

Section 4 Playing Regulations – Golf

4.1 Rules

The CCAA National Championship Tournaments shall be governed by the rules as specified by the voting membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Rule changes must be forwarded to the national Sport Convenor for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

4.1.1 Rule Changes from NSO's

Rule changes received from the NSO's, following the CCAA AGM and therefore approval of the year's playing rules, shall be accepted for that season up until September 1 of each year. These rules will be approved and clarified by the Program Committee and circulated to the participating conferences by October 1st. Rule changes received after September 1 will be submitted for approval at the next CCAA AGM.

4.2 Name of Event:

The event shall be known as “the CCAA Golf National Championships”.

4.3 Playing Rules

4.3.1 Conduct

As CCAA members, all players and coaches are expected to follow the standard guidelines and principles as per the CCAA Code of Ethics. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

4.3.1.1 The CCAA does not permit the use of tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) by any individuals at the CCAA competition site (clubhouse, putting green, scoring tent, official scoring area - i.e., scoreboard) or during championship activities such as banquets, press conferences and interview sessions. Individuals are permitted the use tobacco products in a designated area determined by the Host committee and Host Golf Course.–Penalty for breach of this rule will result in a warning by the Technical Committee; a second warning will result in a disqualification for that particular round; a third warning will result in a disqualification from the competition.

4.3.1.2 The CCAA does not permit the use of electronic equipment (e.g., cell phones, I-Pods, MP3 Players, or any other communication devices) by student-athletes during a stipulated round at the championships. Penalty for breach of this rule will result in a warning from the Technical Committee; a second warning will result in a disqualification for that particular round.

4.3.2 Official Rules

4.3.2.1 The event will be governed by the Golf Canada

- 4.3.2.2 The local club professional shall be available to interpret the rules of play in consultation with the Host Convenor.
- 4.3.2.3 A list of local rules of the Host Golf Course shall be distributed to participating teams before first round of the competition.
- 4.3.2.4 All Participants may not use power carts or caddies during the competition, but are allowed to use pull carts. However, the Technical Committee may authorize the players to use power carts at any time of the championships to help with pace of play due to length of course and/or during inclement weather.
- 4.3.2.5 For the men's competition, the men's tee-off blocks will be used and for the women's competition, the Ladies tee-off blocks will be used. The Tee-off blocks will be designated by Host Course and Host Convenor.
- 4.3.2.5.1 All Championship rounds will be a crossover/double crossover start (pending on the size of the field) and will play preferably in threesomes; this will be determined by the Host, Host Golf Course and Technical Committee. If this format is not possible, the Host/Host Golf Course has the option of a shotgun or regular tee time start and will play in threesomes.
- 4.3.2.6 If a player does not appear for assigned tee-off time, signs an incorrect scorecard, or has committed a rule infraction, then he/she shall be disqualified from that stipulated round of play, his/her score does not count for that round. The player is allowed to continue play for the team competition, but is eliminated from the individual competition (54 holes required).
- 4.3.2.7 Dress code will be in effect. Appropriate golf attire will be required (i.e., shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks, shorts, No cut off shorts) In failing to comply with the dress code, the competitor may not tee-off until code is up to par.
- 4.3.2.8 If a player is disqualified during play for misconduct of behaviour, then he/she is disqualified from the stipulated round, and therefore, is not eligible to continue play. All participants must follow the CCAA and GOLF CANADA Code of Conduct.
- 4.3.2.9 If a player withdraws due to illness, then he/she is disqualified from the individual Competition (54 holes required) but is still allowed to play for the team competition.
- 4.3.2.9.1 Due to injury if a player can't continue during a stipulated round, then he/she is disqualified from the individual competition (54 hole requirement). In the event this player can't continue and must withdraw from the event, then he/she can be replaced by one (1) identified alternate by that particular team. This alternate must be declared at the coach's meeting prior to the first round of play. The change in player will be determined by the technical committee and the recommendation of the on-site therapist after consultation.
- 4.3.2.10 Player will be allowed the use of distance -measuring devices only during a stipulated round. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for

the which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

4.4 Player Eligibility:

4.4.1 Only players who are on a CCAA Eligibility form and have been confirmed to be eligible by the MC are permitted to participate in the National Open Golf Championship. See CCAA eligibility rules.

4.4.2 Golf Handicap Eligibility Requirement

The men's handicap shall be 18 and the women's handicap shall be 36. The Athletic Directors of participating schools shall be accountable in ensuring that their players are eligible with qualifying handicaps below or equivalent to that mentioned above to participate at the National Championships.

4.5 Participants

4.5.1 Participating Institutions

4.5.1.1 British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association

4.5.1.2 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference

4.5.1.3 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association

4.5.1.4 Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association

4.5.1.5 Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec

4.5.1.6 Host College

4.5.1.7 Other institutions may be approved at the preceding AGM

4.6 Championship Format and Fill Process

4.6.1 Fill Process

The Championship will accept a maximum of 114 golfers consisting of 15 men's teams, 10 women's teams and 9 individuals who have met all the eligibility requirements for the event. Each conference will be given three (3) team spots for men and two (2) team spots for women. (Note - as per golf regulation 4.6.2.2 and 4.6.2.3 a men's team consists of five (5) golfers and the women's team consists of three (3) golfers.) The gold, silver and bronze placed teams in conference championship play will earn a spot in the national championship. Each conference will communicate their three teams to the national office and host 8 days prior to the first day of competition. A conference can choose to replace a team spot if a medalist school decides not to travel to nationals. This fill process will be based on team's finish in conference play and final conference seeding as determined by the conference.

If a conference declines a spot (see golf regulation 6.3.2.1.2), then the following fill process will be utilized up to a maximum of 15 men's teams and 10 women's teams are registered:

4.6.1.1 Conference of Gold medalist from previous year

4.6.1.2 Conference of Silver medalist from previous year

4.6.1.3 Conference of Bronze medalist from previous year

4.6.1.4 Conference of Fourth place team from previous year

4.6.1.5 Team from Host Conference

Upon completion of the team registration process, individual entries will be accepted. Individuals must have finished in the top five (5) players at in the conference championships to be eligible. A total of 6 men and 3 women will be accepted for individual play. If there are more individual applications than spots allocated the players score at conference championship will determine order of acceptance. Individuals are required to register in advance as per team registration deadlines. There are no spots for team alternates.

If individuals' scores are tied, the conference championship course rating will be used as the tie breaker.

4.6.2 Championship Format:

- 4.6.2.1 There will be Men's and Women's Championships involving both Team and Individual Play, which shall be held annually either the second or third week of October
- 4.6.2.2 The men's team consists of 4 or 5 players, with only 4 counting towards the championship team.
- 4.6.2.3 The Women's team consists of 2 or 3 players, with only 2 counting towards the championship team.
- 4.6.2.4 A college entering less than four (4) players (men's) and less than two (2) players (women's) shall be eligible to compete for the individual championships only.
- 4.6.2.5 Matches shall consist of 54 holes of stroke play, 18 holes to be played on each of the three (3) consecutive days of the championship.
- 4.6.2.6 Teams will be grouped in threesomes where possible for the first two stipulated championship rounds. The order of tee time assignments will be reversed from round 1 to round 2 i.e. (if a group's tee time is early the first round, then for the second round, the group's tee time will be later). After round two, the two-round scores will be added and a ranking will be produced with teams grouped into threesomes where possible for the Final Championship round according to the cumulative team score. The teams will tee off in reverse order of their cumulative team score. Players will be grouped according to their individual two day total score and where possible cannot play with a member of their own college.
- 4.6.2.7 Players shall be ranked on the team entry form from 1-5, with #1 being the colleges strongest golfer. The Technical Committee (Host Convenor & Senior Convenor) shall arrange pairings in the first two rounds based on the previous year's championship finish. The pairings will play in threesomes and will be arranged as follows: 1st, 2nd 3rd, - 4th, 5th, 6th, - 7th, 8th, 9th, - 10th, 11th, 12th and new entries to championships. The players will be matched together according to their entry form ranking (i.e. 1's will play with 1's, 2's with 2's etc.) and players cannot play with a member of their own college. (where possible).
- 4.6.2.8 Teams will be regrouped in to threesomes for the Final round according to the cumulative team score. The teams will tee off in reverse order of their cumulative team score. Players will be paired according to their Day 2 cumulative individual score and where possible cannot play with a member of their own college.

4.6.2.9 The team posting the lowest aggregate of gross scores for 54 holes of play shall be declared the winner of the team championships.

- 4.6.2.9.1 a) In the event of a tie in the final team standings for gold, silver and bronze placing, teams will be placed as determined by the team achieving the lowest aggregate score on the final round of stipulated play. The aggregate team score will be total of the lowest four (4) men's and two (2) women's scores for each team.

If teams are still tied, the lowest aggregate team score will be used from the most previous stipulated round (Round two and then round one if required) of play until a winner is determined. If still tied the winning team will be determined by comparing the lowest individual score by any team member in the final round of stipulated play. If a still tie still persists, the next lowest score recorded by a team member on the final round of stipulated play will be compared and this format repeated until a winner is determined.

b) In the event a men's team only has the required minimum number of 4 players, then the teams tied will have a sudden death play-off, with the team total score after the first play-off hole determining the higher placing. For example: College A has four (4) players; College B has five (5) players, all nine (9) players play a determined hole. College A knows that their four scores are going to count and College B will take their best 4 scores out of 5, you then total the scores for each team, the team with the lower total will be declared the winner.

c) In the event a women's team only has the required minimum number of 2 players, then the teams tied will have a sudden death play off, with the team total score after the first play-off hole determining the higher placing. For example: College A has two (2) players; College B has three (3) players, all five (5) players play the determined hole, College A knows that their two scores are going to count and College B will take the best 2 scores out of 3, you then total the scores for each team, the team with the lower total will be declared the winner.

- 4.6.2.9.2 In the event the final round is cancelled due to weather, the 2-day total score for the fifth (5th) ranked (original team ranking) men's player and the third (3rd) ranked women's player will be used to determine the higher placing. If a tie still exists, teams tied will be awarded a medal at the cost of their institution.

- 4.6.2.9.3 In the event a championship round of play has to be cancelled due to weather, darkness and that particular round can not be completed, the Technical Committee may use a 9 hole score for that particular round and it will count towards the team and individual scores. However, exception to this rule is when that particular round was a shotgun or cross over start. (Not all of the participants played the same nine (9) holes).

- 4.6.2.10 The individual player posting the lowest gross score for 54 holes of stroke play shall be declared winner of the individual Championship.

- 4.6.2.10.1 In case of a tie, it shall be broken by sudden death, one (1) hole at a time, until a champion has been declared. The starting hole will be determined by the Technical Committee.

4.7 Competition Venue:

A scorer's tent must be set up at the first tee. If a shot gun start is used; multiple stations (tents) must be set up throughout the course.

4.8 **The Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee will be made up of the following members: Host Convenor, CCAA Convenor, Course Pro/Rep and Approved Certified Official and CCAA Executive member. The committee will arrange all rounds, chair a coaches meeting each night, deal with all technical and discipline issues.

- 4.8.1 The CCAA National Open Golf Championships must have a minimum of two (2) GOLF CANADA Certified Rules Officials to administer the rules of golf for the Technical Committee. The Head Official will also be a member of the Protest Committee.

4.8.2 Guidelines for the Technical Committee to follow when there is:

- A. Adverse Weather Conditions
- B. Unplayable Golf Course
- C. Cancellation of round.

- 1. Order a temporary suspension of play and resume play that day once conditions are appropriate
- 2. Resume play the next day and finish the required holes (18) that day or on a subsequent day.
- 3. Cancel the round and replay it the next day and finish the required holes (18) that day or on a subsequent day.
- 4. Reduce the required number of rounds 3 (54 holes) to 2 rounds (36holes)
- 5. Declare winners for team and individual competitions if items 1-4 are not feasible.

- 4.8.1 The Technical Committee must be in radio communication with each member at all times during the stipulated rounds of the competition. Host will supply radios and where possible ear pieces for faster communication between each member of the committee in case a ruling/dispute arises."

4.9 Awards

- 4.9.1 Championship Trophy awarded to Team Champion
- 4.9.2 Gold medals awarded to championship team members and individuals and coach. 15 medals (7-Men, 6-Women, 2-coach)
- 4.9.3 Silver medals awarded to second place team members and individuals and coach. 15 medals (7-Men, 6-Women, 2-coach)
- 4.9.4 Bronze medals awarded to third place team members and individuals and coach. 15 medals (7-Men, 6-Women, 2-coach) *Note* Cost of medals to National Office

- 4.9.5 Each Championship team shall be presented with the official CCAA Championship banner
- 4.9.6 Fair Play Award (Annual Permanent Plaque) awarded to an athlete, team, coach, who demonstrates the qualities of the CCAA Fair Play Guidelines (Refer to CCAA Fair Play Program, Operating Policies, Section 8 Awards).
- 4.9.7 The top five (5) individual male golfers and top four (4) individual female golfers shall be designated as the CCAA All-tournament Team. Cost of awards covered by National Office.