

## MINUTES

### Women's Golf Coaches of the Southern Conference

**Southern Conference  
Teleconference**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019  
10:00 AM ET**

**Those participating were:**

Lori Bonacci, The Citadel  
Stefanie Shelton, ETSU  
Jeff Hull, Furman  
Michele Drinkard, Mercer  
Haley Wilson, Samford  
Colette Murray, Chattanooga  
Courtney Gunter, Western Carolina  
Angie Ridgeway, Wofford  
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford / Sport Committee Member  
Steve Lott, Tournament Director  
Jim Schaus, Southern Conference  
Sue Arakas, Southern Conference  
Doug King, Southern Conference  
Eynde Frazier, Southern Conference  
Jon Perdue, Southern Conference  
Stanley Broaden, Southern Conference

1. Mr. Broaden called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Topic: Commissioner's Remarks  
Issue: Commissioner Schaus welcomed the group. It was briefly discussed that the Conference Office was in the process of developing a new strategic plan and welcomed any feedback or comments from the head coaches.  
**Action: Informational.**
3. Topic: NCAA Legislation/Compliance Update  
Issue: Mr. King discussed a series of proposals acted on by the Division I Council during the 2018-19 Legislative Cycle. The group reviewed a select group of legislative concepts in the 2019-20 Legislative Cycle. Sponsors of concepts have until November 1, 2019 to submit a proposal based off the concept. All formally sponsored proposals will be distributed to the membership subsequent to the November submission deadline.  
**Action: Informational.**
4. Topic: Previous Minutes  
Issue: Review of the Women's Golf Coaches' and Committee Meeting minutes from August 30, 2018. No changes or updates were recommended for the previous minutes.  
**Action: It was VOTED 9-0 (Drinkard-Ridgeway).  
"To approve the previous minutes as presented."**

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5.      Topic:           Sport Regulations  
Issue:           a. Women's Golf – Updates were made to the ejection and suspension policy. The Chancellors and Presidents recently approved the change to the ejection and suspension policy giving the commissioner discretion on the suspension should there not be an overarching NCAA rules for a suspension to be served. The previous regulation was an automatic suspension with compounding consequences for continued offences.
- Action:           It was VOTED 9-0 (Murray-Ridgeway).  
                      “To approve the 2020 Women's Golf sport regulations as presented.”**
- Issue:           b. Tie Breaking Scenarios – It was recommended that ties be counted as ties and not broken. The sport of golf recognizes team ties in publications and listing in all other contest.
- Action:           It was VOTED 9-0 (Drinkard-Hull).  
                      “To award ties as co-winners of that place position in the team rankings.”**
- Issue:           c. All Conference Team (Championship Regulations, All-Conference Plaques, 8.1.5) - With the addition of a student-athlete having to compete in the fall and spring semesters to be considered eligible for the all-conference team. The coaches also recommended that the student-athletes must be active on the roster to be eligible for the team as well.
- Action:           It was VOTED 9-0 (Murray-Ridgeway).  
                      “To add to the criteria that a student-athlete must be active on the team's roster to be eligible for the all-conference team.”**
6.      Topic:           Women's Golf Sport Issues  
Issue:           a. Future Women's Golf Championships – The coaches discussed the timing of the championship in relation to the time off between the conclusion of the Southern Conference Championship and the Women's Golf Regional. Mr. Hull initiated discussions on changing the format to each institution hosting the championship as opposed to the current format in which the championship is held at a neutral site. The coaches are collectively working on a list of recommendations to be presented along with the proposal to change the hosting format.
- Below is the future host rotation based on host being randomly selected (The dates in parentheses below are the Southern Conference Championship dates three weeks prior to the NCAA Women's Golf Regionals.):  
2021- The Citadel (April 18-20)  
2022- Samford (April 17-19)  
2023- Western Carolina (April 16-18)  
2024- Mercer  
2025- UNC Greensboro  
2026- Furman  
2027- East Tennessee State  
2028- Wofford  
2029- Chattanooga
- Action:           It was VOTED 9-0 (Murray-Ridgeway).  
                      “To change the women's golf championship from a neutral site to a rotation hosted by each institution starting in 2021.”**
7.      The teleconference adjourned at 11:03 AM.