

MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF OPERATING CODE

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of sponsoring golf teams in the PSAC is to offer enrolled student golfers the opportunity to compete in quality golf competition at the collegiate level. It is believed that all universities in the conference should offer this opportunity to their enrolled students.

II. STRUCTURE:

The coaches of the golf teams at the sponsoring institutions will make up the PSAC Golf Committee. An official meeting will be held annually at the discretion of the PSAC office.

III. TOURNAMENT:

A. 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.

B. Tees: Men 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. Women will play from pre-determined tee box locations on a golf course that has a minimum length of 5,800 yards.

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

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

a. **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.

b. **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.).

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

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

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

c. **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

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.

- d. **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

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

Teams

5. Cumulative total of the noncounting scores
6. Highest cumulative individual total
7. Second highest cumulative individual total
8. Third highest cumulative individual total
9. Forth highest cumulative individual total
10. Lowest cumulative individual total
11. Committee decision

- H. **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).

IV. **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:

- a. Only one person is appointed to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants on that team at any one time;
- b. If the person is other than the head coach, the person is identified to the rules committee before the start of competition each day;
- c. The person does not give advice to, or ask for advice from, another team's players or coaches;
- d. The person is not given advice by any other representative of that team; and
- e. The advice is given in a private manner that does not unduly delay play.

The player may ask for advice from, or give advice to, the appointed person in accordance with a, b and e 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.

V. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

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.

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.

VI. 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.

VII. LETTER OF INTENT

Each Conference member agrees to abide by the regulations and procedures outlined in the National Letter-of-Intent Program.

VIII. 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.

IX. AWARDS

A. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

1. A first place and second place team trophy will be presented, respectively at the conclusion of the conference tournament.
2. The Individual Champion shall be recognized with a championship plaque.
3. The five members of the winning team, plus coach, will receive a team champion plaque.
4. An MVP of the Conference Championship shall be selected by a vote of the Coaches at the conclusion of the championship and will receive an MVP plaque.

B. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

Following the NCAA Regional Championship, coaches will be requested to nominate players from their team for an Athlete and Freshman of the Year. A Freshman shall be defined as one who is participating in his/her first year of intercollegiate competition. 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.

All-Conference certificates shall be awarded to the top ten finishers (and ties) at the Conference Championship.

All-Conference Voting Procedure

1. A Coach shall not vote for his/her own players or himself/herself.
2. Ties shall be broken by a revote of uninvolved coaches.