

PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF SUPPLEMENT

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I. PLAYING RULES – The official rules of the USGA shall govern golf competition except as local rules take precedence and with the following additions and provisions:

A. Unsportsmanlike conduct:

1. Any willful course or green damage (immediate disqualification).
2. Flagrant club throwing (2 stroke penalty).
3. Cell phones use not allowed on course
 - a. First offense - warning
 - b. Second offense - two stroke penalty
 - c. Third offense - disqualification
4. Abusive language or attitude affecting the play of others (2 stroke penalty).
5. Second offense, player is ejected and will follow the CCCAA State Decorum policy.
6. All protests will be decided by the conference coaches with simple majority, those parties involved not allowed to vote.

B. It is recommended that participants in Pacific Coast Athletic Conference events dress in long-legged slacks or like-colored solid golf shorts, according to course regulations, and shirts tucked in. Players must remain in uniform during the entire time they are at the golf course.

C. All participants must carry their own golf clubs.

D. The ball is to be played as it lies, unless the club rule is lift, clean and place thru the green. The ball shall be 1 club length no nearer the hole. Only the head coach or his/her designee may confer with his/her own players, only to the extent he/she not interfere with the other players in the tournament. The coach shall not confer with players on greens.

E. Always maintain proper playing position on golf course. The host coach is responsible for the pace of play. Slow play could cause a two (2) stroke penalty for the player after a warning. Time 40 second per shot as determined by host team coach. Will use SCGA pace of play policy.

F. If during play, a ruling cannot be agreed upon by all players in the group, the hole should be played out with the ball in play plus a second ball. Official ruling shall then be determined by the committee and the club pro, if necessary, at the conclusion of the 18 holes. Refer to USGA 3.3.

G. During conference play, an accurate hole-by-hole recording of scores is required. Any infraction of rules shall be called and/or recognized at the time of infraction and settled prior to the next tee off, if applicable to the rules of golf.

1. All players are required to remain at the scorer's table until all personal scores in their group have been tabulated and posted by the official scorer. Any discrepancy regarding the rules of golf or recording of scores shall be settled at this time.

2. Official score cards shall be turned in by each group. Two (2) players must sign each score card before it can be considered official.

H. All men must play from the same tees in all matches. Women playing on men's teams shall tee off from the next tee forward in all matches.

I. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco in any form at the tournament site. Violators will be ejected from the match that day and follow the CCCAA State Decorum Policy (CCCAA Bylaws 4.4-4.7 are in effect).

J. The use of (USGA approved) distance-measuring devices by participating student athletes and/or coaches is permissible during the stipulated round or during a suspension of play of the stipulated round.

II. SCHEDULE

A. Each school will host one (1) match (six total), and play in four (4) designated PCAC invitational or neutral-site matches in addition to the two-round conference championship tournament for a total of 12 conference contests. Each team will play for a possible five (5) wins in each of the designated conference events.

B. There shall be no make-ups for teams failing to participate in a designated conference event. Barring an unforeseeable or unavoidable circumstance subject to administrative review, any team not present to compete in a designated conference event shall inherit a forfeiture (i.e., in a six-team conference match, a win-loss record of 0-5 for the event and all teams in participation shall earn one win vs. the forfeiting team).

C. Starting time for the regular-season conference matches shall be determined by the host-school, based upon the home-course management's preference. Changes in schedules must be communicated in writing to the conference sport representative. The last group shall be scheduled to tee off no later than 5 1/2 hours before sunset.

III. TEAM SCORING-CONFERENCE STANDINGS

A. Team scores at all conference matches shall be based on the aggregate total of the low five (5) individual player's scores for each participating team. The low aggregate shall determine the winning team and subsequent finish places by descending order of low aggregate scores.

B. Each participating team's conference win-loss record shall be based on the head-to-head low total with every other team per conference match (i.e., in a six-team match, the winning team posts a 5-0 conference win-loss record for the match).

C. All players must complete 13 holes for a team match to count. Holes not completed shall be scored using the USGA net-par method:

Example: Holes completed - 14

Score through 14 holes - 68

4.86 average per hole

$68 \div 14 = 4.86$ average per hole

4.86×4 remaining holes = 19.4 strokes

$19 + 68 = 87$ (adjusted score)

D. Team Ties – If any ties occur, the tie shall be broken by adding the sixth (6th) player's score to the aggregate team total. If a team does not have a sixth (6th) player it shall be eliminated from consideration for the tie-breaker. If teams are still tied, the tie shall be broken by using the USGA recommended tie-breaking procedure, which considers comparable team scores (aggregate low five players) per the following, in descending order, until the tie is broken:

1. Holes 10-18
2. Holes 13-18
3. Holes 16-18
4. Hole 18

In the event this tie breaking procedure is required, the back nine (9) holes shall be deemed to be holes 10-18 on the score card, regardless of the sequence played.

E. The team with the most wins over the course of the conference season (refer to section II, item A) shall be declared the conference team champion.

F. Conference standings tie-breaking procedure (to be used in descending order until the tie is broken in the standings):

1. Head-to-head competition between the tied teams using results from each team's host-site match.
2. Add the 6th player score from the two host-site matches to recalculate each tied team's aggregate score.
3. Stroke differential between the tied teams from each team's host-site match.
4. Team winning in a non-conference invitational match on a neutral course.
5. Add the 6th player's total score for the eight (8) designated conference matches to calculate a scoring differential for the tied teams.

IV. CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

A. All teams shall participate in the conference tournament, consisting of two (2) 18-hole rounds in a one-day event at a neutral site. The tournament shall be scored as two 18-hole matches, counted as two (2) regular-season scheduled events and factored into the final team championship standings. The number of contests for all conference teams must be in compliance with CCCAA Bylaw 3.11.

B. All individual players (maximum of six per team) may participate for the purpose of team scoring regardless of the number of matches participated in during the regular season, so long as the eligibility standards of CCCAA Bylaw I are met.

C. Team ties shall be broken by the score of the 6th player of each team in both rounds. If after the score of the 6th player is recorded and the teams are still tied, USGA Rule (III.C.3) shall be employed in descending order to break the tie:

1. Five-player team score for holes 10-18 of the second round.
2. Five-player team score for holes 13-18 of the second round.
3. Five-player team score for holes 16-18 of the second round.
4. Five-player team score for hole 18 of the second round.

D. In the event of a tie for medalist at the conference tournament, a sudden-death playoff ~~will~~ shall be held under parameters determined by mutual agreement of the conference coaches and course management prior to completion of the second round.

E. There shall be no substitutions allowed during the conference tournament. Players starting the morning round shall be the only players eligible to participate in either round of the tournament until it is completed.

V. QUALIFYING FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

A. The conference team champion (team with the most conference wins over the full season) shall advance as an automatic qualifier to the CCCAA regional tournament.

B. In addition to the conference champion, teams in descending order of the final conference standings may qualify for advancement to the regional tournament, based on an allowable number to be determined by the CCCAA. If a tie occurs for placement to regionals, ties shall be broken by the following in descending order:

1. Head-to-head competition in results of the tied team's conference-host events
2. Stroke differential in results of the tied team's conference-host events.
3. Refer to Section III, Item A, as applied to the final round of the conference tournament.

C. The number of individuals from non-qualifying teams advancing to the regional tournament shall be determined by the CCCAA (CCCAA designated number minus one). The individual qualifiers tie-breaker shall be as follows:

D. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, based on posted score at the PCAC Tournament, a sudden-death playoff shall be held under parameters determined by mutual agreement of the conference coaches and course management prior to completion of the second round. In the event of darkness, the following card-off procedure shall be used:

1. Holes 10-18 in the second round of the PCAC Tournament
2. Holes 13-18 in the second round of the PCAC Tournament
3. Holes 16-18 in the second round of the PCAC Tournament
4. Hole 18 in the second round of the PCAC Tournament

E. All players are allotted two (2) throw-out scores from regular-season matches prior to the conference tournament. The conference tournament shall count as two (2) scores. In order to be considered for regional qualification, individual players from non-qualifying teams must have competed in a minimum of eight (8) rounds in conference competition prior to the conference tournament.

F. In addition to the designated individual players advancing to regionals per item V.B, one individual player from a non-qualifying team, if having posted the lowest score in the PCAC Championship Tournament for both rounds (overall medalist), shall also qualify.

VI. ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION-AWARDS

A. The all-conference team shall be comprised of the top 10 players, as determined by stroke average for the conference season. A player must have a minimum of 10 conference-event scores to be considered for the all-conference team. Both 18-hole rounds of the conference tournament must be counted among the 10 scoring rounds.