

# 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:* Laura Moliken, Ursinus.

## 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 the March 1 falls on a Sunday, the preceding Saturday is permissible as the first date of competition with no prohibition during the ensuing week. If March 1 falls on a Monday through Friday, teams may compete on 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; Revised 5/27/09*)
  - 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.

2010-11: Ursinus (April 24-25, 2010, Stonewall Links, Elverson, Pa.)

2012-13: Dickinson

2014-15: Swarthmore

2016-17: McDaniel

2018-19: Muhlenberg

2020-21: Franklin & Marshall

2022-23: Gettysburg

**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. A team with fewer than four qualifiers is not eligible for the team championship; however, qualified players from such a team may compete as individuals. *(Adopted 6/7/95; Revised 6/4/03; Revised 5/30/07)*

**D. Entries.** Entries are due on Tuesday at 4 p.m. EDT prior to the championship with substitutions available up to one hour before the first tee time of the championship. *(Revised 5/27/09)*

**E. 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)*

**F. Individual First Place Tie.** In the event of a tie for medalist honors, a sudden death playoff will be contested, conditions permitting.

**G. Attire.** All players must wear proper golf attire and should wear a shirt with a team logo or insignia.

**H. Carts.** Carts, pull carts or caddies may not be used by participants in the men's championships. Non-motorized pull carts are permitted in the women's championships. The only exception to these policies would be if the participant is permanently disabled and/or has written documentation from a physician requiring special consideration. A written request must also be submitted to the games committee with accompanying medical statements requesting the use of a cart or pull cart. Golf carts will be provided for each head coach and selected games committee members.

**I. Equipment.** Players and coaches will be required to use nonmetal, spiked shoes during championship competition. The USGA one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. Electronic measuring devices are permitted for use during the competition rounds.

**J. Games Committee.** The games committee will be comprised of four head coaches, including the host, and will make all decisions pertaining to the conduct of the tournament, including, but not limited to, pairings, golf course setup, and protests.

**K. Lineups and Substitutions.** During registration prior to the opening round, the head coach must submit his or her lineup according to playing position one hour prior to the team's first official tee time. The five contestants from each institution must be determined by the conclusion of registration. No substitutions will be allowed after the conclusion of registration without the approval of the Conference Office and games committee. The substitute must assume the position of the replaced player.

**L. Spectators.** Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough and approximately 15 yards from the players. There may be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes. All institutional personnel, including assistant coaches, with the exception of the designated coach, are considered spectators.

**M. Uniforms.** Contestants, including the designated coach, must wear uniforms of the same color during competition or practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, team members' headgear must be of an institutional color.

**N. 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)*

- O. 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)*
- P. 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 – 2009-10 Calendar

<b>First Spring Contest:</b>	Saturday, February 27 <i>(with stipulations)</i> or Monday, March 1
<b>Committee Meeting:</b>	Saturday, April 24
<b>Conference Tournament:</b>	Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25 at Stonewall Links (Ursinus, host)
<b>NCAA Championship:</b>	May 11-14, 2010 at Hershey, Pa.