

SECTION 6: GOLF

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A. REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION

1. In any competition hosted by a conference member a two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for conduct unbecoming a college player. The conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Club throwing, defined as releasing the club in a manner which might cause harm to any person or the course.
 - b. Use of abusive language.
 - c. Willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course.
 - d. Other unbecoming conduct as determined by the Conference Golf Rules Committee.

B. REGULAR SEASON PLAY

1. Regular season competition among Conference members is not required.

C. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The women's conference championship shall be scheduled the week before the NCAA Regional Tournament, with the practice round on Friday and the tournament played on Saturday and Sunday. The men's conference championship shall be scheduled between April 14-25. (Effective 8/1/07)
2. The site for the men's tournament shall be determined one year in advance by the coaches association and approved by the league office. The site for the women's tournament is the responsibility of the GLVC Women's Golf Coaches Association unless other arrangements are made and approved by the conference at least one year in advance; cost should be approved by the commissioner.
3. A conference team shall not play on the site of the conference championship during the seven day period prior to the day before the day of the practice round which will be scheduled the day prior to the start of the conference tournament.
4. The championship tournament format for men shall consist of stroke play of 54 holes, 36 holes the first day and 18 holes the second day. Field is then cut to the top four (4) teams and seeded for match play. Semifinal matches played in the morning and finals in the afternoon on the third day. For women it shall be 36 holes, 18 holes each day for two days. Pairings for the first round of the women's tournament shall be based on the latest GolfStat rankings. Pairings for the first day of the men's tournament are based on the GolfStat rankings from the Wednesday prior to the tournament. For women, the best four (4) out of five (5) scores for each 18 hole stipulated round shall be scored. For men, the best four (4) out of five (5) 18-hole scores shall be scored. For men, after day one of the tournament, the low unofficial team total will be used for pairing purposes only. For men, day one and two may be played as a shotgun or tee-times at the discretion of the tournament committee. The playing format for the second day of the tournament will be played as follows, with Group I teeing off first, followed by Group II, III, IV and V: (Effective 10/11/05)

Group I: 15th, 14th and 13th place teams
Group II: 12th, 11th and 10th place teams
Group III: 9th, 8th, and 7th place teams
Group IV: 6th, 5th, and 4th place teams
Group V: 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place teams

In the event of hazardous conditions, a roll-back to the last nine (9) holes completed by all teams will constitute a stipulated round.

Men's Tournament

Schedule

Day 1 – Practice Round times determined by Golf Course

Day 2 – Rounds 1 & 2

Day 3 – Round 3

Playoff if necessary for determining top 4 teams

Playoff if necessary for determining medalist

Day 4 – Semifinal Match

Final Match to determine team champion and AQ for NCAA

Weather Considerations

- The first goal of the event is to complete 54 holes of stroke play. Stroke play can move into day 4 if weather delays made completion impossible in 2 days.
- The tournament committee will make decision if it's reasonable to begin matches on day 4 if we have had weather delays. Committee also has the option to skip semifinals and only play a championship match between #1 and #2 teams after stroke play if not enough day light is left on day 4.
- If match play portion cannot be completed then team champion and AQ would revert back to stroke play results.

Team Tiebreaking Procedures:

Ties for team seeding-

1. Cumulative total of non-counting scores
2. Highest cumulative Individual total
3. Second highest cumulative individual total
4. Third highest cumulative individual total
5. Fourth highest cumulative individual total
6. Lowest cumulative individual total
7. Golfstat rankings

Ties for the 4th seed in team match play-

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 committee will determine starting holes. If the playoff involves more than 2 teams, a shotgun format will be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for medalist to follow immediately after the conclusion of team playoff. If all individual playoff contestants are not involved in team playoff the committee may decide to start it at same time if daylight is a concern. The playoff will only determine the 4 teams to advance. The seeding of top 4 teams will still be based on formula described above.

Sudden Death Procedures

Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner will have the option of the A or B positions set for below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

Two teams (A & B; tee of alternately)

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

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

Shotgun Format (more than 2 teams)

3 Teams

#5A	#5B	#5C	Playoff hole 5
#4A	#4B	#4C	Playoff hole 4
#3A	#3B	#3C	Playoff hole 3
#2A	#2B	#2C	Playoff hole 2
#1A	#1B	#1C	Playoff hole 1

4 Teams

#5A	#5B	#5C	#5D	Playoff hole 5
#4A	#4B	#4C	#4D	Playoff hole 4
#3A	#3B	#3C	#3D	Playoff hole 3
#2A	#2B	#2C	#2D	Playoff hole 2
#1A	#1B	#1C	#1D	Playoff hole 1

Five Teams

#5A	#5B	#5C	#5D	#5E	Playoff hole 5
#4A	#4B	#4C	#4D	#4E	Playoff hole 4
#3A	#3B	#3C	#3D	#3E	Playoff hole 3
#2A	#2B	#2C	#2D	#2E	Playoff hole 2
#1A	#1B	#1C	#1D	#1E	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 or more teams shall be consistent with the above format as determined by the committee.

Medal Match Play

- All matches in the team match play format will be played using the medal/match format. The player in a match up that scores the lowest 18-hole total for the match will earn 1 point for his team. The losing player will score no points for his team. If the scores are tied after 18 holes, each team will receive ½ point. The USGA stroke play rules will govern play.
- If after all 5 matches are completed, the team score is tied at 2.5/2.5 then the winning team will be determined by each team adding together all 5 of their player's scores from the tied match. The team with the lowest total wins the match. If match is still tied, then the sudden death playoff procedure for 2 teams listed above would be followed.
- Team seeds for Medal/Match play are determined by stroke play totals. Ties are broken using tiebreaking methods listed above.
- For pairing purposes, the committee will use stroke play scores to determine playing position for the medal/match play portion only.
- Semifinals are paired as follows:
 - #1 seed vs. #4 seed
 - #2 seed vs. #3 seedWinners will advance to finals
- Tee times in medal/match play will go in the following order:
 - 0:00 #5 vs. #5
 - 0:09 #4 vs. #4
 - 0:18 #3 vs. #3
 - 0:27 #2 vs. #2
 - 0:36 #1 vs. #1
- Actual starting times for matches will be set by committee in coordination with golf course. Semifinal matches can be started on different tees (example 1 vs. 4 off #1 and 2 vs. 3 off #10)

Stroke Play

- Round 1 pairings will be based on the Wednesday Golfstat rankings nearest to the start of the competition.
 - Round 1 pairings shall be threesomes:
Groupings: 1seed, 2seed, 3seed
 4,5,6
 7,8,9
 10,11,12
 13,14,15
 Committee may adjust pairings if number of team's change.
 - Order of play within each team shall be:
 #5 (first off) thru #1 (last off)
 - Stroke play pairings may be tee times or shotgun based on committee decision based on weather and golf course needs.
 - Round 2 pairings will be the same as Round 1 unless Round 2 starts on a new day and repairing is feasible. Then same procedures as described in Round 3 formula would be used.
 - Round 3 pairings will be based on Round 2 results (unless weather makes this unreasonable). The groupings described above would remain the same but the seeding numbers would change based on the Round 2 team score. Individuals would also be reseeded within their team based on Round 2 scores. Ties for team or individual seeding will be decided by the original seeding from Round 1.
 - The individual conference champion will be determined by the lowest score from the stroke play portion of the tournament. This could be 36 holes if weather forces the cancellation of a round.
 - Top 5 individuals and ties will earn All-Conference designation from the stroke play rounds. This could be 36 holes if weather forces the cancellation of a round.
5. An information packet shall be provided by the host institution to all participating schools at the pretournament meeting. At a minimum, it shall include:
 - a. Minutes of the Golf Coaches meeting from the previous year
 - b. Team results from the previous year's golf championship
 - c. GLVC Golf Tournament Rules and Procedures
 - d. Current Rule Sheet particular to the golf course site
 - e. Tee times for the first and second round play
 - f. Tournament individual result sheets
 - g. Tournament team standings sheet
 6. The Conference Golf Rules Committee shall consist of the past-chairman, chairman and chairman-elect of the Coaches Association, along with the Conference Commissioner, the Athletic Director/SWA liaison assigned as the representative to golf, and a representative from the course hosting the championship.
 7. NCAA guidelines for appropriate apparel must be followed.
 8. If tied for team or individual totals after 36 holes for the women's tournament and 54 holes for the men's tournament, the NCAA Golf Championship tie-breaker will be used.
 9. For the women's and the men's tournament, one USGA certified officials will be paid to officiate the tournament. The host institution for the tournament will work in conjunction with the conference office to secure the officials. Expenses (e.g. fees and lodging etc.) for the officials will be shared equally by all teams participating in the championship.
 10. Coaches and student-athletes are prohibited from the use and/or consumption of alcohol, tobacco products, and controlled substances during the GLVC Championship Tournament, including the practice round and at the site of competition (e.g. golf course, clubhouse, driving range etc.). The use of tobacco or alcohol will result in a disqualification for the offending individual(s) for the stipulated round.
 11. A GLVC banquet is to be held at the women's golf championship with the date and time to be determined by the host institution and the conference office.
 12. Institutions that have not declared golf as an NCAA sponsored sport, but wishing to include individual athletes in the championship, are welcome to do so with the approval of the

commissioner; however, those athletes and their schools are not eligible for medalist honors or team championship, All Sports Trophy points, or considered for all conference awards. (Effective 10/11/05)

13. The use of cell phones and I-Pods are prohibited during the GLVC Golf Championship. Use of a cell phone on the course during the championship will only be permitted in an emergency situation. Violation of this policy will result in a two-stroke penalty to the individual.
14. If unexpected termination (see Section 1.C.5.) occurs prior to the conclusion (e.g. 54 holes for men / 36 holes for women) or the completion of a minimum of 36 holes for the men and 18 holes for the women at the GLVC Championship Tournament, the conference champion will be determined by the rankings compiled by the NCAA Midwest Region Men's and Women's Golf Committees prior to the final selection call.

D. **AWARDS** (See Section 1 ALL SPORTS, part D. AWARDS; the following are specific additions or changes to the general guidelines given there.)

All-Conference Team The team shall consist of

1. The five lowest scoring players (extended to include ties) at the conference tournament; and,

Men - Coaches may nominate up to three players for the all-conference ballot, following the completion of the spring season. The five players receiving the most votes from the coaches will be named to the all-conference team. Each player must have at least 12 rounds and play in the conference tournament.

- a. **Conference Medalist Award** - The award will be presented to the medalist of the tourney. Ties for medalist shall be played off on a sudden victory format.
- b. **Player-of-the-Year Award** - The conference Player of the Year Award for the season will be determined by a vote of the coaches at the end of the spring season.
- c. **Freshman-of-the-Year Award** - The conference Freshman of the Year Award for the season will be determined by a vote of the coaches at the end of the spring season.
- d. **Coach-of-the-Year Award** - Balloting for this award will be conducted by the Conference Commissioner at the conclusion of the GLVC tournament.

Women - The remaining five members will be determined by the year-to-date rankings based on head-to-head ratings by Golfstat. To be eligible for consideration, players must play a minimum of fifteen (15) rounds and have played in the conference tournament to be ranked. Post season play will not be considered in the rankings. Selection will be made at the conclusion of the spring season and prior to the NCAA Division II Championship.

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 - b. **Player-of-the-Year Award** - The award will be presented at the conference tournament to the student-athlete with the highest ranking based on head-to-head ratings, excluding the conference tournament, as determined by Golfstat and based on a minimum of 15 rounds.
 - c. **Freshman-of-the-Year Award** - The award will be presented at the conference tournament to the freshman student-athlete with the highest ranking based on head-to-head ratings, excluding the conference tournament, as determined by Golfstat and based on a minimum of 15 rounds. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be declared.
 - d. **Coach-of-the-Year Award** - Balloting for this award will be conducted by the Conference Commissioner at the conclusion of the first round of the GLVC tournament by a vote of the coaches.
2. **Player of the Month Award** - This award will be presented to one men's and women's golfer in September, October, March, and April. The winner will be determined by a vote of the coaches.

E. COACHES ASSOCIATION

1. Each Coaches Association shall meet at least once annually, either in person or by conference call. Such meetings shall be scheduled by the conference commissioner.
2. A Chairman, Chairman-elect, and Secretary shall be elected annually. The Chairman-elect shall serve as secretary for the annual meeting of the coaches.
 - a. The Women's Golf Coaches Association has identified the three elected individuals identified in 5.E.2 as the "WGCA Council" with each position representing one of three regions in the conference. The WGCA Council will solicit, organize, prioritize and communicate all concerns of WGCA and all decisions will be by a vote of the WGCA. (10/7/09)
 - A. There shall be one representative from the Southeast (UI, USI, NKU, BU), Central (LU, QU, SJC, KWC, UIS) and Southwest (UMSL, DU, RU, MU) regions and each representative will be selected by the coaches in their region. Representatives may be re-elected and may vote for themselves. (10/7/09)
 - B. Each representative will serve a three-year term. The representative will serve as secretary in the first year, chairman-elect in second year and chairman in third year. The rotation will begin in 2009-10 with the Southwest serving as chairman, southeast as chairman-elect and central as secretary. (10/7/09)

F. PUBLICITY AND STATISTICS

1. The conference SID is responsible for gathering and disseminating results and information about any GLVC-sponsored event. The championships information should include all golfers' first and last names, institution, scores after each round as necessary as well as a breakdown of the team scoring and any awards presented at the event (i.e. Golfer of the Year, Coach of the Year, All-GLVC).