to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants on that team at any one time;

3.2.3.2 If the person is other than the head coach, the person is identified to the rules committee before the start of competition each day;

3.2.3.3 The person does not give advice to, or ask for advice from, another team's players or coaches;

3.2.3.4 The person is not given advice by any other representative of that team; and

3.2.3.5 The advice is given in a private manner that does not unduly delay play.

3.2.3.6 The player may ask for advice from, or give advice to, the appointed person in accordance with 3.2.3.1, 3.2.3.2, and 3.2.3.5 above. Advice includes pointing out the line for putting. Penalty for breach of condition: By a player – 2 strokes. By a coach – 2 strokes will be added to the coach's team's score.

3.2.4 Awards

3.2.4.1 A first place and second place team trophy will be presented, respectively at the conclusion of the conference tournament. The five members of the winning team, plus coach, will receive a team champion plaque.

3.2.4.2 The Individual Champion, first and second runner-up shall be recognized with a championship plaque at the PSAC Championship. Runner-up ties are to be broken by the lower score on the final round. If still tied, the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure will be used. (Last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes will be compared until the tie is broken).

3.2.4.3 Awards Ceremony Protocol: The second place team is required to remain present at the site of competition until they are presented with their runner-up trophy.

4. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARD PROCEDURE

4.1 TEAM COMPOSITION and INDIVIDUALS AWARDS

4.1.1 Following the NCAA Regional Championship, coaches will be requested to nominate players from their team for an Athlete and Freshman of the Year. To be eligible for the Freshman of the Year Award, a student-athlete should be listed by the institution as a freshman or red-shirt freshman and must be competing in their initial year of eligibility for that sport.

4.1.2 Each coach will be automatically considered as a nominee for Coach of the Year. Supporting evidence of tournament scores and scoring average should accompany the nominations.

4.1.3 All-Conference certificates shall be awarded to a first and second team of five players each for a total of ten all-conference players.

4.2 NOMINATION PROCEDURES

4.2.1 Individuals under consideration must have played in a minimum of 12 rounds of golf during the year, including the PSAC Championship.

4.2.2 Coaches will use GolfStat or a guide to vote.

4.2.3 The PSAC Championship medalist is an automatic selection for the first team.

4.3 VOTING PROCEDURE

4.3.1 A coach shall **not** vote for his/her own players or himself/herself.

4.3.2 Ties shall be broken by a revote of uninvolved coaches.

4.4 MISCELLANEOUS

4.4.1 The selection process will be conducted by the Conference Media Relations Director in accordance with the PSAC policy.