2018 CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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NESCAC

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WOMEN’S GOLF

FORMAT

Championship Date
Middlebury will host the 2018 championship, which will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7 at Ralph Myhre Golf Course in Middlebury, Vt.

Championship Format
- A two-day, 36-hole stroke play event shall be conducted.
- Teams will consist of four or five golfers, with the top four individual scores counting for each round.
- Individual competitors from institutions, which do not sponsor women’s golf, will be permitted.

Day One – Saturday, October 6
- Day one/first round pairing of teams will have NESCAC teams playing together.
- Players will be grouped by position (No. 1 players paired, No. 2 players paired, etc.) for a shotgun start.

Day Two – Sunday, October 7
- Day two/second round NESCAC team pairings will be determined by NESCAC team results from day one.
- Pairings within a group will be determined from day one individual scores for a shotgun start.

PARTICIPATION
All NESCAC institutions that sponsor a women’s golf team shall participate in the championship. Individual competitors from institutions, which do not sponsor women’s golf, will be permitted.

PLAYING RULES

Squad Size
Each team is permitted a squad size of four or five players. Each institution is required to submit a lineup according to playing position prior to the start of the championship.

Tie-breaking
In the event of a tie for determining the top two teams in the championship, the following tie-breaker system will be used (in priority order):

1. Count 5th player score from Day Two. *
2. Count 5th player score from Day One. *
3. Lowest cumulative individual total. ^
4. Second-lowest cumulative individual total.
5. Third-lowest cumulative individual total.
6. Fourth-lowest cumulative individual total.
7. Highest cumulative individual total.
8. Coin toss (or random action if more than two teams are involved).

* To break a tie among teams of five players begin with the first criteria.
^ To break a tie among teams of four players, or a team with five players and a team with four players, begin with the third criteria and omit the seventh criteria.

Play Suspended, Day Not Played or Not Completed (due to inclement weather, etc.)
In the event of inclement weather and the championship event cannot be completed, results will be based on the scores from the completed 18 or 27 holes.* The team with the lowest cumulative score shall be the conference champion. In the event fewer than 18 holes are completed, a committee (comprised of all head coaches from NESCAC schools represented at the championship) shall use Golfstat Northeast Regional Rankings to determine the team that will receive the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship (based on the highest ranked team per Golfstat Northeast Regional Rankings). The committee will convene on the Wednesday prior to the automatic qualifier deadline using the latest Golfstat Northeast Regional Rankings.
* - Scores from 27 holes may only be used if tee times are used as a starting format and all teams play the same order of holes.

**AWARDS**

- The champion and runner-up teams at the conference championship will both receive an award.
- Awards will be shipped to the Athletics Director of the institution hosting the tournament.
- If awards have not been received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the championship, the Conference office should be notified immediately.
- The SID of the host institution or the host coach shall prepare a short script for the awards ceremony.
- Postseason awards (All-Conference), including individual awards, will be determined by a vote of the conference coaches following completion of the fall season.
Appendix A

Golf Host Institution Responsibilities

The host Athletic Director is responsible for overseeing that the championship is carried out in accordance with NESCAC policies and guidelines. Host institutions should keep in mind that a NESCAC championship is not a home event. Therefore, hosts should not create a “home atmosphere” through the use of players on programs, displaying host institutions signage or similar measures.

**Tournament Director**
The host institution shall assign an administrator to serve as the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the championship. The head coach (or assistant coach) of that sport may not serve as the Tournament Director.

**Format**
See Section 1 – Format for information regarding the format of the championship.

**Course Set-up**
The Tournament Director and/or host coach shall communicate course and Pro contact information to the participating coaches at least three weeks prior to the championship.

**Golfstat**
See Section 3 - Facility Requirements & Equipment for information on registration deadlines for the championship.

**Playing Rules**
USGA and NCAA championship rules shall be followed.

**Play Suspended, Day Not Played or Not Completed (due to inclement weather, etc.)**
See Section 4 – Playing Rules for information regarding the procedure if play is suspended, a day is not played, or not completed for the championship.

**Travel and Lodging**
All travel and lodging arrangements are the responsibility of participating schools. Host schools do not need to block rooms.

**Awards and Award Ceremony**
Championship trophies will be sent to the host institution (c/o the Athletic Director). Upon receipt of the awards, the host institution should inspect the awards to ensure the accuracy of the sport and year. If awards have not been received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the championship, the Conference office should be notified immediately.

At the conclusion of the championship, there will be a short awards ceremony involving all teams. The host SID or host coach shall prepare a short script for the awards ceremony. There will be no tournament MVP or All-Tournament Team selected.

**Championships T-shirts and Merchandise**
The Conference has entered into an agreement with Campus Customs to be the exclusive provider of championship merchandise. Product and purchasing information will be shared with institutions at least one week before the championship. Information will also be shared with the general public when appropriate.

If institutions wish to produce NESCAC Champions merchandise, all merchandise must be approved by the conference office. Vendors will need to be approved by Learfield Licensing Partners, the NESCAC’s licensing partner. More information, including Learfield contact information, can be found at nescac.com under the Administration heading.

**Finances**
The host institution shall communicate green fees with participating institutions at least three weeks prior to the championship.
Appendix B

Host SID Checklist

Programs
- Digital programs will be produced by the Conference office, and made available at nescac.com and on conference social media platforms.
- Host institution will be asked to display signage at venues informing spectators how to access digital program. Signage will be designed by the Conference office.

Results
- Host SID is responsible for reporting results, including separate team and individual results generated by GolfStat, and providing a neutral release immediately after conclusion of each day’s action to the Conference office and competing teams.

Photography
- Host SID shall make sure a photo of the winning and runner up teams with NESCAC plaques and “NESCAC Champions” banner is taken and sent to the respective SID and Conference office.
- Host SID may send the respective SIDs and Conference office photos of top performers.
- Action photos may also be shared with SIDs of participating institutions and Conference office.
- Conference office will not reimburse host institution for photography.

Awards
- Awards will be shipped to the Athletics Director of the institution hosting the championship.
- Host SID or host coach shall prepare a short script for the awards ceremony.
- All-conference awards will be voted on by all coaches following the completion of the fall season.