

SECTION 6b: WOMEN'S GOLF

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A. REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION

1. During the round, defined as from the time the player hits the first shot until the scorecard is submitted in the box, at the first offense of any act of unsportsmanlike conduct during the competition, 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 disqualification for that round for the individual, with no appeal. Further unsportsmanlike conducts would result in disqualification for further rounds and ultimately the competition.

B. REGULAR SEASON PLAY

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

C. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Conference championship shall be scheduled the week before the NCAA Regional Tournament, with the practice round on Thursday and the tournament played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. The site for the tournament shall be determined one year in advance by the coaches association and approved by the Conference office. The tournament venue shall rotate annually with a site selected in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana – in that order.
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 shall be 54 holes, 18 holes each day for three days. Pairings for the first round of the tournament shall be based on the Wednesday Golfstat Midwest Region rankings nearest to the start of the competition. The best four-out-of-five scores for each 18-hole stipulated round shall be scored. The playing format for the first day of the tournament will be played as follows, with Group V teeing off first, followed by IV, III, II and I. The playing format for the second day of the tournament will consist of the same pairings but opposite starting tee and times. The playing format for the third day, with Group I teeing off first, followed by Group II, III, IV and V:

Group I: 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

Stroke Play

- Round 1 pairings will be based on the Wednesday Golfstat Midwest Region rankings nearest to the start of the competition.
- Round 1 pairings shall be threesomes:
Groupings: 1 seed, 2 seed, 3 seed
 4, 5, 6
 7, 8, 9
 10, 11, 12
 13, 14
Tournament committee may adjust pairings if number of teams change.
- Order of play within each team shall be:
#5 (first off) thru #1 (last off)

- Pairings may be tee times or shotgun based on the tournament committee decision due to weather and golf course needs.
- 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.

RD1 (18)				
	#1		#10	
8:00	Seed 9, 5, 1	#5		
8:09	Seed 9, 5, 1	#4		
8:18	Seed 9, 5, 1	#3	Seed 12, 8, 4	#5
8:27	Seed 9, 5, 1	#2	Seed 12, 8, 4	#4
8:36	Seed 9, 5, 1	#1	Seed 12, 8, 4	#3
8:45	Seed 10, 6, 2	#5	Seed 12, 8, 4	#2
8:54	Seed 10, 6, 2	#4	Seed 12, 8, 4	#1
9:03	Seed 10, 6, 2	#3	Seed 14, 13	#5
9:12	Seed 10, 6, 2	#2	Seed 14, 13	#4
9:21	Seed 10, 6, 2	#1	Seed 14, 13	#3
9:30	Seed 11, 7, 3	#5	Seed 14, 13	#2
9:39	Seed 11, 7, 3	#4	Seed 14, 13	#1
9:48	Seed 11, 7, 3	#3		
9:57	Seed 11, 7, 3	#2		
10:06	Seed 11, 7, 3	#1		

RD 2 (36)				
	#1		#10	
8:00			Place 11, 7, 3	#5
8:09			Place 11, 7, 3	#4
8:18	Place 14, 13	#5	Place 11, 7, 3	#3
8:27	Place 14, 13	#4	Place 11, 7, 3	#2
8:36	Place 14, 13	#3	Place 11, 7, 3	#1
8:45	Place 14, 13	#2	Place 10, 6, 2	#5
8:54	Place 14, 13	#1	Place 10, 6, 2	#4
9:03	Place 12, 8, 4	#5	Place 10, 6, 2	#3
9:12	Place 12, 8, 4	#4	Place 10, 6, 2	#2
9:21	Place 12, 8, 4	#3	Place 10, 6, 2	#1
9:30	Place 12, 8, 4	#2	Place 9, 5, 1	#5
9:39	Place 12, 8, 4	#1	Place 9, 5, 1	#4
9:48			Place 9, 5, 1	#3
9:57			Place 9, 5, 1	#2
10:06			Place 9, 5, 1	#1

RD 3 (54)				
	#1		#10	
8:00	Place 9, 8, 7	#5		
8:09	Place 9, 8, 7	#4		
8:18	Place 9, 8, 7	#3	Place 14, 13	#5
8:27	Place 9, 8, 7	#2	Place 14, 13	#4
8:36	Place 9, 8, 7	#1	Place 14, 13	#3
8:45	Place 6, 5, 4	#5	Place 14, 13	#2
8:54	Place 6, 5, 4	#4	Place 14, 13	#1
9:03	Place 6, 5, 4	#3	Place 12, 11, 10	#5
9:12	Place 6, 5, 4	#2	Place 12, 11, 10	#4
9:21	Place 6, 5, 4	#1	Place 12, 11, 10	#3
9:30	Place 3, 2, 1	#5	Place 12, 11, 10	#2
9:39	Place 3, 2, 1	#4	Place 12, 11, 10	#1
9:48	Place 3, 2, 1	#3		
9:57	Place 3, 2, 1	#2		
10:06	Place 3, 2, 1	#1		

In the event of hazardous conditions, a rollback to the last nine holes completed by all teams will constitute a stipulated round.

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 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 off 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

5 Teams

#5A	#5B	#5C	#5D	#5E	Playoff hole 5
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#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 tournament committee.
5. The tournament committee shall consist of the past-chairperson, chairperson and chairperson-elect of the coaches association, along with a Conference representative, the Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator liaison, and a representative from the course hosting the championship.
 6. NCAA guidelines for appropriate apparel must be followed.
 7. If tied for team or individual totals after 54 holes of the tournament, the NCAA Golf Championship tiebreaker will be used.
 8. For the tournament, two USGA certified officials will be paid to officiate the tournament. The Conference office will secure the officials. Expenses (e.g. fees and lodging, etc.) for the officials will be shared equally by all teams participating in the championship.
 9. Coaches and student-athletes are prohibited from the use and/or consumption of alcohol, tobacco products, and controlled substances during the Championship, 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.
 10. An awards luncheon is to be held at the championship with the date and time to be determined by the Conference office and, when applicable, the host institution.
 11. 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.
 12. The use of cell phones and iPods are prohibited during the 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.
 13. If unexpected termination (see Section 1.C.5) occurs prior to the conclusion or the completion of a minimum of 36 holes at the Championship, the Conference champion will be determined by the rankings compiled by the NCAA Midwest Region Women's Golf Committees prior to the final selection call.
 14. A certified athletic trainer must be on site for the duration of the Championship.

D. AWARDS

1. **All-Conference Team**

The team shall consist of the five lowest-scoring players (extended to include ties) at the Conference tournament; and, 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.

2. **Conference Medalist Award**

The award will be presented to the medalist of the tournament. Ties for medalist shall be played off

on a sudden-victory format.

3. **Player, Freshman, Coach of the Year Award**

Will be determined by a vote of the coaches at the end of the spring season.

4. **Player of the Week Award**

This award will be presented to one golfer during each week of competition in September, October, mid-February, March, and April. SIDs will provide nominations to the league office by Wednesday at 12 p.m. ET. The winner will be determined by the Conference office and released on Thursday.

D. **COACHES ASSOCIATION**

1. Each coaches association shall meet at least once annually. It is preferred that the annual meeting follow a 1 p.m. local time shotgun practice round the day before the start of the championship.
2. A Chairperson-elect shall be selected annually.