

ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF SUPPLEMENT

SECTION 4.11 GOLF

4.111 PLAYING RULES – The official rules of the USGA shall govern golf competition except as local rules take precedence and with the following additions and provisions:

- A. Unsportsmanlike conduct:
 - 1. Any willful course or green damage (immediate disqualification).
 - 2. Flagrant club throwing (2 stroke penalty).
 - 3. Cell phones use not allowed on course
 - a. First offense - warning
 - b. Second offense - two stroke penalty
 - c. Third offense - disqualification
 - 4. Abusive language or attitude affecting the play of others (2 stroke penalty).
 - 5. Second offense, player is ejected and will follow the COA/CCCAA State Decorum policy.
 - 6. All protests will be decided by the conference coaches with simple majority, those parties involved not allowed to vote.
- B. It is recommended that participants in Orange Empire Conference events dress in long-legged slacks or like-colored solid golf shorts, according to course regulations, and shirts tucked in. Players must remain in uniform during the entire time they are at the golf course.
- C. All participants must carry their own golf clubs.
- D. The ball is to be played as it lies, unless the club rule is lift, clean and place thru the green. Drop will be 1 club length no nearer the hole. Only the head coach or his/her designee may confer with his/her own players, only to the extent he/she not interfere with the other players in the

tournament. The coach shall not confer with players on greens or in hazards.

- E. Always maintain proper playing position on golf course. The host coach is responsible for the pace of play. Slow play could cause a two (2) stroke penalty for the player after a warning. Time – 45 second per shot as determined by host team coach. Will use SCGA pace of play policy.
- F. If during play, a ruling cannot be agreed upon by all players in the group, the hole should be played out with the ball in play plus a second ball. Official ruling shall then be determined by the committee and the club pro, if necessary, at the conclusion of the 18 holes. Refer to USGA 3.3.
- G. Any infraction of rules shall be called at the time of infraction or before the next tee off if applicable to the rules of golf.
 - 1. The score card must be signed and attested by all players in the group. All players need to remain at the scorers table until the score has been tabulated and posted by the coach. Any discrepancy during this time will not constitute a penalty to the players.
 - 2. Official score cards will be turned in by the group. All players must sign the score card.
- H. All men must play from the same tees in all matches. Women playing on men's teams shall tee off from the white tees in all matches.
- I. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco in any form at the tournament site. Violators will be ejected from the match that day and follow the COA State Decorum Policy.
- J. The use of distance-measuring devices by student athletes and/or coaches is permissible during the stipulated round or during a suspension of play of that round.

4.112 SCHEDULE

- A. A tri-hosted tournament at each conference college plus the conference tournament shall constitute the conference schedule. Each school will host three (3) matches, and travel for seven (7) matches making a total of Ten (10) contests. Each host school will play the visitors (3 possible wins). Visitors play the host (1 possible win).

- B. If a team does not show up at a tournament due to an emergency, the host team will arrange for a make-up round at the expense of the team that did not show. If fourth match or more, scores will not count for host team.
- C. Starting time for the regular conference tournament is dependent on host school decision or if the golf course dictates a time. Changes in schedules must be communicated in writing to the conference representative. Matches must start 6 hours before sunset.

4.113 TEAM SCORING

- A. Team Ties – If any tie/s occur/s, the tie will be decided by adding the sixth (6th) player's score from the second (2nd) round to the team total. If a team does not have a sixth (6th) player, for any reason, that team would be eliminated from the tie breaker. If the teams are still tied, the tie will be broken by using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure which totals the second (2nd) round scores of all six (6) players on each team in the following order until the tie is broken:

1. Holes 10-18
2. Holes 13-18
3. Holes 16-18
4. Hole 18

In the event that this tie breaking procedure is required, the back nine (9) holes shall be deemed to be holes 10-18 on the score card.

- B. Team with most wins in the conference will be the conference champion.
- C. Prior to the conference tournament.
 1. Ties will be broken by head-to-head competition when you are host.
 2. Add the 6th person at the two head-to-head matches.
 3. Stroke differential between the teams when they hosted.
 4. Team winning on a neutral course when not head to head.
 5. Add the 6th person's total score for 12 matches.

- D. All players must complete 13 holes for match to count. Holes not completed will be scored using USGA net par method.

Example: Holes completed 14
 Score through 14 holes 68
 4.86 average per hole
 $68 \div 14 = 4.86$ average per hole
 4.86×4 remaining holes = 19.4 strokes
 $19 + 68 = 87$ adjusted score

- E. If host school cannot reschedule cancelled contest, it will be rescheduled at a site mutually agreed upon.

4.114 QUALIFYING FOR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

- A. When there are ten (10) teams in the conference, the top five (5) teams plus the top ten (10) individuals/and ties (not on the top five teams) will qualify for the conference tournament.
- B. When there are nine (9) teams in the conference, the top five teams plus the top ten individuals/and ties (not on the top five teams) will qualify for the conference tournament.
- C. If there are eight (8) conference teams, the top four teams plus the top eight individuals/and ties (not on the top four teams) will qualify for the conference tournament.
- D. The conference tournament will count as one team match (36 holes total) with each team competing against the other teams.
- E. All players are allowed one throw-out score prior to conference tournament. The conference tournament will count as two scores. Individual players must have competed in a minimum of one less than the total number of conference contests.
- F. At the conference tournament, a tie will be decided by the score of the 6th man of each team both rounds. If after the score of the 6th man is recorded and the teams are still tied, they will revert to the score card and use the USGA Rule (4.113C3):

1. Last 9 holes (5 players whose scores counted in the 2nd round).
 2. Last 6 holes.
 3. Last 3 holes.
 4. Last 1 hole.
- G. In the event of a tie for medalist at the conference tournament, a sudden death playoff will be held.
- H. The conference tournament shall be played over a one-day period.
- I. No substitutions in conference tournament.

4.115 QUALIFYING FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- A. The conference champion (team with the most conference wins) will advance to the regional tournament plus the second, third, and fourth place teams. If teams are tied if after score of 6th man is recorded after 36 holes and the teams are still tied, use USGA rules.
- B. The four (4) low medalists from the 13 conference contests (with one throw out score and not on one of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place teams) will advance to the regional tournament. Both 18 holes scores at the conference tournament must be counted. If a tie occurs for placement to regionals, ties will be broken by the following:
- i. Head to head competition when the two tied teams hosted.
 - ii. Stroke differential between the teams when they hosted.
 - iii. Team winning neutral course when not head to head.
- C. The one (1) conference tournament medalists (not on the four (4) teams nor one of four (4) low medalists) who are advancing will also go to the Southern California regional tournament. A tie will be broken by sudden death play off.

4.116 ALL CONFERENCE SELECTION

- A. The ten (10) conference contests will determine stroke average with one throw out.
- B. The all conference team will be the top ten (10) players as determined by stroke average. A player must have eleven (11) scores to be all conference. Both 18 holes at conference tournament must be counted.
- C. The conference player of the year will be the player with the lowest stroke average for eleven (11) scores. If two (2) or more players are tied, co or tri-players of the year will be declared.
- D. The entry fee for the conference tournament is to be paid for all team members.

4.117 COACHES SEASON MEETING

- A. Pre-season meeting will be on the 1st day of tee off classic.
- B. Post-season meeting will be at conference tournament.

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