

2011-2012 Women'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 women'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 develop 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).