



NCCAA GOLF GUIDELINES

Golf balls- Only golf balls on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. It is the responsibility of each coach to review this list on the USGA website and insure all participants are in compliance. Penalty for breach of this condition is **Disqualification**. The “one ball rule” is not in effect.

Time of starting- Determined by the NCCAA Golf Championship Committee. When tee times are utilized, players should report to their assigned starting tee a minimum of 5 minutes before their time. Once a player arrives at their initial tee box, all cell phones/PDA/communication devices must be turned off until they have completed play and submitted their scorecard. **Distance measuring devices are allowed however slope/wind features are not permissible for use.**

Transportation- Players will **walk at all times** during a stipulated round. Coaches, committee members or rules officials may transport a player in cases of a ruling where no provisional was played or in case of emergency situations (restroom needed) or when an area is designated as a “Shuttle Route”.

Pace of Play- All players are required to keep pace with the group in front of them (no more than 2 strokes behind: Par 3 group on green and next group on or approaching tee box; Par 4 group on green then next group leaving tee box; Par 5 group on green and next group approaching 2nd shots). A group that is deemed to be “Out of Position” will be given a warning by a rules official and then will be monitored. If the group fails to get themselves back into position within the next 2 holes, a 1-stroke penalty may be assessed to each player. In cases where the slow play is clearly due to the actions of a single player, the penalty may be individually applied.

Discontinuance of Play-All participants must comply with any discontinuance of play signaled by the committee. During any discontinuance, all practice areas will be closed. Penalty for practicing during such a situation will result in disqualification. Practice putting is not allowed between the play of any holes or on the putting green of a player’s final hole. Penalty for such action is Disqualification.

Advice/Spectators-Each team must designate up to two individuals for the purpose of offering advice. Teammates are designated as outside agents in relation to any player. Breach of rule is disqualification. Spectators are to remain on cart paths or, when no cart path is easily defined, a minimum of 20 yards from participants. Spectator’s cell phones are not allowed to be on while on the golf course. 1st Offense = warning, 2nd Offense = removed from golf course.

Equipment- Clubs, umbrellas, rain gear, etc. cannot be given to spectators and then retrieved during play.

Scorecard- All scorecards must be turned in at the scoreboard **immediately** following completion of your round. All scorecards are deemed to be official once the player has left the scoring area.

Close of Competition- The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been awarded to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.

Conduct- A player may be removed from the competition at any time at the discretion of the committee for unbecoming conduct. This includes profanity, throwing clubs, damaging golf course property via striking or slamming club(s), and using tobacco or alcohol products. Penalty can range from a two-stroke penalty to disqualification from the round or the full event. Simply stated, the NCCAA expects all participants, coaches, and spectators to honor Christ in their conduct.

Inclement Weather- Should weather impact the event, the Tournament Committee will make every effort to insure the event is completed in its entirety (54 holes for men and 36 holes for women). In extenuating cases where that is not possible due to course conditions and travel/academic issues, the committee will insure that a minimum of 18 holes are completed. If 18 holes cannot be completed due to weather issues and course conditions, the event will be deemed cancelled for that academic year.