

CHAPTER 8—WOMEN’S GOLF REGULATIONS

1. Playing Season Policies.

a. Championships Determination.

The team and individual Conference champions in women’s golf shall be determined at a Conference championship tournament. The team champion shall represent the Conference in the NCAA Division I Women’s Golf Championships. If fewer than 36 holes are completed at the Championships, the top-seeded team in the event shall represent the Conference in the NCAA Division I Women’s Golf Championships. (6/92, 6/01, 6/10)

(1) Championship Ties.

In the event of a tie for the team championship, NCAA team tiebreaking procedures shall be followed to determine the champion. In the event of a tie for the individual championship, a sudden death play-off shall determine the champion. (6/87, 6/92, 6/01)

b. Conference Schedule.

Each team shall meet every other Conference opponent annually. (6/92, 6/01)

(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.

The competition site must be one which will provide an adequate block of tee times, preferably in the morning, with free or reduced greens fees and does not require the use of caddies or carts. The course shall be well-marked and staked and the site shall include a scoreboard, driving range, and food service. No golf course with a tee time restriction may be used. (6/92, 6/93, 6/96)

b. Date and Site Rotation.

The Conference Championships shall conclude no later than the Sunday prior to the NCAA regional selections. The championship course shall be selected on the following rotation basis: (6/87, 12/87, 4/88, 6/00, 6/04)

Year	Host Institution	Year	Host Institution
2016-17	Arizona	2022-23	Washington State
2017-18	Washington	2023-24	UCLA
2018-19	USC	2024-25	Oregon State
2019-20	Stanford	2025-26	Colorado
2020-21	Oregon	2026-27	California
2021-22	Arizona State	(6/95, 6/00, 6/07, 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, 6/09)

d. Entries.

Entries are limited to golfers from Conference member institutions. It is recommended that split tees be used throughout the Championship with the host institution having the option to use single tee if so dictated by site conditions. Play shall be conducted with four twosomes and one threesome. Team pairings for the first day of the Championships shall be determined by a blind draw, with the number one seed guaranteed to play in a twosome off the first tee with a tee time in the middle of the draw. All team seedings shall be based on an average of the Golfweek Sagarin ratings and Golfstat national women's golf rankings head-to-head standings of NCAA Division I women's teams. A minimum of three days prior to the start of the Championships and using the latest rankings available, the Conference office shall calculate the average of the Golfweek Sagarin ratings and Golfstat national women's golf rankings head-to-head standings of NCAA Division I women's teams to determine the seeding. (4/88, 6/92, 6/94, 6/96, 5/97, 2/99, 6/00, 6/04, 6/05, 6/07, 10/10, 6/11, 6/12)

Lineups shall be provided to the host institution by 5:00 local time the day prior to the coaches' meeting at the Championships. Lineup changes are permitted up to the time when lineups are approved at the conclusion of the coaches' meeting. Any lineup changes requested after the coaches' meeting shall be submitted to the Rules Committee for approval; changes are permitted only until each team's fifth participant tees off. (6/12, 8/14)

The Championships entries format may be reviewed, and if necessary, adjusted annually to assure golf course accommodation. (2/99)

e. Format.

The Conference Championships shall be decided by a three-day, 54-hole tournament. (4/88)

f. Host Responsibilities.

The host institution, at least 28 days in advance of the Championships, shall notify the other member institutions of the time schedule and details of the Championships, and such related items as housing, coaches meetings, publicity needs, and the deadline for entries. At the coaches' meeting prior to the start of the Championships, the tournament director shall present a contingency plan should any golfer assigned to a twosome is unable to participate or complete a round. (6/08, 10/10, 8/14)

g. Officials.

A minimum of six rules officials shall be assigned to the Championships. (6/00)

h. Playing Rules.

USGA rules shall govern play at the Conference Championships except as modified below. NCAA Championship rules shall be used for rules pertaining to equipment, uniforms, pace of play, and spectators. Each competitor should carry a current copy of the USGA rule book. (6/96, 5/97)

(1) Cars, Carts, and Caddies.

Participants may not use cars or carts to carry their clubs. An exception to this policy may be granted by a majority vote of the coaches if the individual is permanently disabled. A written request must be submitted to the Conference office with accompanying medical statements requesting the use of a car at least one week in advance of the Championships. Pull carts may be used provided an institution informs the host institution of its pull cart needs prior to the Championships on the institution's lineup form. (6/96, 6/98, 6/99)

(2) Rain.

All effort shall be made to have a minimum of 54 holes played. In the event of rain, play shall continue unless the course is deemed unplayable by the management. The final decision shall lie with the Rules Committee. If rain forces cancellation of play, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (a) If at any time after 36 holes of play the tournament is called because of rain, the scores shall be final.
- (b) 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 terminated and the scores reverted to the last complete round. (6/87)

(3) Rules Committee.

A Rules Committee, created by the Tournament Director, shall consist of a minimum of three qualified (USGA certified, if available) persons. Any larger committee must be composed of an odd number of members. No coach from any participating institution shall be a member of the Committee.

(4) Scoring.

Competition shall be by stroke play. A team shall consist of a maximum of five players. Four of the five golfers may score for the team. (6/96, 6/98, 6/04)

(5) Unbecoming Conduct.

The Rules Committee shall be authorized to assess a two-stroke 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 a college golfer (e.g., club throwing, abusive language, property damage, etc.).

i. 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 determined based on team seeding. The order for the practice round shall correspond with the tee times set for the first day of competition. The practice round shall be played by fivesomes with the tee-off times at ten-minute intervals. Teams other than the host team shall not be permitted to play or walk the golf course on the eight days preceding the practice round. No team other than the host shall be allowed access to the golf course or practice areas at the Conference Championships site on the day prior to the practice round. (4/88, 6/90, 6/94, 6/96, 6/02, 6/04, 6/06, 6/09)

j. Results.

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

3. Awards.

The Conference women's golf coaches shall provide information or select recipients for all women's golf awards. (6/92, 6/09)

a. All-Conference Team.

The All-Conference team shall consist of a 12-player first team and a minimum of six and maximum of eight honorable mention selections. For all-Conference consideration, a golfer must compete in at least four events and the Conference Championship; all exceptions require a coaches vote. Members of the first team

shall be provided an award from the Conference. 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 will become the thirteenth member if not already selected. (8/16)

After regular-season competition has been completed, the Conference office shall provide the rankings of the top 32 players according to Golfstat to the coaches. Each coach shall provide a list of his or her all-Conference selections in rank order and may not vote for their own players. The Conference office shall provide the results of the ranking-order voting, and coaches may request player-comparison discussions. The final vote will occur at the coaches' meeting. (6/92, 6/93, 6/95, 2/99, 6/99, 6/00, 6/01, 6/03, 6/04, 6/05, 6/07, 8/13, 8/14)

b. Individual Awards.

An individual award from the Conference office shall be provided to the top six individual finishers at the Conference Women's Golf Championships, the Coach of the Year, the Golfer of the Year, and the Freshman of the Year in women's golf. Nominees for Golfer of the Year and Freshman of the Year shall be submitted to the Conference office one week prior to the Conference championships. Balloting conducted for individual awards shall use a weighted voting method. Using a ballot provided by the Conference office, coaches shall assign three points to their first choice and one point to their second choice for coach of the year. The coach achieving the highest point total shall be named Conference Coach of the Year. Coaches may not vote for themselves for the award. Balloting shall be conducted by the Conference office and completed after the NCAA Championships. (4/88, 6/92, 2/99, 6/02, 6/05, 6/09, 6/11)

4. Meetings of Coaches.

There shall be an annual meeting of the women's golf coaches. The attendance of each head coach is mandatory. The head rules official for the Conference Championships shall be requested to attend the tournament meeting. (6/92, 10/11, 8/16)