

# ***University Athletic Association***

## **GOLF**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **Statement on Sportsmanship**

**Each University Athletic Association member institution shall ensure that:**

- **The conduct before, during, and after competition of all those representing participating institutions exemplifies the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.**
- **Competition is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship and fosters a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.**
- **Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and to be gracious in both victory and defeat.**

#### **SECTION 1. Administrative Authority**

Administrative authority shall be the Golf Sport Committee chaired by the primary athletic administrator of the host institution. In the event the primary athletic administrator is unable to serve as chair of the committee, one of the other UAA Delegates from the host institution shall serve as chair.

Appointment of Representatives The primary athletic administrator of each institution shall appoint individuals as appropriate to represent the interests of that institution at meetings of the sport committee. In the case of men's and women's sport committees that meet jointly, an institution may choose to appoint one individual to represent the interests of both its men's and women's programs. If an institution sends a single representative to a joint sport committee meeting, it shall be assumed that the individual representing the institution is authorized to cast votes on behalf of both the institution's men's and women's programs.

Replacement of Committee Chair In the event the institution designated to chair a sport committee chooses to designate its primary athletic administrator as its representative to that sport committee, another representative from that institution, who must be a member of the Delegates Committee, shall chair the sport committee in place of the primary athletic administrator.

Voting Lines The disposition of all issues considered jointly by sport committees meeting together shall be by joint vote of the committees. Results of all joint votes shall be reported by

listing the voting tallies of the respective men's and women's committees as well as the voting tally of the joint committee.

**Proxy Voting** There shall be no proxy voting. In the event a representative from an institution leaves a meeting of the sport committee prior to its conclusion, the vote of that individual shall not be transferred to another individual from that institution nor to any individual from another institution.

## **SECTION 2. Determination of Association Champion**

The Association Team Champion shall be the top team finisher at the annual championship tournament.

In the event of a need to cancel a portion of the championship, the champion shall be determined by the top finisher of the largest multiple of 9 holes completed by all institutions.

### ***Resolution of Ties for Team Champion***

Team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. A maximum of three playoff holes shall be played. If possible, all playoffs will begin on the first tee; however, the games committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, then the playoff for individual spots will follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff.

### ***Sudden-Death Playoff Procedures***

Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth 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 two teams tied***

##### Three teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 playoff hole 1

##### Four teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 playoff hole 2

A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 playoff hole 1

##### Five teams

A #5 B #5 C #5 D #5 E #5 playoff hole 5

A #4 B #4 C #4 D #4 E #4 playoff hole 4

A #3 B #3 C #3 D #3 E #3 playoff hole 3

A #2 B #2 C #2 D #2 E #2 playoff hole 2

### A #1 B #1 C #1 D #1 E #1 playoff hole 1

Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament. Playoffs may only include eligible players, e.g., a player disqualified from the tournament as per Section 4.5 would not be eligible for the playoff.

If a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed or fails to break the tie after three holes, the champion shall be determined by the cumulative total of the non-counting scores. If the outcome remains tied after the playoff and application of this tie-breaker co-champions shall be declared.

#### ***Individual Champion***

The Association Individual Champion shall be the top finisher at the annual championship tournament. A tie for individual champion shall be broken by a playoff among all players tied until a winner is determined.

### **SECTION 3. Game Management**

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures and applicable sections of Policies Regarding Sportsmanship and Event Management.

**Lightning and Health & Safety Emergency Policy** – In conducting Association competition, the game management staff and game officials shall follow the NCAA Guideline on Lightning Safety as published in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. All coaches, participants, and officials shall cooperate fully in this regard. Protocols and emergency plans shall be discussed with the coaches during the pre-competition meetings or conference calls as appropriate.

Game management staff and the head competition official shall monitor local weather conditions to the best of their ability. In the event of lightning, once a flash-to-bang count of 30 seconds (equivalent to six miles) is observed play shall be suspended and all personnel shall be directed to leave the field of play and take shelter in a safe structure. Play shall remain suspended until at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder unless the head competition official can reasonably determine the threat of lightning has passed.

Each institution shall clearly designate the person or persons who shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to stop or resume play in the event of lightning or other health and safety emergencies, and shall communicate this information to the competition officials and coaches prior to the contest. The game management responsibilities of the designated individual or individuals should be such that they are able to monitor such circumstances without distraction.

### **SECTION 4. Conduct of Sport**

#### **4.1 Site**

The host of the championship shall rotate among member institutions. Institutions may pass their opportunity to host the meet but must give notice two years in advance. The site of competition shall be in Florida.

Site selection shall be confirmed by the Athletic Administrators Committee at its January meeting the year prior to each championship. The operational costs of the championship shall be divided equally among the participating institutions.

#### **4.2 Format**

The format of the championship shall be thirty-six holes played over two days (18 holes each day). Five-person teams shall compete with the best 4 of 5 scores being scored for each round. The format may utilize a split site, i.e., competition at one site on the first day and at a second site on the second day. Where site availability permits, a practice round shall be played the day before the first round of the championship.

The course of play shall be determined by the tournament director.

It is recommended that all players start from the same tee.

#### **4.3 Squad Size**

Each squad shall consist of five golfers for the tournament.

The size and composition of each member institution's travel party shall be determined by that respective institution.

#### **4.4 Officials**

Refer to Section 4.6.

#### **4.5 Rules**

The Championship Committee shall designate the Rules of Play and Conditions of Play, using as guides the following: (1) the USGA's "Rules of Golf" [latest edition]; (2) the NCAA's "National Collegiate Championship: Men's and Women's Golf" [latest edition]; (3) the "UAA Golf Code of Conduct" [latest edition]; (4) current local rules at the tournament site or sites.

The use of range finders by participating teams or competitors is permitted.

In the event a player is disqualified during any round of the tournament, the Rules Interpretation Committee shall determine whether that player shall be disqualified from only that round or from the tournament. Players disqualified from a round due to carelessness, ignorance of the Rules of Golf, or the like should be allowed to compete in succeeding rounds or a playoff.

Disqualification from the tournament should be based on a finding of gross misconduct or poor sportsmanship on the part of the player.

#### **4.6 Rules Interpretation Committee**

The Rules Interpretation Committee shall be chaired by the host institution's primary athletic administrator or that person's designated representative and shall include the Head Golf Professional and one assistant from the tournament site, if available, and any two UAA golf coaches with no players involved in the incident being evaluated.

A competitor or coach may appeal a ruling issued by the Head Golf Professional or Rules Interpretation Committee by calling 1-800-USGA. Such a ruling from 1-800-USGA shall be binding.

#### 4.7 Equipment

A score board will be used to record scores as players complete a round.

#### 4.8 Pairings

The Tournament Chairman shall send a letter to each institution providing them with information on the pairings. This letter should be sent 30 days prior to the tournament.

First round pairing shall be drawn by the host committee based upon team finishes at the previous year's Association championship. The objective is to pair high-middle-low finishers in the first round. First round pairings shall be as follows:

Threesome	Previous Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 1	Previous Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 1	Previous Year 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 1
Threesome	Previous Year 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 1	Previous Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 2	Previous Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 2
Threesome	Previous Year 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 2	Previous Year 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 2	Previous Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 3
Threesome	Previous Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 3	Previous Year 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 3	Previous Year 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 3
Threesome	Previous Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 4	Previous Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 4	Previous Year 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 4
Threesome	Previous Year 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 4	Previous Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 5	Previous Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 5
Twosome	Previous Year 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 5	Previous Year 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 5	

Second round pairings shall be based upon first round results with highest scores playing first and lowest scores playing last. Second round pairings shall be as follows:

Twosome	First Round 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 5	First Round 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 5	
Threesome	First Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 5	First Round 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 5	First Round 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 4
Threesome	First Round 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 4	First Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 4	First Round 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 4
Threesome	First Round 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 3	First Round 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 3	First Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 3
Threesome	First Round 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 3	First Round 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 2	First Round 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 2
Threesome	First Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 2	First Round 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 2	First Round 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – No. 1
Threesome	First Round 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – No. 1	First Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – No. 1	First Round 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – No. 1

No playing group shall include more than one player from an institution in either round if at all possible.

#### 4.9 Facilities

Each site shall be a championship quality course as determined by the appropriate NCAA regulations and championship guidelines or by the approval of two thirds of the Golf Sport Committee. Institutions that do not have a championship level course may pass their opportunity to host the meet. Refer to Section 4.1. The course(s) should be available for inspection and practice prior to the tournament. If a split site is used, both sites should be available for

inspection, but only one site need be available for practice. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches be able to choose which site they would like to use for their practice round. The host institution shall be responsible for all course and range fees associated with the tournament.

Hole location sheets including the depth of all greens shall be provided to all competitors the morning of each round of competition.

#### **4.10 Miscellaneous Administration**

##### **Practice Rounds**

Coaches and players may use carts during practice rounds if required by the course management or other extenuating circumstances.

Players may be placed in groups of 2-5 individuals. Coaches may play with their players during the practice round. All groups shall consist of players from the same team only.

##### **Competitive Play**

The host institution shall make arrangements for golf carts for visiting coaches. The visiting institutions shall be responsible for any cost that may result from this service.

If the Individual Champion from last year's championship is among the players entered in the tournament, that person shall be awarded the honor (which cannot be refused) of being the first to tee off in round one, regardless of that person's team membership or playing position on that team.

### **SECTION 5. General Guidelines**

#### **5.1 Uniforms**

A dress code shall be determined by the host institution. At a minimum, it should be noted that blue jeans are not to be considered proper dress during the championship or practice rounds. Coaches shall make their players aware of the dress code prior to the start of the tournament.

#### **5.2 Scheduling**

The championship shall be scheduled during the common spring break period in March. The exact dates may be adjusted according to site availability and holidays as appropriate.

#### **5.3 Scouting**

Does not apply.

#### **5.4 Statistics**

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures.

A software program like GolfStat shall be used to produce results and statistics for the tournament. At a minimum, the program should compile daily results/pairings for individual players and teams as well as hole-by-hole difficulty rankings.

### **5.5 Organizational Meetings**

Championship and Sport Committee meeting shall be conducted the evening prior to the championships.

## **SECTION 6. Awards**

### **6.1 Team Champion**

Team trophy to be awarded to the team champion.

Individual certificates to be awarded to the members of the championship team.

### **6.2 All-Association Team**

The top five finishers shall comprise the All-Association First Team and the second five finishers shall comprise the All-Association Second Team.

### **6.3 Most Valuable Player**

An Individual Champion award shall be presented.

### **6.4 Rookie of the Year**

The Rookie of the Year shall be the lowest-scoring traditional, first-year golfer in the UAA Championship.

### **6.5 Coaching Staff of the Year**

There shall be a Coaching Staff of the Year award, based on performances at the UAA Championship, determined by vote of the head coaches.

## **SECTION 7. Miscellaneous**

### **7.1 Compliance with Deadlines**

Coaches and other responsible individuals shall comply with all deadlines for the exchange or submission of materials and information as specified in the Code of Conduct. In the event of a missed deadline, the designated recipient shall notify the Association Office immediately. The Executive Secretary shall then notify the primary athletic administrator of the institutions involved, and that primary athletic administrator shall take action to ensure compliance with the specifications of the deadline.