

Regulation 8

WOMEN'S GOLF

8.1 General Rules. Conference golf competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, United States Golf Association and the Bylaws and Operating Handbook of the Conference.

8.2 Conference Schedule. There shall be no required regular season Conference schedule in the sport of women's golf.

8.3 Championship Tournament. A Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the Mountain West Conference champion.

8.3.1 Tournament Date. The Conference championship shall be held three weeks prior to the NCAA Regionals.

8.3.2 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference Championship Tournament shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Women's Golf Regional Tournament.

8.3.3 Cancellation of Championship. In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the team with the highest head-to-head GolfStat ranking at the end of the season shall be the conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Women's Golf tournament. (Revised April 2004 and June 2005).

8.3.4 Minimum Number of Participants. Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's golf shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship Tournament. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus the cost associated with the team traveling to the championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship Tournament results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If the failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship Tournament does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

8.3.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure. If at the conclusion of 54 holes of play there is a tie for both the team and individual championship, the team championship playoff shall be conducted first.

8.3.5.1 Team Championship Tie-Breaking. Team ties shall be broken by a sudden death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The games committee will determine the sequence of holes. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined. (Revised May 2009)

8.3.5.2 Individual Championship Tie-Breaking. In the event of a tie for the individual championship, a sudden-death playoff shall be conducted immediately following the conclusion of regular play.

8.3.6 Pre-Championship Meeting. A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions are required to attend the

meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship meeting shall be suspended from the next regular season contest or date of competition. In date of competition sports, the suspension may not exceed one day. Appeals should be forwarded to the appropriate designated governance group (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators). Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall be in attendance at the meeting. (Adopted October 2006)

8.4 Pin Placement Sheets. Pin placement sheets shall be provided prior to each day of competition to each participant and head coach. The depth of pin placements shall be identified in paces.

8.5 Playing Rules. All rules related to Conference championship play shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf and USGA Rules, except as modified by local ground rules or Conference regulations.

8.6 Squad-Size Limitations. Squad-size for the Conference championship shall be limited to five student-athletes.

8.7 Disqualification Penalties. A player who is disqualified for reasons other than misconduct shall be permitted to resume play in the next and subsequent rounds.

8.8 Awards. The Conference golf coaches shall select recipients for all women's golf awards based on a predetermined set of criteria. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the MWC Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

8.8.1 Individual Awards. Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Player of the Year and the Freshman of the Year.

8.9 Meeting of Coaches. There shall be an annual in-person meeting of the golf coaches held in conjunction with the Conference championship. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory.