

KIAC MEN'S GOLF BYLAWS

APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 9/21/2010

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A. Roster

There will not be a minimum number of participants necessary for a school to compete for medalist and all-conference awards. However, if a team competes with less than four team members, they may not compete for the team championship.

B. Scheduling

1. Each school shall schedule at least three conference events. A conference event may be a tournament hosted by a conference school. It may also be a match held between two conference schools.
2. The championship is based on the conference tournament to be held during the last week of April. The tournament will be a 54-hole event with 36 holes played the second day.

C. Conference Tournament Guidelines

1. Inclement Weather Policy: In case of inclement weather, at least 18 holes must be played for a champion to be crowned. The local club pro or a committee of three coaches will be responsible for halting and restarting play. When necessary to appoint a committee, the golf chair will perform that duty.
2. Options regarding suspension of play due to inclement weather will be determined prior to the beginning of the match.
 - a) Round one will be completed prior to round two starting. If play is interrupted, the golfer chooses to spot the ball or complete the hole. If there is lightning, play does not continue. When play is interrupted in the final day, the nine holes, which all participants finished on day two, will be counted. If there are not nine holes which all have completed, scores are counted from day one.
 - b) If all participants complete the same nine holes on day one, scores are counted for the nine holes. If day one is completely rained out, the coaches will vote to decide the number of holes to be played (18, 27, or 36) on day two.

D. Officials

USGA rules govern all play. For interpretation of these rules, the golf chair will request that the local club pro act alone as the interpreter of the USGA rules. If this arrangement is not made, the chair will appoint three coaches to form a rules committee to act in this capacity. This decision will be made prior to play.

E. Scoring

1. Team Ties:

a) In case of a team tie for first place, a sudden death playoff will occur. Play will begin with the five participants from each team on the first hole. The sum of the four lowest scores will be used to determine a champion. If the ties still exist, play continues in the same fashion on the next hole and continues until the tie is broken. All other team ties will be decided by the fifth man's score on the last day. Go back to the first day if the tie still remains.

b) In case there is a team tie for first place, and the tie cannot be broken by sudden death playoff due to darkness or inclement weather, the following sequence will be used to resolve the issue. The format will follow the order of the sequence listed below until the tie is broken.

- score of the fifth player on the last day of competition.
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- score card playoff adding the total strokes on all five players beginning with the 18th hole and continuing backwards.

2. Individual Ties: Sudden death playoff starting on the first hole until the tie is broken.

F. Forms and Reports

The conference tournament director must register the tournament with Golfstat and furnish them with the complete order of team finish. He/she must also notify the NAIA national office of the top four teams in order of finish.

G. Coaches Meeting

The coaches meeting will be held the day of the conference tournament. Items to be discussed and voted on by the coaches will be:

1. Golf chair for next year
2. Conference rater for next year
3. Upcoming sites for the conference tournament
4. Other matters that may need discussion.

H. Awards

1. Coach of the Year – Each conference coach shall cast a vote for the Coach of the Year, but no coach may vote for herself or himself. The coach who receives the most votes will be awarded the Coach of the Year award. In case of a tie, the commissioner of the KIAC will cast a vote for the Coach of the Year.

2. Player of the Year – To receive Player of the Year, a player must have completed at least five 18-hole rounds in the spring. The player will drop the highest and lowest score. Then, the average of the remaining scores will be the player's average. The player with the lowest average will receive the Player of the Year. In case of a tie, we will go back to the player's lowest score first and then to the highest score.

3. All-Conference Team

- a) The All-Conference Team shall consist of seven players in addition to the Player of the Year. There shall be at least one member on the All-Conference Team from each school within the Conference. A player must participate in at least three conference events to qualify for the All-Conference Team. The conference tournament may be one of those events. If there shall be a tie for the seventh player on the All-Conference Team, the scores at the conference tournament will be used to break the tie.
- b) USGA rules will govern the tiebreaker.
- c) If there is a tie after weather has halted play, and there is no option of sudden death play, the Conference will recognize the tied players as co-medalists.

I. Conference Champion and Tournament

- 1. The conference champion will be determined by the 54-hole tournament. It will be open to all teams. The golf chair of the KIAC will be responsible for the site location.
- 2. The tournament winner will advance to NAIA post-season play.
- 3. In the event the player with the lowest tournament score is not a member of the tournament champion team, that player will advance to NAIA post-season play.

J. Entry fee:

The cost for the conference tournament will be determined by the KIAC golf chair.