



2020 Men's Golf

Regular-Season Regulations

1.0 Sponsorship

1.1 The following member institutions sponsor men's golf as a varsity intercollegiate sport:

East Tennessee State University
Furman University
Mercer University
UNC Greensboro
Samford University
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Western Carolina University
Wofford College

2.0 Regular-Season Competition

2.1 **Scheduling:** NCAA policies regarding scheduling requirements are the official policies of the Southern Conference.

2.1.1 **Conference Scheduling:** There are no scheduling requirements relative to competition between Conference institutions during the regular season. Southern Conference institutions hosting golf events during the regular season are encouraged to extend invitations of participation to other Conference schools.

2.2 **Championship Determination:** Southern Conference team or individual champions shall not be determined during regular-season competition. Team and individual champions shall be determined at the Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship.

2.3 **Playing Rules:** Playing rules as adopted by the NCAA and United States Golf Association (USGA) shall be in effect for all Southern Conference golf events during the regular season.

2.4 **Results Reporting:** Conference institutions shall be responsible for reporting all results information of regular season events to the Conference office. Institutions must send input results (or have the host institution send) on Sports Systems no later than the day following the completion of the event.

2.5 **Scouting Information:** Southern Conference teams shall not share scouting information on other Southern Conference teams with non-conference or other Conference schools.

2.6 **Complimentary Tickets:** Conference institutions hosting regular-season events shall provide Conference visiting institutions with 50 complimentary tickets for the event, provided that the home institution is charging admission. The 50 complimentary tickets should be provided from a pass list given to the home institution by the visiting institution upon its arrival.

2.7 **Student-Athlete Eligibility:** Each institution is responsible for having all of its student-athletes eligible prior to the season. All student-athlete eligibility profiles shall be transmitted to the Conference office prior to a school's first day of competition. This information shall be filed and in accordance with the instructions of the Southern Conference Associate Commissioner for Compliance. If any questions arise, the Conference compliance administrator shall have the details on all student-athletes who are eligible for Conference regular-season and post-season competition.

- 2.8 Signs:** Signs of a derogatory nature directed toward an individual opponent, visiting team or an official are not permitted at events being hosted by Southern Conference institutions. It is the responsibility of the event management director to see that derogatory signs are confiscated.
- 2.9 Prior to Competition:** It is recommended that Southern Conference institutions hosting regular-season events make the competition course and host site driving range available for all participating teams on the day prior to the event. Each institution should be allowed the same amount of practice time and/or practice opportunities.
- 2.10 Lineups, Substitutions:** Southern Conference institutions shall adhere to NCAA policies regarding team lineups and substitutions.

3.0 Men's Golf Committee

- 3.1** The Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee shall consist of at least one athletics director, one faculty athletics representative, one senior woman administrator and one head coach. The sport committee shall perform the following duties:
- 3.1.1** Review the sport regulations for men's golf;
 - 3.1.2** Make recommendations to the Southern Conference Senior Woman Administrators Association and Athletics Directors Association as situations warrant;
 - 3.1.3** Ensure that coaches are informed about league rules and matters affecting men's golf in the Southern Conference;
 - 3.1.4** Conduct surveys, etc.;
 - 3.1.5** Administer, in general, the sport of men's golf in the Southern Conference.

4.0 Head Coaches Meetings

- 4.1** Southern Conference head coaches shall normally meet once a year to address all matters related to the sport of men's golf and to make recommendations to the Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee. Usually this meeting shall take place in July or August.

5.0 Officials

- 5.1 Home Institution Responsibilities:** Southern Conference institutions hosting events during the regular season are responsible for contracting qualified USGA officials. It is recommended that a minimum of one qualified USGA official be present at all events.

6.0 Event Management

- 6.1** The home athletics director (or his or her designee) shall serve as the event management director for all events being hosted by Southern Conference institutions. It is suggested that the event management director visit briefly with the officials and the visiting head coaches prior to the event to answer any questions and inform them of his or her availability. The home athletics director and/or event management director also has the direct responsibility for crowd control as outlined in the Southern Conference Sportsmanship Code Regulations.

7.0 Public Address Announcer

- 7.1** Only the designated starter or public address announcer may use a microphone during an event hosted by a Southern Conference institution. The starter or public address announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the PA system and must obey the rules of golf decorum at all times.
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8.0 Conduct

8.1 Coaches' Conduct: All head and assistant coaches are to conduct themselves in such a manner during a competition as to ensure or promote good sportsmanship and crowd control. They also are responsible for the conduct of their student-athletes and staff. Coaches (head and assistant) must follow Southern Conference Sportsmanship Code Regulations at all times.

8.2 Ejection/Suspension Policy: A coach or player removed from a contest for any unsportsmanlike act shall be subject to potential disciplinary action by the conference office, including suspension from future contests. (Revised 5/19)

8.3 Unsportsmanlike Behavior: Acts of unsportsmanlike behavior or unethical conduct including but not limited to those described below shall make the offending party subject to sanctions by the conference.

8.3.1 Fighting. Any attempt by a person to strike an opponent or contest participant in a combative manner unrelated to the sport involved or any act that incites an opponent to retaliate by acting in a similar manner shall be described as unsportsmanlike behavior.

8.3.2 Aggressive Behavior. The use of obscene gestures, profane language, or the display of hostile action towards officials, spectators, or opponents shall be described as unsportsmanlike. Throwing clubs or equipment would fall in the category of aggressive behavior.

8.3.3 Ejection. The removal by an official from a competitive sport activity shall require the ejected participant to leave the vicinity of the competitive activity immediately.

8.3.4 Suspension. A penalty that denies the involved participant from being in the vicinity of the contest suspended from during the time period beginning one hour prior to the scheduled contest until the conclusion of the contest. Suspension does not affect practice opportunities outside of the above time limitations.

8.3.5 Vicinity of Contest. The immediate area/site of the competition extended to include any point or place from which the ejected/suspended individual could observe, supervise, or participate in any manner in the contest from which the participant is being ejected or suspended.

8.3.6 Competitive Conditions. The failure of an institution to provide an environment for a contest that is safe and fair to competition shall be described as unsportsmanlike behavior.

9.0 Two-Year Moratorium of Approved Sport Regulations: Sport regulations approved by the membership must be implemented for two full seasons before they may be considered for amendment, except in instances where changes are made to the regulation on a national level (i.e. an NCAA rule or a national governing body policy). Coaches' recommendations that are not approved by the membership are subject to the moratorium and may not be reconsidered by the membership for two years. A 75% vote of the athletic directors may overrule the two-year moratorium on a case-by-case basis. (*Approved and Effective 6/10*)

Conference Championship Regulations

1.0 Championship Format

- 1.1** At the conclusion of the regular season, a Conference championship shall be conducted to determine team and individual champions. All teams eligible to compete shall participate in the Conference championship. The length of the tournament shall be 54 holes, played over three days (normally Sunday, Monday, Tuesday), except in cases of inclement weather. At least 36 holes of conference tournament play are required for the Conference Championship to be used to determine the conference champion and represent the conference during NCAA championship play. *(Effective 10/09)*
- 1.2** For most Conference sports, the championship shall conclude no later than the original dates of competition, regardless of any weather-related delays or postponements. This shall be true in baseball, men's & women's golf, men's & women's lacrosse, men's & women's soccer, softball, volleyball, men's & women's indoor track, rifle, wrestling, and men's & women's cross country. The only sports which permit one additional day to conclude the championship because of weather-related issues are men's & women's tennis, and men's & women's outdoor track. Men's & women's basketball would be determined by a decision made by the Commissioner's office and the basketball committee. *(Updated 6/17)*
- 1.2.1** If teams are tied for first place at the completion of 54 holes, the Games Committee shall do everything possible to complete a playoff. If it is not possible to complete a playoff on the final scheduled day of competition, the following tiebreakers shall be used – in the listed order – to determine a champion:
- Comparison of team scores from the final round;
 - Comparison of team scores from the second round;
 - Comparison of team scores from the first round.
 - Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings.
- 1.2.2** If individuals are tied for first place at the completion of 54 holes, the Games Committee shall do everything possible to complete a playoff. If it is not possible to complete a playoff on the final scheduled day of competition, the following tiebreakers shall be used – in the listed order – to determine a champion:
- Comparison of scores from the final round;
 - Comparison of scores from the second round;
 - Comparison of scores from the first round.
 - A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the final round; the No. 17 hole on the final round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the final round.
 - A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the second round; the No. 17 hole on the second round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the second round.
 - A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the first round; the No. 17 hole on the first round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the first round.
 - Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings. *(Approved 10/16)*
- 1.3** In the event that 54 holes cannot be completed by the last scheduled day of the championship, the following procedures will be used by the Games Committee to determine the team and individual conference champions and the automatic qualifiers to represent the conference during the NCAA Championship:
- 1.3.1** If 36 holes of the championship have been completed, the team and individual champion will be determined using the scores of those 36 holes. If teams and/or individuals are tied for first place, the Games Committee will do everything possible to complete a play-off. If it is not possible to complete a playoff on the playoff on the last scheduled date of competition, the following tiebreakers shall be used – in the listed order – to determine a champion:
- Comparison of team scores from the final round;
 - Comparison of team scores from the first round.
 - Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings.
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1.3.2 If 36 holes have been completed, the individual champion shall be determined using the scores of those 36 holes. If individuals are tied for first place, the Games Committee shall do everything possible to complete a playoff. If it is not possible to complete a playoff on the last scheduled date of competition, the following tiebreakers shall be used – in the listed order – to determine a champion:

- Comparison of scores from the final round;
- Comparison of scores from the first round;
- A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the final round; the No. 17 hole on the final round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the final round.
- A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the first round; the No. 17 hole on the first round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the first round.
- Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings. (*Approved 10/16*)

1.3.3 If 36 holes cannot be completed during the scheduled dates of competition, or if the championship cannot commence for some reason, the highest-ranking team and individual as listed in the most recent official NCAA golf rankings prior to the start of the Conference championship shall determine the team and individual champions for purposes of representing the Conference during NCAA championships. The NCAA rankings shall be distributed to the head coaches prior to the start of Conference championship play. In the event of a tie in the rankings, the Conference team and individual champions shall be determined by a comparison of scores during any head-to-head competition during the current spring season. If a tie still exists, it shall be determined by comparing stroke differentials. (*Approved 10/16*)

1.3.4 In the event all teams have completed at least 9 holes during a round and play is suspended due to weather conditions, the remaining holes shall be completed as soon as the weather conditions are sufficient to ensure the safety of the participants and the integrity of the championship. This may occur on the same day or the following day depending upon the weather conditions. If 9 holes of the round are not completed by all teams, the Games Committee shall convene to determine the appropriate course of action. (*Approved 10/16*)

2.0 Championship Dates

The Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship shall be conducted prior to the NCAA Regional Tournament on the dates recommended by the Men's Golf Committee and approved by the Southern Conference Athletics Directors Association. The dates of the 2020 Southern Conference Championship shall be April 19-21.

3.0 Championship Location

3.1 2020 Championship Location: The site of the 2020 Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship shall be at Reynolds Lake Oconee, in Greensboro, Georgia.

3.2 Future Championship Sites: Reynolds Lake Oconee (2021 and 2022)

3.3 Hosting Rotation: When the conference golf championship is held at a neutral site, a three-member hosting rotation will be in effect to assist in the staffing of the event. (*Approved 10/08*). The hosts for the 2020 championship will be decided closer to the championship.

4.0 Championship Schedule

4.1 Start Times: All championship tee times shall be set by the Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee.

5.0 Tournament Administration

5.1 Men's Golf Committee Involvement: The Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee shall provide general oversight of the championship. The Men's Golf Committee shall have the authority to discipline and/or fine any member institution that does not abide by Conference regulations.

- 5.2 Games Committee:** A Games Committee shall be appointed for the championship consisting of Men's Golf Committee members on site, the athletics director of the host institution or his or her designee, the Southern Conference championship administrator on site (who shall serve as chair of the committee), and the tournament director. The Games Committee shall:
- A. Ensure that the championship is conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Southern Conference as contained in the Southern Conference Championship Manual and these sport regulations;
 - B. Make decisions regarding situations that occur where resolution is not covered in the rules and regulations of the NCAA, USGA or the Southern Conference as stated in the Championship Manual or these sport regulations;
 - C. Inspect the playing facilities prior to the start of the event.
- 5.3 Tournament Director:** The Southern Conference liaison on site shall serve as the tournament director, and shall perform the following functions under the direction of the Men's Golf Committee:
- A. Serve as supervisor of the championship;
 - B. Plan and coordinate all activities of the championship in conjunction with the Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee and local organizing committee(s);
 - C. Provide relevant championship information to all coaches, athletics directors, chief executive officers, faculty athletics representatives, senior woman administrators and other necessary personnel of competing institutions;
 - D. Coordinate and supervise the activities of the officials;
 - E. Oversee servicing the needs of the participants and spectators as prescribed in the championship manual;
 - F. Delegate duties and responsibilities to championship personnel;
 - G. Secure a certified trainer and other medical personnel for the championship.
- 5.4 Media Coordinator:** The tournament director shall appoint a tournament media coordinator, who shall perform the following duties:
- A. Coordinate and administer all media working areas and media hospitality areas;
 - B. Process all media requests for working credentials;
 - C. Coordinate the dissemination of results and make sure that results are made available to all media as soon as possible after the conclusion of each round;
 - D. Write and distribute all releases as necessary prior to and during the championship;
 - E. Be responsible for awards balloting;
 - F. Coordinate the installation of phone lines for the media;
 - G. Fulfill the needs of Conference sports information directors not on site.
- 5.5 Medical Personnel:** All medical staff for the tournament shall be appointed by the tournament director with approval of the Sports Medicine committee, who shall ensure that the following occurs:
- A. That a certified trainer is present for all practices and during all competitions;
 - B. That a general practitioner or orthopedic physician is on call during all competitions;
 - C. That an EMS unit is on call during all competitions;
 - D. That there is planned and pre-arranged access to medical facilities;
 - E. That training facilities and training supplies are available for all championship events;
 - F. That information concerning medical and training accommodations is distributed to all head athletic trainers and head coaches prior to their arrival at the championship site.
- 5.6 Officials:** Officials and their duties are outlined in the NCAA and USGA Rules. The tournament director, working in conjunction with the Men's Golf Committee, shall:
- A. Contract all officials to work the championship. The pool of officials shall include at least one USGA certified official;
 - B. Conduct pre-event and post-event meetings as necessary with officials;
 - C. Oversee the selection and training of all other officials with the tournament director and ensure that a training session is conducted for these officials prior to competition.
- 5.7 Additional Tournament Personnel:** The following additional personnel shall be appointed by the tournament director and/or tournament media coordinator:
- A. Tournament desk personnel;
 - B. Starter;
 - C. Scoreboard operator;
 - E. Course spotters;
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F. In addition, Southern Conference Men's Golf Committee members (excluding the head coach representative), may be assigned specific duties as necessary to ensure the orderly operation of the championship.

5.8 Promotions Director: The tournament director shall appoint a promotions director that ensures that a marketing and promotions plan is created to promote awareness to fans of member institutions and their local communities, as well as the local community in which the championship are being held.

6.0 Championship Manual

6.1 The Southern Conference staff liaison shall send a championship manual to all Conference chief executive officers, faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, head coaches and sports information directors at least one month prior to the championship. The following information shall be contained in the manual:

- A. Facilities information;
- B. Telephone numbers and addresses of key championship personnel;
- C. Local maps;
- E. Dates, times and location of the championship and related activities;
- F. Information on team and institutional credentials and parking passes;
- G. A tournament itinerary;
- H. Medical and training information;
- I. Media information;
- J. Information on hospitality and social functions;
- K. Names and responsibilities of Local Organizing Committee personnel;
- L. Names and responsibilities of host institution personnel;
- M. A championship emergency plan and emergency telephone numbers.

7.0 Tournament Procedures

7.1 Scoring: The tournament field shall be comprised of at least four and a maximum of five players from each institution. The team scores shall be determined by adding the four lowest scores of each team from each round. Players should return their scorecards to the tournament desk as soon as possible following the conclusion of each round. Individual scorecards shall be kept in strict accordance with Rule 6-6 of the USGA rulebook addressing "Scoring in Stroke Play".

7.2 Playoff Procedures: Team and individual first-place ties shall be broken by a sudden death playoff from the No. 18 hole. For a two-team playoff, the four lowest scores per team relative to par on each hole shall be used. Play shall continue on the No. 18 hole with new scoring until a winner is determined. In the event of a playoff involving three or more teams, the No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17 and No. 18 holes shall be used with a shotgun start. For a playoff among individuals, play shall commence on the No. 18 hole until a winner is determined. Play shall continue on the No. 18 hole with new scoring until a winner is determined. *(Approved 10/16)*

7.2.1 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.

7.2.1.1 Two-team Playoff: (A&B; tee off alternately)

#5A, #5B, #4A, #4B, #3A playoff hole #1

#3B, #2A, #2B, #1A, #1B playoff hole #1

7.2.1.2 Shotgun Format:

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. The format in pairings for six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the Games Committee.

7.2.2 Non-Sudden Death Tie Breaking Procedures: For the purpose of ranking teams for second and third-round pairings, and for situations where a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed, the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at the championship:

Teams

- A. Comparison of team scores from the final round;
- B. Comparison of team scores from the second round;
- C. Comparison of team scores from the first round.
- D. Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings. *(Approved 10/16)*

Individual

- A. Comparison of scores from the final round;
- B. Comparison of scores from the second round;
- C. Comparison of scores from the first round.
- D. A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the final round; the No. 17 hole on the final round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the final round.
- E. A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the second round; the No. 17 hole on the second round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the second round.
- F. A sudden-death scorecard playoff beginning with the No. 18 hole on the first round; the No. 17 hole on the first round; working backward to the No. 1 hole on the first round.
- G. Comparison of the most recent official NCAA golf rankings. *(Approved 10/16)*

When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time. The foregoing procedure will also be used if a cut becomes necessary at any time after the completion of the second round of play at the championship.

7.3 Travel Squads: Travel squads to the championship shall be limited to eligible student-athletes of which only five can be designated to compete per round and one additional student-athlete in the event an institution wishes to use a substitution prior to the start of the round. Designation shall occur prior to the team's first grouping tee time on day one. Only six student-athletes shall be permitted to play in the practice round at the championship course. *(Clarified 6/10 and Updated 9/19)*

7.4 Rules: The rules for the championship shall conform to those rules adopted by the NCAA for the Division I Men's Golf Championship, the USGA, and the Southern Conference as stated in the Southern Conference Championship Manual and these sport regulations.

- 7.5 Uniforms:** All competitors must wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition, warm-up and during the post-championship awards ceremony. In accordance with NCAA rules, the institution's official uniform (including warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (t-shirts, towels, etc.) should bear only a single manufacturer's or distributors' normal label or trademark. The label or trademark may not exceed 2 1/4 inches square in size. Equipment (i.e., shoes, bags, clubs, etc.) may bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public. Failure to comply with this regulation may cause disqualification or may jeopardize a student-athlete's eligibility.
- 7.6 Student-Athlete Eligibility:** Each institution is responsible for submitting a list of competing student-athletes to the Conference compliance administrator no later than three (3) days prior to the start of the championship. The Conference office will verify the eligibility of these student-athletes and will notify an institution if a problem arises with any of its student-athletes. Student-athletes not deemed eligible to compete may not be in uniform during the Conference championship.
- 7.7 Head Coaches Meeting:** A head coaches meeting will be held at the championship site prior to the start of competition. The Men's Golf Committee chair will conduct the meeting and review information pertinent to the championship. The head coach of each institution is required to attend this meeting. Head coaches who do not attend the meeting are subject to disciplinary action as imposed by the Men's Golf Committee and enforced by the Commissioner.
- 7.8 Team Entries:** The following items address the issues of team entries:
- A. The Conference office shall provide an official entry form to the head coach at each institution at least 14 days prior to the championship;
 - B. Entry forms shall allow a maximum of five entries per team;
 - C. Entry forms shall be emailed to the Conference office by a specified time prior to the championship;
 - D. The Conference office shall confirm receipt of entry forms for each institution by e-mail, fax or phone prior to the championship;
- 7.9 Tee Times:** The tee times on the first day of competition shall be determined based on Golfstat rankings from the regular season, with the understanding that the defending champion will tee off last, regardless. The rankings are to be gathered the Wednesday prior to the championship. Tee times on the second and third days of competition shall be based on each team's finish after the previous day's competition, with the teams having the highest scores having the earlier tee times. *(Effective 9/19)*
- 7.9.1 Warm-Ups:** Players shall not begin play prior to their announced tee times. A practice range and putting green will be available to all teams beginning one hour prior to the first scheduled tee time each day.
- 7.9.2 Reporting To Tee:** Players are recommended to be at the starting tee approximately five minutes prior to their assigned starting time. It is the policy of the Southern Conference not to search for players who are late to the tee. *(Approved 10/16)*
- 7.10 Practice Rounds:** Tee times will be made available for all teams for one 18-hole practice round on the day prior to the first day of tournament competition. All five players on each team shall play in one group but must not slow the pace of play on the course. Teams shall be assigned tee times based upon their finish from the previous year's championship. The team that finished first shall have the first choice of practice time. The team that finished second shall have the next choice, etc. *(Approved 10/16)*
- 7.10.1 Practice Restrictions:** If the championship course is the regular home golf course of a participating institution, then Southern Conference teams or team members shall not be permitted to play the selected championship course for two weeks (14 days) prior to the first official practice round of the championship. Any team members playing the course during the time period mentioned above shall be declared ineligible to compete in the tournament.
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7.10.2 Practice Restrictions at a Neutral Site Championship Course: Southern Conference teams or team members shall not be permitted to play at a neutral championship site subsequent to the start of an institution's academic year during which the Conference Championship will be conducted other than those team members who are members of the course or those teams who are competing in sanctioned events of the state's amateur or professional golf associations or collegiate events and the PGA. Any team members playing the course during the time period mentioned above shall be declared ineligible to compete in the tournament. *(Approved 10/08)*

7.11 Media Policies: All coaches and student-athletes shall be available for interviews with the media following each round of the championship. Interviews with the media may take place following a 10-minute cooling-off period, which shall begin for competitors when they have finished their round and for coaches when the final competitor of his team has finished the course.

7.12 Officials Responsibilities: Officials and their duties are outlined in the official rules of the NCAA and USGA.

7.13 Conduct: A warning or disqualification may be assessed by the Games Committee once the incident has been presented from a USGA certified official for conduct unbecoming to a collegiate golfer. The conduct shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Club throwing, defined as releasing the club in a manner to cause harm to any person or the course;
- B. Use of abusive language;
- C. Willful acts that damage property or equipment on the course;
- D. Other unbecoming conduct as determined by the Games Committee. *(Approved 10/16)*

7.14 Lineups/Substitutions: All policies regarding team lineups and substitutions in effect during the regular season shall also be in effect for the championship.

7.15 Substitutions: Prior to a Southern Conference Championship round, a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that: a. The Conference Office staff on site and/or the Head Rules Official is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time. b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team. When a team has substituted a sixth player, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10-minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the Conference Office staff on site and/or the Head Rules Official and may substitute for another player as provided above. The team member that was substituted for, becomes the sixth player and the team is limited to that player, if the team wishes to substitute a player prior to any subsequent Championship round. *(Effective 9/19)*

8.0 Awards

8.1 Awards Ceremony: Immediately following the conclusion of the final round, an awards ceremony shall be held at the awards presentation area. The head coaches and student-athletes of all teams should remain for the awards ceremony. The following awards shall be provided by the Conference office and distributed at the awards ceremony:

8.1.1 Championship Trophy: One trophy presented to the head coach and captains of the winning team;

8.1.2 Runner-Up Trophy: One trophy presented to the head coach and captains of the runner-up team;

8.1.3 Second-Fifth Place Finisher Plaques: Plaques shall be presented to each individual finishing in second thru fifth place in the championship;

8.1.4 Individual Champion Plaque: A large plaque shall be presented to the individual winner of the championship;

8.1.5 All-Conference Plaques: Ten plaques shall be presented to those individuals earning All-Conference honors. The All-Conference Team shall be voted on by the head coaches. The voting shall be conducted by the Conference office. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes;

8.1.6 Player of the Year Plaque: One plaque shall be presented to the person winning the Player of the Year award. The Player of the Year award shall be voted on by the head coaches at the championship site. The voting shall be conducted by the Conference office. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes;

8.1.7 Freshman of the Year Plaque: One plaque shall be presented to the person winning the Freshman of the Year award. The Freshman of the Year award shall be voted on by the head coaches at the championship site. The voting shall be conducted by the Conference office. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes;

8.1.8 Coach of the Year Plaque: One plaque shall be presented to the person winning the Coach of the Year award. The Coach of the Year award shall be voted on by the head coaches at the championship site. The voting shall be conducted by the Conference office.

8.2 Other Awards: Other awards presented in conjunction with the championship are as follows:

8.2.1 Individual Championship Team Plaques: Five individual plaques will be presented to the head coach of the championship team for presentation to the student-athletes of the winning team. These plaques will be presented at the head coach's discretion.

8.2.2 Southern Conference Pinnacle Award: The Conference annually recognizes the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA from the team winning the Conference post-season tournament or meet in each sport. The criteria for the Pinnacle Award are as follows: the student-athlete must be an active member on the team roster, present at the championship and eligible to compete; the student-athlete is permitted to win only once per year, even if the student competes in more than one sport; the student-athlete must have a 3.0 GPA or better; the student-athlete should be at least a sophomore in academic standing (minimum two completed semesters at the Conference institution). For tiebreaking purposes, the following considerations shall be used (in order): 1) current cumulative GPA (calculated to hundredths, e.g. 3.54) based on all semesters completed up to the point of the championship, including January terms; and 2) percentage of credit hours the student-athlete has completed toward their major. *(Approved 6/16)*

8.3 Players of the Week: A certificate shall be presented during the course of the regular season to those players selected as Players of the Week. The Players of the Week shall be selected by the Conference Office.

8.4 Player of the Month: A Player of the Month award shall be selected at the end of every month during the regular season. The Player of the Month shall be selected by the Conference office.

8.5 All-Freshman Team: An All-Freshman Team shall be named consisting of five freshmen, true freshmen, redshirt or otherwise. The coaches will vote to select the 5-member team. Balloting will be done as it is for All-Conference voting. *(Approved 10/08)*

9.0 Institutional Passes

9.1 VIP Hospitality Passes: Each member institution shall receive VIP Hospitality passes for use during the championship, provided that VIP functions are conducted. These passes shall be provided in a number as approved by the Men's Golf Committee. The passes may be distributed at the discretion of each school's athletics director.

9.2 VIP Parking Passes: Each member institution shall receive VIP Parking passes for use during the championship. These passes shall be provided in a number as approved by the Men's Golf Committee. The passes may be distributed at the discretion of each school's athletics director.
