

GOLF REGULATIONS

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DAKOTA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE GOLF REGULATIONS

Section 1. Participation Requirement.

- (a) Golf is an optional sport of the Conference, however all members are encouraged to participate for Conference Championship.

Section 2. Conduct of Participants.

- (a) The highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct are expected of players, coaches and others associated with the game.
- (b) It is the duty of the coach to be in control of his players at all times in order to prevent any unsportsmanlike act towards opponents, officials and spectators.
- (c) Coaches are expected to comply wholeheartedly with the intent and spirit of the rules.
- (d) Coaches are to refrain from commenting to the media on the quality of the officiating.

Section 3. Letters of Intent and Recruitment.

- (a) All incoming student athletes receiving aid as defined by the NAIA shall be required to sign the Dakota Athletic Conference Letter of Intent. Student athletes may be released from a Letter of Intent only by the institution's Athletic Director. A copy of the signed Letter of Intent shall be forwarded to the Conference Commissioner within 14 days after signing. September 1 is the first date an athlete may be signed to a letter for the next academic year.
- (b) This policy applies to all sports and to all athletes. All coaches are required to follow this policy.
- (c) A weekly list of Conference signee's will be distributed to all member Institutions.
- (d) Schools are responsible for releasing the names of their signees to the media. Schools are not to use the names or number of signees to other institutions in any publication or release to the media.
- (e) If, during the school year or summer vacation period, the Athletic Director, or Coach of a member institution is contacted or becomes aware of contact by an athlete who is enrolled or signed a letter of intent at another institution, it shall become the responsibility of the contacted (Athletic Director) to notify in writing the institution where the athlete is enrolled or signed within 10 days following the first contact.
- (f) A coach or another representative of a member institution may respond to a contact by an athlete only after the enrolled athlete's institution (Athletic Director) has been notified.
- (g) A coach or another representative of a member institution shall not initiate contact with an athlete who has enrolled or signed a letter of Intent at another institution.
- (h) Violation of any part of the recruitment policy shall cause an immediate investigation by the National Conduct and Ethics Committee for appropriate action.

Section 4. Disciplinary Authority of the Commissioner.

- (a) The Commissioner shall have the authority to take disciplinary action, short of expulsion, against Conference members for violation of Conference or NAIA rules. Any appeal of a decision by the Commissioner shall be made to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Sports Committees.

- (a) There shall be a committee for each sport which the Conference sponsors. The members of the committee shall be all the head coaches in each sport. For each such committee, the members shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair and a Secretary. Each officer shall be limited to two years in one position. After two years the Chair Elect Vice Chair will move up to the Chair position and the Secretary will move up to the Vice Chair and the Committee shall select a new Secretary. Effective fall of 2005. The Chairperson has the authority

to call meetings providing two weeks notice is given. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the Athletic Director in charge of the sports portfolio and the Commissioner. Each Athletic Director will be assigned a sports portfolio and will serve as the liaison between the sports committee and the Athletic Director's Council. The Chair or his designee may appear before the Athletic Director's Council to present the views of the committee on matters related to their sport and to make recommendations for change. The Secretary is charged with the responsibility of preparing and distributing the minutes of all meetings. Copies are to be sent to all committee members, the Athletic Director in charge of that portfolio and the Commissioner.

Section 6. Schedule and Tourney Site.

- (a) Regular season competition among members is required. All regular season tournaments are to be held on Friday/Saturday or Sunday/Monday.

Section 7. Post-Season Competition.

- (a) Teams or individuals who qualify may advance to any NAIA sponsored post season competition.

Section 8. DAC Tournament Starting Times.

- (a) The recommended start time is 11:00 A.M.. on the first day with a tee time being used. The second day, no later than 9:00 a.m. using split tees for men and women is acceptable.
- (b) Weather conditions may affect starting times of the tournament. This shall be determined by the DAC Golf Chairperson in cooperation with the host coach and/or pro.

Section 9. Entries.

- (a) Entry forms - Each coach shall be responsible for entering his/her team.
- (b) Each coach shall be responsible for registering his/her team at the tournament site.

Section 10. Scoring.

- (a) The low four scores of the five designated players, make up the team's total score for that day.
- (b) The low four scores of the day-two added to day one are the team total for the tournament.
- (c) Individual scoring shall be the low individual determined by stroke play. The low scoring individual for the two days shall be determined the Medalist.

Section 11. Rules and Rulings.

- (a) Tournament play will be governed by United States Golf Association rules, except where local rules prevail.
- (b) Local rules should be given to all players prior to the practice round if possible.
- (c) All conference tournaments courses must meet the following criteria:
 1. Must be an 18 hole course
 2. Minimum Par 70
 3. Minimum Total Yardage for Men 6500
Minimum Total Yardage for Women 5800.
- (d) Local rules must be given to all players prior to starting time of the tournament.
- (e) All tournament play will be stroke play.
- (f) Rulings - The golf coach of the host institution and the club professional of the host course will be responsible for making decisions concerning rule interpretation.
- (g) If a player is disqualified from the first day of a two day tournament he/she is allowed to compete the second

day. That players' score can be used as one of the team's four scores for the second day of the tournament and in the team's tournament total.

- (h) Institute a 30 yard rule for all spectators. Spectators cannot give advice to golfers. The only time that spectators can be within 30 yards of the golfers is when they are helping to look for a lost ball.
- (i) Conference Tournament Pairing - If Non-Conference teams and or extra players participate in a DAC Conference Tournaments, players will be flighted with other Non-Conference players and/or extra players.

Section 12. Determining DAC Champions.

- (a) DAC Conference Team Champion and Individual Champion will be determined from all (5) conference tournaments played. A point system according to the number of conference teams and the number of individual participants.

<p>TEAM (men)</p> <p>1st Place – 5 pts</p> <p>2nd Place – 4 pts</p> <p>3rd Place – 3 pts</p> <p>4th Place – 2 pts</p> <p>5th Place – 1 pt</p>	<p>TEAM (women)</p> <p>1st Place – 6 pts</p> <p>2nd Place – 5 pts</p> <p>3rd Place – 4 pts</p> <p>4th Place – 3 pts</p> <p>5th Place – 2 pt</p> <p>6th Place – 1 pt</p>
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** If a team doesn't participate in a tournament they will not receive points and the total points will only be based on the total number of full teams participating.

Tiebreak criteria for ties between teams in Conference tournaments:

1. 2nd Day Fifth Score
2. Two Day total of Fifth Scores
3. Split the points

The Medalist/Conference Champion will be the individual with the most points determined from the season point total.

- (b) INDIVIDUAL
 1. Points will be award according to the number of individual participants, with the medalist getting 3 bonus points. Example: 25 participants 1st Place – 25pts + 3 bonus = 28 pts. 25th Place – 1pt
 2. The Conference Champion and All-Conference team members will determined from the season point total.
 3. If individual players tie for a place, they will split the points from the two, three, etc.. places.
 4. Top 4 point totals will determine the All-Conference selection, with the 5th selection coming from a vote of the DAC Golf Coaches.

- (c) TEAM & Individual
 In case of a tie for 1st and/or 2nd place in the conference standings after the final tournament:
 1. Teams will have a one hole playoff following the completion of the last conference tournament.
 2. All five players from the tied teams will play, starting on a hole designated by the tournament manager.
 3. The 4 best scores of each team will be used to determine the winner.
 4. If teams are tied after playoff, the 5th player's score of each team will be used as the tie breaker.
 5. If teams are still tied another hole will be played until a winner is determined.

Section 13. Inclement Weather.

- (a) Rain (1st day):
 1. Rain out on day one --- Tournament shall be 27 holes of play on the following day. If possible, 18 holes to be played in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon. Otherwise reverse the order.
 2. Medalist will be determined on the total holes played.

3. If play has started and must be terminated because of inclement weather, the following procedure will be used:
 - a. If all participating teams do not complete their first eighteen holes of play, only the first nine holes will count.
 - b. If all teams do not complete nine holes, the tournament will then be a 27 hole tournament the following day.

- (b) Rain (2nd day):
 1. In case of rainout on the second day (assuming the first day has been completed, 18 holes.):
 - a. The tournament winner and medalist will be determined on the first day's play.
 2. In case of inclement weather in the morning, 18 holes will be played in the afternoon.
 3. In case of inclement weather in the afternoon, and providing all teams have completed 9 holes of play in the morning, team winner and medalist will be determined upon 27 holes.
 4. If all teams have not completed the required 9 holes in the morning, the winner and medalist will be determined on the previous day's 18 holes.

- (c) Unplayable Course:

In case of unplayable course conditions at the start of a tournament,

 1. The tournament will be rescheduled as soon as possible.
 2. Tournament moved to a neutral course.
 3. Tournament will be canceled and will not count in the point standings.

Section 14. Practices.

- (a) Practice is defined in the NAIA Bylaws in Article I, Section E6 as an activity organized and/or directed by an identified member of the coaching staff of that sport in which appropriate equipment is used or instruction and/or evaluation of the athlete takes place.

- (b) The starting IN-SEASON PRACTICE date for all fall sports will be the date established by the Council of Athletic Directors. The starting IN-SEASON PRACTICE date for all winter sports is October 1. The starting IN-SEASON PRACTICE date for all spring sports is February 1.

- (c) IN-SEASON PRACTICE and competition for all sports shall end on the last date of the NAIA competition for each sport.

- (d) Baseball and Softball will be allowed 25 out-of-season practices days. All other sports will be allowed 10 OUT-OF-SEASON PRACTICE DAYS. The term in which each sport may conduct out of season practices follows: (no scrimmage or games will be allowed)

<u>FALL</u>	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SPRING OR FALL</u>
Baseball	Football	Basketball
Softball	Volleyball	Wrestling
Tennis	Soccer	
Track & Field (Indoor & Outdoor)	Golf	

Section 15. Awards.

- (a) Individual and team awards shall be given only when at least one-half or more of the Conference institutions participate in a sport.

- (b) The Conference medalist (conference champion), places 2-5 and a 6th selection, voted on by the coaches, will receive a DAC medals and be recognized as All-Conference.

- (c) Conference Coach of the Year shall go to the Conference Champions Coach.

- (d) Conference coaches shall select the following individual awards at the end of the season. Each selection will receive a DAC Recognitions plaques.
 1. Most Valuable Senior
 2. Most Valuable Performer

- (e) Athletes with high academic achievement are honored at the end of each term as DAC ACADEMIC HONOR

SCHOLARS. Individual certificates are awarded to each athlete that qualifies. (See Appendix G in the DAC manual for the qualification policy for this award.)

- (f) Selection Policy on DAC Most Valuable Graduating Senior Award and Most Valuable Player.
1. The athletes should have contributed greatly to the success of his or her own team and served as a role model for other squad members.
 2. The Sports Chair of each sport is responsible for conducting the selection process.
 3. Only one athlete is to be selected for each award.
 4. Each school should be given the opportunity to nominate an athlete for each award. The most valuable graduating senior athlete must be in his or her final year of eligibility. The most valuable player does not have to be a senior.
 5. All Coaches should be given the opportunity to vote by ranking all those nominated in order of preference. The points for each athlete nominated will then be calculated by using the following method:
 - #1 rank 10 points
 - #2 rank 9 points
 - #3 rank 8 points
 - #4 rank 7 points
 - #5 rank 6 points
 - #6 rank 5 points
 - #7 rank 4 points
 - #8 rank 3 points
 - #9 rank 2 points
 - #10 rank 1 point

Total the points from all ballots to determine the Most Valuable Graduating Senior and the Most Valuable Player.

Section 16. DAC Policy on Delaying, Postponing and Rescheduling Contests.

- (a) Delay or Termination of Conference Events. The Dakota Athletic Conference recognizes four legitimate causes for delay or termination of a contest:
1. Obstruction of any type that cannot be removed from the playing facility.
 2. Failure of electrical power or other services necessary to continue a contest.
 3. Weather conditions that make it impossible to play or continue to play.
 4. Misconduct, by any persons, that jeopardizes the safety of persons playing or spectating. If the apparent cause is 1, 2 or 3 above, the referee or chief official shall determine when a contest is to be delayed, terminated, or resumed. For cause 4, the Athletic Director of the host institution, or the director's appointed representative, shall determine whether the contest is to be delayed, terminated, or resumed. Whenever a contest is delayed or terminated, a written report to the Commissioner explaining the circumstances shall be filed by the host Athletic Director immediately after the event. Rescheduling, if appropriate, shall be accomplished as soon as possible by the Athletic Director's of the involved institutions and the Commissioner
- (b) Weather Postponements. The Athletic Director of the traveling institution is to determine if weather and/or road conditions require a postponement of a scheduled contest. Rescheduling, if appropriate, shall be accomplished as soon as possible by the Athletic Directors of the involved institutions and the Commissioner.

Section 17. Alcohol and Tobacco Products.

The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products is not permitted by participants, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, game administrators, or officials in the playing areas during DAC or NAIA competition and practices for such competition. The coaching staff and the Athletic Director shall enforce this policy during practice sessions. The game administrator and/or the Umpire shall enforce this policy during competition. Enforcement of this policy shall follow the following steps: On the first offense, the individual(s) and team shall receive an official warning. A second offense will cause expulsion from practice or game.