

Golf (M)

Section I - Championship Eligibility

The following schools compete for the conference championship in golf: Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, McDaniel, Muhlenberg, Swarthmore and Ursinus.

Section II - Golf Committee

Chair: Scott Moyer, McDaniel.

Liaison: Dave Wright, Gettysburg.

Section III - Playing Season Regulations

- A. Length of Playing Season.** The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a maximum of 19 weeks (traditional and nontraditional segments combined). (*Adopted 1/12/04*)
- B. Traditional Segment.**
- 1. Preseason Practice.** A member institution shall not commence practice sessions before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. Practice for the spring season may not begin prior to February 1. (*Revised 6/4/03*)
 - 2. First Contest or Date of Competition.** An institution shall not play its first contest (including a scrimmage) against outside competition prior to March 1. If March 1 falls between Sunday through Friday, a contest may be scheduled for the previous weekend in lieu of competition during that week. Teams that utilize this option are prohibited from scheduling a game or scrimmage during the following weekdays (Sunday-Friday). In the event an institution's spring break begins prior to March 1, the first date of competition may be played on the first day of spring break. (*Revised 6/4/03; Revised 9/23/05; Revised 5/28/08*)
 - 3. Maximum Limitations.** An institution shall limit its playing schedule with outside competition in any one year to 18 dates of competition, except for those contests excluded in the *NCAA Manual* (*Revised 6/4/03*)
- C. Nontraditional Segment**
- 1. Preseason Practice.** Preseason practice may not begin prior to September 1 or the first date on which classes are scheduled for the institution's fall term, whichever date occurs first.
 - 2. First Date of Competition.** An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition before September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
 - 3. Nontraditional Season Length.** All practice and competition during the nontraditional segment must conclude by October 30.

Section IV - Rules Governing Championship

- A. Determining the Conference Champion.** The conference champion will be determined at a 54-hole championship tournament, with a maximum of 18 holes on Sunday. Ties for the team championship will be broken to determine the Conference's automatic NCAA qualifier using the following procedure:
1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores (add the fifth - non-counting - score from each round)
 2. Highest cumulative individual total
 3. Second highest cumulative individual total
 4. Third highest cumulative individual total
 5. Fourth highest cumulative individual total
 6. Lowest cumulative individual total
 7. Board of Delegates decision. (*Adopted 3/20/07*)
- B. Eligibility for Championship.** To be eligible for the Conference championship, schools must schedule a minimum of three (3) Conference schools during the spring regular season.

Section V - Regulations Governing Championship

All USGA rules apply unless noted below.

A. Site and Date of Championship.

April 24-25-26, 2009: Gettysburg

2010-11: Ursinus

2012-13: Dickinson

2014-15: Swarthmore

2016-17: McDaniel

2018-19: Muhlenberg

- B. Number of Entrants.** Each school may bring five (5) qualifying players to the tournament with the low four (4) scores of each 18 holes counting towards the team score.

- C. **Qualifying for Championship.** To qualify for the Conference championship tournament, a player must have recorded two scores of 85 or lower in dual match or tournament competition in either the fall or spring seasons. *(Adopted 6/7/95; Revised 6/4/03; Revised 5/30/07)*
- D. **Pairings.** Pairings in the first round of the championship will be based on the team finish in the preceding championship tournament. Pairings in subsequent rounds will be based on team standing at that stage of play. *(Adopted 6/5/96)*
- E. **Individual First Place Ties.** In the event of a tie for medalist honors, a sudden death playoff will be contested, conditions permitting.
- F. **Attire.** All players must wear proper golf attire and should wear a shirt with a team logo or insignia.
- G. **Championship Practice Rounds.** Teams are prohibited from having a practice round on the championship course on the day before the championship tournament. *(Adopted 6/5/96; Revised 6/1/05)*
- H. **Alcoholic Beverages.** No alcoholic beverages will be served to contestants regardless of age and that alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any time during the Conference tournament. *(Adopted 6/15/94)*
- I. **Jewelry.** Due to the potential for bodily injury, dismemberment, or even death, this policy regarding the wearing of jewelry, body piercing articles, and symbolic bracelets is recommended for all practices and games of Centennial Conference athletes. Tongue studs, spacers, or other objects are discouraged due to the potential for an obstructed airway or soft tissue damage. Protective mouthpieces are excluded from this policy. A player should not wear any jewelry, including earrings, chains, charms, watches, hair clips, bobby pins, tongue studs or items associated with piercing (visible or not visible), or bracelets. Exception: Medical alert bracelets or necklaces may be worn but should be taped to the body. Religious medals should be removed from chains and may be taped to the body or sewn under the uniform. *(Adopted 6/1/05)*

Section VI - Awards

- A. **All-Conference Team.** The first (5) finishers at the conference championship tournament will be named All-Conference. The medalist will be named Player of the Year.
- B. **Determination of Coach of the Year.** For Coach of the Year honors, coaches will be asked to nominate **one** opposing coach for Coach of the Year. Coaches should vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with five points for a 1st place vote, three for a 2nd place vote, and one for a 3rd place vote. **Once again, coaches may not vote for themselves.** Ties will not be broken and co-winners will be named.
- C. **Academic Honor Roll.** To be nominated/selected for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria:
 1. The student-athlete must be a starter or key reserve on her/his team.
 2. Must be a sophomore or higher in class standing.
 3. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher (or its equivalent as determined by the institution) based on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be at least 3.40, not 3.39 and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point.
- D. **All-Sportsmanship Team.** All institutions will elect one member from their team who displays good sportsmanship throughout the season to be a member of the All-Centennial sportsmanship team. These individuals will be selected by the team and head coach and submitted to the Conference Office as part of the All-Conference nomination process. Only one student from each team may be selected. All institutions will have one representative on the All-CC sportsmanship team with the final decision made by each institution's head coach. *(Adopted 5/30/07)*

Section VII - Calendar

First Spring Contest:	Saturday, February 28, 2009 <i>(with stipulations)</i> or Sunday, March 1, 2009
Committee Meeting:	Friday, April 24, 2009
Conference Tournament:	Friday-Sunday, April 24-25-26, 2009 at The Bridges GC (Gettysburg, host)
NCAA Championship:	May 12-15, 2009
2010 NCAA Championship:	May 11-14, 2010