

CHAPTER 7—MEN'S GOLF REGULATIONS

1. Playing Season Policies.

a. Championships Determination.

The team and individual Conference champions in men's golf shall be determined at a Conference championship tournament. The team champion shall receive the Automatic Qualifying bid and represent the Conference in the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships. (6/92, 6/01, 8/16)

(1) Championship Ties.

In the event of a tie for the team championship, NCAA team tie breaking procedures shall be followed to determine the champion. If circumstances (e.g. weather) dictate that a playoff cannot be conducted, the tied teams shall be declared co-champions and the Conference automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championships shall be determined by a vote of the Senior Woman Administrators Committee. (5/81, 6/01, 6/06)

In the event of a tie for the individual championship, a sudden death playoff shall be held immediately after the conclusion of the final round to determine the champion. If circumstances (e.g., weather) dictate that a playoff cannot be conducted, the tied individuals shall be declared co-champions. If the tie is between members of the same team, the playoff shall be held at the discretion of the team's coach, who shall be allowed to determine whether a playoff shall be held. If a playoff is not held, the individuals shall be declared co-champions. (5/81, 6/06, 6/07)

b. Conference Schedule.

Each Conference team shall make its best effort to participate in an event hosted by a Conference team. (6/92, 6/01, 8/13)

(1) Rescheduling Policies.

A round of play not completed within a tournament's scheduled time frame shall be cancelled. (7/92)

2. Conference Championships.

a. Competition site.

No golf course with gender-related discriminatory tee time restrictions may be used. (6/93, 6/95)

b. Date and Site Rotation.

The Conference Championships shall be held during the last week in April with the exact dates to be determined by golf course availability. The championship site shall be selected on the following rotation basis: (6/00)

| Year | Host Institution | Year | Host Institution |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 2016-17 | Colorado | 2022-23 | Arizona State |
| 2017-18 | USC | 2023-24 | Oregon State |
| 2018-19 | Oregon | 2024-25 | UCLA |
| 2019-20 | California | 2025-26 | Arizona |
| 2020-21 | Washington | 2026-27 | Washington State |
| 2021-22 | Stanford | 2027-28 | Utah |
| | | | (6/87, 12/87, 10/10, 8/14) |

c. Entertainment.

The host institution shall be limited to providing a maximum of one meal per day, one event (banquet or other hosted night out), and refreshments on the course. (6/88, 6/07, 6/08, 10/09, 8/15)

d. Entries.

Teams participating in the Conference Championships shall consist of a maximum of six players. If a two-some format is used, each of the top six seeded teams, based upon the Golf Coaches Association District 8 rankings, shall be assigned via a blind draw to one of six groups for the first round of the Conference Championships. The Conference office shall conduct the draw and inform all coaches of the outcome two weeks before the start of competition. In addition, the Conference office shall conduct a second draw to determine the order of play for the groups during the first day of competition. Following each day of competition, the pairings for the next day shall be determined by team scores. Order of play in a twosome format after the first day shall be teams 5-6, 3-4, and 1-2 off the first tee in that order, and teams 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 off the 10th tee in that order. If a threesome format is used, the defending Conference team champion shall be assigned the first tee time on the first tee on the first day of play and the other eleven teams shall be assigned starting hole, order of play and partners via a blind draw by the Conference office. Following each day of competition, the pairings for the next day shall be determined by team scores. Following each day of competition, the pairings for the next day shall be determined by team scores. Order of play in a three-some format after the first day shall be teams 4-5-6 and 1-2-3 off the first tee in that order and teams 7-8-9 and 10-11-12 off the 10th tee. A combination of twosome and threesome formats is permissible. (5/83, 6/87, 6/88, 6/96, 6/03, 6/07, 6/08, 6/11)

e. Format.

Seventy-two holes of stroke play golf over three days of competition shall decide the Conference Golf Championships. The host institution shall determine which day the 36-hole competition will be held and shall notify all other institutions at least 30 days in advance of the Championships. It is recommended that the coaches decide whether twosomes or threesomes are used in the Championships at the annual meeting the year prior to the Championships. (8/80, 6/87, 6/89, 6/90, 6/96, 6/06)

f. Host Responsibilities.

The host institution, at least one month in advance of the Championships, shall notify the other member institutions of the time schedule of the event, giving details of the tournament and such related items as housing, coaches meetings, publicity needs, and the deadline for entries.

g. Lineups and Substitutions

The head coach must submit his or her lineup according to playing position. The six contestants from each institution must be determined by the conclusion of the coaches administrative meeting prior to the tournament. A player may be substituted before the first tee time of his team of the first round of the champion-

ships, if the head coach notifies the games committee before the first tee time. The substitute must assume the position of the replaced player. (6/05)

h. Playing Rules.

USGA rules shall govern play at the Conference Championships except as modified below. NCAA Championships rules shall be used for rules pertaining to equipment, uniforms, pace of play, spectators, and tobacco use. (6/92, 6/96)

(1) Open Advice.

The NCAA advice rule shall be used. (6/87, 6/89, 6/02, 10/02)

(2) Range Finders.

Rules pertaining to the use of range finders at the NCAA Championships shall be applied to the Conference Championships. (6/06)

(3) Scoring.

The five players with the low scores on a team for any 18-hole round shall constitute the scoring members of the team for that round, and the team with the lowest total combined score for all rounds shall be the team champion. (5/83)

(4) Unbecoming Conduct.

The Games Committee, which shall consist of two neutral observers (no coaches), shall be authorized to assess a penalty or to disqualify an individual for that round if the player is found to have engaged in actions detrimental to the sport of golf or unbecoming to a college golfer (club throwing, abusive language, property damage, etc.). No penalty shall be assessed until the Games Committee has interviewed the player(s) involved and there shall be no discussion among the members of the Games Committee concerning the incident prior to the interview(s). (5/83, 8/84)

i. Hole Location Sheets.

Hole location sheets for all rounds shall be provided to all participants. (8/84, 8/16)

j. Practice Round.

The host institution shall make every effort to provide each team with one practice round on the day preceding the Championships. The tee time order for the practice round shall be selected via a blind draw by the Conference office at the same time that the draw for team pairings and order of play is conducted, with the exception that institutions local to the site of the championships shall be assigned the latest tee times for the practice round. The NCAA Championships one-ball practice round policy shall be in effect with the exception that multiple balls may be used in chipping and putting. Teams and individuals are prohibited from practicing or playing at the site of the Conference Championships from September 1 prior to the Championships until the practice round the day prior to the Championships, with the following exceptions: (6/65, 12/77, 5/83, 6/93, 6/96, 6/00, 6/01, 6/09)

- (1) The Conference Championships host team, (6/09)
- (2) A team designating that course as an institutional practice facility, (6/09)
- (3) A team competing in a regularly scheduled event at that site, or (6/09)
- (4) Coaches of combined men's and women's programs who are coaching the women's team at a competition. (6/09)

k. Rescheduling Policies.

In the event of rain or poor weather, play shall continue unless the course is deemed unplayable by The Committee. If rain forces cancellation of play, the following procedures shall be followed: (6/98, 8/16)

- (1) If at any time after 36 holes of play the tournament is called because of weather, the scores shall be final. (6/98, 8/16)
- (2) If 50 percent or more of the participants complete a round (a round being 18 holes) prior to inclement weather which forces play to stop, the round shall be continued either that day or the following day, weather permitting. If less than 50 percent of the participants complete the round, the round shall be canceled and the scores reverted to the last complete round. (6/98, 8/16)

l. Results.

The sports information director of the host institution shall provide the Conference office with full results of the Championships.

3. Awards.

The Conference men's golf coaches shall select recipients for all men's golf awards. Nominations for all awards shall be submitted to the Conference office three weeks prior to the Conference Championships. Coaches may not vote for themselves or for their own players for any of the awards. (6/92, 6/94, 6/10, 8/14, 8/15)

a. All-Conference Team.

The Conference office shall compile all nominations and provide coaches with a head-to-head report and player comparison report generated by *Golfstat* prior to the Conference Championships. Within 36 hours of the conclusion of the Conference Championships, the Conference office shall provide coaches with a head-to-head report and a player comparison report generated by *Golfstat*. Within 72 hours of the conclusion of the Championships, coaches shall discuss nominations via conference call. Following the conference call, each coach shall provide the Conference office with a list of his or her all-Conference selections in rank order. Nominees with the highest number of votes will determine the first, second, and honorable mention teams. The all-Conference team shall consist of an eight-player first team, an eight-player second team, and honorable mention. Members of the first team shall be provided an award from the Conference. Members of the second team shall be provided a certificate by the Conference office. Honorable mention selections shall be recognized in a Conference media release. The individual Conference champion shall automatically be a member of the first team, and the second- through tenth-place finishers at the Conference Championships shall automatically be among the all-Conference honorees. (6/92, 6/99, 6/03, 6/07, 8/14, 8/15)

b. All-Freshman Team.

The all-freshman team shall consist of five players and shall be provided a certificate from the Conference. (6/12)

c. Individual Awards.

An individual award from the Conference office shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Golfer of the Year, the Freshman of the Year, and the top six individual finishers at the Conference Men's Golf Championships. Balloting conducted for individual awards shall use a weighted voting method. (6/92, 2/99, 6/00, 10/02, 6/09, 6/11)

4. Meetings of Coaches.

There shall be an annual meeting of the men's golf coaches. The attendance of each head coach is mandatory. (6/92, 6/07, 10/11, 8/16)