



SPORT GUIDELINES for MEN'S and WOMEN'S GOLF

ARTICLE I: Season of Competition Information

NAIA 24 Week Rule with KCAC Modifications:

- Per NAIA guidelines, Men's and Women's Golf shall have a maximum 24-week practice and competition season as established by each member institution. For the KCAC, frequency of play, practice and scheduling policies shall be restricted to the following period of time: beginning on Monday of the week in which August 15 falls and ceasing no later than May 15 per NAIA guidelines.
 1. Frequency of play, practice, and scheduling outside of this period (beginning the Monday of the week in which August 15 falls until May 15 each year) is governed by each member institution and will not be regulated by the NAIA.
 2. Member institutions may be engaged in conditioning activities beginning on August 1 in preparation for the fall season of competition. However, no practice or outside competition is allowed between August 1 and the start of the practice and competition season, which begins on Monday of the week in which August 15 falls.
 3. There shall be no more than three break periods during the 24 weeks. NAIA approved postseason participation shall not be counted as part of the 24-week period. A week is defined as Sunday (12:01 a.m.) through Saturday (11:59 p.m.). Any practice or competition during this period shall constitute one of the 24 weeks permitted.

Specific Rules on Contact:

- Athletic-related contact, which includes practice, conditioning, and/or competition activities, will be limited to 20 hours per week once classes have begun for the fall semester at the specific KCAC institution.
 - Prior to classes beginning for the fall semester, specific to each KCAC institution, the 20 hour contact rule will not apply.

- Each contest, which includes games, exhibitions, and scrimmages, will be counted as 2 hours within the 20 hours of contact during the week.
- For all KCAC teams, there will be one day per week with no athletic-related activities, which includes practice, conditioning, or competition.

ARTICLE II: Sport Specific Rules for KCAC Golf

NAIA Coaching Manuals:

- **WEBLINK:** [NAIA Men's Golf Coaches' Manual](#)
- **WEBLINK:** [NAIA Women's Golf Coaches' Manual](#)

ARTICLE III: Championship Event Information

Section 1: Location and Dates of Tournament

- The KCAC Tournament date and site will be determined by the conference golf coaches soon after the August coaches meeting.

Section 2: Tournament Administration

- The KCAC Tournament will be administered by the conference golf coaches.
- The sport chair will be responsible for administering the responsibilities to each coach and talking to the host site for preparation of the tournament.
- The Tournament Rules Committee will consist of the local golf professional and the conference golf coaches.

Section 3: Criteria for tournament site selection

- Neutral site
- Reasonable cost structure, including green fees, practice round, motels, and travel costs. Try to keep total costs per team to around \$1,000
- Location must be within reasonable driving distance for all schools
- Course must be of championship caliber
- Hospitable host course management is important to make teams feel welcome
- Carts should be available for coaches
- Food and Drink will be made available for golfers
- The course should be playable even under high wind conditions
- A range must be available to the golfers on site offering at least 30 balls per person for warm-up purposes

Section 4: Tournament Format

- 54-Hole tournament played over two days with 36 holes played on the first day and 18 holes played on the second day.

Section 5: Scoring

- Count the low four scores on each 18 holes.
- The two day total (54 holes) determines the champion.

- The conference champion will be determined by each team participating in one fall tournament and two spring tournaments plus the conference championship.
- Conference coaches will make final approval of designated conference tournaments based on tournament courses and dates.
- In each of the designated tournaments the scoring will be one point for each team in the conference for that year thus 7,6,5,4,3,2,1 for each team with 7 going to the first place team.
- Player points will be 5 places per number of teams in the conference for that year thus 35 thru 1 for these designated tournaments with 35 going to the 1st place medalist of the tournament.
- The conference championship points are tripled for player and team points.
- The winning team and top ten players will determine the conference champion and the all conference players.
- A player that is disqualified is disqualified only for that round and may participate with their score counting in subsequent rounds.
 - In case of a sudden-death play-off, that player may participate as a member of his team.

Section 6: Sudden Death Playoff

- In the event of a tie(s) those teams involved will compete in a sudden victory hole by hole. The initial hole will be chosen by the tournament committee. If daylight or weather is not permitting the tie will be broken by the fifth player's score then the fourth player's score in order down to the first player's score.
- Any ties for individual champion or 10th place medalists for the top ten places will be determined by a sudden death play-off. In case of daylight or weather not permitting, the tie will be broken by the last 18 holes played then the middle 18 holes then the first 18 holes of the conference tournament.

Section 7: Pairings

- First day pairings will be determined through a random draw by team.
- Second day pairings will be determined by the scores of the first day with the highest scoring teams paired together and scheduled to receive the first tee times.
- Second day pairings will go off in the number 5-4-3-2-1 sequence.

Section 8: Exceptions to USGA Rules

- USGA Rules will govern all play and the NAIA Hard Card will be used as the official tournament rules with the following exceptions:
 - Club throwing or profanity may result in a two stroke penalty or disqualification.
 - The "one ball" rule is waived.

- If in doubt of a “ruling”, play two balls and get a ruling prior to signing the scorecard.
- All scorecards must have two signatures; one by the scorer and attested by the competitor.
- Rainouts or weather related tournaments will not be made up.
- If all teams have completed at least 9 holes during a competitive round prior to a rainout, the 9 holes completed will be counted toward team and individual scores.

Section 9: Direct Qualification to the NAIA National Championship

- The overall conference team champion will be the national tournament direct qualifier.
- If the individual champion is not on the championship team, he/she will qualify as the individual champion. If the individual champion is on the championship team, he/she will qualify as part of the team and the individual qualifier will be the individual conference tournament champion.

ARTICLE IV: Awards

Team Awards:

- Team Plaques go to the following:
 - KCAC Tournament – First Place Team
 - KCAC Tournament – Second Place Team
 - KCAC Season – First Place Team
 - KCAC Season – Second Place Team

Selection of All-KCAC Teams and Other Awards:

- All-KCAC Awards:
 - The Top Ten players for the entire season will be designated as All-KCAC and will receive an award recognizing their season-long efforts.
- KCAC Tournament:
 - The Top Ten players in the KCAC Tournament will be designated as medalists and will receive an award recognizing their tournament finish.
- Coach of the Year:
 - The Coach of the Year selection will be made with a ballot circulated on the second day of the KCAC Tournament.
 - Coaches may not vote for themselves.
 - Coach of the Year awards will be given for both Men and Women.

ARTICLE V: Duties of the Sport Chair

- The duties of the KCAC Golf Chair are as follows:
 - Help determine the proper policies and procedures at the conference level.
 - Serve under the direction of the KCAC Commissioner:

- Assist the KCAC Commissioner when requested
- Represent the KCAC coaches to the KCAC Commissioner
- Keep the KCAC Commissioner informed and updated of proposals and concerns
- Send a copy of the KCAC Golf Guidelines to each conference coach prior to the start of the season.
- Chair the meetings of the KCAC Golf coaches.
- Serve on the Games Committee at the KCAC Golf Championships.
- Inform the KCAC Golf Championship Tournament Director of all procedures and guidelines.
- Designate the conference rater.

ARTICLE VI: Miscellaneous

NAIA Conference Raters:

- One coach will be selected by vote of the conference coaches to be a member of the NAIA rating committee for Men's Golf. The conference rater will be confirmed each summer at the KCAC Sport Management Conference and reported to the conference commissioner and the NAIA.