

# **ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE GOLF-WOMEN SUPPLEMENT**

## **SECTION 4.09 GOLF-WOMEN**

**4.091**        **PLAYING RULES** – The official rules of the USGA Guidelines shall govern golf competition except where local rules precedence and with the following additions and provisions:

- A.      Golf course length should be 5,000 to 6,000 yards.
- B.      Unsportsmanlike conduct determined by committee (host site coaches) /a. warning/b. 2 stroke penalty/c. disqualified.
  - (1)     Flagrant club throwing or club breaking
  - (2)     Abusive language or attitude affecting the play of others (first offense)
  - (3)     Disruption by phone or beepers
- C.      Disqualification – Any willful course damage.
- D.      State Decorum Policy will be in effect.

All protests will be decided by the conference coaches involved in the foursome. The protest will be taken to the Conference coaches if a decision cannot be reached by the coaches of the schools involved. Protests must be initiated at the time of occurrence by participating players or coaches.

- E.      All participants must wear appropriate golf attire and remain in attire until leaving golf course. Shorts should be to course standards.
- F.      It is required that each player walk and carry/pull her own bag of clubs throughout the tournament. Students requesting accommodations should refer to CCCAA form 4C for Student Disability Eligibility each year.
- G.      Any substance abuse on the course as defined in the COA/CCCAA Constitution, **SHALL BE ENFORCED**. The penalty for any violation shall be ejection from the tournament. This prohibition extends to the premises and includes from the time of arrival in the parking lot to after leaving the parking lot.
- H.      The visiting team is restricted to six (6) players. Any exceptions to this regulation must be approved in advance by the hosting coach.

- I. Players will be warned by the Host Tournament Committee when they delay their group or the group behind them. Slow play could cause a two (2) stroke penalty for the player/s after a warning.
  - 1. Refer to USGA 6-8 a & b. Recommended Policy for Injury Illness.
  - 2. Refer to USGA 6-7, 6-8 for Undo Delay-Slow Play.
- J. Each player must keep one other player's score and her own score. Both players will sign and attest each card. Cards are then to be turned immediately into the official scorer. Scoring errors may be rectified before cards are accepted by the committee.
- K. Designated coach for the day's match may only coach according to the guidelines established in COA/CCCAA Women's Golf Guide 6.1J Playing Rules for that current year.
- L. No contact between players and spectators. Spectators interfering with players will be removed by the committee. Spectators must stay off of the fairways and greens.
- M. Participants shall be accompanied and supervised throughout the competition by a certified employee from the college. Lacking this supervision, participation shall be denied.
- N. 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.

#### **4.092 SCHEDULE**

- A. Tournaments should be held on Mondays or Wednesdays. Starting time is determined by the host school decision or if golf course determines the time.
- B. The Conference tournament will be a separate event. Conference schedule will include head to head competition and an end of the year conference tournament.
- C. In case of course closure (or inclement weather), the contest will be rescheduled prior to the Conference Championship. The arrangements are the responsibility of the host college.

- D. Two officials are required for each tournament. One official shall be from the host college and one will be the host professional.

**4.093 TEAM SCORING**

- A. A team must have at least four (4) players to score any team points, otherwise the team score will be zero (0).
- B. A team will consist of six (6) players. Scoring for the regular season conference tournaments and in the two 18-hole Orange Empire Conference tournament will be by individual medal play on a team basis. The total of the four (4) low scores out of six (6) will constitute a team score. If teams are tied go to the fifth player to break the tie, if that does not work go to the sixth player then go to USGA-Appendix 1 – 11(c)
- C. Team with most wins in the conference season will be the conference champion. Conference season will include head to head competition and conference tournament.
- D. Scoring –
1. Head to head competition
  2. Conference tournament, consisting of 36 holes, weather permitting, shall count as one match (double points) and everyone plays everyone.
- E. All players must complete 13 holes for match to count. Holes not completed will be scored using USGA net par method.
- Example:
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| Holes completed                                | 14 |
| Score through 14 holes                         | 68 |
| 4.86 average per hole                          |    |
| $68 \div 14 = 4.86$ average per hole           |    |
| $4.86 \times 4$ remaining holes = 19.4 strokes |    |
| $19 + 68 = 87$ adjusted score                  |    |
- F. If host school cannot reschedule canceled contest, it will be rescheduled at a site mutually agreed upon.

#### 4.094 THE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

- A. When there are four teams in the conference, three teams will advance to the conference tournament and four qualified individuals not on the three teams. 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.
- B. The coach responsible for the conference championship will find a suitable, local course. The Conference tournament must be played on a neutral course whenever possible. The tournament will consist of 36 holes total score resulting in double win loss value, and be played on two days weather permitting. The entry fee will be charged for the number of participants.
- C. Tournament should start by 10:00 a.m.
- D. All conference coaches need to be available to help the host school run the conference tournament.
- E. A player may drop one score in head to head competition (highest scores or missed events) and still be selected to the All-Conference Team and be considered conference medalist. The All-Conference Teams will consist of the top (8) medalists, 1-4 First Team All-Conference top medalist, 5-8 Second Team All-Conference top medalist. Players must compete in all rounds of the conference tournament.
- F. The Conference “Player of the Year” will be selected by the coaches based on scoring for the year.
- G. A tie at the conference tournament will use the USGA Rule (team and individual tie).
  - a. last 9 holes (4 person)
  - b. last 6 holes
  - c. last 3 holes
  - d. last 1 hole
- H. In the event of a tie for a medalist, a sudden death hole by hole play-off will be held if time permits. If time does not, 4.094 (G) applies as determined by tournament director.
- I. The “Coach of the Year” will be determined by a vote of the golf coaches.

**4.095           HOSTING**

The colleges will host the Conference Tournament in the following rotation:

2010	Fullerton
2011	IVC
2012	Santa Ana
2013	Saddleback

**4.096           MEETINGS**

The post-season meeting is to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> day of conference tournament.

**4.097           REGIONAL QUALIFYING** (when there is more than one (1) conference in a region). Refer to COA Women's Golf Guide.

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