

MEN'S GOLF SUPPLEMENT-2013/14

Article 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1 Conference Eligibility

A. General Guideline

1. All Conference colleges will recognize and abide by the State Athletic Constitution and the decisions of the California Community College League of California and the Commission on Athletics.

B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in all non-conference and conference contests all student athletes must be registered in classes according to the requirements set forth in the State Athletic Constitution and By-Laws and the BIG 8 CONFERENCE Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Conferences shall require each college to certify athletic eligibility by submitting Form 1, Student Eligibility, and Form 3, Team Eligibility, to the conference commissioner's office postmarked or emailed prior to the first game, meet, or match. Addendums to Form 3 may be submitted at a later date, but the athletes listed on the addendums are not eligible until the postmarked date.
3. An ineligible player is defined as a player who has not completed or adhered to all the requirements of the State Athletic Constitution and Conference By-Laws.
 - a. Any college that allows an ineligible player to participate in a contest, whether team or individual shall forfeit the contest and/or are subject to disciplinary action by the conference commissioner (with the exception of Bylaw 1.4.2.E and 1.15.8A of the COA/CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws). Such disciplinary action may include sanctions as described in Article 7.3.3 of the State Athletic Constitution.
 - b. During the season of competition, all member colleges shall check the eligibility status of student athletes at a minimum of once per week. Per CCCAA requirements, each student athlete must meet eligibility requirements before competing in any contest.

Section 2 Sport Chairperson

- A.** Elected from among the respective coaches of each men's and women's sport for a term of two years starting July 1.

B. The duties of the sports chairperson shall be to:

1. Establish coaches meeting dates in conjunction with the sports administrative representative. The end of season meeting of the conference coaches shall take place immediately after the completion of conference play.
2. Attend and chair all said coaches' meetings for the purpose of developing a conference schedule, outlining procedures to be recommended to the conference for consideration, developing and modifying the sport supplement, and selecting all-conference and MVP recipients.
3. Compile a master contest schedule and sports supplement to be forwarded to the sports administrative representative for presentation at the appropriate conference meeting.
4. Collect league standings, and other relevant information, and communicate them to fellow coaches and the sport administrative representative on a minimum of once per week.

Section 3 Sport Administrative Representative

- A.** Appointed by the president, in consultation with the conference commissioner, from among the conference assembly athletic directors.

B. The duties of the sports administrative representative shall be to:

1. Set coaches' meeting dates in conjunction with the sports chairperson;
2. Attend all such meetings for the purpose of developing a conference schedule, outlining procedures to be recommended to the conference for consideration, facilitating the

development and modification of the sport guide, report all-conference selections and MVP information to the conference commissioner.

- C. Present conference contest schedules and sports supplements at the appropriate conference meeting for approval. Fall sport schedules and supplements should be presented at the regular spring meeting. Spring sport schedules and supplements should be presented at the regular fall meeting.
- D. Maintain records of league standings and all other matters pertaining to each sport.
- E. Submit a year-end report to the conference commissioner no later than two weeks after the State Championship for that specific sport.

Section 4

Meetings

- A. Coaches will meet a minimum of two times each year.
 - 1. Post-conference-at the completion of conference competition
 - 2. Off-season-at least 3 weeks prior to the Big 8 Assembly meeting
- B. Meeting times and locations should facilitate attendance by all coaches of the Big 8, including hosted colleges.
- C. Hosted college will be invited to send representation to the coaches' meetings.
- D. The post-conference meeting shall address the following issues:
 - 1. All-conference awards, MVP, etc.
 - 2. Post conference information
 - 3. Completion of statistics
 - 4. Recommendations for substantive Big 8 Sport Supplement changes
 - 5. Input for CCCAA/Big 8 legislative issues
 - 6. Election of next Sport Chair
- E. The off-season meeting shall address the following issues:
 - 1. Competitive schedule (complete with dates and times)
 - 2. Specific amendments to the sport supplement
 - 3. Input for CCCAA/Big 8 legislative issues
- F. Meeting Logistics
 - 1. One week prior to any meeting, the administrative representative will remind all coaches regarding date, time and place.
 - 2. A quorum for any meeting will be 50% plus one.
 - 3. Coaches must be present to vote.
 - 4. It is the responsibility of the administrative representative to forward any pertinent information from the state coaches association to division coaches whenever appropriate.
 - 5. If a college coach cannot attend a meeting, the coach can get someone else from that college to be present.

Section 5

Sport Supplement Revisions

- A. Recommended revisions of the sport supplement shall be finalized and distributed to the administrative representative for that sport two weeks prior to the scheduled assembly meeting.
 - 1. Fall semester sport supplements shall be presented at the spring conference meeting.
 - 2. Spring semester sport supplements shall be presented at the fall conference meeting.
 - 3. Proposed changes to the sport supplement that affect the competition format and scheduling be presented 1 full year prior to their proposed implementation.
 - 4. If conference or CCCAA hosting problems occur-must have emergency consent of commissioner.
- B. All proposed changes should be provided on a cover sheet attached to the revised sport supplement. The administrative representative shall distribute the cover sheet and revised sport supplement to all member or hosted colleges that sponsor that sport one week prior to the scheduled assembly meeting.
- C. The administrative representative will make sure the supplement and schedule are included on the consent agenda at the designated conference meeting.
- D. Once approved by the conference assembly, final approved copies of the sport supplement shall be distributed to all member or hosted colleges that sponsor that sport.
- E. All sections of the supplement and cover sheet must be dated and identified as draft/approved in the upper right hand corner.

Section 6

College/Competition Venue Information

- A. It is the responsibility of the host college athletic director to distribute/competition venue information to all conference and hosted colleges.
- B. The following items should be addressed:

1. directions to campus/competitive venue
2. map
3. parking regulations/permits or other campus site regulations
4. dressing room accommodations
5. equipment and supplies provided
6. contest supervision specifics
7. athletic training services
8. emergency contact information

Section 7

Decorum

- A. General decorum, including playing within the rules, showing good sportsmanship, treating players, coaches, officials and fans with respect, and conducting all activities with “class” and professionalism, is the responsibility of all participants of both the host and visiting colleges. Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. Decorum rules apply to all conference and non-conference contests. Individual sport supplements may be more strict, but not more lenient, than the decorum rules listed in Article IX of the Big 8 Constitution/By-Laws.
- B. The responsibility for the on-site enforcement of decorum shall be specifically addressed within each sport’s supplement.

Article 2

MEN’S GOLF GUIDELINES

Section 1

Matches may begin January 24, 2014. Conference competition ends four Saturdays prior to Memorial Day (May 3). Post Conference ends two Tuesdays prior to Memorial Day (May 13).

- A. Sport Chair-2012-2013 Michael Thomas, American River College
- B. Fall Meeting-September 20, Friday at American River College, 10:00 a.m.
- C. Spring Meeting-April 24, 2014, Thursday, site of last conference tournament.
- D. Season Start Dates
 1. Practice-January 15, 2014
 2. Conference-February 15, 2014
 3. Number of contests-19 max.

Section 2

Schedule/Competition Format

- A. Format
 1. Tournaments-7 conference tournaments will be played, each college hosting one tournament and five neutral site tournaments. Tournament will consist of member colleges in the Big 8 Conference, plus any hosted college teams.
 2. Number of Matches-Conference will consist of 12 tournaments.
- B. Dates/Times
 1. All matches and tournaments will be played on Tuesday or Thursday. Exceptions will be made for course availability.
- C. Pregame Activity
 1. Start times will be between 8:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m.-determined by host golf course availability.
 2. Changes in schedule-suspended games, default, make ups, national disasters, facilities, etc. If match is called off prior to the start, the match or tournament may be made up. If a match is called because of darkness, any player who did not finish will use the following system:
 - a. If a par or pars on unfinished holes would result in a total score of 9 over, or less the player is assigned a par on the unfinished 18 hole score. If 10 over or higher, the player is deemed a bogey on the unfinished hole(s) to total 18 hole score.

Section 3

Rules of Competition

- A. Rules Guide: USGA Rule Book
- B. Scoring:
 1. Twelve tournaments will be scored with scoring of: first = 14, second = 12, third = 10, fourth = 8, fifth = 6, sixth = 4, seventh = 2. A total of 168 points possible.
- C. A team must have at least five players to compete as a team.
- D. Special Equipment:
 1. Carts may be used if: course requires all players to use one, or if a player has special

- CCCAA permission due to a physical impairment. (Fill out Form 4C by October 1st)
2. Must have prior permission before the athlete participates.
- E. Special Considerations (rosters)
1. Should a female golfer be a member of the men's team, they must play from the same tees as the men.
- F. Special Warm-Ups (Range Fee, etc.)
1. Each college should be prepared for a range fee at each course.
- G. Spectators, if allowed on the course, must use cart-path or stay at least 30 yards away from players and may not converse with players. Spectators interfering with competitors will be asked to leave.
- H. A rain-out will occur only if course management of that facility closes the course or by majority decision of the coaches who deem the course unplayable.
- I. Range Finder or Sky Caddie may be used for 2014 season, must adhere to USGA Rule. All information is public information and must be disclosed to every player in the group.
- J. One designated coach can coach during the round, except on the greens/ bunkers.
- K. If during play all players in the group cannot agree upon a ruling, the hole shall be played out with the original ball plus a second ball in accordance with the USGA Rule 3.3. At the conclusion of the 18 holes, the rules committee shall then determine the official outcome.
- L. Visiting teams are restricted to only 6 players. Extra host team players are only allowed to practice at the home course, and are not participants in the tournament.
- M. Cell phones must be turned off and utilized for emergency purposes only with the approval of the coaches prior to the start of competition. Any other use will result in a two (2) stroke penalty.

Section 5

Decorum

- A. Responsibility of Reporting/Identifying Potential Violations
1. The conference coach's rep will be responsible for filing decorum violations to the Big 8 Commission and conference administrative rep. This must be filed on the day of violation(s) and submitted no later than 24 hours after the violation.
- B. Onsite Supervision
1. Host coach will be responsible for all on-site supervision with the assistance of visiting colleges.
- C. Player Behavior
1. A dress code will be enforced. Shirts with collars or mock neck shirts will be worn at all times. Bermuda length shorts (midlength length and solid color) or long pants are appropriate. No denim jeans or shorts are allowed. Host coach will inform visitors of course rules. Shoes must meet the specifications of the course being played. No rally hats worn backward. Only college or sport (golf) hats may be worn.
 2. Club throwing, temper tantrums, bad language, obnoxious or flagrant misconduct is subject to a two-stroke penalty and/or possible disqualification. All decorum infractions must be reported to the rules committee at the conclusion of the round. Use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs on the course premises and/or during play will result in disqualification of the offender immediately. Pre-contest instructions from the host coach will include a reminder of the obligation of each player to obey the above-mentioned rules. (See CCCAA disqualification rules).
 3. A player must not have but one golf ball in his immediate possession. The remaining balls must be carried in his golf bag.
 4. Other decorum rules per State Athletic Constitution Article 7.3.
 5. Although the USGA does not endorse "preferred lies" and "winter rules" and recommends that the Rules of Golf be observed uniformly, adverse and unusual course conditions may require the implementation of preferred lies" and/or "winter rules" in order to promote fair play (see USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2002-2003, Appendix I, Part B, No. 2b).
 - a. The Tournament Director (host team coach) shall call a meeting of the committee and present recommended change(s) if needed.
 - b. The committee shall meet prior to the scheduled "tee time".
 - c. Any changes to USGA rules must require a majority vote by the committee.
 - d. The course professional may be consulted by the committee to help define the USGA Rules of Golf as well as the local rules of the course.

Section 6

Championship/Tournament Procedures

- A. Determination of Champion-Team with the most conference tournament points will be deemed as

Big 8 Conference champion.

1. If ties occur: All teams tied for first will be co-champions.
2. Home court advantage: Each college will host one tournament with four or more being at a neutral site.

B. Tournament Information

1. Format: Tournaments will be stroke play with the lowest five of six players determining the winner.
2. Cost: All host tournaments should be free of charge. Nominal fees up to \$25 per player to be at neutral sites.
3. Publicity: Host college is responsible for local publicity releases.

Section 7

Officials

- A. Qualifications: Committee member must be a head/assistant coach of one of the participating colleges. The 2014 Rules Committee will be Walter Hix III, Tony Trocale, and Jim Wiechers.
- B. Protocol Concerns: If a decision by the rules committee is deemed incorrect or unfair, the affected party/parties may submit to Big 8 Commission an appeal letter.
- C. No coach may make a ruling call during a match (except as to procedure). Refer to committee except to suggest a second ball. Only the rules committee can make a decision on rule's dispute, but coaches are allowed to assist in procedural matters.

Section 8

Statistics

- A. College responsibilities: Dave Herrington of Santa Rosa Junior College, will be the official statistician for the conference. Each college head coach will be responsible for making sure their particular college stats are correct.
- B. Statisticians
 1. Responsibilities: The statistician will fax to the conference college, the final results of previous tournament within 12 hours time. Also, a rank order of conference players and averages. He will also email this info to the Big 8 statistician at david@big8conference.com.

Section 9

Awards

- A. All conference selection: The ten lowest stroke averages in 10 of the 12 Big 8 tournaments will be named all conference
- B. MVP: The lowest individual stroke average will be named MVP, if ties, co-MVPs.
- C. Coach of the Year: The championship team will be the coach of the year.
- D. All Big 8 Conference Academic Team: the participants must have completed their 2nd season of sport, have a 3.0 or higher GPA, have unofficial transcripts on file. (The due date is July 31st for the year end report)