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ACC MISSION STATEMENT

To maximize the educational and athletic opportunities that shape our leaders of tomorrow – in the classroom, in competition, and in life.

ACC VISION STATEMENT

To be at the forefront in educational excellence, athletic achievement, and innovation while inspiring the development of leaders in the ACC.

ACC CORE VALUES

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

**DEVELOPMENT OF
TOTAL PERSON**

ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE

CAMARADERIE

LEADERSHIP

COMPETITIVE FAIRNESS

INCLUSION

SPORTSMANSHIP

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members – Clemson University, Duke University, the University of Maryland, the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and Wake Forest University – drawing up the conference bylaws.

The withdrawal of seven institutions from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven, and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member.

On May 28, 1954, the Atlantic Coast Conference elected its first commissioner. The Office of the Commissioner was opened in Greensboro on July 1, 1954.

The first withdrawal of an institution from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

The Conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004, with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Poly-technic Institute and State University.

Boston College accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member institution starting July 1, 2005.

The ACC grew to 15 members on July 1, 2013, when the University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh, and Syracuse University entered the league.

The University of Louisville was accepted for membership in the league effective July 1, 2014. The ACC remained a 15-member conference with the University of Maryland's withdrawal, also on July 1, 2014.

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Boston College.....Chestnut Hill, MA
 Fr. William P. Leahy..... President
 Bob Murphy Faculty Athletics Representative
 Martin Jarmond..... Athletics Director
 Jocelyn Gates..... Senior Woman Administrator

Clemson UniversityClemson, SC
 James P. Clements..... President
 Janie Hodge Faculty Athletics Representative
 Dan Radakovich Athletics Director
 Stephanie Ellison-Johnson..... Senior Woman Administrator

Duke UniversityDurham, NC
 Vincent E. Price President
 Martha Putallaz Faculty Athletics Representative
 Kevin White..... Athletics Director
 Jacki Silar Senior Woman Administrator

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
 John E. Thrasher President
 Pamela L. Perrewé..... Faculty Athletics Representative
 David Coburn Athletics Director
 Vanessa Fuchs..... Senior Woman Administrator

Georgia Institute of Technology.....Atlanta, GA
 Ángel Cabrera..... President
 Charles Isbell Faculty Athletics Representative
 Todd Stansbury Athletics Director
 Joeleen Akin Senior Woman Administrator

University of Louisville Louisville, KY
 Neeli Bendapudi President
 Elaine Wise Faculty Athletics Representative
 Vince Tyra Athletics Director
 Christine Herring Senior Woman Administrator

University of Miami Coral Gables, FL
 Julio Frenk President
 Marvin P. Dawkins Faculty Athletics Representative
 Blake James Athletics Director
 Jennifer Strawley Senior Woman Administrator

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC
 Kevin M. Guskiewicz Interim Chancellor
 Lissa Broome Faculty Athletics Representative
 Bubba Cunningham Athletics Director
 Marielle vanGelder Senior Woman Administrator

North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC
 Randy Woodson Chancellor
 Joel Pawlak Faculty Athletics Representative
 Boo Corrigan Athletics Director
 Michelle Lee Senior Woman Administrator

University of Notre Dame South Bend, IN
 Fr. John Jenkins President
 Tricia Bellia Faculty Athletics Representative
 Jack Swarbrick Athletics Director
 Missy Conboy Senior Woman Administrator

University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
 Patrick D. Gallagher Chancellor
 Sheila Vélez Martínez Faculty Athletics Representative
 Heather Lyke Athletics Director
 Jennifer Tuscano Senior Woman Administrator

Syracuse University Syracuse, NY
 Kent D. Syverud Chancellor
 Rick Burton Faculty Athletics Representative
 John Wildhack Acting Athletics Director
 Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick Senior Woman Administrator

University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA
 James E. Ryan President
 Carrie Heilman Faculty Athletics Representative
 Carla Williams Athletics Director
 Brittney Whiteside Senior Woman Administrator

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University..... Blacksburg, VA
Timothy D. Sands..... President
Joe Tront Faculty Athletics Representative
Whit Babcock Athletics Director
Reyna Gilbert-Lowry Senior Woman Administrator

Wake Forest University..... Winston-Salem, NC
Nathan O. Hatch..... President
Peter Brubaker..... Faculty Athletics Representative
John Currie Athletics Director
Barbara Walker..... Senior Woman Administrator

OFFICERS

President

Joe Tront Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Vice President

Peter Brubaker.....Wake Forest University

Secretary-Treasurer

Tricia BelliaUniversity of Notre Dame

Executive Committee

Kent D. Syverud (Council of Presidents' Chair)..... Syracuse University

Joe Tront (President)..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Peter Brubaker (Vice President).....Wake Forest University

Tricia Bellia (Secretary-Treasurer)University of Notre Dame

Janie Hodge (Past President)Clemson University

Whit Babcock (Athletics Directors' Chair)Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, ex-officio

Reyna Gilbert-Lowry (Senior Woman Administrators' Chair).....Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, ex-officio

John D. Swofford (Commissioner)Commissioner, ex-officio

Council of Presidents

Kent D. Syverud Syracuse University, chair

Fr. William P. Leahy.....Boston College

James P. Clements.....Clemson University

Vincent E. Price Duke University

John E. Thrasher Florida State University

Ángel Cabrera..... Georgia Institute of Technology

Neeli Bendapudi University of Louisville

Julio FrenkUniversity of Miami

Kevin M. GuskiewiczUniversity of North Carolina

Randy Woodson North Carolina State University

Fr. John Jenkins.....University of Notre Dame

Patrick D. GallagherUniversity of Pittsburgh

James E. Ryan..... University of Virginia

Timothy D. Sands..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Nathan O. Hatch.....Wake Forest University

John D. SwoffordCommissioner, ex-officio



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1.1 NAME

The name of this association shall be the Atlantic Coast Conference, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.

1.2 PURPOSE

1.2.1 General Purpose.

It is the purpose and function of this Conference to enrich and balance the athletic and educational experiences of student-athletes at its member institutions, to enhance athletic and academic integrity among its members, to provide leadership, and to do this in a spirit of fairness to all. The Conference aims to:

- a. Enhance the academic and athletic achievement of student-athletes;
- b. Increase educational opportunities for young people;
- c. Foster quality competitive opportunities for student-athletes in a broad spectrum of amateur sports and championships;
- d. Promote amateurism in intercollegiate athletics;
- e. Coordinate and foster compliance with Conference and NCAA rules;
- f. Stimulate fair play and sportsmanship;
- g. Encourage responsible fiscal management and further fiscal stability;
- h. Provide leadership and a voice in the development of public attitudes toward intercollegiate sports;
- i. Address the future needs of athletics in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit of the member institutions; and
- j. Promote mutual trust and friendly intercollegiate athletic relations between member institutions.

1.2.2 Principle of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.

The Conference and its member institutions are committed to diversity, inclusion, and equity among our student-athletes, staff, coaches, administrators, and leaders. The promotion of diversity, inclusion, and equity are integral to the structure, programs, legislation, and policies of the Conference and its member institutions. (*Revised: 5/2018*)

1.3 INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL

There shall be institutional responsibility and control of intercollegiate athletics at member institutions. Each institution is responsible for conducting its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with rules and regulations of the NCAA and the Conference. The institution's chief executive officer is ultimately responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.

The institution's responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletics interests of the institution.

1.4 MEMBERSHIP

1.4.1 Current Membership.

The Conference is composed of the following institutions: *(Revised: 7/2013, 7/2014)*

Boston College	North Carolina State University
Clemson University	University of Notre Dame
Duke University	University of Pittsburgh
Florida State University	Syracuse University
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
University of Louisville	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
University of Miami	Wake Forest University
University of North Carolina	

1.4.2 Required Teams.

Each member institution shall have a men's and women's basketball team, a football team, and either a women's soccer team or a women's volleyball team.

1.4.3 Admission of New Members.

- a. Prior to considering admission of new members, the Council of Presidents shall consider the desirability of expansion. The ramifications of conference revenues, scheduling, student-athlete welfare, and the pool of prospective members may be considerations among other issues. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the total members of the Council of Presidents is required on the willingness of the Council to consider expansion before the conference can proceed to consider any candidate institutions.
- b. New members must be proposed for admission by three members of the Council of Presidents, one of which must be from the prospective member's state, if applicable.
- c. Upon proper nomination for admission as outlined in (b), an expression of interest for admission by the prospective member institution with requested data shall be received by the Conference office. The data will be distributed to the chief executive officers, faculty athletics representatives, and athletics directors of all conference members.
- d. The prospective member shall submit to the Conference additional information regarding the institution's academic and athletic cultures. Information shall include, but is not limited to the most recent report of the accrediting agency for colleges and universities, the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report, and the NCAA Committee on Institutional Performance report.
- e. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the total members of the Council of Presidents is required to extend an invitation for membership to the Conference.
- f. Participation by the new member in Conference revenues will be determined at the time of admission.
- g. Upon the admission to the Conference, a new member shall pay a fee to the Conference of at least an amount covering payment for a proportionate share of the ownership of all real and personal properties held in the name of the Conference.

1.4.4 Expulsion/Suspension/Probation of Members.

A member institution may be expelled, suspended, or placed on probation by the Conference only upon the favorable vote of three-fourths (excluding the member under consideration) of the members. To expel means a complete severance from the Conference in all sports. To suspend means a temporary severance under stated conditions from the Conference in one or more sports.

Among the reasons a member institution may be expelled, suspended, or placed on probation for good cause is if it no longer participates in one or more sports which are required for membership in the Conference, if the member is required by the NCAA to discontinue such required sport because of violations of NCAA regulations, or becomes incompatible with the objectives of the Conference.

In the event of expulsion, the Conference must provide the member institution with the specific reasons for expulsion and one year notice (on or before August 15 of any year in which event the expulsion shall be effective the following June 30). The institution will be assessed or paid a proportionate share of the fixed liabilities or assets of the Conference and will receive a proportionate share of that year's distribution.

In the event of suspension or probation, the Conference may enforce penalties immediately.

In any sport in which a member is ineligible for postseason play because of violations of NCAA or Conference regulations, the member may be suspended in that sport. If suspended, the member shall not be eligible for the Conference championship in that sport. The institution may be required to forfeit its share of any or all Conference revenues generated by that sport.

1.4.5 Withdrawal of Members.

To withdraw from the conference, a member must file an official notice of withdrawal with each of the conference members and the Commissioner on or before August 15 for the withdrawal to be effective June 30 of the following year.

Upon official notice of withdrawal, the member will be subject to a withdrawal payment, as liquidated damages, in an amount equal to three times the total operating budget of the Conference (including any contingency included therein), approved in accordance with section 2.5.1 of the Conference Bylaws, which is in effect as of the date of the official notice of withdrawal. The Conference may offset the amount of such payment against any distributions otherwise due such member for any Conference year. Any remaining amount due shall be paid by the withdrawing member within 30 days after the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing member shall have no claim on the assets, accounts, or income of the Conference. *(Revised: 9/2011, 9/2012)*

1.5 ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

1.5.1 Council of Presidents.

The Council of Presidents shall be composed of the chief executive officer from each member institution and shall have the complete responsibility for and authority over the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Commissioner shall serve on the Council as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

1.5.1.1 Chair. The chair of the Council shall rotate among the voting membership on an annual basis and shall be chosen from an institution other than those already represented on the Executive Committee.

1.5.1.2 Meetings. The Council shall meet once in the fall (the second Tuesday and Wednesday in September) and once during the Men's or Women's Basketball Conference Championship, alternating annually. Each meeting shall also include the Conference president and chairs of the athletics directors and senior woman administrators. *(Revised: 5/2015, 5/2017)*

1.5.2. Faculty Athletics Representatives.

The faculty athletics representative shall be appointed by the president or by the duly constituted authority of the institution, and shall be a regular full-time member of the faculty at the time of appointment or an administrative officer in that institution.

1.5.2.1 Voting Delegates. The members of the Conference shall be entitled to one vote each. Unless the chief executive officer is present, the faculty athletics representative shall be the voting delegate for each member institution. In the event that the faculty athletics representative is not present, the institution's vote may be cast by the athletics director or senior woman administrator present at the meeting. *(Revised: 5/2008, 5/2013)*

1.5.2.2 Officers. The officers of the Conference shall be a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer. The above officers must be voting delegates of their institutions.

1.5.2.2.1 President. The president shall be the official representative of the Conference in all relations concerning intercollegiate athletics and, in cooperation with the Commissioner, shall foster compliance with all NCAA and Conference rules and regulations. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Conference, shall appoint standing and special committees after consulting with the chair of the Athletics Directors Committee and the Commissioner, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Conference. The president shall assure that proper notices of Conference meetings be given to the members and that an agenda be prepared for each meeting. The president shall have such other powers and duties as are normal and incident to such office (see General Policies & Procedures Article 4.9 regarding the President's Award). *(Revised: 4/2008)*

1.5.2.2.2 Vice President. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president, until the next election, in the latter's absence or disability, or when the presidency is vacated. The vice president shall assist the president in the performance of Conference business when necessary and shall have other powers and duties as may be conferred by the president or by the Conference.

1.5.2.2.3 Secretary-Treasurer. The secretary-treasurer shall have supervisory responsibility of all records of the Conference, shall review the records of all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall report at each regular meeting the decisions of the Executive Committee rendered since the last regular meeting, and shall submit at the annual meeting a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements of Conference funds. All accounts are to be audited by a certified public accountant.

1.5.2.3 Election of Officers. Officers of the Conference shall be elected at the meeting in May and shall continue in office from July 1 through June 30. Candidates for office must have served a minimum of two years as a voting delegate to be eligible for an office. Officers shall be elected according to a rotation determined by constituent members and on file in the Conference office. Generally, each year, the current vice president becomes the new president and the current

secretary-treasurer becomes the new vice president. A new secretary-treasurer is nominated and elected based on who is next in line for the position according to the Conference rotation. If the president's position becomes vacant during the middle of a term of office, the vice president shall assume the presidency of the Conference. If deemed necessary by the president, other vacant offices occurring between the meetings of the Conference shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall approve any needed adjustments to the rotation cycle. A new member to the Conference shall be added to the end of the rotation cycle. *(Revised: 5/2006)*

1.5.3. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, the vice president, the secretary-treasurer, the immediate past president, and the chair of the Council of Presidents. In the event the immediate past president ceases to be a representative of the Conference, a member-at-large shall be chosen by the Conference to serve on the Executive Committee. The Commissioner, the chair of the athletics directors, and the chair of the senior woman administrators shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members. *(Revised: 9/2015)*

1.5.3.1 Duties. The Executive Committee shall transact the necessary business of the Conference between regular meetings of the Conference, subject to approval of the voting delegates at the next regular or special meeting. The Executive Committee is also charged with overseeing the management and operation of the Conference in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Committee may establish changes in the procedures for the general conduct of the Commissioner's office. A member institution may appeal to the Conference any decision or action of the Executive Committee.

1.5.3.2 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least two weeks prior to the May meeting to review the budget prepared by the Commissioner and recommend a budget for the forthcoming year to the membership for approval at the May meeting. The Executive Committee shall conduct a mid-year budgetary review.

1.5.4. Commissioner.

There shall be a Commissioner who shall be elected by a vote of three-fourths of the Council of Presidents at any regular or special meeting. The Commissioner shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Conference and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee. The Commissioner shall ensure adherence to the principles of the Constitution and Bylaws by all members of the Conference. The Commissioner shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Commissioner shall have the powers necessary for the effective performance of the Commissioner's duties.

1.6 VOTING REQUIREMENTS

1.6.1 Quorum.

To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Conference, two-thirds of the member institutions must be represented by voting delegates.

1.6.2 Constitution Amendments.

The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by three-fourths of the members. The proposed amendment shall be submitted, in writing, four weeks before the meeting, through the

Commissioner to the Legislation Committee for review. The Commissioner shall send complete copies of the proposed amendments to all members at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.

1.6.3 Bylaw Amendments.

Any amendments to the Bylaws require a three-fourths vote of the members of the Conference, unless otherwise noted.

1.6.3.1 Amendments to Bylaws Article 2.5 (Finances). Bylaws Article 2.5 (Finances) may be amended at any regular or special meeting by two-thirds of all members. *(Adopted: 4/2006)*

1.6.3.2 Amendments to Bylaws Article 2.10 (Television Policy). Bylaws Article 2.10 (Television Policy) may be amended at any regular or special meeting by two-thirds of all members. *(Adopted: 4/2006)*

1.6.3.3 Waivers of Eligibility Rules. An approved waiver of the ACC initial-eligibility rule, the intraconference transfer rule, or a medical hardship waiver requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the institutions present and voting on the request and not less than a majority of the member institutions. All members, including the institution requesting the waiver, are eligible to vote. *(Revised: 10/2011, 5/2015)*

1.6.4 Sports Operation Code Amendments.

Recommendations for modifications in the Sports Operation Code shall be submitted to the membership by the Commissioner at any regular meeting of the Conference and may be adopted by a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting on the issue. *(Revised: 4/2006)*

1.6.5 General Policies and Procedures Amendments.

Recommendations for modifications in the General Policies and Procedures shall be submitted to the membership by the Commissioner at any regular meeting of the Conference and may be adopted by a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting on the issue. Changes which are approved, unless otherwise specified, shall become effective July 1 following enactment. *(Revised: 4/2006)*

1.6.6 Effective Date of Amendments.

All amendments to the ACC Manual shall become effective July 1 following adoption unless otherwise noted in the proposed amendment.



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2.1 SPORTSMANSHIP PRINCIPLE

It shall be the responsibility of each member institution to ensure that all individuals associated with the athletics program of that institution conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner when representing their university. For purposes of this Article, an individual associated with the athletics program includes, but is not limited to, coaches, administrators, student-athletes, team attendants, band members, cheerleaders, and mascots. Coaches and administrators have the responsibility to set the tone for responsible behavior on the part of their teams and followers. It is an infraction of the rules for an individual associated with the institution's athletics program to conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

Unsportsmanlike conduct, when demonstrated by any individual associated with the athletics program, will not be tolerated and may subject the institution and/or individual to disciplinary action. The duties with regard to sportsmanship of member institutions, any individual associated with the institution's athletics program, and the Commissioner are elaborated below. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.1.1 Duties of Member Institutions.

An institution is responsible for the actions of any individual associated with its athletics program and other individuals over whom it has authority and may be held accountable for their actions. Every reasonable effort shall be made by competing institutions to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship at all athletics events. When an action violates the sportsmanship principle, the institution is encouraged to take any action it deems appropriate to demonstrate this emphasis.

Further, in the event crowd control procedures must be initiated, this responsibility rests with each host institution, or with the tournament or meet director at off-campus championship events. The athletics directors or their designated representatives shall be available at the site of the competition to assist in controlling the crowd. Only participants, coaches, officials, and authorized personnel shall be allowed in the competition area before, during and at the conclusion of competition.

2.1.2 Duties of the Commissioner.

Whenever the Commissioner concludes after a reasonable investigation that there has been a violation of the sportsmanship principle, the Commissioner shall impose such penalty deemed appropriate by first giving notice to the individual and the institution.

2.1.2.1 Process. The Commissioner will provide the institution with the time and opportunity that the Commissioner considers reasonable to take action and may adopt that action as Conference action if he or she deems appropriate. An institution or individual at risk of penalty will be provided an opportunity, which may be waived, to offer its position on whether the conduct occurred as alleged. After considering all information the Commissioner deems necessary, he or she shall determine whether a penalty should be imposed and what penalty is appropriate. In the event the individual or institution believes the Commissioner's penalty is inappropriate or excessive in nature, an appeal may be initiated with the Executive Committee by filing a notice with the Conference President. The appeal must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of notification of the penalty imposed by the Commissioner. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.1.2.2 Considerations. In deciding whether to assess a penalty for a violation of the sportsmanship principle, the factors to be considered by the Commissioner include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 5/2015)*

- a. The general nature or severity of and the circumstances surrounding the act;
- b. Any injury or damage that is a direct result of the act;
- c. The manner in which the rules of the game, if any, address the act and whether those rules were appropriately applied by those with authority (e.g., officials);
- d. The response and any action taken by the involved institution; and
- e. Any prior acts by the involved institution or individual that were subject to this process.

2.1.2.3 Penalties. After investigating the alleged act, concluding that the act is a violation of the sportsmanship principle, and considering the factors in section 2.1.2.2 above, the Commissioner may assess against the involved institution and/or individual any, or all, of the penalties below. The Commissioner may also determine that no additional conference action is necessary. *(Adopted: 5/2015)*

- a. Reprimand (public or private); *(Adopted: 5/2015)*
- b. At the discretion of the Commissioner, fines can be issued to the institution and/or individual up to \$25,000 per occurrence, with such fines being put into the Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship account *(Adopted: 1/2010)*; and
- c. Suspension from contests.
 - 1) Carrying Penalty Over to Next Season. Whenever a penalty or suspension is imposed, such penalty may be carried over into the next season of competition at the discretion of the Commissioner.
 - 2) Definition of Suspension. As used in this regulation, "suspension" in the case of a player, means that the player cannot participate in the designated number of contests but may practice; in the case of a coach, "suspension" means that the coach cannot be present in the playing area for the designated number of contests but may conduct practice sessions; in the case of a band member, cheerleader or mascot, "suspension" means that the individual cannot be present in the playing area for the designated number of contests.

2.1.3 Punishable Acts of the Sportsmanship Principle.

2.1.3.1 Punishable Acts. Acts violating the sportsmanship principle shall include, but not be limited to, the following and may subject violators to the process in Section 2.1.2:

- a. Any person who physically or verbally abuses an official, opposing coach, student-athlete, or spectator;
- b. Any person who intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive (physical or verbal) action;
- c. Any person who makes obscene gestures;
- d. Any person who publicly criticizes any contest official, conference personnel, member institution or institutional personnel;
- e. Any person who engages in negative recruiting by making statements which are unduly derogatory of another institution or its personnel to a prospective student-athlete, parents, high school coach, or other person associated with the prospective student-athlete;
- f. Any person who enters the competition area for an unsportsmanlike purpose;
- g. Any other act of unsportsmanlike conduct not specifically prescribed.

2.1.3.2 Public Criticism of Officials. Public criticism of officials or public comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Individuals associated with the athletics program are prohibited, therefore, from commenting while acting in an official capacity on officiating other than directly to the Conference office. Head coaches are responsible for the comments of assistant coaches and other athletics staff members associated with their teams. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.1.4 Distribution of Policy.

A copy of section 2.1 (Sportsmanship Principle) is to be given by the athletics director at each member institution to each head coach, assistant coach, band director, and cheerleading and mascot coordinator at the beginning of each academic year. A copy shall also be given to each student-athlete, band member, cheerleader and mascot at the squad meeting held at the beginning of each year. Acceptance of this document, pursuant to NCAA rules governing the student-athlete statement, will constitute agreement to conform to its requirements.

2.1.5 Annual Review.

Any case for which the Commissioner has enacted the process outlined in section 2.1.2.1 will be reviewed annually by the Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee, regardless of whether any penalties were assessed. The purpose of the review is to provide each member institution with information on the treatment of possible violations of the sportsmanship principle so the members may use it when considering possible institutional actions in the future. *(Adopted: 5/2015)*

2.2 NCAA REGULATIONS

The Conference and each of its member institutions shall be members of Division I Football Bowl Subdivision of the NCAA. Member institutions are bound by NCAA rules and regulations, unless Conference rules are more restrictive.

2.3 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

2.3.1 Duties of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner's duties shall include:

- a. Chief Administrative Officer. Serve as the chief administrative officer of the Conference.
- b. Conference Rules and Regulations. Interpret and enforce all rules and regulations of the Conference and of the NCAA. This responsibility includes, but is not necessarily limited to, broad discretionary powers to supervise investigations, hold hearings and impose temporary or permanent measures against member institutions, personnel, and student-athletes for conduct judged to be in violation of the spirit as well as the letter of Conference Constitution and Bylaws. The above shall be carried out under procedures as set forth in the Conference Bylaws.
- c. Equity. Implement and advocate the principle of equity.
- d. Committee Membership. Serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the faculty athletics representative's, Executive and athletics director's committees, Council of Presidents and all other Conference committees, unless otherwise specified.
- e. Meetings. Issue the call for regular and special meetings of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, and the Executive Committee. Make arrangements for the meetings of these groups, and for such meetings of the coaches or other employees of the athletics administration as may be authorized by the athletics directors, and be responsible for the publication and distribution of all minutes setting forth actions by any of these groups.

- f. Constitution and Bylaws. Reprint the Constitution and Bylaws from time to time as may be necessary, and distribute copies as appropriate to each member institution's chief executive officer, faculty athletics representative, athletics director and senior woman administrator.
- g. Athletics Problems. Study athletics problems of the Conference, offer advice and assistance in their solution, and encourage and promote friendly relations among the member institutions, student-athletes, and alumni.
- h. Officiating. Assign football and basketball officials for all games between member institutions. Assignments also may be made for non-conference football and basketball games and for other sports when requested. The Commissioner is authorized to expend funds from his budget for the improvement of officiating.
- i. Awards and Trophies. Purchase awards and trophies presented by the Conference.
- j. Publicity. Conduct, through the print and electronic media, periodicals, various meetings, and the general service of the Conference office, a continuing educational program to promote the development of better sportsmanship, respect for the amateur spirit, and understanding of the values of competitive athletics, and exert all reasonable effort to acquaint the public with the ethics and high ideals which motivate the Conference in its conduct of intercollegiate athletics.
- k. Income Producing Projects. Initiate and formulate, for the Conference, income producing projects.
- l. School Visits. Visit each Conference school at least once each year to inquire into and observe the operation of its intercollegiate athletics program.
- m. Assistance to Non-Members. Stand ready to render assistance to non-member institutions when solicited.
- n. Conference Employees. Select and engage assistants and employees to assist in carrying out the above described activities; to choose titles for conference employees; and to fix their compensation within the limits of the approved budgets.
- o. Execute Contracts. Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the Commissioner has the power to execute contracts.
- p. Conference Budget. Present a budget for consideration to the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the May meeting of the Conference. This budget requires Conference approval.
- q. Other Duties. Perform such other duties as the Council of Presidents, faculty athletics representatives, the athletics directors, or the Executive Committee may direct or as required in Articles VIII and IX in this section.

2.3.2 Commissioner's Contract.

The Commissioner shall be paid a salary to be determined by the Conference. The term of the contract, including fringe benefits, shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by two-thirds of the members of the Council of Presidents.

2.3.3 Office of the Commissioner.

The Office of the Commissioner shall be located at a place designated by the Conference.

2.4 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

2.4.1 Organization.

Each member institution will have one representative with voting power in each of the following governance groups: (*Adopted: 5/2009*)

- a. Council of Presidents,

- b. Faculty Athletics Representatives,
- c. Directors of Athletics, and
- d. Senior Woman Administrators.

2.4.2 Structure.

The Council of Presidents shall have the complete responsibility for and authority over the Conference. The Executive Committee shall transact the necessary business of the Conference between regular meetings of the Conference, subject to approval of the voting delegates at the next regular or special meeting, as well as oversee the management and operation of the Conference in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The faculty athletics representatives, as voting delegates, per Constitution 1.5, shall take final action on Conference matters only during joint business sessions. See the governance structure detailed in Appendix 2-1. *(Adopted: 5/2009)*

2.4.3 Standing Committees.

The Conference has established the following standing committees. See Appendix 2-2 for current membership of these committees.

2.4.3.1 Standing Committee Reporting Lines. The reporting lines for each Conference standing committee are (see Appendix 2-1): *(Adopted: 5/2009; Revised: 5/2015, 10/2015, 5/2018)*

- a. Council of Presidents: Autonomy Committee.
- b. Joint Business Session: Legislation Committee.
- c. Executive Committee: Finance Committee.
- d. Faculty Athletics Representatives: Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee (joint reporting to Athletics Directors and Senior Woman Administrators), Nominating Committee, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
- e. Athletics Directors: Men's Basketball Committee, Women's Basketball Committee, Football Committee, Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee (joint reporting to Faculty Athletics Representatives and Senior Woman Administrators), Television Committee.
- f. Senior Woman Administrators: Olympic Sport Committees, Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee (joint reporting to Faculty Athletics Representatives and Athletics Directors).

2.4.3.2 Appointments to Standing Committees. Members of Conference standing committees, except student-athlete members, will be recommended to and approved by the faculty athletics representatives at the annual Conference business meeting. The procedure for selections will be:

- a. A nomination form, which includes all vacancies for the upcoming year, shall be distributed to member institutions two months prior to the annual Conference business meeting.
- b. The nomination form shall be returned to the Conference office six weeks prior to the annual Conference meeting.
- c. The completed nomination form shall be reviewed by the Conference President, the Chair of the Athletics Directors, and the Commissioner. Committee appointments will be recommended to the faculty athletics representatives at the annual Conference business meeting.
- d. The faculty athletics representatives shall present their recommendations for committee membership at the joint business session of the annual Conference business meeting.

Student-athlete members will be appointed following the summer Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting. *(Adopted: 5/2015)*

2.4.3.3 Terms of Standing Committee Appointments. Committee appointments are July 1-June 30 unless otherwise noted. Representatives on standing committees, except student-athlete members, will serve one three-year term with a maximum of up to one three-year reappointment term for any member or ex-officio. Student-athletes will be appointed to a one-year term, renewable annually. All committees will meet via telephone conference call or in-person at least one time each academic year. Unless otherwise specified, the Commissioner is an ex-officio, non-voting member of all Conference committees. *(Revised: 5/2008, 5/2015, 5/2018)*

2.4.3.4 Mission and Composition of Standing Committees.

2.4.3.4.1 Autonomy Committee *(Adopted: 5/2015)*

- a. Mission: The Autonomy Committee shall discuss priorities and concepts for autonomy legislation and report to the Council of Presidents.
- b. Composition: Eighteen voting members consisting of one representative per member institution and the three autonomy student-athlete voting representatives. There shall be no fewer than three presidents or chancellors, three faculty athletics representatives, three athletics directors, and three senior woman administrators. Each institution will have one vote and each student-athlete will have one vote.
- c. Terms: Members of the Autonomy Committee will have the same term limits as other standing committees. Each member will be limited to one three-year term with the possibility of one three-year reappointment. Terms will be staggered beginning with the 2015-16 academic year to ensure appropriate continuity.
- d. Subcommittees: Autonomy Committee subcommittees shall be created on an ad hoc basis based on expertise needed for the committee's priorities and topics.

2.4.3.4.2 Finance Committee.

- a. Mission: The Finance Committee shall assist the Conference staff in the preparation of the annual ACC operating budget and generally review topics associated with Conference revenues and expenditures. Following its April meeting, the Committee will recommend the proposed Conference operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year to member institutions for final review prior to the budget being submitted for final approval at the annual Conference business meeting. *(Adopted: 5/2011)*
- b. Composition: Fifteen voting members (one from each member institution) including at least six faculty athletics representatives (including the Conference Secretary-Treasurer as chair), and a combination of at least one athletics director, one senior woman administrator, one athletics financial officer, and one university financial officer shall fill the final nine voting member positions. In the event that the university financial officer is a representative from the same institution as a current member of the committee, the committee may consist of 16 members to accommodate for that individual. *(Revised: 5/2009, 5/2011)*

2.4.3.4.3 Audit Subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

- a. Mission: The Audit Committee is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. It shall select the external audit firm employed by the Conference and meet annually with this firm to review the Conference audit for the previous fiscal year. The committee makes recommendations, if needed, following this review to the Conference staff. *(Adopted: 5/2011)*

- b. Composition: Five voting members. The Conference President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer will serve as voting members in addition to one athletics director and one athletics financial officer. *(Revised: 5/2009)*

2.4.3.4.4 Investment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

- a. Mission: The Investment Committee is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. It shall make recommendations to the Conference staff on investment of Conference assets. The committee is responsible for developing the Conference investment policy and reviews the performance of any investment managers employed to invest assets on the Conference's behalf. *(Adopted: 5/2011)*
- b. Composition: Six voting members. The Conference President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer will serve as voting members in addition to three institutional representatives with investment experience. *(Revised: 5/2009)*

2.4.3.4.5 Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee.

- a. Mission: The Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee shall annually review all ACC and NCAA violations reported by Conference members. The committee does not investigate a case or provide additional penalties, but, rather, uses the information to identify trends and/or areas to focus rules education. The committee shall also review an annual report of all investigations and penalties under the sportsmanship principle. *(Adopted: 5/2011, Revised: 2/2013, 5/2015)*
- b. Composition: Fifteen voting members (one from each member institution) consisting of faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, and senior woman administrators. *(Revised: 5/2009, 2/2013, 5/2015)*

2.4.3.4.6 Legislation Committee. *(Adopted: 5/2018)*

- a. Mission: The Legislation Committee shall provide leadership on the conference's activities in the NCAA Council legislative cycle, including the sponsorship of proposals and development of feedback on proposals sponsored by another source. The committee is also responsible for reviewing changes to the ACC Manual and ensuring the Manual is accurately and clearly written.
- b. Composition: Nine voting members including at least one faculty athletics representative, one athletics director, one senior woman administrator, and one student-athlete.

2.4.3.4.7 Nominating Committee. *(Adopted: 10/2015)*

- a. Mission: The Nominating Committee shall nominate individuals from ACC member institutions to serve on select NCAA committees or governance groups.
- b. Composition: Five voting members including the Conference President and Vice President, the athletics director at the Past President's institution, the senior woman administrator at the Secretary-Treasurer's institution, and the Conference Commissioner. The Senior Associate Commissioner & Chief of Internal Affairs (or designee) is an ex-officio, non-voting member.

2.4.3.4.8 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

- a. Mission: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which represents diverse views and backgrounds of student-athletes, was established to serve as a medium of communication through which student-athletes, conference administrators, institutional representatives, NCAA representatives, and coaches discuss and take

action on issues relating to rules and regulations, student-athlete welfare, and community service. *(Adopted: 5/2011)*

- b. Composition: Sixty student-athletes (four from each member institution) as voting members. One faculty athletics representative and one senior woman administrator shall serve as ex-officio members. *(Revised: 5/2009)*

2.4.3.4.9 Television Committee.

- a. Mission: The Television Committee monitors and evaluates the conference's relationships with its various television and digital media partners and offers feedback and recommendations for continual improvement. *(Adopted: 5/2011)*
- b. Composition: Fifteen voting members consisting of the athletics director from each member institution. The current chair of the faculty athletics representatives and one senior woman administrator shall serve as ex-officio members. *(Revised: 5/2009)*

2.4.4 Sports Committees.

Unless otherwise stated in the Sports Operation Code, standing sports committees may meet two times per year – once at the site of the Conference championship and once at the Conference office or by telephone, depending on the nature of the business. The Football and Men's Basketball Committees are composed of the athletics director from each member institution with one designated as chairperson. The Women's Basketball Committee is composed of an assistant/associate athletics director of each member institution with an athletics director designated as chairperson. The president of the respective conference coaches' association is an ex-officio member of these three committees as are faculty athletics representatives appointed by the president of the Conference. Every other sports committee, which includes the head coach of that sport from each member institution, is chaired by a designated athletics director or associate/assistant athletics director and may have a vice-chair appointed by the President. If a senior woman administrator (SWA) is not appointed as chair or vice-chair, an SWA ex-officio member shall be appointed. These committees shall function under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference and shall establish operating procedures for the respective sports. Any special regulations having to do with the respective sports must be approved by the Conference. Each sports committee shall file an annual report 30 days prior to the annual Conference meeting. See Appendix 2-3 of this section for current membership of these committees. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

2.4.4.1 Terms of Sports Committee Appointments. Committee appointments are July 1-June 30 unless otherwise noted. Representatives on sport committees will serve three-year terms with a maximum of up to one three-year reappointment term for any member or ex-officio. Exceptions for sports committees may be granted when specific expertise is warranted. All committees will meet via telephone conference call or in-person at least one time each academic year. Unless otherwise specified, the Commissioner is an ex-officio non-voting member of all Conference committees. *(Revised: 5/2008)*

2.4.4.2 Committee Chair Responsibilities. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

- a. Be present at all committee meetings or participate on all committee conference calls.
- b. Preside over and conduct all committee meetings with the Conference liaison.
- c. Facilitate and mediate discussion arising from agenda items.
- d. Be present at the championship site for the pre-championship meeting and throughout the duration of the championship.
- e. Serve as chair of the Protest Committee.
- f. Address committee issues during the senior woman administrator meetings or with your

- respective senior woman administrator to be discussed at the annual senior woman administrator's meeting.
- g. Assist with selecting a vice-chair when necessary.
- h. Assist the Conference liaison with various logistical, operational and administrative issues that may arise at the championship.
- i. Provide the committee with Conference and/or national perspective.

2.4.4.3 Committee Vice-Chair Responsibilities. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

- a. Be present at all committee meetings or participate on all committee conference calls.
- b. Assist with the conduct of all committee meetings and preside over in the absence of the committee chair.
- c. Assist with mediating discussion arising from agenda items.
- d. Be present at the championship site for the pre-championship meeting and throughout the duration of the championship.
- e. Serve as vice-chair of the Protest Committee, if applicable.
- f. Assist the Conference liaison with various logistical, operational and administrative issues that may arise at the championship.

2.4.4.4 Committee Senior Woman Administrator Ex-Officio Member Responsibilities. *(Adopted: 10/2012)*

- a. Be present at all committee meetings or participate on all committee conference calls, if possible.
- b. Assist with the conduct of all committee meetings and preside over in the absence of the committee chair.
- c. Assist with mediating discussion arising from agenda items.
- d. Be present at the championship site for the pre-championship meeting and throughout the duration of the championship.
- e. Serve as vice-chair of the Protest Committee, if applicable.
- f. Assist the Conference liaison with various logistical, operational and administrative issues that may arise at the championship.
- g. Assist the Conference liaison with presentation of recommendations of the sport committee to the Senior Woman Administrators.

2.4.5 Conference Meeting Dates and Sites.

2.4.5.1 Council of Presidents. The Council shall meet once in the fall (the second Tuesday and Wednesday in September) and once during the Men's or Women's Basketball Conference Championship, alternating annually. Each meeting shall also include the Conference President and the chairs of the athletics directors and senior woman administrators. *(Revised: 5/2015, 5/2017)*

2.4.5.2 Regular Meetings. All of the governance groups shall meet three times each year in October, January/February and May. Each group shall meet separately before convening in a joint business session.

2.4.5.3 Fall Meetings. This regular annual meeting of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, and up to five student-athletes (autonomy student-athlete representatives, SAAC chair, SAAC vice-chair) shall be held in October at the institution of the current Conference President. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.4.5.4 December Best Practices Meeting. The faculty athletics representatives shall meet in December at the site of the ACC Football Championship Game. *(Revised: 5/2015, 5/2017)*

2.4.5.5 Winter Meetings. Annually, the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, and senior woman administrators shall meet separately and jointly in January or February.

2.4.5.6 Spring Meetings. This regular annual Conference business meeting of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, and up to five student-athletes (autonomy student-athlete representatives, SAAC chair, SAAC vice-chair) shall be held in May. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.4.5.7 Additional Meetings. Additional meetings may be called by the President or Commissioner as deemed necessary or pursuant to written request of not less than two-thirds of the members. In either case, the call shall state the reasons for the meeting. The site of the meeting will be determined by a vote of the Conference. Conference business may also be conducted by teleconference when authorized by the President or Commissioner.

2.5 FINANCES

2.5.1 Conference Budget.

The Finance Committee shall participate with the Conference office staff and Commissioner to prepare the annual operating budget for the forthcoming year. Once this budget process is complete, the committee will request that the Commissioner forward the final draft budget to the Executive Committee and all 15 institutions for review at least two weeks prior to the May meeting of the Conference. The Executive Committee will recommend the final budget for approval at that meeting. The Conference budget shall include a ten-percent contingency amount.

2.5.2 Distribution of General Revenue.

The Conference shall distribute its revenue, including but not limited to revenue from television receipts, Conference championships, participation in preseason or postseason competition, and interest from Conference funds on deposit, according to the provisions set forth in this Article.

Before distributing the revenue to each institution, the Conference shall deduct the funds reserved for the budget for the following year, including the ten percent contingency amount. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, the remainder of the Conference revenue shall be divided equally among the Conference members and distributed in shares to each member by June 1, or the first business day following June 1, in accordance with the distribution plan approved annually by the Executive Committee.

Any distributable funds not received in the Conference office by June 1 will be distributed equally upon receipt.

If income sources do not provide necessary funds for the operation of the Conference office, an assessment shall be levied upon the member institutions in equal amounts.

2.5.3 Conference Reserve.

The Conference shall maintain a reserve equaling one times the Conference approved annual operating budget. Any distribution of excess funds to the member schools shall be equal and calculated annually based on the Conference's annual audited financial statements as follows: *(Revised: 10/2008)*

- a. Total unrestricted net assets, net of property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation.
- b. Less the reserve as defined above.

2.5.4 Postgraduate Scholarships.

The Conference shall add the money received from player of the game awards presented during televised Conference football and men's basketball games and other money as determined by the Executive Committee to the funds used for the conference postgraduate scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who have completed their undergraduate degrees and who plan to attend a graduate program within five years. *(Revised: 4/2011)*

2.5.5 Employee Insurance.

The Conference shall be insured against dishonesty and theft by the Commissioner and any Conference employee and the cost of the insurance shall be paid from Conference funds.

2.5.6 Indemnification and Liability.

The Conference shall indemnify the faculty athletics representatives, the chief executive officers, the athletics directors, the senior woman administrators, the Commissioner, and the Conference staff against all costs (including attorney's fees), expenses, judgments, fines, and other amounts reasonably incurred by any or all such persons, or any of them, in connection with any claim, demand, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, arising out of and related to the interpretation or enforcement of the Conference rules where the person to be indemnified acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed by such person to be in the best interest of the Conference and to be authorized by the rules of the Conference.

2.5.7 Distribution of NCAA Grant-In-Aid and Sports Sponsorship Revenue.

All funds distributed by the NCAA from the Grant-In-Aid and Sports Sponsorship Funds will be received by the Conference and divided equally among the member institutions. *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

2.5.8 Distribution of Revenue from the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

All receipts from the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship (six-year performance history) will be divided equally among the member institutions after payments to the participating teams as outlined below.

A team participating in the First Four of the Men's Basketball Championship will receive \$40,000. A team participating in the first/second rounds will receive an additional \$40,000. Any team advancing beyond the second round and playing east of the Mississippi will receive an additional \$45,000. Any team advancing beyond the second round and playing west of the Mississippi will receive an additional \$55,000. If a team advances to the Final Four, it will receive an additional \$85,000 if playing east of the Mississippi and an additional \$95,000 if playing west of the Mississippi.

A team participating in the Women's Basketball Championship will receive \$25,000. A team advancing to the Regional will receive an additional \$25,000 (for a total of \$50,000). If a team advances to the Final Four, it will receive an additional \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000). Exception: if an ACC team hosts a first and second round site, and their team plays at that site, the institution would not receive the initial supplemental distribution. *(Adopted: 10/2007)*

2.5.9 Distribution of Revenue from the National Invitational Tournaments.

A team participating in the preseason or the postseason National Invitational Tournaments shall keep all game receipts.

2.5.10 Distribution of Revenue from Postseason Football Games.

The Conference equally shares all bowl revenues. After all bowl expense allotments and ticket reimbursements are subtracted from the total bowl revenue, the remaining revenue is distributed evenly among Conference members.

Each institution participating in a bowl game is provided an expense allotment. The College Football Playoff will provide an expense allotment to any institution participating in the College Football Playoff national championship, semifinals, or host bowls. Expense allotments for all other bowls are provided by the Conference and are subject to 3% annual increases as shown in the following table:

	2019-20
Orange Bowl	\$ 2,185,000
Sun Bowl	\$ 1,366,000
Pinstripe Bowl	\$ 1,257,000
All Other Bowls	\$1,202,000

Each participating institution is responsible for the purchase of half (50%) of the financial value of that bowl game's ticket allotment. The Conference will make best efforts to provide each institution with bowl tickets in the desired sections as the bowl manifest allows. Institutions are incentivized to sell into the second half of the financial value of the ticket allotment with the right to retain 50% of any additional revenue for ticket sales above the first-half threshold. The participating institution shall not be obligated to pay for any unsold tickets from the second half of the bowl game's ticket allotment, provided the participating institution is in compliance with the minimum Team Ticket Allocation Sales Requirements distributed annually by the conference office (marketing department). Should the participating team in the Detroit Bowl sell less than \$100,000 in tickets (inclusive of taxes and fees), any difference between the \$100,000 and actual tickets sold shall be owed to the Conference as part of bowl settlement and will then be included in bowl payout as additional bowl revenue.

Any ticket price deviation (either through value-added packages or adjustments to the price of tickets) must be approved in advance by the conference office. *(Revised: 12/2005, 5/2008, 5/2010, 1/2014, 5/2016, 5/2017, 10/2017)*

2.5.11 Payment of Expenses.

2.5.11.1 Meetings. Among the meetings for which the Conference will reimburse business-related expenses for institutional personnel are: *(Revised: 5/2008, 5/2010, 5/2015, 5/2017)*

- a. Winter Conference Meetings (January/February): FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
- b. Council of Presidents Meeting (Men's/Women's Basketball Tournament): CEO, FAR chair, AD chair, SWA chair
- c. Spring Conference Meetings (May/June): FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest), head football coach (and adult guest), head men's basketball coach (and adult guest), head women's basketball coach (and adult guest), up to five student-athletes (autonomy student-athlete representatives, SAAC chair, SAAC vice-chair)
- d. Division IA FAR Spring Board Meeting: FAR representative to the Division IA FAR group
- e. Fall Council of Presidents Meeting (September): CEO, FAR chair, AD chair, SWA chair
- f. Fall Conference Meetings (October): FAR, AD, SWA, up to five student-athletes (autonomy student-athlete representatives, SAAC chair, SAAC vice-chair)

- g. FARA Meeting (November): Conference Secretary-Treasurer
- h. December Best Practices Meeting (Football Championship Game): FAR (and adult guest)
- i. Other Meetings: For a called Conference meeting, the school designated attendee(s) only shall be reimbursed for business-related expenses.

All service groups, except compliance directors and equipment managers, will meet once per year and will be reimbursed for that meeting. Compliance directors will meet twice per year. Equipment managers will meet via conference call. One individual from each school will be reimbursed for all service group meetings. Service groups include: academic support directors, communications directors, compliance directors, development directors, equipment managers, facilities and operations directors, head athletic trainers, marketing directors, student-athlete development directors, team physicians, ticket managers, and video services directors. *(Revised: 5/2011, 4/2015)*

2.5.11.2 Events. Among the events for which the Conference will reimburse business-related expenses for institutional personnel are: *(Revised: 10/2008, 5/2015)*

- a. ACC Football Championship: CEO (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
- b. Conference Champion Bowl or participating institution's bowl (three-night allowance): CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
- c. Conference Champion Bowl only: Head football coach (and adult guest)
- d. ACC Men's Basketball Championship: CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
- e. ACC Women's Basketball Championship: CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)

The chair(s) and vice-chair(s) of the sports committees will be reimbursed for business-related expenses incurred while attending the Championship. Business-related expenses are defined as meals, lodging (single or double room rate) tips and gratuities, and transportation [coach airfare, taxi, car rental plus gas, personal auto (current IRS mileage allowance)].

2.5.12 Football Ticket Return Policy.

The visiting team in a football game involving two Atlantic Coast Conference teams shall have the right to purchase a minimum of 3,800 tickets to sell to its fans in addition to the 500 complimentary tickets provided for ACC games, for a total of 4,300. By April 1 of each year, each visiting team shall confirm with each of its opponents the exact number of initial visiting team tickets up to the guaranteed minimum which are actually needed based upon previous usage and anticipated demand. By August 1 of each year, the visiting team may retain no more than 1,000 tickets. By September 1, the visiting team may retain no more than 500 tickets. Two weeks prior to a game, the visiting team may retain no more than 150 tickets. Three days following a game, the visiting team may return no more than 50 unsold tickets. Visiting teams will be financially responsible for any tickets not returned in accordance with the above quantities and deadlines. *(Revised: 2/2017, 5/2018)*

2.6 RULES OF ELIGIBILITY APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS

2.6.1 Conference Initial-Eligibility Rule.

A nonqualifier whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at a Conference institution shall not be eligible for competition, practice, or athletically related financial aid at any conference institution. On an

annual basis, a Conference member may permit a maximum of four nonqualifiers (two in men's sports and two in women's sports with no more than one in any single sport) who have been granted a partial waiver by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee permitting them to receive athletic aid and/or practice per NCAA rules and whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at a Conference institution. *(Revised: 2/2006)*

A nonqualifier who transfers to a Conference institution from a four-year college outside the Conference must, in addition to meeting all NCAA rules regarding such transfers, have satisfactorily completed 48 semester or 72 quarter hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, and have attended the immediately preceding four-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms) in order to be eligible for competition, practice, and athletically related financial aid. *(Revised: 10/2007)*

A nonqualifier who transfers to a Conference institution from a two-year college must meet all NCAA rules regarding 2-4 or 4-2-4 transfers as applicable. *(Revised: 10/2017)*

2.6.1.1 International Transfer Exception. An international transfer student-athlete who did not take a standardized test before enrolling full-time at an international collegiate institution shall be immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition, provided the student-athlete meets all NCAA four-year college transfer requirements and the student-athlete was not recruited by any institution prior to enrolling full-time at the international collegiate institution. The student must demonstrate foreign residency and attendance at the foreign institution. *(Adopted: 5/2008)*

2.6.1.2 Male Practice Player Exception. Male practice players are exempt from the conference initial-eligibility rule provided the student meets NCAA eligibility requirements. *(Adopted: 5/2008)*

2.6.1.3 Waivers. Upon written application and good cause shown, the faculty representatives, acting as a committee of the whole, shall have the authority to grant exceptions to this rule based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances which warrant the waiver of the normal application of this rule (e.g., the student's overall academic record, whether the student was recruited by the institution). A written summary of the faculty athletics representatives' decision will be distributed to all Conference members and kept on file in the Conference office.

2.6.2 Intraconference Transfer Rule.

A student-athlete who transfers directly from one Conference institution to another Conference institution and who was recruited by the first institution or received any athletically-related financial aid during the academic year immediately prior to the transfer is required to complete one academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) of residence at the certifying Conference institution before being eligible to compete for the certifying institution. During such a year of residence, the student-athlete is permitted to practice and receive financial aid pursuant to NCAA rules. A transfer student-athlete admitted after the 12th class day may not use that term for the purpose of establishing residence. *(Revised: 2/2006, 10/2008, 5/2015, 2/2019)*

2.6.2.1 Graduate Student Exception. A student-athlete who receives a baccalaureate degree at one member institution and who has been admitted into a graduate degree program at another member institution may transfer to another member institution without being subject to the intraconference transfer rule. NCAA transfer regulations would apply. *(Revised: 2/2006)*

2.6.2.2 Waivers. Waivers of this rule may be considered by the faculty athletics representatives, acting as a committee of the whole, provided the student-athlete has qualified for an exception or waiver of the NCAA four-year college transfer rule. Further, the waiver request must demonstrate objective evidence that extraordinary circumstances beyond the student-athlete's control warrant relief from this rule (e.g., personal hardship, family hardship). It is intended that waivers must meet a high threshold for relief and are not anticipated to be frequently approved. In general, coaching change alone is not sufficient circumstances for a waiver to be approved. *(Revised: 5/2015)*

2.6.3 Medical Hardship Waivers.

The Office of the Commissioner has the authority to administer all requests for medical hardship waivers per NCAA legislation. Institutions should submit such waiver requests on a form prescribed by the Conference office. All waiver requests received by the Conference should be complete upon submission and contain all the necessary and required NCAA and Conference documentation.

An institution may appeal the decision of the Office of the Commissioner to the faculty athletics representatives. If an institution wishes to appeal, a written appeal must be received in the Conference office within 30 calendar days from the date of the original decision letter. The faculty athletics representative from the institution appealing the decision will present the appeal to the entire council of faculty athletics representatives for vote. The decision of the faculty athletics representatives will be final, subject only to an appeal to the NCAA.

2.6.4 Eligibility.

2.6.4.1 Eligibility Certification. It is the responsibility of each institution to certify its student-athletes in accordance with all applicable Conference and NCAA eligibility requirements prior to allowing the student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

2.6.4.2 Forfeiture of Games. When a player is found to be ineligible for intercollegiate athletics, all athletic contests in which the student-athlete has participated, after the date of the act or conditions which rendered the individual ineligible, may be forfeited to the respective opposing team or teams, and any individual championships may be forfeited.

2.7 ASSIGNING OFFICIALS

The Conference office shall be responsible for the assignment of officials in the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. In no event shall officials be employees of the Conference. *(Revised: 2/2017)*

2.8 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

2.8.1 Alleged Violations.

The Commissioner may receive and investigate reports of alleged violations of rules and regulations of the Conference and of the NCAA and may interpret and rule upon such.

In order to prevent escalation of intraconference problems and continuation of violations, the following procedures are required:

- a. A member institution shall communicate to the conference office potential NCAA violations that might result in student-athlete ineligibility and generate media exposure. Further, an institution shall communicate potential violations of NCAA rules when it is reasonable to conclude that the potential violations might be Level I or II in nature (e.g., NCAA interview conducted). Such communication should be directed to the Commissioner (or his or her designee) in a timely manner and ultimately shall also include the resolution of the matter once complete. *(Adopted 4/2012)*
- b. An inquiry or report of alleged violations by a Conference member should be sent from a senior level athletics administrator or compliance director from the institution making the allegation to a senior level athletics administrator or compliance director at the institution to which the allegation is made. In addition, the institution making the allegation should notify the Conference office. If the above option is followed, the institution making the allegation is considered party to any investigation and shall receive subsequent information as outlined in (e) below. An institution may also use the conference compliance staff to communicate allegations from one Conference member to another; however, in this instance, the institution is not considered party to any investigation and shall not receive subsequent information. In either case, all findings should be reported to the Commissioner.
- c. The institution against which the allegation is made should consult with the Conference to procure advice and guidance in how to conduct the investigation, but should not rely on the Conference to assist in the actual investigation.
- d. Only the institution which made the allegation shall receive periodic progress reports throughout the investigation along with a final report at the conclusion of the investigation. That institution, shall not, however, release any information it receives to any other institution or entity. Violations of this will result in forfeiture of any subsequent information regarding the investigation or other sanctions.
- e. Once the investigation has concluded, the institution shall report its findings and, if applicable, any action taken to the Conference and/or NCAA. Subsequent to any decision or determination by the Conference and/or NCAA, only the institution which made the allegation shall receive a final report that shall include the following:
 - 1) Facts of the case as discovered through the investigation;
 - 2) Findings based upon the facts presented; and
 - 3) Action and/or penalties taken.

2.8.2 Investigations.

The Commissioner is the principal enforcement officer of the Conference rules and regulations but shall not undertake significant investigative responsibilities except in a supervisory capacity. Upon the request of the athletics director or faculty athletics representative of any member institution showing reasonable grounds or upon the Commissioner's own initiative, the Commissioner shall initiate such investigation as may be necessary to determine whether there has been a violation. As part of such an investigation, the Conference office should assist the institution in:

- a. Determining how the potential violation may be classified by the NCAA Enforcement staff (e.g., Level I, II, III);
- b. Identifying any mitigating circumstances;
- c. Determining the appropriate institutional action(s) that should be taken to remedy the situation;
- d. Determining appropriate penalties that would likely be accepted by the Enforcement staff, the

NCAA Committee on Infractions, the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff, or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee;

- e. Processing Level III violations through the process established by the Enforcement staff;
- f. Processing Level I and Level II violations through summary disposition, or Committee on Infractions; or
- g. Processing eligibility appeals through the NCAA-Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

2.8.3 Hearings.

If the investigation reveals that a violation may exist, the Commissioner shall inform the president, the faculty athletics representative, and the athletics director of the involved member institution, and afford an opportunity to be heard.

The Commissioner may elect to hear those cases deemed to be Level III in nature. Such hearing may be conducted by a designee of the Commissioner. If, after a hearing or failure of an institution to appear for a hearing, the Commissioner concludes there is a violation, the Commissioner is empowered to impose penalties such as, but not limited to, those listed in Appendix 2-5.

All other cases will be heard by the Executive Committee. That body shall have the same power as the Commissioner to impose penalties. No representative of the institution for whom the hearing is being held shall have membership on the hearing body. The institution and any employee or student-athlete involved in the case shall have an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by legal counsel. The decision of the hearing body must be rendered within one week after the hearing.

2.8.4. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

The Commissioner is authorized to investigate cases involving unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches, institutional officials or participants on teams representing member institutions and, if sufficient evidence is found that they have been guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the Commissioner is authorized to impose such penalties as in his judgment the case warrants. (See Bylaws 2.1 – Sportsmanship Principle)

2.8.5 Penalties.

Penalties imposed by the Commissioner shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until and unless set aside by the Conference on appeal.

2.8.6 Enforcement Reports.

The Commissioner shall, upon request, report to the Conference in executive session the results of any investigations into violations of Conference rules and regulations.

2.9 APPEALS

2.9.1 Appeal Procedures.

The decision of the Commissioner or the Executive Committee in any proceedings under Bylaws 2.8 may be appealed. Such appeal must be made by the institution involved within 14 days after receiving, by registered mail, the notice of such action. Appeals from decisions about interpretations or violations of the Conference rules and regulations, or penalties imposed under these rules, shall be made to the Conference through the Conference President.

- a. Final appeal of a decision made by the Commissioner normally is heard by the Executive Committee; however, at the request of the appealing institution, the Conference will hear the appeal in lieu of the Executive Committee.
- b. Final appeal of a decision made by the Executive Committee normally is heard by an Appeals Committee consisting of the past-president of the Conference from the Executive Committee, those faculty athletics representatives who are not members of the Executive Committee, and two athletics directors appointed by the President in such manner that no member institution will have both its faculty athletics representative and athletics director serving on the Appeals Committee. At the request of the appealing institution, the Conference will hear the appeal in lieu of the Appeals Committee.
- c. The committee hearing the appeal may, if it so chooses, modify the decision as to guilt and/or penalty but may not increase the penalty.
- d. Appeals shall be limited in scope and will not constitute a new complete hearing of the case. Notice of appeal shall state specifically the findings of violations or penalties or both on which the appeal is being made and the reasons why those items are being appealed.

2.9.2 Appellate Decision.

The decision as to the appeal shall be rendered only after affording any institution, employee, or student-athlete involved in the appealed portion of the case an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by legal counsel and must be rendered within one week after the hearing of the appeal. Such decision is final and is not subject to further appeal except under provision of Bylaws 2.9.3 (New Evidence or Prejudicial Error).

2.9.3 New Evidence or Prejudicial Error.

The Executive Committee shall consider a request to reopen a case upon receipt of new evidence of fact or of prejudicial error in the hearing or appeals procedure. A decision not to reopen a case is not subject to further appeal.

2.10 TELEVISION POLICY

[Note: See Bylaws 2.12 for provisions regarding the University of Notre Dame.]

2.10.1 Conference Package Contracts.

The Television Committee is authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts involving telecast of packages of football games and men's basketball games. Such contracts shall be submitted to the member institutions for approval, disapproval, or suggestions and recommendations, consistent with the terms of Conference contract policy as described in 2.10.3 (Conference Television Contract Policy).

2.10.2 Revenues From Sale of Rights to Package.

All revenues from sale of rights to the Conference television packages referred to in Section 2.10.1 (Conference Package Contracts) shall be deposited with the Conference office.

2.10.3 Conference Television Contract Policy.

Negotiations for future television contracts shall be conducted by the Commissioner with input from a

television subcommittee appointed by the Commissioner, in consultation with the Conference President. The subcommittee shall be comprised of representatives from faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors, and senior woman administrators.

Discussions and recommendations from the television subcommittee will be reported out to the full Television Committee. The Television Committee will review the proposed terms and conditions of the agreement(s) and make their recommendations to the faculty athletics representatives for their consideration and approval by two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference.

If practicable, television contracts should be in written form and signed by the participating parties within 60 days of the time of the agreement. If possible, said contract(s) shall be signed no later than 30 days prior to the first televised event of sports covered within this agreement. *(Adopted: 5/1992, Revised: 1/2010)*

2.10.4 Good Faith Effort not to Compete with Package.

The Conference members will make every good faith effort not to participate in a football or men's basketball game that will be televised in conflict with any of the Conference television packages of games. "Televised" and "television" mean over the air or by cable. If a Conference member is to participate in a non-package televised game which conflicts with or overlaps with one of the Conference football or men's basketball packages of games, the Conference member may participate in such non-package televised game only if (a) such non-package game is not distributed on television in the Conference area (defined as Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida), or (b) if the non-package game is to be televised in the Conference area, such game may be televised only during a time period which does not substantially overlap the time during which a Conference package game is being televised. When it appears there will be an overlap, the matter shall be promptly referred to the Commissioner, who shall then consider all relevant factors and make a final determination, in his or her sole discretion, as to whether or not the overlap is substantial.

2.10.5 Member Institution Contracts.

Individual member institutions may enter into contracts for the telecasts of football and men's basketball games which are not a part of the Conference packages, but only if such contracts do not conflict with Conference package contracts referred to in Bylaws 2.10.1 (Conference Package Contracts) and comply with all other provisions of Bylaws 2.10.

2.10.6 Revenues From Non-Package Games.

The revenues derived from participation by any Conference member in any televised game outside the Conference television packages shall be deposited with the Conference office.

2.10.7 Conference Non-Package Contracts.

In appropriate circumstances, the Commissioner's office may negotiate television contracts for events that are not part of the Conference television package of games referred to in 2.10.1 (Conference Package Contracts). However, such non-package contracts may, in the Commissioner's discretion, be negotiated by the Television Committee and/or submitted to the member institutions for approval.

2.10.8 Rights Fee.

The Television Committee shall establish a rights fee for any football game or men's basketball game being televised which is not part of any of the Conference television packages of games.

2.10.9 Distribution of Revenues.

The revenues derived under 2.10.2 (Revenues From Sale of Rights to Package) and 2.10.6 (Revenues From Non-Package Games) resulting from the ACC-ESPN Multimedia Agreement and the ACC-ESPN Network Agreement shall be divided equally among the Conference members, unless otherwise noted (see 2.12). *(Revised: 7/2016)*

2.11 GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.11.1 Booster Organization.

The athletics director shall serve as a board member of the institution's athletics booster (fundraising) organization where one exists, and the employees of that organization shall be directly responsible to the athletics director or the person to whom the athletics director reports.

2.11.2 Annual Institutional Certification.

A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in a Conference championship unless its governing board makes an annual institutional certification, on a form approved by the Conference office, attesting that:

- a. Responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the chief executive officer of the institution.
- b. The chief executive officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, Conference and all other relevant rules and regulations.
- c. The chief executive officer, in consultation with the faculty athletics representative and the athletics director, determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Conference.

2.11.3 Nonprofit Operating Principles.

2.11.3.1 Inurement of Income. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein above.

2.11.3.2 Legislative or Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation by legal, governmental agencies, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2.11.3.3 Operation Limitations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law), or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or other corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

2.11.3.4 Dissolution Clause. Upon the dissolution of the organization, a committee composed of voting delegates and athletics directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Committee shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the state court of jurisdiction in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

2.12 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEMBERSHIP

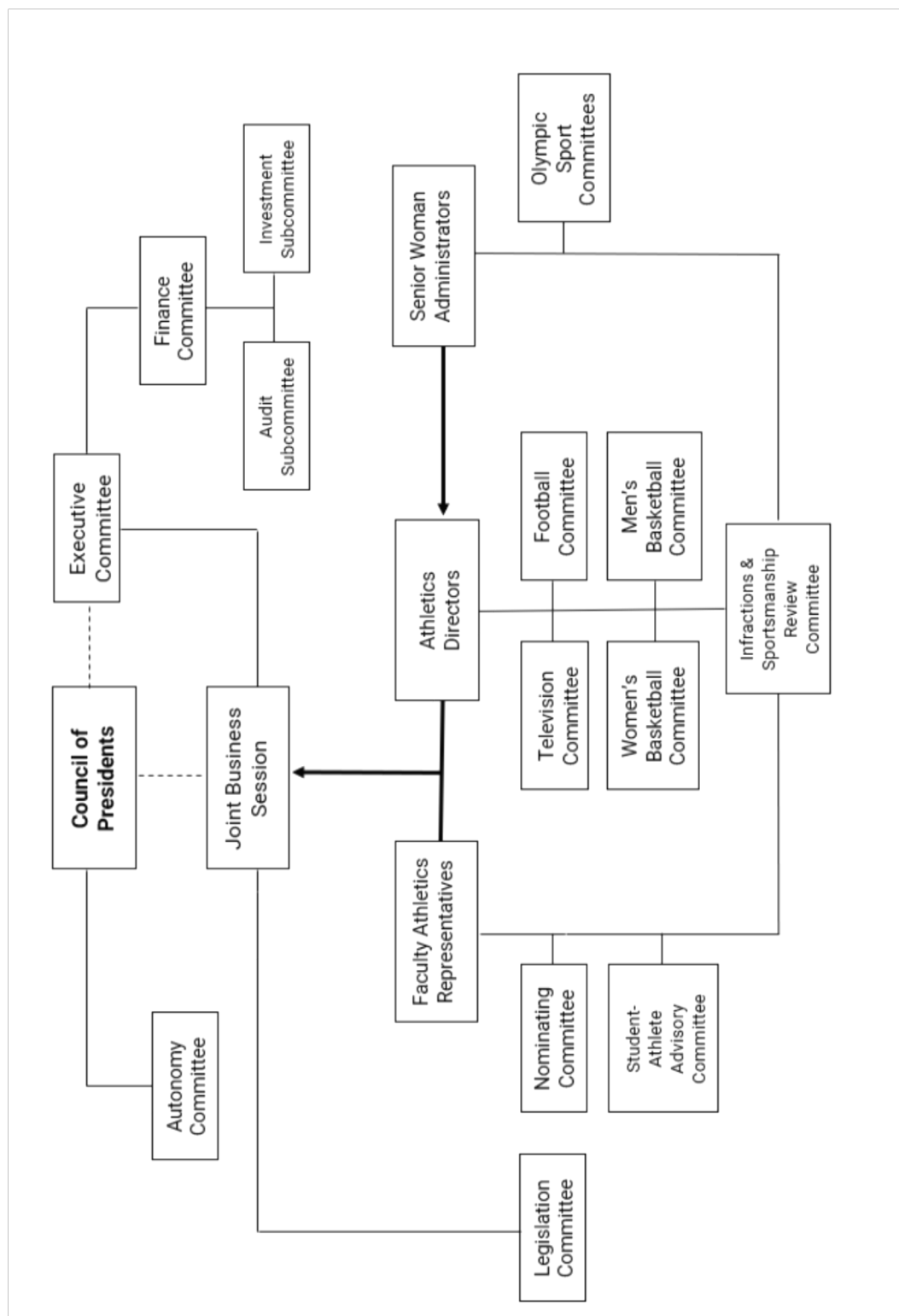
Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, these Bylaws, the Committee structure, Sports Operation Code, or General Policies and Procedures of the Conference: *(Adopted: 5/2013)*

- a. The University of Notre Dame's football team shall neither compete with the football teams of the other member institutions for the Conference championship nor participate in the ACC Football Championship Game. Any game between the University of Notre Dame football team and a football team from another member institution shall be considered a nonconference game. Such games will be covered by the ACC-Notre Dame Football Competition Agreement. Rules, Policies, and Procedures of the Conference that have specific application to football will not apply to the University of Notre Dame's football team, unless otherwise specifically provided. *(Revised: 1/2014)*
- b. The University of Notre Dame shall be entitled to retain all media and broadcast rights and revenues associated with its football and ice hockey teams, including rights and revenues related to its participation in Postseason Football Games.
- c. No representatives of the University of Notre Dame shall serve on any Conference committees dealing solely with football.
- d. Representatives of the University of Notre Dame serving on other Conference committees shall recuse themselves from voting on or participating in - and if asked shall leave the room during - the discussion of matters specifically relating to football, including media and broadcast rights relating to football, and such representatives shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present for any such vote.
- e. The University of Notre Dame shall not participate in any allocation or distribution of Conference revenues attributable to football media or broadcast rights. For purposes of this provision, eighty percent (80%) of total media and broadcast right revenues of the Conference in any particular fiscal year, after determination of amounts reserved or used for Conference office expenses, shall be deemed to be attributable to football, and the remaining twenty percent (20%) of such revenues shall be deemed to be attributable to other sports.
- f. The University of Notre Dame shall be entitled to retain all revenue from its participation in a

College Football Playoff (CFP) game or in the Orange Bowl and shall not receive any expense reimbursement from the Conference for such games or participate in the allocation or distribution of any revenues relating to the participation of any other member institution in such games.

- g. The University of Notre Dame shall participate in expense reimbursement and revenue distribution, with respect to its participation in a Postseason Football Game, other than a CFP game or the Orange Bowl, under the same terms and conditions as any other member institution.

APPENDIX 2-1 ACC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



APPENDIX 2-2 STANDING COMMITTEE ROSTERS

Committee members listed with an asterisk (*) are currently serving their second three-year term and cannot be reappointed.

Autonomy Committee

Fr. William P. Leahy (2020*)	Boston College
Darron Coley (2020)	Clemson University
Janie Hodge (2020*)	Clemson University
Martha Putallaz (2020*)	Duke University
Vanessa Fuchs (2021*)	Florida State University
Joeleen Akin (2020)	Georgia Institute of Technology
Vince Tyra (2022)	University of Louisville
Jennifer Strawley (2022)	University of Miami
Lissa Broome (2022)	University of North Carolina
Joel Pawlak (2022)	North Carolina State University
Tricia Bellia (2021*)	University of Notre Dame
Heather Lyke (2021)	University of Pittsburgh
Kingsley Jonathan (2020)	Syracuse University
Kent Syverud (2021)	Syracuse University
Carla Williams (2021)	University of Virginia
Tim Sands (2021)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Peter Brubaker (2022)	Wake Forest University
Caroline Kuhn (2020)	Wake Forest University

Staff Liaisons: John D. Swofford Commissioner
 Brad Hostetter Executive Associate Commissioner

Finance Committee

Tricia Bellia (2022)	University of Notre Dame, chair
Bob Murphy (2022)	Boston College
Eric George (2022)	Clemson University
Mitch Moser (2021*)	Duke University
Vanessa Fuchs (2021)	Florida State University
Marvin Lewis (2020)	Georgia Institute of Technology
Jeff Spoelker (2020)	University of Louisville
Blake James (2022)	University of Miami
Lissa Broome (2020*)	University of North Carolina
Beverly Armwood (2020)	North Carolina State University
Heather Lyke (2020)	University of Pittsburgh
Rick Burton (2021*)	Syracuse University
Steve Pritzker (2021)	University of Virginia
Joe Tront (2020)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Peter Brubaker (2021)	Wake Forest University

Staff Liaisons: Ben Tario Senior Associate Commissioner

Audit Subcommittee of the Finance Committee

Tricia Bellia (2022) University of Notre Dame, chair
 Mitch Moser (2021*) Duke University
 Blake James (2021) University of Miami
 Joe Tront (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 Peter Brubaker (2021) Wake Forest University

Staff Liaisons: Ben Tario Senior Associate Commissioner
 Kelvin Anthony Director
 Lynne Herndon Director

Investment Subcommittee of the Finance Committee

Tricia Bellia (2022) University of Notre Dame, chair
 John Zona (2021*) Boston College
 Clyde McCoy (2020*) University of Miami
 Joe Tront (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 Peter Brubaker (2021) Wake Forest University

Staff Liaisons: Ben Tario Senior Associate Commissioner
 Kelvin Anthony Director

Infractions and Sportsmanship Review Committee

Rick Burton (2020*) Syracuse University, chair
 Jocelyn Gates (2020) Boston College
 Stephanie Ellison-Johnson (2022) Clemson University
 Jacki Silar (2021*) Duke University
 Vanessa Fuchs (2021*) Florida State University
 Joeleen Akin (2020) Georgia Institute of Technology
 Elaine Wise (2020*) University of Louisville
 Jennifer Strawley (2021*) University of Miami
 Bubba Cunningham (2021) University of North Carolina
 Joel Pawlak (2021) North Carolina State University
 Missy Conboy (2022*) University of Notre Dame
 Jennifer Tuscano (2021) University of Pittsburgh
 Carrie Heilman (2021) University of Virginia
 Joe Tront (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 Barbara Walker (2022*) Wake Forest University

Staff Liaisons: Brad Hostetter Executive Associate Commissioner
 Kris Pierce Senior Associate Commissioner

Legislation Committee

Michelle Lee (2021) North Carolina State University, chair
 Elliott Charles (2020) Clemson University
 Todd Mesibov (2021) Duke University
 Shoshanna Engel (2020) Georgia Institute of Technology

Matt Banker (2020)	University of Louisville
Lissa Broome (2020)	University of North Carolina
Heather Lyke (2021)	University of Pittsburgh
Mark Wheeler (2021)	Syracuse University
Jaila Tolbert (2020)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Staff Liaisons:	Brad Hostetter	Executive Associate Commissioner
	Matt Burgemeister	Associate Commissioner

Nominating Committee

Dan Radakovich (2020)	Clemson University
Missy Conboy (2020)	University of Notre Dame
Joe Tront (2020)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Peter Brubaker (2021)	Wake Forest University
John D. Swofford	Commissioner
Brad Hostetter	Executive Associate Commissioner, ex-officio

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Student-athlete terms are for one year - appointments will be made in August.

Vanessa Fuchs (2020*)	Florida State University, ex-officio
Carrie Heilman (2021)	University of Virginia, ex-officio

Staff Liaisons:	Shamaree T. Brown	Director
	Marra Hvozdic	Director

Television Committee

Kevin White	Duke University, chair
Martin Jarmond	Boston College
Dan Radakovich	Clemson University
David Coburn	Florida State University
Todd Stansbury	Georgia Institute of Technology
Vince Tyra	University of Louisville
Blake James	University of Miami
Bubba Cunningham	University of North Carolina
Boo Corrigan	North Carolina State University
Jack Swarbrick	University of Notre Dame
Heather Lyke	University of Pittsburgh
John Wildhack	Syracuse University
Carla Williams	University of Virginia
Whit Babcock	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
John Currie	Wake Forest University
Joe Tront (2020) (President)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, ex-officio
Jennifer Strawley (2022*) (Senior Woman Administrator)	University of Miami, ex-officio

Staff Liaison:	John D. Swofford	Commissioner
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APPENDIX 2-3 SPORT COMMITTEE ROSTERS

Committee members listed with an asterisk (*) are currently serving their second three-year term and cannot be reappointed.

Baseball Committee

Michael Beale (2022*) University of North Carolina, chair
 Kyle Young (2021) Clemson University, vice-chair
 Ted White (2022) University of Virginia, vice-chair
 Michelle Lee (2022) North Carolina State University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce Senior Associate Commissioner

Men's Basketball Committee

Kevin White Duke University, chair
 Marvin Dawkins (2020*) University of Miami, ex-officio
 Mike Young (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the athletics director of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Paul Brazeau Senior Associate Commissioner

Women's Basketball Committee

John Wildhack (2021) Syracuse University, chair
 Jocelyn Gates Boston College
 Stephanie Ellison-Johnson Clemson University
 Nina King Duke University
 Jim Curry Florida State University
 Joeleen Akin Georgia Institute of Technology
 Christine Herring University of Louisville
 Jennifer Strawley University of Miami
 Robbi Pickeral Evans University of North Carolina
 Stephanie Menio North Carolina State University
 Katie Capps University of Notre Dame
 Bethany Wagner University of Pittsburgh
 Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick Syracuse University
 Brittney Whiteside University of Virginia
 Bridget Brugger-McSorley Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 Barbara Walker Wake Forest University
 Pam Perrewé (2021) Florida State University, ex-officio
 Kenny Brooks (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, ex-officio

Staff Liaison: Mary McElroy Senior Associate Commissioner

Men's and Women's Fencing Committee

Bob Weiseman (2021) Duke University, chair
 Shelley Johnson (2022) University of North Carolina, vice-chair
 Jocelyn Gates (2020) Boston College, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Field Hockey Committee

Ashley Wechter (2022) Wake Forest University, chair
 Larry Gallo (2020) University of North Carolina, vice-chair
 Jacki Silar (2022) Duke University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Ashley Champigny Director

Football Committee

Whit Babcock (2020) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, chair
 Rick Burton (2020) Syracuse University, ex-officio
 Dave Clawson (2020) Wake Forest University, ex-officio
 Jennifer Strawley (2021*) University of Miami, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the athletics director of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Michael Strickland Senior Associate Commissioner

Men's Golf Committee

Natalie Honnen (2021) Clemson University, chair
 Jack Winters (2021) Duke University, vice-chair
 Barbara Walker (2022*) Wake Forest University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Jessica Warhaftig Director

Women's Golf Committee

Stuart Pearce (2020*) Florida State University, chair
 Eric George (2022) Clemson University, vice-chair
 Jacki Silar (2021*) Duke University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Jessica Warhaftig Director

Men's Lacrosse Committee

Clint Gwaltney (2022) University of North Carolina, chair
 Chris Kennedy (2022) Duke University, vice-chair
 Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick Syracuse University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Ashley Champigny Director

Women's Lacrosse Committee

Rick Steinbacher (2020*) University of North Carolina, chair
 Heather Ryan (2022*) Duke University, vice-chair
 Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick Syracuse University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Jessica Warhaftig Director

Women's Rowing Committee

Marcus Blossom (2020) Boston College, chair
 Amanda Gray (2021) Clemson University, vice-chair
 Missy Conboy (2021*) University of Notre Dame, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Men's Soccer Committee

Kyle Young (2020) Clemson University, chair
 Steven Adams (2022) Wake Forest University, vice-chair
 Marielle vanGelder (2022) University of North Carolina, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Women's Soccer Committee

Dwight Lewis (2020) Wake Forest University, chair
 Reyna Gilbert-Lowry (2022*) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, vice-chair
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce Senior Associate Commissioner

Softball Committee

Cindy Hartmann (2022*) Florida State University, chair
 Amy Calabrese (2022) University of Louisville, vice-chair
 Jennifer Tuscano (2022*) University of Pittsburgh, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee

Danny White (2021) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, chair
 Bethany Wagner (2022) University of Pittsburgh, vice-chair
 Michelle Lee (2022*) North Carolina State University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Jessica Warhaftig Director

Men's Tennis Committee

John Carns (2022*) University of Louisville, chair
 Angie Torain (2021) University of Notre Dame, vice-chair
 Stephanie Ellison-Johnson (2020) Clemson University, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Women's Tennis Committee

Bill Oakes (2021*) Wake Forest University, chair
 Mark Wheeler (2022) Syracuse University, vice-chair
 Jennifer Strawley (2022*) University of Miami, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

Men's and Women's Track and Cross Country Committee

Marvin Lewis (2020) Georgia Institute of Technology, chair
 Troy Austin (2022) Duke University, vice-chair
 Reginald Brooks (2022) University of Notre Dame, vice-chair
 Christine Herring (2020*) University of Louisville, vice-chair
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Ashley Champigny Director

Women's Volleyball Committee

Joeleen Akin (2020) Georgia Institute of Technology, chair
 Jacki Silar (2021) Duke University, vice-chair
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Jessica Warhaftig Director

Wrestling Committee

Chris Helms (2021*) Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, chair
 Vince Ille (2021) University of North Carolina, vice-chair
 Jennifer Tuscano (2021) University of Pittsburgh, ex-officio
 (The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Brandon Neff Assistant Commissioner

APPENDIX 2-4 SERVICE GROUP LIAISONS

Listed below are the staff liaison(s) for the service groups that are reimbursed expenses for in-person meetings (See Article V. Section V-11 of the Conference Bylaws).

Academic Support Directors	Shamaree T. Brown.....Director Marra Hvozdovic.....Director
Communications Directors	Amy Yakola.....Executive Associate Commissioner Kevin Best.....Senior Associate Commissioner
Compliance Directors	Matt Burgemeister.....Associate Commissioner Brad Hostetter.....Executive Associate Commissioner Marra Hvozdovic.....Director
Development Directors	Amy Yakola.....Executive Associate Commissioner
Equipment Managers	Donald Moore.....Director
Facilities and Operations Directors	Brandon Neff.....Assistant Commissioner
Head Athletic Trainers	Jessica Warhaftig.....Director Shamaree T. Brown.....Director Kris Pierce.....Senior Associate Commissioner
Marketing Directors	Tim Lynde.....Senior Associate Commissioner
Student-Athlete Development Directors	Shamaree T. Brown.....Director Marra Hvozdovic.....Director
Team Physicians	Brad Hostetter.....Executive Associate Commissioner
Ticket Managers	Ben Tario.....Senior Associate Commissioner Kara Tyree.....Director
Video Services Directors	Scott McBurney.....Associate Commissioner

APPENDIX 2-5 PENALTIES

1. The offending institution or staff member may be publicly reprimanded and/or censured by the commissioner and warned against repetition of the offense.
2. The staff member found in violation of a recruiting rule may be denied the privilege of contact with any prospective student-athlete for a period not to exceed one year; and the same penalty may be imposed upon all staff members of the sport involved.
3. The institution may be denied the right to schedule games with other Conference members in the sport in which the violation occurred. This action shall be subject to approval of the Conference.
4. The Commissioner shall have the authority to fine any member institution a maximum of \$25,000 for any violation of the Constitution and Bylaws. Fines assessed shall be paid within 30 days after final determinations.
5. The Commissioner may order severance of athletic relations with the offending institution. This action shall be subject to the approval of the Conference.
6. Member institutions prohibited from appearing on any ACC or NCAA controlled television program and/or prohibited from participating in ACC or NCAA preseason or postseason competition, including bowl games, shall not be entitled to participate in the distribution of Conference funds derived from those sources during the period of such prohibition.
7. Prohibition of an institution from participating in sanctioned Conference competition versus non-Conference teams and from sharing in the revenue distribution derived from the event.
Note: The above would include any television arrangement in which the Conference is a participant.
8. Prohibition of an institution from participating in NCAA Championships or postseason bowl games.
9. Prohibition of an institution from receiving Atlantic Coast Conference Championship tickets or tickets to Conference sanctioned competition versus non-Conference opponents.
10. Prohibition of an institution from sharing in distribution of other Conference income (e.g., corporate sponsorship, NCAA grant money).
11. Ineligibility of a team or teams for Conference championships.
12. Determination that contests against a university on probation for violations in a sport may be determined not to count in Conference standings in that sport.
13. Restriction of a coach involved in violations from any coaching for a period of time.
14. Reduction in the number of coaches in any sport.
15. Reduction in the number of initial grants in football for one or more years.
16. Reduction in the maximum allowable scholarship limits in a sport for one or more years.
17. Disassociation of the institution from a booster club or the reorganization of such a club controlled by the institution.
18. Restriction of a coach from having a television show.
19. Restriction of a coach from summer sports camp activity.
20. Restrict number of a coach's remunerated public appearances.
21. Required annual report from the coach and the athletics director concerning the status of compliance in a sport.
22. Cancellation of a coach's gratuities from athletic equipment companies.
23. Reduction of the recruiting budget for a sport or coach.
24. Requirement that an institution show cause as to why its membership should not be terminated if appropriate action is not taken against a coach found to have been involved in serious financial aid violations.



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[Note: For ease of reference, changes in the Sports Operation Code for 2019-20 are underlined.]

3.1 CONFERENCE COMPETITION

In order to provide a regular and orderly means of competition between the teams of student-athletes of member institutions, the following articles outline the principles and agreements among the athletics directors affecting the conduct of games, meets, matches, tournaments and championships of the Conference.

In baseball, football, men's soccer, and softball, the Conference will be split into two divisions titled Atlantic (Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Louisville, North Carolina State, Syracuse, Wake Forest) and Coastal (Duke, Georgia Tech, Miami, North Carolina, Pittsburgh, Virginia, Virginia Tech). In Olympic sports using divisions (baseball, men's soccer, softball), Notre Dame may compete in either the Atlantic or Coastal division in order to equalize the number of teams in each division. *(Revised: 5/2016)*

As a basic principle for intraconference competition, all member institutions shall compete with other members in all sports fielded whenever practicable.

The specific characteristics of a varsity sport for purposes of Conference championship participation are:

- a. The coach be hired and paid by the Department of Athletics and report to the athletics director or his or her designated representative;
- b. All team expenses such as travel, uniforms, insurance for travel or injury, officiating fees, etc., be paid by the Department of Athletics; and
- c. All student-athletes be eligible under NCAA and Conference rules.

3.1.1 Championships.

If penalties imposed by the NCAA or the Conference or the member institution itself prohibit postseason competition in a particular sport, the member institution thus penalized shall not be eligible to participate in a Conference championship event and in a Conference season-ending tournament and in any Conference-wide event that determines qualification for the NCAA championship in that sport for the duration of the prohibition. Games/matches played against Conference opponents by the prohibited member institution team shall count as usual in the Conference standings during the season of competition for the sport.

All member institutions must compete in good faith at any Conference championship in which that team and/or individual qualifies. Further, no team and/or individual competing in a Conference-sponsored sport may compete in another conference championship without prior written approval from the Conference office. *(Adopted: 4/2011, Revised: 4/2012)*

3.1.2 Recognized Conference Sports.

The Conference will conduct competition in the following sports: baseball; basketball-men's/women's; cross country-men's/women's; fencing-men's/women's; field hockey; football; golf-men's/women's; lacrosse-men's/women's; rowing-women's; soccer-men's/women's; softball; swimming and diving-men's/women's; tennis-men's/women's; indoor track and field-men's/women's; outdoor track and field-men's/women's; volleyball-women's; and wrestling. The Conference shall conduct a championship in any

NCAA sport in which at least four member institutions field intercollegiate teams and certify that they desire to participate in a Conference championship.

The rules, regulations and athletics director's agreements in the sports listed above shall be administered by the Conference. In all other sports, these rules, together with other Conference or NCAA policies, shall be administered by the institutions.

3.1.3 Medical Regulations.

A qualified athletic trainer and/or doctor shall be supplied by the home institution at all Conference regular-season contests and championship events. Medical coverage should be made available for all off-campus championship events. All athletic trainers traveling to Conference championships are required to participate in a meeting prior to the start of the championship.

3.1.4 Code of Conduct.

It shall be the responsibility of each institution to ensure that all individuals employed or directly associated with the athletics program conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Unsportsmanlike conduct, particularly when demonstrated by coaches, players, band members, cheerleaders, mascots and/or athletics department staff members cannot be tolerated and shall be subject to individual disciplinary action. Institutional disciplinary action may be initiated by the Commissioner if it is found that the institution's policies, action or failure to act contributed to the individual's misconduct.

Public criticism of officials or comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Institutional personnel are prohibited, therefore, from commenting on officiating, other than directly to the Conference office. (See Article I of the Bylaws for the Sportsmanlike Principle.)

3.1.5 Regular-Season Squad-Size Limits.

There shall be a limit on the number of student-athletes who may travel to regular-season intraconference competition being held away from the institution's home facility. These limits apply to all student-athletes, whether or not they are in uniform and intending to compete or accompanying the team to an away from home competition (e.g., redshirt, injured, etc.)

The following exceptions apply to the regular season travel squad limitation:

- a. An institution playing a non-conference series or game adjacent to a Conference series or game is allowed to take additional student-athletes to the Conference series or game.
- b. An institution is allowed to take additional student-athletes to a Conference series or game during an institution's official break period that includes two or more weekdays, Monday through Friday (e.g., spring break, fall break, Thanksgiving, semester breaks, post-exams).

Under both exceptions, the additional student-athletes may be in uniform, may sit on the bench or in the dugout and may take part in pre-game activities; however, they may not compete.

When violations of the regular-season travel limits occur the conference liaison will verify the number of travel members of the team in question and then will contact the institutional sport administrator. If warranted, the Conference will then issue an official letter of reprimand to the institution. (*Revised: 5/2006, 5/2007, 10/2007, 4/2008, 4/2009, 5/2009, 10/2009, 4/2010, 4/2011, 4/2014*)

Sport	# of student-athletes travel during regular season	# of student-athletes travel during regular season	
Baseball	27	Soccer – M.....	26
Basketball – M	N/A	Soccer – W.....	26
Basketball – W	N/A	Softball	22
Cross Country – M/W	16	Swimming – M/W.....	24
Fencing – M/W.....	18	(divers count ½)	
Field Hockey	25	Tennis – M/W	10
Football.....	72	Track-Indoor/Outdoor – M.....	38
Golf – M/W	7	Track-Indoor/Outdoor – W.....	40
Lacrosse – M	40	Volleyball – W	15
Lacrosse – W	32	Wrestling	15
Rowing – W	53		

3.1.6 Suspended or Canceled Conference Competition.

In instances when intraconference competition has been suspended or canceled the following principles are understood: (*Adopted: 10/2009*)

- Protocol for determining if a suspension or cancellation is required is included in the specific sport's Game Operations Manual or the Olympic Sports Policies and Procedures Guide.
- If it is determined that a regular-season conference contest should be suspended or canceled and it cannot be re-scheduled, the contest will not be factored into the conference standings. Refer to the sport sections of the Sports Operation Code or sport-specific tie-breaking procedures.

3.1.7 Conference Championships.

The Conference office, in cooperation with a designated representative from the host institution or host support group, shall have charge of all championships. The host institution's designated representative shall work together with the Conference office in developing a budget for the Championship. The budget shall be submitted for approval by the Commissioner on behalf of the Executive Committee. Thirty days after the Championships, the host institution shall submit a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements. All expenses shall be subject to approval by the Conference.

The Championship Committee, consisting of the head coach of each member institution, will serve to adjudicate protests and other scheduling decisions relating to the Championship unless a separate committee has been specified in the sport's Championship Manual.

Unless otherwise specified, the Conference will reimburse each institution for championship expenses for its student-athletes equivalent to the limits indicated below. An institution may take additional student-athletes to the championship at its own expense. There shall also be a limit on the number of student-athletes in uniform at Conference championships, as indicated below.

Sport	Student-athlete participation limit	Student-athletes in uniform limit	Championship reimbursement limit
Baseball	NCAA (27)	NCAA (27)	35
Basketball – M	NCAA (15)	NCAA (15)	see sport
Basketball – W	NCAA (15)	NCAA (15)	see sport
Cross Country – M/W	10	10	11
Fencing – M/W	12	12	15

Field Hockey	NCAA (24)	NCAA (24)	30
Football	85	85	see sport
Golf – M	NCAA (6)	None	<u>8</u>
Golf – W	NCAA (5)	None	7
Lacrosse – M	40	NCAA (52)	40
Lacrosse – W	40	40	34
Rowing – W	40	40	46
Soccer – M	26	26	27
Soccer – W	24	24	29
Softball	NCAA (20)	NCAA (20)	28
Swimming – M/W	21*	21*	28
Tennis – M/W	10	None	13
Track (Indoor & Outdoor) – M/W	30	30	36
Volleyball – W	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wrestling	12	12	17

* No more than 18 swimmers; divers count as one.

NCAA – Sports with 'NCAA' as the number of student-athletes in uniform for the Conference championship indicates that the travel squad for that sport shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit. The number in parentheses indicates the NCAA limit at the beginning of the academic year, which is subject to change by the NCAA prior to the start of the championship. Notification of such changes will be provided by the Conference office.

In order to qualify for reimbursement, a participant must be properly entered and present at the championship. The mileage rate is equivalent to the prevailing per-mile round-trip rate travel established by the Internal Revenue Service at the time of the Conference budget approval, with an additional meal allowance of \$26.00 per day and a lodging allowance of \$37.50 per day. The chair(s) and vice-chair(s) of the sports committees will be reimbursed for business-related expenses incurred while attending the championship. In addition, if a Conference championship site is selected out of the "footprint" of the Conference (e.g., Disney), consideration will be given to the impact on travel reimbursement. (See business-related expenses in Bylaws 2.5.11.) Member institutions may submit a waiver for additional reimbursement should extenuating circumstances arise such as a natural disaster or travel issues. *(Revised: 5/2009, 10/2009, 10/2016)*

The following guidelines shall be used in applying the above figures:

- A host institution may be only reimbursed for selected meals on a case-by-case basis during a championship event and no lodging expenses will be reimbursed. *(Revised: 4/2012)*
- Meals will be reimbursed at breakfast-\$6, lunch-\$8, and dinner-\$12. If a team leaves its campus after 9:00 a.m. for a Conference championship, it will not be reimbursed for breakfast. If a team leaves its campus after 1:00 p.m., it will not be reimbursed for lunch. If a team arrives on its campus from a Conference championship prior to 6:00 p.m. it will not be reimbursed for dinner.
- Lodging reimbursement will be limited to the night before the first day of competition, plus the number of days a team remains at the championship site while competing. Maximum number of nights lodging for championship events are:

Baseball.....	6	Rowing – W.....	2
Basketball – M.....	5	Soccer – M.....	6
Basketball – W.....	5	Soccer – W.....	3
Cross Country – M/W.....	1	Softball.....	5
Fencing – M/W.....	2	Swimming & Diving – M/W.....	5
Field Hockey.....	5	Tennis – M/W.....	5

Football	2	Indoor Track & Field – M/W	4
Golf – M/W.....	4	Outdoor Track & Field – M/W.....	4
Lacrosse – M.....	3	Wrestling	2
Lacrosse – W.....	5		

- d. Discrepancies will be resolved through the Conference office and the business manager and/or assistant athletics director at the respective institution.
- e. Expense sheets must be filed within a 30-day period following the conclusion of the Championship, but in no event later than June 30.

3.1.8 Advertising.

Advertising and sponsorship policies for Conference championship events shall be consistent with current NCAA championships regulations. Such policies are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. To the extent allowed by existing contractual relationships with third-party rights holders, the Commissioner shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of championship game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of Conference championships; further, the following are expressly prohibited:

- a. Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below);
- b. Cigarettes and other tobacco products;
- c. Professional sports organizations or personnel (except as specified for selected championships);
- d. Organizations promoting gambling.

3.1.8.1 Malt Beverages, Beer, and Wine Advertisements. Advertising of malt beverages, beer, and wine products that do not exceed six percent (6%) alcohol by volume may be used in championship game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not comprise more than 14 percent (14%) of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials.)

3.1.8.2 Sponsorships. Conference championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer, or wine companies or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time.

3.1.9 Experimental Playing Rules.

An experimental change of playing rules may be adopted by the use of amendment procedures outlined in the Conference Constitution and Bylaws. Any such change will be valid for one playing season only and shall expire automatically unless formally readopted.

3.1.10 Motion Pictures and Electronic Media.

Motion picture and videotape cameras may be used by the institutions whose teams are competing in an athletic contest. Restrictions on the exchange of film shall be as agreed upon annually by the coaches.

3.1.11 Artificial Noisemakers.

In sports other than men's and women's soccer, artificial noisemakers (e.g., cowbells, whistles, clappers, thundersticks) will not be permitted at any Conference sporting event including regular-season and postseason events. In men's and women's soccer, artificial noisemakers – except for air horns, whistles, and devices that amplify electronic sound – are permitted at all regular-season matches and the conference championship. (*Revised: 5/2016, 2/2017*)

3.2 BASEBALL

3.2.1 Regular Season.

3.2.1.1 Scheduling. Every team will attempt to play a full 30-game conference schedule. *(Revised: 4/2014)*

Rainouts will be handled as follows: *(Revised: 5/2007, 4/2013)*

- a. If the first or second scheduled game is stopped before it becomes a regulation game (4-1/2 or 5 innings), it will be completed as a nine-inning game on the date of the next scheduled game between the two teams. The second game of the day will be a nine-inning game.
- b. If on the final date of the series, a doubleheader or one game plus is to be played, the first game or suspended game must be completed by 4:00 p.m. The next game will then be a nine-inning game. If the first game or suspended game is not completed by 4:00 p.m., the next game will not be played unless mutually agreed to by both coaches (no game may start after 6:00 p.m.).
- c. All games must be completed (nine innings) unless the final day of the series is stopped because of weather. In that case, the last game played will count if it has become regulation (4-1/2 or 5 innings). If the game has not become regulation, it will be canceled.
- d. All doubleheaders are scheduled as two nine-inning games.
- e. No make-up games are allowed to be played after the last date of the scheduled series.
- f. Any alteration to the original conference schedule must be approved through the Conference office.

Should a field be deemed unplayable prior to the start of a series, the host institution is responsible for finding an alternate site within its region. If a site within the region cannot be used, the teams have the option of playing at the visiting team's facility; however, the games will not count toward the conference record. If an alternate site cannot be used and the home team cannot travel to the visiting team's site, the series will be canceled. *(Adopted: 4/2014)*

3.2.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for baseball shall be limited to 27 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 4/2009)*

3.2.1.3 Umpires. Umpires shall be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Baseball Umpires during regular-season conference competition.

3.2.1.4 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.2.1.5 Complimentary Game Admission. In any regular-season game for which the host institution charges admission, the visiting team shall be provided a maximum of 75 complimentary admissions at its request. *(Revised: 4/2014)*

3.2.1.6 Noncoaching Staff Members. Noncoaching staff members (e.g., director of operations) are precluded from wearing a team uniform during conference competition. *(Adopted: 12/2006, Revised: 4/2008)*

3.2.2 Conference Championship.

3.2.2.1 Championship Determination. A 12-team pool-play season-ending tournament will be played at a site with a lighted baseball field over a six-day period to determine the Conference champion and the automatic representative to the NCAA tournament. In the event that pool play has not been completed, the number one seed will receive the automatic qualification. If pool play is completed, the team with the best record in the ACC championship will receive the automatic qualification. If the teams in the semifinals or championship game have the same record, the highest seed remaining will receive the automatic qualification. The championship game must be played to a complete game status under NCAA rules to declare a champion. *(Revised: 10/2006, 4/2007, 10/2013, 10/2016, 2/2017)*

3.2.2.2 Championship Qualification. The top team from both the Atlantic and Coastal divisions, determined by conference winning percentage, and the next ten teams with the best conference winning percentage regardless of division will participate in the baseball championship. The two division champions will automatically be seeded numbers one and two based on winning percentage in overall conference competition, and the number one seed shall have the choice of its preferred day off. The remaining teams will be seeded three through twelve based on winning percentage in overall conference competition without regard to division. All ties will be broken using the tie-breaking provisions. *(Revised: 4/2006, 4/2012, 10/2016)*

3.2.2.3 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular-season conference game results. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2006, 10/2006, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- Common opponents are teams that have been scheduled by the Conference to play during the regular season. One completed game of a series constitutes a common opponent for tiebreaker purposes.
- If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied because at least one game of the series was not played, the next ordered criteria should be used.
- Divisional standings will be determined by a team's overall conference winning percentage, not just winning percentage within the division.
- In two-team ties, when comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's winning percentage against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same winning percentage when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the winning percentage against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- In three-or-more-team ties, when comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference winning percentage against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.

- When overall or divisional standings are used in tiebreakers, records against teams or groups of teams will be used prior to any seeding or divisional tiebreakers. For example, Teams A and B are divisional co-champions and Team A has received the higher seed. When determining the tiebreaker for seeds three through 12, results against Teams A and B should be used as a group, not just results against Team A.
- When comparing records against a single team or group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail even if the number of games played against a team or group of teams is unequal. If winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue until one team gains an advantage. For example, 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

3.2.2.3.1 Division Champion(s) Determination. The division champion(s) will be the team(s) in each division with the highest overall conference winning percentage. If two or more teams are tied for first place in divisional standings, they shall be declared division co-champions. For seeding purposes, the tie will be broken to determine which team receives the highest seed within each division.

Two-Team Tie

- Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the next highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage.
- Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until one team gains an advantage.
- If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie for the highest seed in each division, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the next highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.

- d. Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.2.2.3.2 Seeds One and Two Determination. The highest seed from each division will automatically be seeded numbers one and two based on overall conference winning percentage.

Tie for Seeds One and Two

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the next highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage.
- c. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.2.2.3.3 Seeds Three through 12 Determination.

- a. Divisional Opponents – when the tied teams are divisional opponents, the following procedures will be used:

Two-Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 12

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- 3) Winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage.
- 4) Winning percentage against all common opponents in the opposite division.
- 5) Winning percentage against all opponents in the opposite division.
- 6) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until one team gains an advantage.
- 7) If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 12

In the case of a three-team tie for seeds three through 12 among divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 12 will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than

three divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 12 for divisional opponents will be restarted.

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- 3) Winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 4) Winning percentage against all common opponents in the opposite division.
- 5) Winning percentage against all opponents in the opposite division.
- 6) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 7) If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

- b. Non-Divisional Opponents – when the tied teams are non-divisional opponents, the following procedures will be used:

Two-Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 12

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage.
- 3) If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 12

In the case of a three-team tie for seeds three through 12 among non-divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 12 will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three non-divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 12 for non-divisional opponents will be restarted.

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 3) If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.2.2.4 Championship Management. The designated Championship Manager, as appointed by the Baseball Committee, will work with the Games Committee to determine whether a game will be started in the event of inclement weather. The Games Committee has the authority to make any adjustments it may deem necessary in the championship format should inclement weather interfere with the schedule. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a manual prepared by the Championship Manager.

3.2.2.5 Ten-Run Rule. A ten-run rule will be in effect after the seventh inning for all conference championship games except the championship game.

3.2.2.6 Umpires. Championship umpires will be nominated and selected by the Supervisor of Baseball Umpires.

3.2.2.7 Participant Limit. The participant limit for the Baseball Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.2.2.8 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. The limit on student-athletes in uniform for the Baseball Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.2.2.9 Dugout. The dugout limit for the conference championship is 35. *(Adopted: 5/2006)*

3.2.2.10 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.2.2.11 Noncoaching Staff Members. Noncoaching staff members (e.g., director of operations) are precluded from wearing a team uniform during the conference championship. *(Adopted: 12/2006. Revised: 4/2008)*

3.3 BASKETBALL – MEN’S

3.3.1 Regular Season.

3.3.1.1 Scheduling. Each of the 15 conference institutions having a basketball team shall play a 20-game three-year rotating conference schedule with two primary partners. *(Revised: 2/2012, 7/2016)*

3.3.1.2 Officials. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment and coordination of basketball officials. The expenses of the coordination of officials will be included in the Commissioner’s budget. The athletics directors shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in basketball. They shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials, and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

3.3.1.3 Uniforms. The home team will wear light uniforms and the visiting team will wear dark uniforms.

3.3.1.4 Tickets. The visiting team will be given 75 complimentary tickets (reserved seats), all of which must be located behind the visiting team bench with no more than 25 seats on any one row.

3.3.1.5 Dressing Rooms. The home team shall provide the visiting team a dressing room, prior to the game, with water, ice and if requested, a carbonated beverage for use at half-time and at the end of the game.

3.3.1.6 Pep Bands. No visiting team pep bands shall be permitted at Conference basketball games. Home team pep bands play shall be restricted to pre-game, half-time, post-game and during timeouts. There shall be no playing of band instruments during a free throw, throw-in, jump ball or live-ball situation.

3.3.1.7 Cheerleaders. No visiting cheerleaders are permitted to travel to regular-season conference games.

3.3.1.8 Introductions. Visiting team starters will be introduced first, followed by home team starters. Visiting teams shall be treated with courtesy when introduced.

3.3.1.9 Rules.

- a. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
- b. Proposed Interpretations. Proposals for rule interpretations by the conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
- c. Protest of Officials’ Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

3.3.1.10 Preliminary Games. There shall be a set period of at least 45 minutes prior to tip-off of the varsity game when the court will be cleared and available to both teams.

3.3.2 Conference Championship.

3.3.2.1 Championship Determination. There shall be a single-elimination basketball tournament held under the direction of the Men's Basketball Committee and the winner shall be the Conference champion. Details for the conduct of the championship will be contained in a participant's manual prepared by the championship manager. Dates and sites of the Conference championship will be selected by the athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives and announced from the Conference office.

3.3.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the basketball championship will be determined by the regular-season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used:

- a. When two teams are tied in the standings, regular season head-to-head results are used as the tiebreaker.
- b. If the tied teams played each other twice in the regular season and split their games, then each team's record against the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular season-standings) and then continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
 - 1) When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
 - 2) When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal (e.g., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3). If the winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team or group of tied teams, continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
- c. If three or more teams are tied in the standings, the following procedure will be used:
 - 1) The combined record in conference games between the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken and seeds assigned based on the winning percentage of the combined conference records. The higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal (e.g., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4).
 - 2) If procedure (1) fails to break the tie, then each tied team's record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.
 - 3) If the tie is broken by (1) or (2) regarding one or more teams, but three or more teams remain tied, then procedures (1) and (2) will be re-applied among those tied teams only.
 - 4) If two teams remain tied, procedures (a) and (b) will be followed.
- d. If there is more than one tie in the standings, and when using the tie-breaking procedures there are a pair of teams tied, a team's record against the combined tied teams (prior to

- their own tie-breaking procedures) is used, rather than performance against the individual tied teams.
- e. If procedures (b) and/or (c) fail to establish an advantage, a coin flip to break the tie will be conducted by the Commissioner after the final regular season game before the Conference championship.
 - f. If a coin flip or draw (for a three-or-more-team tie) is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular season game prior to the Conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant. This session is open to the media and to athletics department representatives from the tied teams.

3.3.2.3 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference basketball championship will earn the Conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA men's basketball championship. Should the Conference championship not be held or completed, the highest seed remaining in the championship after the most-recently completed full round of competition will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship. If the Conference championship has not started, the number one seed will be the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted: 10/2015)*

3.3.2.4 Postseason Play. Any team other than the Conference champion may be permitted to participate in other Conference-approved postseason tournaments if invited. *(Revised: 10/2015)*

3.3.2.5 Travel Squad. Travel squads for the basketball championship shall be the same as the NCAA championship limit.

3.3.2.6 Rules.

- a. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
- b. Proposed Interpretations. Proposals for rule interpretations by the conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
- c. Protest of Officials' Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

3.3.2.7 Televising of Awards. There shall be no live televising of awards of any type during the basketball championship unless a Conference-related person is the recipient of the award. The Executive Committee is empowered to set aside this restriction on a case-by-case basis.

3.3.2.8 Reimbursement. The Conference will reimburse each institution championship expenses based on the following formula: Maximum reimbursement limited to 75 based upon a maximum of 32 in the official team travel party, a maximum of 30 band members, and a maximum of 13 cheer/mascot members; \$150 per person per diem; and the prevailing per-mile round-trip rate established by the ACC Finance Committee for ACC championships travel. A member institution may submit a waiver for additional reimbursement should extenuating circumstances arise such as natural disaster or travel issues. *(Revised: 10/2009, 5/2017)*

3.4 BASKETBALL – WOMEN’S

3.4.1 Regular Season.

3.4.1.1 Scheduling. Each of the 15 conference institutions having a basketball team shall play an 18-game conference schedule. (*Adopted: 5/2010; Revised: 2/2012, 2/2013, 10/2017*)

3.4.1.2 Officials. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment and coordination of basketball officials. The expenses of the coordination of officials will be included in the Commissioner’s budget. The athletics directors shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in basketball. They shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials, and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

3.4.1.3 Uniforms. The home team will wear light uniforms and the visiting team will wear dark uniforms.

3.4.1.4 Tickets. The visiting team will be given 75 complimentary tickets; at least 50 shall be directly behind the visiting team’s bench and up to 25 are to be provided in the best available location.

3.4.1.5 Dressing Rooms. The home team shall provide the visiting team a dressing room, prior to the game, with water, ice and a carbonated beverage for use at half-time and at the end of the game.

3.4.1.6 Pep Bands. No visiting team pep bands shall be permitted at Conference basketball games. Home team pep bands play shall be restricted to pre-game, half-time, post-game and during timeouts. There shall be no playing of band instruments during a free throw, throw-in, jump ball or live-ball situation.

3.4.1.7 Cheerleaders. No visiting cheerleaders are permitted to travel to regular-season conference games.

3.4.1.8 Introductions. Visiting team starters will be introduced first, followed by home team starters. Visiting teams shall be treated with courtesy when introduced.

3.4.1.9 Rules.

- a. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
- b. Proposed Interpretations. Proposals for rule interpretations by the conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
- c. Protest of Officials’ Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

3.4.1.10 Preliminary Games. There shall be a set period of at least 45 minutes prior to tip-off of the game when the court will be cleared and available to both teams.

3.4.2 Conference Championship.

3.4.2.1 Championship Determination. There shall be a single-elimination basketball tournament held under the direction of the Women's Basketball Committee and the winner shall be the Conference champion. Details for the conduct of the championship will be contained in a participant's manual prepared by the championship manager. Dates and sites of the Conference championship will be selected by the athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives and announced from the Conference office.

3.4.2.2 Date & Site. The women's basketball championship will be held one weekend prior to the men's basketball championship at a neutral site.

3.4.2.3 Seeding. Seeding for the basketball championship will be determined by the regular-season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used:

- a. When two teams are tied in the standings, regular season head-to-head results are used as the tiebreaker.
- b. If the tied teams played each other twice in the regular season and split their games, then each team's record against the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings) and then continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
 - 1) When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
 - 2) When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal (e.g., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3). If the winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team or group of tied teams, continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
- c. If three or more teams are tied in the standings, the following procedure will be used:
 - 1) The combined record in conference games between the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken and seeds assigned based on the winning percentage of the combined conference records. The higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal (e.g., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4).
 - 2) If procedure (1) fails to break the tie, then each tied team's record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.
 - 3) If the tie is broken by (1) or (2) regarding one or more teams, but three or more teams remain tied, then procedures (1) and (2) will be re-applied among those tied teams only.
 - 4) If two teams remain tied, procedures (a) and (b) will be followed.
- d. If there is more than one tie in the standings, and when using the tie-breaking procedures there are a pair of teams tied, a team's record against the combined tied teams (prior to

- their own tie-breaking procedures) is used, rather than performance against the individual tied teams.
- e. If procedures (b) and/or (c) fail to establish an advantage, a coin flip to break the tie will be conducted by the Commissioner after the final regular season game before the Conference championship.
 - f. If a coin flip or draw (for a three-or-more-team tie) is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular season game prior to the Conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant. This session is open to the media and to athletics department representatives from the tied teams.

3.4.2.4 Officials. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Conference office.

3.4.2.5 Automatic Qualification. The winner of the Conference basketball championship will earn the Conference's automatic qualification to the NCAA women's basketball championship. Should the Conference championship not be held or completed, the highest seed remaining in the championship after the most-recently completed full round of com-will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship. If the Conference championship has not started, the number one seed will be the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted: 10/2015)*

3.4.2.6 Postseason Play. Any team other than the Conference champion may be permitted to participate in other Conference-approved postseason tournaments if invited. *(Revised: 10/2015)*

3.4.2.7 Travel Squad. Travel squads for the basketball championship shall be the same as the NCAA championship limit.

3.4.2.8 Rules.

- a. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
- b. Proposed Interpretations. Proposals for rule interpretations by the conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
- c. Protest of Officials' Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

3.4.2.9 Televising of Awards. There shall be no live televising of awards of any type during the basketball championship unless a Conference-related person is the recipient of the award. The Executive Committee is empowered to set aside this restriction on a case-by-case basis.

3.4.2.10 Reimbursement. The Conference will reimburse each institution championship expenses based on the following formula: Maximum reimbursement limited to 75 based upon a maximum of 32 in the official team travel party, a maximum of 30 band members, and a maximum of 13 cheer/mascot members; \$150 per person per diem; and the prevailing per-mile round-trip rate established by the ACC Finance Committee for ACC championships travel. A member institution may submit a waiver for additional reimbursement should extenuating circumstances arise such as natural disaster or travel issues. *(Revised: 10/2009, 5/2017)*

3.5 CROSS COUNTRY

3.5.1 Regular Season.

3.5.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a cross country team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.5.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 16 student-athletes for men and 16 student-athletes for women in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.5.2 Conference Championship.

3.5.2.1 Date & Site. The Cross Country Championships shall be conducted at least two weeks prior to the NCAA Regional Championships. The course will be properly measured (i.e., USATF certified, by a registered surveyor, etc.). If held on a golf course, the course shall be closed during the meet. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference. *(Revised: 5/2006, 4/2008, 4/2010, 5/2018)*

3.5.2.2 Format. Each member institution having a cross country team shall participate in the Conference Championship. The men's and women's cross country championships will reflect the variances of course lengths indicated in the NCAA Men's and Women's Track & Field Rules Book. Both men's and women's team and individual champions will be determined at the Conference championship meet.

3.5.2.3 Participant Limit. Teams in the Cross Country Championships will have a participant limit of 10 student-athletes for men and 10 student-athletes for women.

3.5.2.4 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Cross Country Championships may have no more than 10 student-athletes in uniform for men and 10 student-athletes in uniform for women.

3.5.2.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.6 FENCING

3.6.1 Regular Season. *(Adopted: 4/2014)*

3.6.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a fencing team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.6.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 18 student-athletes for men and 18 student-athletes for women in intraconference competition.

3.6.1.3 Officials. Officials will be contracted and assigned by the home team for regular-season competition.

3.6.2 Conference Championship. *(Adopted: 4/2014)*

3.6.2.1 Date & Site. The Fencing Championships will be held on a date and at a site recommended by the Fencing Committee, subject to approval by the Conference.

3.6.2.2 Format. The Fencing Championships will take place over two days with the men competing on one day and the women on the other day. Each day, the team competition will be held in the morning and individual competition in the afternoon. The team competition will be a round-robin competition and will determine the team champion. Only the team competition will count for NCAA qualification. The individual competition will determine the individual weapon champions and All-Conference team.

3.6.2.3 Championship Determination. The team champion will be determined by the number of team victories. In the event of a tie, the next criteria will be total bouts won. If still tied, the champion will be determined by the total touches between tied teams. In the rare occurrence a tie is still unbroken, the on-site Games Committee will decide the best method to determine the team champion.

3.6.2.4 Officials. Officials for the Fencing Championships will be contracted and assigned by the Conference office.

3.6.2.5 Participant Limit. Teams in the Fencing Championships will have a participant limit of 12 student-athletes for men and 12 student-athletes for women.

3.6.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Fencing Championships may have no more than 12 student-athletes in uniform for men and 12 student-athletes in uniform for women.

3.6.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Fencing Association and the NCAA Fencing Meet Procedures.

3.7 FIELD HOCKEY

3.7.1 Regular Season.

3.7.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a field hockey team shall play a single round-robin conference schedule, with all games scheduled by the Conference office. *(Revised: 4/2013)*

3.7.1.2 Rescheduling. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.7.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for field hockey shall be limited to 25 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.7.1.4 Officials. Officials for conference matches will be assigned by a selected Supervisor of Field Hockey Officials.

3.7.2 Conference Championship.

3.7.2.1 Date & Site. The Conference Field Hockey Championship will be held on a date and at a site recommended by the Field Hockey Committee, subject to approval by the Conference.

3.7.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the Field Hockey Championship will be determined by the regular-season conference game results. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2008, 4/2012, 2/2019)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- If a game cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference = +/- 3 for any one conference game will be used) in overall conference game results.
- c. Goals scored in overall conference game results (a maximum of three goals for any game will be used).
- d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference = +/- 3 for any one conference game will be used) in overall conference game results.
- c. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference = +/- 3 for any one conference game will be used) in head-to-head conference game results.
- d. Goals scored in overall conference game results (a maximum of three goals for any game will be used).
- e. Goals scored in head-to-head conference game results (a maximum of three goals for any game will be used).
- f. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.7.2.3 Format. The Field Hockey Championship will be a single-elimination tournament among all member institutions having a field hockey team. The team championship will be determined by this event.

3.7.2.4 Officials. Championship officials will be selected by the Supervisor of Field Hockey Officials.

3.7.2.5 Participant Limit. The participant limit for the Field Hockey Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.7.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. The limit on student-athletes in uniform for the Field Hockey Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.7.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.8 FOOTBALL

3.8.1 Regular Season.

3.8.1.1 Scheduling. Each of the institutions participating in football as a Conference sport shall play an eight-game conference schedule. Teams shall also play at least one nonconference game against an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference, Southeastern Conference, the University of Notre Dame, Army, or Brigham Young University. Conference members shall arrange their schedule of games with one another prior to making contractual agreements with any team outside the Conference. The Conference office must be consulted prior to scheduling any non-conference game on a specific date. *(Revised: 10/2006, 5/2014, 10/2014)*

3.8.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for football shall be limited to 72 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Adopted: 5/2009)*

3.8.1.3 Game-Suspension Policy. Should a game be suspended and cannot be resumed that day, the decision as to the status of that game would be determined by the Commissioner's office.

3.8.1.4 Officials. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment of the Supervisor of Football Officials. The expenses of the Supervisor of Football Officials will be included in the Commissioner's budget. The athletics directors shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in football. They shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials, and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

3.8.1.5 Jerseys. The visiting team will wear white jerseys and the home team will wear jerseys of a contrasting color. Exception: The home team may wear white jerseys when the teams have agreed before the season.

3.8.1.6 Complimentary Tickets. The complimentary ticket policy for Conference football games shall be agreed on annually by the Conference.

3.8.1.7 Game Guarantees. The minimum game guarantee for Conference football games shall be agreed on annually by the Conference.

3.8.1.8 Half-Time. All half-times shall be 20 minutes in length unless otherwise agreed upon prior to the game by both teams and the conference office. *(Revised: 5/2019)*

3.8.1.9 Pre-Game Warm-Ups. The "L" system of pre-game warm-ups will be used prior to all Conference games until 45 minutes remain on the pre-game clock. At that point, both teams will be able to work the entire width of the field from the 45-yard line to their goal line. At the 22-minute mark on the pre-game clock in Conference games, both teams will be required to leave the field for pre-game ceremonies. Any special pre-game recognition, including senior day ceremonies, must be held between the 22-minute and four-minute marks on the pre-game clock. The visiting team shall have the choice of entering the field before or after the home team just prior to kickoff.

3.8.1.10 Cheerleaders. Visiting team cheerleaders are limited to 12 in number at all Conference football games. Mascots are not included in this limitation. *(Adopted: 5/1971; Revised: 5/1975, 4/2004)*

3.8.1.11 Bands. Home bands are prohibited from being seated behind the visiting team bench area. If the band is amplified, speakers cannot be positioned as to be directed into the visiting team bench area. *(Adopted: 5/2006)*

3.8.1.12 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.8.1.13 Coin Toss. A Conference coin shall be used for the coin toss at all Conference football games. The winning captain shall be presented the coin.

3.8.2 Conference Championship.

3.8.2.1 Championship Determination. The Conference championship will be decided by a game between the Atlantic and Coastal Division champions. The postseason-eligible team in each division with the highest percentage of wins during all regular-season Conference competition will be declared the division champion. If two or more teams are tied with the highest percentage of wins, they shall be declared division co-champions. Division standings shall be determined on a percentage basis, using only those Conference games which are part of the regular rotating schedule. Details for the conduct of the championship will be contained in a participant's manual. Dates and sites of the Conference championship will be selected by the athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives and announced from the Conference office. *(Revised: 5/2013)*

3.8.2.2 Tickets. Each participating institution will receive 5,500 tickets, split between club-level and lower-level seats. An institution may use 1250 tickets as complimentary for player guests and/or band tickets, which shall be the lowest-priced tickets within the allotment. Upon request, each member institution will receive 12 complimentary club-level tickets for the championship game to be used at the institution's discretion. *(Revised: 10/2005, 1/2009, 10/2013, 5/2018, 5/2019)*

3.8.2.3 Travel. The official travel party size for the championship game will be a maximum of 125 members per institution (85 dressed student-athletes and 40 non-dressed individuals). It is recommended that the official party include the following non-dressed individuals (plus spouses): president/chancellor, athletics director, faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator, head football coach, and football staff. A total of \$220,000 per institution will be provided for expenses other than air or ground travel for the team and band/cheer squad. The Conference office must approve all charter travel. Teams located 250 miles (or bands/cheer squads located 500 miles) or less from the championship site will be reimbursed for ground transportation to the championship site. Teams located more than 250 miles (or bands/cheer squads located more than 500 miles) from the championship site will be reimbursed for chartered air transportation. *(Revised: 10/2013, 5/2018, 2/2019, 5/2019)*

3.8.3 Divisional Tie-Breakers.

In the event of division co-champions, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine that division's representative in the championship game. Conference games against otherwise postseason-ineligible teams will always be counted in the league standings and application of the tie-breaking procedures. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

3.8.3.1 Two-Team Tie. *(Revised: 5/2013)*

- a. Head-to-head competition between the two tied teams.
- b. Winning percentage of the tied teams within the division.
- c. Head-to-head competition versus the team within the division with the best overall winning percentage (divisional and non-divisional) and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division broken from first to last, using the conference's tie-breaking procedures.
- d. Overall winning percentage versus all common non-divisional opponents.
- e. Combined winning percentage versus all non-divisional opponents.
- f. Winning percentage versus common non-divisional opponents based on their order of finish (overall conference winning percentage) and proceeding through other common non-divisional opponents based on their order of finish within their division.
- g. The tied team with the higher ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games. *(Revised: 5/2014, 8/2016)*
- h. The representative will be chosen by a draw administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

3.8.3.2 Three-or-More-Team Tie. (The three-or-more-team tie-breaking procedure will be used to break all ties to identify the championship game representative. Once a team is eliminated from the tie, the tie-breaking procedure restarts for the remaining teams. If the three-or-more-team tie can only be reduced to two teams, the two-team tie-breaker will then be applied). *(Revised: 5/2013)*

- a. Combined head-to-head winning percentage among the tied teams.
- b. Winning percentage of the tied teams within the division.
- c. Head-to-head competition versus the team within the division with the best overall (divisional and non-divisional) conference winning percentage, and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division will be broken first to last, using the conference's tie-breaking procedures.
- d. Combined winning percentage versus all common non-divisional opponents.
- e. Combined winning percentage versus all non-divisional opponents.
- f. Winning percentage versus common non-divisional opponents based upon their order of finish (overall conference winning percentage) and proceeding through other common non-divisional opponents based upon their divisional order of finish.
- g. The tied team with the highest ranking by the Team Rating Score metric provided by SportSource Analytics following the conclusion of regular season games. *(Revised: 5/2014, 8/2016)*
- h. The representative will be chosen by a draw administered by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee.

3.8.4 Procedure to Determine the ACC Football Champion and Automatic College Football Playoff Contract Bowl Representative.

Should the Conference not be able to hold its annual Football Championship Game, the Conference football champion will be the team that finishes the season with the highest winning percentage in conference games, and that team will earn the Conference's contract bowl bid.

If more than one team has the same winning percentage, the tied teams are declared co-champions and the procedures listed below will be followed to determine the Conference's contract bowl bid. All references to rankings refer first to the final College Football Playoff Selection Committee Rankings

made available after all regular season games and conference championships games are completed. If none of the tied teams are listed within the College Football Playoff Selection Committee Rankings, the Amway Coaches Poll (including Others Receiving Votes) released after all regular season games and conference championship games will be used. *(Revised: 5/2014)*

Note: All references to the contract bowl making the selection shall mean the Orange Bowl. If the ACC is displaced from the Orange Bowl and the contract bowl is either the Fiesta Bowl or the Peach Bowl, then the contract bowl shall mean the College Football Playoff administration.

3.8.4.1 Two-Team Tie.

- a. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked higher – Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower, but in the Top 10 – Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower but is ranked five or fewer places below Team B – Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower, and more than five places below Team B – Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. Team A does not play Team B – whichever team is ranked higher earns the contract bowl bid.
- f. Team A does not play Team B and neither Team A nor B are ranked – the contract bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

If two teams have the same ranking, or both are unranked, the bid goes to the team that has won the head-to-head game.

3.8.4.2 Three-Team Tie. (“mini-conference” is created among the three tied teams)

Scenario 1 – All three tied teams have each won one and lost one against the other tied teams in the mini-conference.

- a. The highest ranked team among the three earns the bid.
- b. If two of the three teams have the same ranking, then the bid is earned by the team winning the head-to-head match-up. If the teams have not played each other and they have the same ranking, then the contract bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.
- c. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

Scenario 2 – All three teams have 6-2 conference records. Within the mini-conference, Team A is 2-0, Team B is 1-1, and Team C is 0-2.

- a. If Team A is ranked higher than Teams B and C, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is not the highest ranked but is in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is not ranked but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked six or more places below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A is eliminated from consideration. Subsequently,
 - 1) If Team B is ranked higher than Team C, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 2) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C but is in the Top 10, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.

- 3) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C but ranked five or fewer places below Team C, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- 4) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C but is ranked six or more places below Team C, then Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 3 – Of the three teams that are tied, two or more have not played each other during the regular season, and within the mini-conference Team A is 2-0, Team B and Team C are each 0-1.

- a. If Team A is ranked higher than Team B and Team C, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more than five places below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then the highest ranked team from among either Team B or Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 4 – Of the three teams that are tied, two or more have not played each other during the regular season, and within the mini-conference Team A is 1-0, Team B, 1-1 and Team C is 0-1.

- a. If Team A is ranked higher than Teams B and C, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more than five places below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then the highest ranked team from among either Team B or Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 5 – Two or all of the tied teams did not play each other and none of the teams in the mini-conference has an advantage against each other.

- a. The highest ranked team earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If none of the three teams are ranked, then the contract bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

3.8.4.3 Four-Team Tie. (Assumes a seven-victory minimum in an 11-game season or an eight-victory minimum in a 12-game season. All wins calculated against FBS opponents only.)

Scenario 1 – Team A is 3-0, Team B is 2-1, Team C is 1-2 and Team D is 0-3.

- a. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer places lower than the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If Teams A and B do not have the victory minimum, and no team is ranked, then Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 2 – Team A and Team B are 2-1 in the mini-conference and Team C and Team D are 1-2. Assuming Teams A and B both have the victory minimum:

- a. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked higher than Team B, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked eight or fewer places lower than Team B, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A defeated Team B but is ranked nine or more places lower than Team B, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.

Assuming either Team A or Team B does not have the victory minimum:

- a. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked eight or fewer places lower than the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team C or Team D has the victory minimum and are ranked nine or more places higher than Team A or Team B, then Team C or Team D earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If neither Team A or Team B have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 3 – Team A and Team B did not play each other, and Team A and Team B both were 2-0 in the mini-conference, Team C is 1-2, and Team D is 0-3.

- The highest ranked team from among Team A and Team B earns the contract bowl bid, unless Team C or Team D are ranked nine or more places higher than either Team A or B. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among Team A and Team B for the bid.

Scenario 4 – Team A and Team B did not play each other, and Team B is 2-0, Team C is 2-1, Team A is 1-1, and Team D is 0-3 in the mini-conference.

- a. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked higher than Team C, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked in the Top 10, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked eight or fewer places lower than Team C, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked nine or more places lower than Team C, then Team C earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among Team B or Team C.

Scenario 5 – Team A and Team B did not play each other, and Team C is 3-0, Team B is 1-1, Team D is 1-2, and Team A is 0-1.

- Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 6 – Team A and Team B did not play each other, and Team C is 2-1, Team A and Team B are 1-1, and Team D is 1-2.

- The highest ranked team earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among all four teams.

Scenario 7 – Team A did not play Team B and Team C did not play Team D, and Teams A and B are 2-0 and Teams C and D are 0-2.

- The higher ranked team of Team A or Team B earns the contract bowl bid, unless Team C or D is ranked nine or more places higher than the higher ranked of Team A or Team B. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among Team A and Team B.

Scenario 8 – Team A did not play Team B and Team C did not play Team D, and Teams A, B, C and D are all 1-1.

- The highest ranked team earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among all four teams.

Scenario 9 – Team A did not play Team B and Team C did not play Team D, and Team A is 2-0, Team B and Team C are 1-1 and Team D is 0-2.

- Team A earns the contract bowl bid unless either Team B or Team C is ranked nine or more places higher than Team A. If no team is ranked, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 10 – Team A did not play Team B or Team D, and Team C is 3-0, Team B is 1-1, Team D is 0-2 and Team A is 0-1.

- Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 11 – Team A did not play Team B or Team D, and Team B is 2-0, Team A is 1-0, Team D is 1-1 and Team C is 0-3.

- Team B earns the contract bowl bid unless Team A or Team D is ranked nine or more places higher than of Team B. If no team is ranked, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 12 – Team A did not play Team B or Team D, and Team C is 2-1, Team B and Team D are 1-1 and Team A is 0-1.

- The highest ranked team earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then Team C earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 13 – Team A did not play Team B or Team D, and Team D is 2-0, Team A is 1-0, Team C is 1-2 and Team B is 0-2.

- The higher ranked of Team A or Team D earns the contract bowl bid unless Team B or Team C is ranked nine or more places higher than the highest ranked of Team A or Team D. If no team is ranked, then Team D earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 14 – Three of the four teams did not play each other.

- The highest ranked team earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl chooses from among all four teams.

3.8.4.3 Five-Team Tie. (Assumes an eight-victory minimum in a 12-game season. All wins calculated against FBS opponents only.)

Scenario 1 – Team A is 4-0, Team B is 3-1, Team C is 2-2, Team D is 1-3 and Team E is 0-4.

- a. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer places behind the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If Team A is ranked nine or more places below Team B or Team C in the mini-conference, then Team B or Team C earns the contract bowl bid.
- f. If Team A is unranked, but Team B is ranked #17 or lower, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- g. If Team A is unranked, but Team B is ranked #16 or higher, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- h. If no team is ranked, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 2 – Team A and Team B are 3-1, Team C is 2-2, and Team D and Team E are 1-3.

- a. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked higher than Team B, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked eight or fewer places lower than Team B, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A defeated Team B but is ranked nine or more places lower than Team B, then Team B earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If no team is ranked and Team A defeated Team B, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- f. If the contract bowl chooses from among Teams A or B:
Assuming either Team A or Team B does not have the victory minimum:
 - 1) If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 2) If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 3) If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked eight or fewer places behind the highest-ranked team in the conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 4) If Team C, D or E has the victory minimum and is ranked nine or more places ahead of Team A or B, then Team C, D or E earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 5) If neither Team A or Team B have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the contract bowl bid.
 - 6) If no team is ranked that has the victory minimum, then the contract bowl chooses from among the teams that do not have the victory minimum.

Scenario 3 – Teams A, B and C are 3-1, Team D is 1-3 and Team E is 0-4.

- A mini-conference is formed among Teams A, B, and C and the three-team tie-breaking procedure is used to break the tie.

Scenario 4 – Team A is 3-1, Teams B, C and D are 2-2 and Team E is 1-3.

- a. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- b. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- c. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer places behind the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the contract bowl bid.
- d. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the contract bowl bid.
- e. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, and no team is ranked, then the contract bowl will choose the team to earn the contract bowl bid.

Scenario 5 – Teams A, B, C, D, and E are 2-2.

- The highest-ranked team earns the contract bowl bid. If no team is ranked, then the contract bowl will choose the team to earn the contract bowl bid.

3.9 GOLF – MEN'S

3.9.1 Regular Season.

3.9.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a men's golf team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.9.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to seven student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.9.2 Conference Championship.

3.9.2.1 Date & Site. The Men's Golf Committee will recommend the dates for the Championship. A practice round shall be allowed prior to the first scheduled 18-hole round. In years when the Championship is conducted on Easter weekend, the Championship will conclude on Saturday. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.9.2.2 Championship Determination. Should the Conference Championship not be completed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the following procedures should be used to determine the Conference champion: *(Revised: 4/2012, 2/2019)*

- a. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
- b. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
- c. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
- d. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
- e. If less than 18 holes are completed, there will not be a Conference Champion named.

If two or more players tie for the individual championship, a sudden death playoff will be held immediately following completion of the final round (with play starting on a hole to be determined by the Championship Committee) to determine the winner of the first-place award. Ties for other places will remain and duplicate awards will be sent.

3.9.2.3 Format. The Conference team and individual championship shall be determined by a 54-hole medal play tournament followed by two rounds of match play, over a course selected by the Men's Golf Committee. In case of inclement weather, the Championship Committee has the right to make any adjustments deemed necessary in the Championship format. *(Revised: 10/2013, 2/2019)*

3.9.2.4 Pairings. The players will be paired by teams. The first round will be determined by the Golfstat rankings from the Wednesday of the week prior to the start of the championship. After the first round, the team starting times will be determined by the team order of finish each day with the top teams teeing off last.

3.9.2.5 Play on Tournament Course. Men's golf team members, individuals or teams, shall not be permitted to practice, play, and/or walk the selected tournament course, or use any golf course facilities (including the use of practice areas, such as practice greens and range) year-round. Exceptions include:

- a. If the team member is a primary member of the club/course on which the men's golf tournament will be played, he may play the course during the time mentioned above. Team

members who are not a primary member of the club/course are not permitted to play as guests of members during the specified time.

- b. If a student-athlete or coach is competing in a sanctioned event of the state's amateur or professional golf association, the USGA, PGA, or LPGA.

Any men's golf team member who practices, plays and/or walks the tournament course during the time period mentioned above, and are not members of that club/course, will be declared ineligible to compete in that season's Men's Golf Championship. *(Revised: 2/2018)*

3.9.2.6 Participant Limit. The participant limit for the Men's Golf Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.9.2.7 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. All student-athletes in attendance at the Men's Golf Championship may dress in uniform. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.9.2.8 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Golf Association.

3.9.2.9 Automatic Qualification – Team. Should the Conference Championship conclude (after 54 holes) and team co-champions are named, the following procedures should be used to determine the automatic qualifier: *(Adopted: 4/2008)*

- a. The lowest score between the tied teams' fifth players on the final day of competition.
- b. The lowest score between the tied team's fifth players on the second day of competition.
- c. The lowest score between the tied teams' fifth players on the first day of competition.

Should the Conference Championship not be completed due to inclement weather, the following procedures should be used to determine the automatic qualifier: *(Adopted: 10/2005; Revised: 4/2009, 4/2011)*

- a. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
- b. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
- c. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
- d. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
- e. If still tied or unable to complete 18 holes, the average of the latest Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings prior to completion of the Conference Championship will determine the automatic qualifier.
- f. If still tied, the highest ranking in the latest Golfstat rankings prior to completion of the Conference Championship will determine the automatic qualifier.

3.9.2.10 Automatic Qualification – Individual. Should the Conference Championship conclude (after 54 holes) and individual co-champions are named, the following procedures shall be used to determine the automatic qualifier: *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

- a. The lowest score between the tied student-athletes on the final day of competition;
- b. The lowest score between the tied student-athletes on the second day of competition;
- c. The lowest score between the tied student-athletes on the first day of competition; and
- d. If still tied, the highest average ranking in the last Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings prior to completion of the conference championship.

3.10 GOLF – WOMEN’S

3.10.1 Regular Season.

3.9.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a women’s golf team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.9.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to seven student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.10.2 Conference Championship.

3.10.2.1 Date & Site. The Women’s Golf Committee will recommend the dates for the Championship. A practice round shall be allowed prior to the first scheduled 18-hole round. In years when the Championship is conducted on Easter weekend, the Championship will conclude on Saturday. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.10.2.2 Championship Determination. If two or more players tie for the individual championship, a sudden death playoff will be held immediately following completion of the final round, weather and time permitting, (with play starting on a hole to be determined by the Championship Committee) to determine the winner of the first-place award. Ties for other places will remain and duplicate awards will be sent. If a sudden death playoff is not possible (e.g., weather, time), co-champions will be named. If two or more teams are tied for the team championship, the Conference champion will be determined by using the tie-breaking procedures for the NCAA regional tournaments. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.10.2.3 Format. The Conference team and individual championship shall be determined by a 54-hole medal play tournament followed by two rounds of match play, over a course selected by the Women’s Golf Committee. In case of inclement weather, the Championship Committee has the right to make any adjustments deemed necessary in the Championship format. *(Revised: 10/2013, 2/2019)*

3.10.2.4 Pairings. The players will be paired by teams. The first round will be determined by the Golfstat rankings from the Wednesday of the week prior to the start of the championship. After the first round the team starting times will be determined by the team order of finish each day with the top teams teeing off last.

3.10.2.5 Play on Tournament Course. Women’s golf team members, individuals or teams, shall not be permitted to practice, play and/or walk the selected tournament course or use any golf course facilities (including the use of practice areas, such as practice greens and range) year-round. Exceptions include:

- a. If the team member is a primary member of the club/course on which the women’s golf tournament will be played, she may play the course during the time mentioned above. Team members who are not a primary member of the club/course are not permitted to play as guests of members during the specified time.
- b. If a student-athlete has contracted with the host course professional for instructional lessons, she is permitted to use the following areas:
 - 1) practice areas (three weeks prior to the Championship, only the driving range may

- be used); or
- 2) championship course (during the first semester only).
- c. If a student-athlete or coach is competing and/or spectating (not caddying) in a sanctioned event of the state's amateur or professional golf association, the USGA, LPGA, or PGA.

Any women's golf team member who practices, plays and/or walks the tournament course during the time period mentioned above, and are not members of that club/course, or being instructed by the host course professional, will be declared ineligible to compete in that season's Women's Golf Championship. *(Adopted: 5/2007; Revised: 4/2009, 4/2010, 2/2018)*

3.10.2.6 Participant Limit. The participant limit for the Women's Golf Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.10.2.7 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. All student-athletes in attendance at the Women's Golf Championship may dress in uniform. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.10.2.8 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the United States Golf Association.

3.10.2.9 Automatic Qualification. Should the Conference Championship not be completed due to inclement weather, the following procedures should be used to determine the automatic qualifier: *(Adopted: 10/2005; Revised: 4/2012)*

- a. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
- b. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
- c. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
- d. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
- e. If 18 holes are not completed by all participants, the committee will use head-to-head results in tournaments during the year to determine the automatic qualifier.
- f. If still tied, use the stroke differential to determine the automatic qualifier.
- g. If still tied, the average of the Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings will determine the automatic qualifier.

3.11 LACROSSE – MEN'S

3.11.1 Regular Season.

3.11.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a men's lacrosse team shall play all other member institutions having a lacrosse team at least once each year, with home and away determined by the Conference office. *(Revised: 4/2013)*

3.11.1.2 Rescheduling. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.11.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 40 student-athletes in intraconference competition. The travel squad limit will be reconsidered if any additional member institutions add the sport of men's lacrosse. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009, 4/2010, 4/2011, 4/2013)*

3.11.1.4 Officials. Officials for conference games will be contracted and assigned by the Men's Lacrosse Officiating Group. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.11.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.11.2 Conference Championship.

3.11.2.1 Date & Site. The Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship will be held two weeks prior to the first round of the NCAA Championship. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference. *(Revised: 4/2013, 10/2017, 5/2019)*

3.11.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular-season conference game results. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2012, 5/2016, 2/2017, 5/2017, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- If a game cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Head-to-head conference game results against the team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains

- an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- c. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference for any one game = +/- 5) in overall conference game results. For example, if Team A beats Team B by a score of 15-5, Team A's goal differential is +5 and Team B's goal differential is -5.
 - d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Head-to-head conference game results against the team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, and Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- c. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference for any one game = +/- 5) in head-to-head conference game results. For example, if Team A beats Team B by a score of 15-5, Team A's goal differential is +5 and Team B's goal differential is -5.
- d. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference for any one game = +/- 5) in overall conference game results. For example, if Team A beats Team B by a score of 15-5, Team A's goal differential is +5 and Team B's goal differential is -5.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.11.2.3 Format. The Men's Lacrosse Championship will be a four-team single elimination tournament. The team championship will be determined by this event. *(Revised: 10/2017, 5/2019)*

3.11.2.4 Officials. Championship officials will be assigned by the Men's Lacrosse Officiating Group. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.11.2.5 Participant Limit. Teams in the Men's Lacrosse Championship will have a participant limit of 40 student-athletes. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.11.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. The limit on student-athletes in uniform for the Men's Lacrosse Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.11.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.12 LACROSSE – WOMEN’S

3.12.1 Regular Season.

3.12.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a women’s lacrosse team shall play all other member institutions having a lacrosse team at least once each year, with all games scheduled by the Conference office. *(Revised: 4/2013, 10/2018)*

3.12.1.2 Rescheduling. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.12.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 32 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009, 4/2010)*

3.12.1.4 Officials. Officials for conference games will be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Women’s Lacrosse Officials. *(Revised: 2/2017)*

3.12.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of U.S. Lacrosse and the NCAA. *(Revised: 4/2011)*

3.12.2 Conference Championship.

3.12.2.1 Date & Site. The Conference Women’s Lacrosse Championship will be held annually, on a date to be determined by the Conference. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference.

3.12.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular-season conference game results. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 5/2007, 4/2012, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- If a game cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Head-to-head conference game results against the team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains

- an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- c. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against) in overall conference game results.
 - d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results. In this criteria only, the highest winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.
- b. Head-to-head conference game results against the team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
- c. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, where maximum difference for any one game = +/- 5) in head-to-head conference game results. For example, if Team A beats Team B by a score of 15-5, Team A's goal differential is +5 and Team B's goal differential is -5.
- d. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against) in overall conference game results.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.12.2.3 Format. The Women's Lacrosse Championship will be a single-elimination tournament among all member institutions having a women's lacrosse team. The team championship will be determined by this event.

3.12.2.4 Officials. Championship officials will be assigned by the Supervisor of Women's Lacrosse Officials. (*Revised: 2/2017*)

3.12.2.5 Participant Limit. Teams in the Women's Lacrosse Championship will have a participant limit of 40 student-athletes. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.12.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Women's Lacrosse Championship may have no more than 40 student-athletes in uniform. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.12.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of U.S. Lacrosse with NCAA Championship modifications.

3.13 ROWING

3.13.1 Regular Season.

3.13.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution sponsoring varsity rowing shall schedule varsity rowing programs of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.13.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 53 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.13.1.3 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of US Rowing, except as agreed upon by the participation coaches prior to competition.

3.13.2 Conference Championship.

3.13.2.1 Date & Site. The Rowing Championship will be held on a date to be determined by the Conference. If weather conditions do not permit the Championship to be held on the determined date, the Championship will be held on the following day. The site will be rotated subject to approval by the Conference.

3.13.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the Championship will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. If there is a tie for seeds, all coaches will re-vote for the tied spots. If a second tie occurs, a coin will be flipped for ties between two teams, and a draw will occur for ties among three or more teams. *(Adopted: 4/2008)*

3.13.2.3 Format. Each member institution having a rowing team shall participate in the conference championship.

3.13.2.4 Championship Determination. In the event the ACC Championship cannot be completed, the ACC champion will be based on whichever races have taken place. *(Revised: 4/2014)*

3.13.2.5 Participant Limit. Teams in the Rowing Championship will have a participant limit of 40 student-athletes.

3.13.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Rowing Championship may have no more than 40 student-athletes in uniform.

3.13.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of US Rowing.

3.13.2.8 Judge-Referees. The host institution shall be responsible for selecting the chief referee and his or her crew.

3.13.2.9 Automatic Qualification. The automatic qualifier for the NCAA Championship will be awarded to the team with the highest number of points in NCAA events (First Varsity Eight, Second Varsity Eight and First Varsity Four). If no races (heats or finals) take place, the original seeding will determine the automatic qualifier. If the heats are fully completed, each team's heat times in all the events will be used to determine the automatic qualifier. If only some of the heats are raced,

the races completed would be scored off of time and the races not completed would be scored by their seeding. *(Adopted: 4/2011; Revised: 4/2013, 4/2014)*

3.14 SOCCER – MEN'S

3.14.1 Regular Season.

3.14.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a men's soccer team shall play an eight-game conference schedule, using divisions. *(Revised: 4/2013)*

3.14.1.2 Rescheduling Regular-Season Matches. Postponed and rained-out games: Every effort will be made to play the game and the host team game administrator will make a decision prior to beginning the game if it is going to be played or delayed. Once the game starts, it is in the hands of the official. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort to reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.14.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 26 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009, 4/2010, 4/2011)*

3.14.1.4 Officials. Officials for conference soccer matches will be assigned by the Supervisor of Men's Soccer Officials.

3.14.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.14.2 Conference Championship.

3.14.2.1 Championship Determination. The Men's Soccer Championship will be determined by a 12-team single-elimination tournament. The top team from both the Atlantic and Coastal divisions, determined by conference standings [using a point system (win = three points; tie = one point)], and the remaining 10 teams with the highest conference point total regardless of division will be selected to participate in the Men's Soccer Championship. The two division champions will automatically be seeded numbers one and two based on points earned in overall conference competition. The remaining teams will be seeded three through 12 based on points earned in overall conference competition without regard to division. All ties will be broken using the tie-breaking provisions. If a team plays an ACC opponent outside of their conference schedule, that game will not be considered in the ACC point standings or seeding procedures. *(Revised: 4/2013, 10/2014, 5/2016)*

3.14.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular season conference game results using a point system where a win is three points and a tie is one point. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2012, 4/2014, 10/2014, 5/2019)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all

- conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- Common opponents are teams that have been scheduled to play by the conference.
- If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied because teams are not common opponents, the next ordered criteria should be used.
- If a match cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used. For example, if Team A and Team B are being compared to Team C and Team A beat Team C but Team B did not play Team C, then Team A and Team B would be compared to Team D.
- Divisional standings will be determined by a team's overall conference point total, not just point total within the division.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

3.14.2.2.1 Division Champion(s) Determination. The division champion(s) will be the team(s) in each division with the highest overall point total. If two or more teams are tied for first place in divisional standings, they shall be declared division co-champions. For seeding purposes, the tie will be broken to determine which team receives the highest seed within each division.

Two-Team Tie

- Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- Head-to-head conference game results against divisional opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the divisional standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- Goals scored in overall conference game results.

- d. Head-to-head conference game results against divisional opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the divisional standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.14.2.2.2 Seeds One and Two Determination. The highest seed from each division will automatically be seeded numbers one and two based on overall point total.

Tie for Seeds One and Two

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- c. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- d. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- e. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.14.2.2.3 Seeds Three through 12 Determination. The remaining teams will be seeded three through 12 based on points earned in overall conference games without regard to division.

Two-Team Tie

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- c. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- d. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head

- conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- e. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- c. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- d. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.14.2.3 Officials. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Supervisor of Men's Soccer Officials.

3.14.2.4 Participant Limit. Teams in the Men's Soccer Championship will have a participant limit of 26 student-athletes. (*Revised: 2/2019*)

3.14.2.5 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Men's Soccer Championship may have no more than 26 student-athletes in uniform. (*Revised: 2/2019*)

3.14.2.6 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.14.2.7 Automatic Qualification. Should the conference championship not be held or completed, the highest seed remaining in the championship at the suspension of play will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship. (*Adopted: 2/2017*)

3.15 SOCCER – WOMEN'S

3.15.1 Regular Season.

3.15.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a women's soccer team shall play a 10-game regular-season conference schedule so that home and away breakdown is reversed in consecutive years. *(Revised: 4/2008, 10/2013)*

3.15.1.2 Rescheduling Regular-Season Matches. Postponed and rained-out games: Every effort will be made to play the game and the host team game administrator will make a decision prior to beginning the game if it is going to be played or delayed. Once the game starts, it is in the hands of the official. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort to reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.15.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 26 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.15.1.4 Officials. Officials for women's soccer matches will be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Women's Soccer Officials.

3.15.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.15.1.6 Complimentary Admissions. In any regular-season conference game for which the host institution charges admission, the visiting team shall be provided a maximum of fifty (50) complimentary admissions at its request, to be used consistent with NCAA regulations. *(Adopted: 5/2006)*

3.15.2 Conference Championship.

3.15.2.1 Championship Determination. The Women's Soccer Championship will be determined by an eight-team single-elimination tournament. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a manual prepared by the Championship Manager. *(Revised: 4/2014, 5/2016)*

3.15.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular season conference game results using a point system where a win is three points and a tie is one point. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2008, 4/2011, 4/2012, 10/2014, 5/2019)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- Common opponents are teams that have been scheduled to play by the conference.

- If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied because teams are not common opponents, the next ordered criteria should be used.
- If a match cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used. For example, if Team A and Team B are being compared to Team C and Team A beat Team C but Team B did not play Team C, then Team A and Team B would be compared to Team D.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Most wins in overall conference game results among common opponents.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- d. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- e. Goals allowed in overall conference game results.
- f. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- g. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Total points in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Most wins in head-to-head conference game results.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) in overall conference game results.
- d. Goals scored in overall conference game results.
- e. Goals allowed in overall conference game results.
- f. Head-to-head conference game results against common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference game results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then

- Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
- g. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.15.2.3 Officials. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Supervisor of Women's Soccer Officials.

3.15.2.4 Participant Limit. Teams in the Women's Soccer Championship will have a participant limit of 24 student-athletes.

3.15.2.5 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Women's Soccer Championship may have no more than 24 student-athletes in uniform.

3.15.2.6 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.16 SOFTBALL

3.16.1 Regular Season.

3.16.1.1 Scheduling. Each team will make every attempt to play a full 24-game conference schedule. Conference games shall be played as eight three-game weekend series (Friday-Sunday). *(Revised: 10/2015)*

Rainouts will be handled as follows: *(Revised: 4/2013, 4/2014, 10/2015)*

- a. If, on the final date of the series, a doubleheader or one game plus is to be played, the first game or suspended game must be completed by 4:00 p.m. If the first game or suspended game is not completed by 4:00 p.m., the next game will not be played unless mutually agreed to by both coaches (no game may start after 6:00 p.m.).
- b. No make-up games are allowed to be played after the last date of the scheduled series.
- c. Any alteration to the original conference schedule must be approved through the Conference office.

3.16.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for softball shall be limited to 22 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009, 4/2014)*

3.16.1.3 Umpires. Umpires shall be contracted and appointed by the Supervisor of Softball Umpires. A three-person crew will be used during regular-season conference competition.

3.16.1.4 Halted-Game Rule. The halted-game rule will be used for all conference play.

3.16.2 Conference Championship.

3.16.2.1 Championship Determination. The softball championship will be determined by a ten-team single-elimination tournament. The championship will be held on a date and at an on-campus site recommended by the Softball Committee, subject to approval by the Conference. This site will be rotated subject to approval by the Conference. *(Revised: 4/2008, 2/2017)*

3.16.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by the regular-season conference game results. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 4/2012, 5/2016, 2/2017, 5/2017, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference game results are the outcome of games among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference game results are defined as games a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- Common opponents are teams that have been scheduled by the Conference to play during the regular season. One completed game of a series constitutes a common opponent for tiebreaker purposes.
- If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied because at least one game of the series was not played, the next ordered criteria should be used.
- Divisional standings will be determined by a team's overall conference winning percentage, not just winning percentage within the division.
- In two-team ties, when comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's winning percentage against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's

- tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same winning percentage when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the winning percentage against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- In three-or-more-team ties, when comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference winning percentage against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D, then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
 - When overall or divisional standings are used in tiebreakers, records against teams or groups of teams will be used prior to any seeding or divisional tiebreakers. For example, Teams A and B are divisional co-champions and Team A has received the higher seed. When determining the tiebreaker for seeds three through 10, results against Teams A and B should be used as a group, not just results against Team A.
 - When comparing records against a single team or group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail even if the number of games played against a team or group of teams is unequal. If winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue until one team gains an advantage. For example, 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

3.16.2.2.1 Division Champion(s) Determination. The division champion(s) will be the team(s) in each division with the highest overall conference winning percentage. If two or more teams are tied for first place in divisional standings, they shall be declared division co-champions. For seeding purposes, the tie will be broken to determine which team receives the highest seed within each division.

Two-Team Tie

- Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the next highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage.
- Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until one team gains an advantage.
- If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie for the highest seed in each division, if any procedure

reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- c. Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the next highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- d. Head-to-head conference winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.16.2.2.2 Seeds One and Two Determination. The highest seed from each division will automatically be seeded numbers one and two based on overall conference winning percentage.

Tie for Seeds One and Two

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- b. Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the next highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage.
- c. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.16.2.2.3 Seeds Three through 10 Determination.

- a. Divisional Opponents – when the tied teams are divisional opponents, the following procedures will be used:

Two-Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 10

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- 3) Winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until one team gains an advantage.
- 4) Winning percentage against all common opponents in the opposite division.
- 5) Winning percentage against all opponents in the opposite division.
- 6) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until one team gains an advantage.

- 7) If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 10

In the case of a three-team tie for seeds three through 10 among divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 10 will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 10 for divisional opponents will be restarted.

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage in games played against divisional opponents.
- 3) Winning percentage against the team(s) within the division occupying the highest position in the divisional standings and continuing down through the divisional standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 4) Winning percentage against all common opponents in the opposite division.
- 5) Winning percentage against all opponents in the opposite division.
- 6) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) in the opposite division occupying the highest position in their divisional standings and continuing down through the opposite division's standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 7) If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

- b. Non-Divisional Opponents – when the tied teams are non-divisional opponents, the following procedures will be used:

Two-Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 10

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until one team gains an advantage.
- 3) If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Team Tie for Seeds Three Through 10

In the case of a three-team tie for seeds three through 10 among non-divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 10 will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three non-divisional opponents, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one

team, then the Three-or-More Team Tie procedure for seeds three through 10 for non-divisional opponents will be restarted.

- 1) Winning percentage in head-to-head conference game results.
- 2) Winning percentage against the common opponent(s) occupying the highest position in the overall standings and continuing down through the overall standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.
- 3) If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season game prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.16.2.3 Umpires. Championship umpires will be nominated and selected by the Supervisor of Softball Officials.

3.16.2.4 Participant Limit. The participant limit for the Softball Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.16.2.5 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. The limit on student-athletes in uniform for the Softball Championship is the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

3.16.2.6 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.16.2.7 Automatic Qualification. Should the conference championship not be held or completed due to inclement weather the highest seed remaining in the championship after the most recently completed full day of competition will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship.
(Adopted: 4/2009)

3.17 SWIMMING & DIVING

3.17.1 Regular Season.

3.17.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a swimming team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.17.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 24 student-athletes in intraconference competition. Men's and women's divers shall count as one-half. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.17.1.3 Officials. Referees, judges and other officials shall be contracted and assigned by the home team during regular-season Conference competition.

3.17.2 Conference Championship.

3.17.2.1 Date & Site. The Swimming & Diving Championships will be held the last full weekend in February or two weeks prior to NCAA qualification, or one month prior to the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships at a site to be determined. *(Revised: 10/2010, 4/2012)*

3.17.2.2 Format. Each member institution having a swimming and diving team shall participate in the conference championship. Both Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships will follow the format and schedule approved by the Swimming & Diving Committee.

3.17.2.3 Officials. Referees, judges and other Championship officials will be contracted through the Conference office with prior approval of the Swimming & Diving Committee.

3.17.2.4 Participant Limit. Teams in the Swimming & Diving Championships will have a participant limit of 21 student-athletes for men and 21 student-athletes for women. Not more than 18 student-athletes may be swimmers. A diver counts as one student-athlete.

3.17.2.5 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Swimming & Diving Championships may have no more than 21 student-athletes in uniform for men and 21 student-athletes in uniform for women. Not more than 18 student-athletes may be swimmers. A diver counts as one student-athlete.

3.17.2.6 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.17.2.7 Facility Regulations. Each institution desiring to host the Swimming and Diving Championships shall certify to the Conference office that their swimming and diving facilities meet minimum championship standards. Double lane lines shall be used at the Championships.

3.18 TENNIS – MEN'S

3.18.1 Regular Season.

3.18.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a men's tennis team shall play a single round-robin conference schedule. Make-up matches will be scheduled, when reasonable, between the two competing teams. *(Revised: 10/2015)*

3.18.1.2 Inclement Weather Policy. *(Revised: 4/2012, 4/2014)*

- a. If inclement weather prevents a match from starting, a maximum of 90 minutes from the original start time may be waited until a match should be moved indoor. By the 90-minute mark, there must be three available courts to play on if the match is to be played outdoor. Warm-up should be completed within this 90-minute window. If a match has already begun and inclement weather suspends play, a maximum of 60 minutes may be waited before continuing outdoor or moving indoor. These time limits may be altered provided both coaches mutually agree and are contingent upon the visiting team's flight schedule. If the match cannot be continued outdoor; *(Revised: 10/2017)*
- b. Move the match indoor (schools with the availability of indoor courts within a one-hour driving distance should make prior arrangements when playing a distant Conference member over three hour's driving distance). If indoor courts are not available;
- c. Complete the match the next day, if possible. If this is not feasible, the match should be rescheduled. No makeup tennis matches will be allowed to be played after the Sunday preceding the conference championship.

3.18.1.3 Rescheduling. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.18.1.4 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 10 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.18.1.5 Officials. Officials for conference matches will be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Tennis Officials.

3.18.1.6 Ball/Court Surfaces. It will be the responsibility of the home coach to inform the opposing coach of the court surface.

3.18.1.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA. A minimum of six ITA officials will be at every conference tennis match. *(Revised: 5/2008)*

3.18.2 Conference Championship.

3.18.2.1 Date & Site. The Men's Tennis Championship will be held two weeks prior to the start of

the NCAA tennis championship (Wednesday-Sunday) at a facility suitable for a combined men's and women's championship. *(Revised: 10/2015)*

3.18.2.2 Championship Determination. The team championship will be determined by a single-elimination tournament format among all member institutions having a men's tennis team.

3.18.2.3 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by overall conference dual match wins, not by a percentage or an accumulation of individual matches. For example, if Team A beats Team B 5-2, Team A would have one dual match win in the standings and Team B would have zero dual match wins. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 5/2006, 4/2012, 4/2014, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference dual match results are the outcome of matches among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference dual match results are defined as matches a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- If a dual match cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used. For example, if Teams A and B are being compared to Team C and Team A beat Team C, but Teams B and C did not play, then Teams A and B would be compared to Team D.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference dual match results.
- b. Most dual matches won against team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference dual match results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- c. Total number of overall conference individual matches won using a system where the doubles competition outcome equals one and each singles match equals one.
- d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More-Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More-Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Head-to-head conference dual match results.
- b. Most dual matches won against team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams.

In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference dual match results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D; then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.

- c. Total number of overall conference individual matches won using a system where the doubles competition outcome equals one and each singles match equals one.
- d. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.18.2.4 Ball/Court Surfaces. It will be the responsibility of the championship director to inform the coaches of the court surface. Tennis balls used in the championship shall be the balls specified in the Conference tennis ball contract.

3.18.2.5 Officials. Officials for the tennis championship shall be assigned by the Supervisor of Tennis Officials.

3.18.2.6 Participant Limit. Teams in the Men's Tennis Championship will have a participant limit of 10 student-athletes. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.18.2.7 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. All student-athletes in attendance at the Men's Tennis Championship may dress in uniform. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.18.2.8 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA.

3.18.2.9 Automatic Qualification. Should the Conference championship not be played due to inclement weather, the highest seed remaining in the Championship at the suspension of play will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 4/2008)*

3.19 TENNIS – WOMEN’S

3.19.1 Regular Season.

3.19.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a women’s tennis team shall play a 14-match conference schedule. Make-up matches will be scheduled, if at all possible, between the two competing teams. When conference schools play each other on consecutive days, if there is a 3:00 p.m. or later original start time on the first day, the second day’s match may not start before 1:00 p.m., unless agreed upon by the coaches. *(Revised: 4/2013, 4/2014)*

3.19.1.2 Inclement Weather Policy. *(Revised: 4/2012, 4/2014)*

- a. If inclement weather prevents a match from starting, a maximum of 90 minutes from the original start time may be waited until a match should be moved indoor. By the 90-minute mark, there must be three available courts to play on if the match is to be played outdoor. Warm-up should be completed within this 90-minute window. If a match has already begun and inclement weather suspends play, a maximum of 60 minutes may be waited before continuing outdoor or moving indoor. These time limits may be altered provided both coaches mutually agree. If the match cannot be continued outdoor;
- b. Move the match indoor (schools with the availability of indoor courts within a one-hour driving distance should make prior arrangements when playing a distant Conference member over three hour’s driving distance). It is required that three courts be available before starting or continuing a match indoor. If indoor courts are not available;
- c. Complete the match the next day, if possible. If this is not feasible, the match should be rescheduled. No makeup tennis matches will be allowed to be played after the Sunday preceding the conference championship.

3.19.1.3 Rescheduling. If the game is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the game. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.19.1.4 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 10 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.19.1.5 Officials. Officials for regular-season matches will be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Tennis Officials.

3.19.1.6 Ball/Court Surfaces. It will be the responsibility of the home coach to inform the opposing coach of the court surface.

3.19.1.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA. A minimum of six ITA officials will be at every conference tennis match. *(Revised: 5/2008)*

3.19.2 Conference Championship.

3.19.2.1 Date & Site. The Women's Tennis Championship will be held two weeks prior to the start of the NCAA tennis championship (Wednesday-Sunday) at a facility suitable for a combined men's and women's championship. *(Revised: 10/2015)*

3.19.2.2 Championship Determination. The team championship will be determined by a single-elimination tournament format among all member institutions having a men's tennis team.

3.19.2.3 Seeding. Seeding for the championship will be determined by overall conference dual match wins, not by a percentage or an accumulation of individual matches. For example, if Team A beats Team B 5-2, Team A would have one dual match win in the standings and Team B would have zero dual match wins. The following guidelines will be used: *(Revised: 5/2006, 4/2012, 4/2014, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference dual match results are the outcome of matches among only the teams involved in the tie.
- Overall conference dual match results are defined as matches a team plays against all conference opponents, not just the teams involved in the tie.
- If a dual match cannot be played, it will not be factored into seeding and the next ordered criteria should be used. For example, if Teams A and B are being compared to Team C and Team A beat Team C, but Teams B and C did not play, then Teams A and B would be compared to Team D.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference dual match results.
- b. Most dual matches won against team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference dual match results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A and B have the same results when compared to Team C, then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D. But if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared by the results against Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
- c. Total number of overall conference individual matches won using a system where the doubles competition outcome equals one and each singles match equals one.
- d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More-Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More-Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Head-to-head conference dual match results.
- b. Most dual matches won against team(s) occupying the highest position in the standings and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. In the case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular-season standings should be used and continuing down through the standings until the tie is reduced by one or more teams. When comparing tied teams and arriving at another group of tied teams, use each team's head-to-head conference dual match results against the tied teams as a group, prior to the group's tie-breaking procedures. For example, if Teams A, B and C have the same results when compared to Team D; then Teams A, B and C will be compared to Team E. But if Team E is tied with Team F, then Teams A, B and C will be compared by the results against Teams E and F collectively, not individually.
- c. Total number of overall conference individual matches won using a system where the doubles competition outcome equals one and each singles match equals one.
- d. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match prior to the conference championship. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.19.2.4 Ball/Court Surfaces. It will be the responsibility of the championship director to inform the coaches of the court surface. Tennis balls used in the championship shall be the balls specified in the Conference tennis ball contract.

3.19.2.5 Officials. Officials for the tennis championship shall be assigned by the Supervisor of Tennis Officials.

3.19.2.6 Participant Limit. Teams in the Women's Tennis Championship will have a participant limit of 10 student-athletes. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.19.2.7 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. All student-athletes in attendance at the Women's Tennis Championship may dress in uniform. *(Revised: 2/2019)*

3.19.2.8 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA.

3.19.2.9 Automatic Qualification. Should the Conference championship not be played due to inclement weather, the highest seed remaining in the Championship at the suspension of play will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship. *(Adopted: 4/2008)*

3.20 TRACK & FIELD – INDOOR/OUTDOOR

3.20.1 Regular Season.

3.20.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a track & field team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

3.20.1.2 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads shall be limited to 38 student-athletes for men and 40 student-athletes for women in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.20.2 Conference Championship.

3.20.2.1 Date & Site. The Indoor Track & Field Championships will be held two weeks prior to the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships. The Outdoor Track & Field Championships will be held on a date to be determined by the Conference. *(Revised: 5/2006, 4/2014)*

3.20.2.2 Championship Determination. Each member institution having a track and field team shall participate in the Conference championships. The team championships will be decided on the basis of final team standings in the Conference championship meets.

3.20.2.3 Format. The Outdoor Track & Field Championships are to be rotated among Conference members. The order of events for the Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships will follow as per the NCAA Men's and Women's Track & Field Championship Handbooks.

3.20.2.4 Officials. The Championship Referee and the Championship Appeals Committee shall be made up of individuals outside the coaching ranks of the Conference. Individuals selected to officiate Conference Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships shall be approved by the Men's & Women's Track and Cross Country Committee.

3.20.2.5 Participant Limit. Teams in the Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships will have a participant limit of 30 student-athletes for men and 30 student-athletes for women.

3.20.2.6 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships may have no more than 30 student-athletes in uniform for men and 30 student-athletes in uniform for women.

3.20.2.7 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.21 VOLLEYBALL

3.21.1 Regular Season.

3.21.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a women's volleyball team shall play an 18-game regular season conference schedule over 10 weeks. Each match will be the best three out of five sets. If a team that plays twice in a weekend plays a team playing only once, the team playing twice must have a day in between its matches, unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches. *(Revised: 4/2008, 4/2014, 10/2014, 10/2017)*

3.21.1.2 Rescheduling. If a match is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the match (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the match. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the match cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the game is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.21.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for women's volleyball shall be limited to 15 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.21.1.4 Officials. Officials for conference matches will be assigned by the Supervisor of Women's Volleyball Officials.

3.21.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA Volleyball Championship.

3.21.1.6 Championship Determination. The conference champion will be determined by conference winning percentage during the regular season. In the event of a tie for highest winning percentage, all tied teams will be declared conference champions. *(Adopted: 2/2018)*

3.21.1.7 Automatic Qualification. The NCAA automatic qualifier will be determined by conference winning percentage during the regular season. If the institution with the highest winning percentage is not eligible for NCAA postseason competition, the institution with the next highest winning percentage, which is eligible for postseason competition, will earn automatic qualification. In the event of a tie, the following guidelines will be used to determine the automatic qualifier: *(Revised: 4/2009, 4/2012, 4/2014, 4/2015, 5/2019)*

- Head-to-head conference match results are the outcome of matches among only the teams involved in the tie.
- If a match cannot be played, it will not be factored into the tie-breaking procedure and the next ordered criteria should be used.

Ties for the automatic qualifier will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Team Tie

- a. Head-to-head conference match results.

- b. Total sets won in head-to-head conference match results. For example, in the first match, Team A beats Team B 3-0 and in the second match Team B beats Team A 3-2. Team A would gain the advantage with 5 sets won to Team B's 3 sets won.
- c. Point differential (total points for minus total points against) in head-to-head conference match results. For example, in the first match, Team A beats Team B (3-0) with scores of 25-20, 25-20, 25-20; Team A = +15 and Team B = -15. In the second match, Team B beats Team A (3-0) with scores of 25-22, 25-22, 25-22; Team B = +9 and Team A = -9. Therefore, Team A gains the advantage with +6 point differential to Team B's -6.
- d. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More-Team Tie

In the case of a three-team tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one team and two teams remain tied, the Two-Team Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams. In the case of a tie among more than three teams, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one team, then the Three-or-More-Team Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference match results, even if there are an unequal number of matches played. For example, 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3.
- b. Total sets won in head-to-head conference match results. For example, Team A beats Team B 3-0, Team B beats Team C (3-0) and Team C beats Team A (3-2). Team A would gain the advantage with 5 sets won to Team B's and Team C's 3 sets won.
- c. Point differential (total points for minus total points against) in head-to-head conference match results. For example, if Team A beats Team B (3-0) with scores of 25-20, 25-20, 25-20; then Team A = +15 and Team B = -15. And if Team B beats Team C (3-0) with scores of 25-22, 25-22, 25-22; then Team B = +9 and Team C = -9. And if Team C beats Team A (3-0) with scores of 25-20, 25-20, 25-20; then Team C = +15 and Team A = -15. Therefore Team C gains the advantage with +6 point differential to Team A's 0 and Team B's -6.
- d. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular-season match. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.22 WRESTLING

3.22.1 Regular Season.

3.22.1.1 Scheduling. Each member institution having a wrestling team shall schedule all other member institutions having a wrestling team at least once each year. The conference office shall schedule all conference dual matches on Friday-Sunday using the specified list of opponents. *(Revised: 10/2016, 5/2017)*

3.22.1.2 Rescheduling. If a match is postponed, the head coaches of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the match (the next day, if possible). If the two coaches cannot agree, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to determine a rescheduled date and time. If the two sport administrators cannot agree, the Senior Woman Administrators will make every effort the reschedule the match. If the two SWAs cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the Conference Office for a determination on a rescheduled date and time. If the match cannot be rescheduled, the Athletic Directors of both institutions must approve the cancellation. If the match is cancelled, it will be eliminated and not factored into standings. *(Adopted: 2/2019)*

3.22.1.3 Travel Squad. Regular-season travel squads for dual meets in wrestling shall be limited to 15 student-athletes in intraconference competition. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2009)*

3.22.1.4 Officials. Officials for regular-season conference competition shall be contracted and assigned by the Supervisor of Wrestling Officials.

3.22.1.5 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.22.1.6 Automatic Qualifier for NWCA National Duals. The Conference's automatic qualifier to the NWCA Division I National Duals will be determined based upon winning percentage in conference matches. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used: *(Adopted: 10/2016)*

- a. Head-to-head conference match results among the tied teams if the tied teams are common opponents. If teams are not common opponents, procedures (b) and (c) shall be used.
 - 1) If three or more teams are tied, the combined record of the conference matches among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of the combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail.
 - 2) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (1) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (a) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' conference records. Procedures (b) and (c) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (a).
- b. Largest match point differential in all conference matches wrestled (points scored minus points against for all ACC dual matches).
- c. Coin flip or blind draw between the tied teams.

3.22.2 Conference Championship.

3.22.2.1 Date & Site. The Conference Wrestling Championship will be a one-day meet (Saturday or Sunday), held two weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Championships. The site will be rotated

among participating institutions. *(Revised: 4/2008)*

3.22.2.2 Seeding. Seeding for the championship for each weight class will be determined by a weighted vote of all head coaches. The wrestler receiving the highest point total in each weight class will be seeded #1, the wrestler receiving the second highest point total will be seeded #2 and continuing down until all wrestlers have been seeded. The following guidelines will be used: *(Adopted: 4/2010; Revised: 4/2012, 10/2018)*

- Head-to-head conference match results are the outcome of matches among only the wrestlers involved in the tie.
- Overall match results are defined as results a wrestler has against all competition (conference and non-conference), not just the wrestlers involved in the tie.
- Common opponents are those wrestlers that the tied wrestlers competed against during the regular season (both conference and non-conference).
- If one of the seeding criteria cannot be applied, the next ordered criteria should be used.
- When comparing records against a single wrestler or group of wrestlers, the higher winning percentage shall prevail even if the number of matches wrestled against an opponent or multiple opponents is unequal. For example, 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-3.

Ties for any seed will be broken by the following procedures:

Two-Wrestler Tie

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference match results.
- b. Winning percentage in overall match results against all common opponents.
- c. Winning percentage against all other wrestlers entered in the tied wrestlers' weight class for the conference championship. In this criteria only, at least one win for one wrestler can be used to break the tie. For example, Wrestlers A and B are tied in the 149 lbs. weight class seeding ranking. Wrestler A went 2-1 (.667 winning percentage) and Wrestler B went 1-1 (.500 winning percentage) against the rest of the 149 lbs. weight class that are entered in the conference championship; therefore, Wrestler A would gain the advantage. In another example, if Wrestler A went 1-0 (1.000 winning percentage) and Wrestler B had no results (.000 winning percentage), then Wrestler A would gain the advantage.
- d. A re-vote of all head coaches.
- e. If a coin flip is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the coaches' re-vote. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

Three-or-More Wrestler Tie

In the case of a three-wrestler tie, if any procedure reduces the tie by one wrestler and two wrestlers remain tied, the Two-Wrestler Tie procedure will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied wrestlers. In the case of a tie among more than three wrestlers, if any procedure reduces the tie by at least one wrestler, then the Three-or-More Wrestler Tie procedure will be restarted.

- a. Winning percentage in head-to-head conference match results.
- b. Winning percentage in overall match results against all common opponents.
- c. Winning percentage against all other wrestlers entered in the tied wrestlers' weight class for the conference championship. In this criteria only, at least one win for one wrestler can be used to break the tie. For example, Wrestlers A, B and C are tied in the 149 lbs. weight

class seeding ranking. Wrestler A went 4-1 (.800 winning percentage), Wrestler B went 2-3 (.400 winning percentage), and Wrestler C went 1-4 (.200 winning percentage) against the rest of the 149 lbs. weight class that are entered in the conference championship; therefore, Wrestler A would gain the advantage, then B and finally C. In another example, if Wrestler A went 1-0 (1.000 winning percentage) and Wrestlers B and C had no results (.000 winning percentage), then Wrestler A would gain the advantage and the tie for Wrestlers B and C would restart with the Two-Wrestler Tie procedure.

- d. A re-vote of all head coaches.
- e. If a blind draw is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the coaches' re-vote. The procedure is administered by the Commissioner or a designated assistant.

3.22.2.3 Championship Determination. Each member institution having a wrestling team shall participate in the Conference championship. The team championship will be decided on the basis of final team standings in the Conference championship.

3.22.2.4 Format. The Conference format will be consistent with the NCAA Division I format.

3.22.2.5 Officials. Championship officials will be selected and assigned by the Supervisor of Wrestling Officials.

3.22.2.6 Participant Limit. Teams in the Wrestling Championship will have a participant limit of 12 student-athletes.

3.22.2.7 Student-Athletes in Uniform Limit. Teams in the Wrestling Championship may have no more than 12 student-athletes in uniform.

3.22.2.8 Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

3.22.2.9 Automatic Qualification. The number of NCAA automatic qualifiers in each weight class will be determined by the NCAA Wrestling Committee. The individuals to receive the Conference's automatic qualifier spot(s) will be determined by finish at the conference championship. For example, if the Conference receives two automatic qualifiers in a weight class, they shall go to the first and second place finishers. The same procedure will be followed until all Championship participants in that weight class have been selected, or until all automatic qualifiers have been determined. Should the conference championship not be completed, the automatic qualifiers shall go to the highest seed remaining after the most recently completed full round. If the Championship cannot be started, or one round cannot be completed, the highest seed(s) of the Championship shall receive the automatic qualifier spot(s). *(Adopted: 4/2012)*

3.23 AWARDS

3.23.1 All-ACC Academic Teams.

All-ACC Academic teams will be selected for those sports in which the Conference designates a conference champion. The teams will be selected by a special committee comprised of conference office staff.

In all sports, undergraduate and graduate student-athletes must have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 or greater to be considered for an All-ACC Academic team. *(Revised: 5/2016)*

In sports other than men's and women's basketball, men's and women's fencing, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 GPA for the previous semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative GPA during his or her academic career.

In men's and women's basketball, men's and women's fencing, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 GPA for the immediately preceding fall semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative GPA during his or her academic career.

Throughout the selection process, primary consideration will be accorded to the student-athlete's athletic accomplishments during the current athletic season. *(Revised: 5/2014, 5/2015, 5/2016)*

The maximum size of each team is: baseball 50; basketball (men) approx. 25; basketball (women) approx. 25; cross country (men) 30; cross country (women) 30; fencing (men) 10; fencing (women) 10; field hockey 35; football approx. 60; golf (men) 25; golf (women) 25; indoor track & field (men) 45; indoor track & field (women) 45; lacrosse (men) 30; lacrosse (women) 35; rowing 50; soccer (men) 35; soccer (women) 45; softball 30; swimming & diving (men) 50; swimming & diving (women) 50; tennis (men) 30; tennis (women) 30; outdoor track & field (men) 50; outdoor track & field (women) 50; volleyball 35; wrestling 20. *(Revised: 5/2006, 5/2007, 10/2007, 10/2008, 5/2014, 5/2016)*

3.23.2 Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

3.23.2.1 Football. One football student-athlete will be recognized as the ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and will receive the Jim Tatum Award. The criteria for selecting the award recipients are: *(Revised: 5/2016)*

- a. Candidates must be a senior football student-athlete.
- b. The award will be based on 50% academic achievement and 50% athletic achievement.
- c. Candidates must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA as well as a 3.0 GPA during the last two semesters.
- d. The nomination form for each institution will be sent to the athletics director and copies to the faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator, sports information director, and academic support director.
- e. Each school may nominate one student-athlete.

3.23.2.2 Sports Other than Football. One student-athlete in each of the Conference's sponsored sports other than football will be recognized as the ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The criteria for selecting the award recipients are: *(Adopted: 10/2007; Revised: 5/2016)*

- a. Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of athletic competition.
- b. The award will be based on 60% academic achievement and 40% athletic achievement.
- c. Candidates must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA as well as a 3.0 GPA during the last two semesters.
- d. The nomination form for each institution will be sent to the athletics director and copies to the faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator, sports information director, and academic support director.
- e. Each school may nominate one student-athlete per sport.

3.23.2.3 Selection Process. All ACC Scholar-Athletes of the Year are selected by a special committee comprised of conference office staff.

3.23.2.4 Criteria for Naming the Award. Only ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards are eligible to be named. Each award may have multiple names. *(Adopted: 5/2009)*

- a. Eligibility is not limited to any specific group(s).
- b. The official nomination will originate from the member institution where the nominee was last in a position of influence.
- c. A minimum period of two years must pass after an individual vacates his or her position before a nomination may be made.
- d. A nominee should be one whose reputation exceeds that of a sports celebrity. The nominee should be renowned for exceptional personal qualities, such as character, leadership, integrity, national influence, and excellence in intercollegiate athletics. The nominee should have demonstrated a commitment to academic and athletic balance. In addition, consideration will be given to the nominee's university and community influence and service beyond the sports arena.

3.23.2.5 Process for Naming the Award. *(Adopted: 5/2009)*

- a. A formal nomination will be submitted to the Office of the Commissioner by the nominee's institution.
- b. The specific sport committee (to which the award would potentially be named) will be advised of all relative nominations and will have the benefit of discussion. The opinion and feedback from the sports committee will be expressed to the senior woman administrators for consideration.
- c. The nomination will be presented to the senior woman administrators. If endorsed by the senior woman administrators, the nomination will be appropriately forwarded through the Conference governance structure as an action item.

3.23.2.6 Men's Basketball. The ACC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Skip Prosser Award."

3.23.2.7 Women's Basketball. The ACC Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Kay Yow Award."

3.23.2.8 Football. The ACC Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Jim Tatum Award."

3.23.2.9 Men's Golf. The ACC Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year award will be officially named the "Rod Myers Award."

3.23.3 ACC Sportsmanship Award.

One female and one male ACC student-athlete will be awarded the ACC Sportsmanship Award annually. A team could also be selected if warranted. NCAA Sportsmanship Award qualification criteria will be used in selecting all nominees and award recipients. *(Adopted: 10/2008)*

3.23.4 Conference Awards.

The Commissioner is instructed to purchase such plaques and trophies as are necessary for Conference awards and championships (including the Conference plaques awarded for excellence in scholarship and athletics) as follows:

- a. A plaque shall be awarded to a senior male and senior female of each institution for excellence in scholarship and athletics, and these awards will be presented at Commencement or an appropriate awards day.
- b. The Conference will provide an award for All-Conference, Freshman of the Year, Player(s) of the Year and Coach of the Year in all sports. For additional Conference-authorized awards, see individual sport.
- c. All teams that tie as the ACC Conference champion will be awarded trophies. *(Adopted: 5/2006)*
- d. A student-athlete shall be in good standing with his or her institution to be eligible to receive a Conference award. The period of time that the student-athlete shall be in good standing is from the time voting opens until receipt of the award. *(Adopted: 4/2015)*

3.23.5 All-Conference Teams.**3.23.5.1 Baseball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Golf, Softball, Tennis And Rowing.**

If four schools participate in a sport, a first team (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If five schools participate in a sport, a first team plus 25% (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If six schools participate in a sport, a first team plus 50% (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If seven, eight, nine or ten schools participate in a sport, a first and second team (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If eleven or more schools participate in a sport, a first, second, and third team (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/ boat) will be named.

3.23.5.2 Fencing, Swimming, Track, Cross Country And Wrestling. The All-Conference team will be based on the student-athlete's place at the ACC Championship. *(Revised: 5/2009, 4/2014)*

3.23.5.3 Changes. Any changes to the above policies must be recommended to the senior woman administrators. *(Revised: 5/2009)*

3.23.6 Baseball.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Baseball are:

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| 50 | All-ACC Academic Team |
| 48 | All-Conference Team (First, Second and Third Team; 16 members per team) |
| 12 | All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only) |
| 1 | Freshman of the Year (true freshman only) |
| 1 | Player of the Year |
| 1 | Pitcher of the Year |
| 1 | Defensive Player of the Year |
| 1 | Coach of the Year |
| 1 | Championship Team Trophy |

- 35 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 2 Divisional Championship Trophies (Atlantic and Coastal)
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.6.1 All-Conference Team. The Baseball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. Three (3) 16-member teams will be announced as first, second and third team, including the following specific positions for each team: first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, shortstop, catcher, outfielder (3), starting pitcher (3), relief pitcher, DH/Utility player and three (3) at-large selections. *(Revised: 5/2007)*

3.23.6.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Baseball All-Freshmen Team must include true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2014)*

3.23.6.3 Freshman of the Year. The Baseball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.6.4 Player of the Year. The Baseball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.6.5 Pitcher of the Year. The Baseball Pitcher of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.6.6 Defensive Player of the Year. The Baseball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

3.23.6.7 Coach of the Year. The Baseball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.6.8 All-Tournament Team. The Baseball All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance. An 11-member team, by position and including the MVP, will be named.

3.23.6.9 Championship Most Valuable Player. The Baseball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance.

3.23.7 Basketball – Men's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Basketball are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 10/2007)*

- 25 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team (First, Second, and Third Team)
- 5 All-Freshmen Team
- 5 All-Defensive Team
- 1 Sixth Man of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Most Improved Player of the Year
- 1 Rookie of the Year
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year

- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 25 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 10 All-Tournament Team (First and Second team; 5 members per team)
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Skip Prosser Award)

3.23.7.1 All-Conference Team. One Men's Basketball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. First, second and third teams will be named. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.2 All-Freshmen Team. One Men's Basketball All-Freshmen Team (five members) will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.3 All-Defensive Team. One Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team (five members) will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.4 Sixth Man of the Year. One Men's Basketball Sixth Man of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2013; Revised: 5/2016)*

3.23.7.5 Defensive Player of the Year. One Men's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.6 Most Improved Player. One Men's Basketball Most Improved Player will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2013; Revised: 5/2016)*

3.23.7.7 Rookie of the Year. One Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.8 Player of the Year. One Men's Basketball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.9 Coach of the Year. One Men's Basketball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2012, 5/2016)*

3.23.7.10 All-Tournament Team. One Men's Basketball All-Tournament Team will be selected by select media in attendance. Ten members will be announced as a first and second team.

3.23.7.11 Most Valuable Player. The Men's Basketball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of media in attendance and is included in the All-Tournament Team.

3.23.8 Basketball – Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Basketball are voted on by a Blue Ribbon Panel, which consists of coaches and media familiar with women's basketball, and are: *(Revised: 5/2004, 10/2005, 5/2007, 10/2007, 5/2008, 5/2012)*

- 25 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team (10-member First team, 5-member Second team)
- 8 All-Freshmen Team (redshirt or true freshmen)
- 5 All-Defensive Team

- 1 Rookie of the Year (redshirt of true freshman)
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Most Improved Player
- 1 Sixth Player of the Year
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 25 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 10 All-Tournament Team (First and Second Team; 5 people per team)
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Kay Yow Award)

3.23.8.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Basketball All-Conference Team will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. A second All-Conference Team will be selected by the head coaches. Fifteen members will be announced as a 10-member first team a five-member second team. *(Revised: 5/2012, 10/2012)*

3.23.8.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Women's Basketball All-Freshmen Team (eight members) may include redshirt and true freshmen and will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. A second All-Freshmen Team will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: 10/2012, 5/2015)*

3.23.8.3 All-Defensive Team. The Women's Basketball All-Defensive Team (five members) will be selected by the head coaches.

3.23.8.4 Rookie of the Year. The Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. A second Rookie of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

3.23.8.5 Defensive Player of the Year. The Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2004)*

3.23.8.6 Most Improved Player. The Women's Basketball Most Improved Player will be selected by the head coaches. *(Adopted: 10/2018)*

3.23.8.7 Sixth Player of the Year. The Women's Basketball Sixth Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2007)*

3.23.8.8 Player of the Year. The Women's Basketball Player of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. A second Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

3.23.8.9 Coach of the Year. The Women's Basketball Coach of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. A second Coach of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: 10/2012)*

3.23.8.10 All-Tournament Team. The Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance. Ten (10) members will be announced as a first and second

team.

3.23.8.11 Most Valuable Player. The Women's Basketball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of media in attendance and is included in the All-Tournament Team.

3.23.9 Cross Country – Men's and Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Cross Country are: *(Revised: 10/2007)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team – men and women
- 21 All-Conference Team – men and women
- 1 Freshman of the Year – men and women (true freshman only)
- 1 Coach of the Year – men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy – men and women
- 11 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team – men and women
- 1 Individual Champion – men and women
- 1 Individual Second Place – men and women
- 1 Individual Third Place – men and women
- 1 Performer of the Year – men and women
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year – men and women

3.23.9.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's and Women's Cross Country All-Conference Teams will consist of the top 21 male finishers and the top 21 female finishers in their respective Conference Championship.

3.23.9.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's and Women's Cross Country Freshmen of the Year will be the first freshman men's and women's cross country student-athlete to cross the finish line in their respective Conference Championship.

3.23.9.3 Coach of the Year. The Men's and Women's Cross Country Coaches of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.9.4 Performer of the Year. The Men's and Women's Cross Country Performers of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.10 Fencing – Men's and Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Fencing are: *(Adopted: 4/2014)*

- 10 All-ACC Academic Team – men and women
- 6 All-Conference Team (top two in each weapon) – men and women
- 3 Fencers of the Year (one per weapon) – men and women
- 1 Coach of the Year – men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy – men and women
- 15 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team – men and women
- 1 Award for Each Event Champion – men and women
- 1 Award for Each Event Second Place – men and women
- 1 Award for Each Event Third Place – men and women
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player – men and women
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year – men and women

3.23.10.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's and Women's Fencing All-Conference Teams will consist of the top two male finishers and the top two female finishers in each event during the individual competition of their respective Conference Championship.

3.23.10.2 Fencer of the Year. The Men's and Women's Fencers of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.10.3 Coach of the Year. The Men's and Women's Fencing Coaches of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.10.4 Championship Most Valuable Player. The Men's and Women's Fencing Championship Most Valuable Players will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.11 Field Hockey.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Field Hockey are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 10/2007)*

- 35 All-ACC Academic Team
- 22 All-Conference Team (First and Second Team; 11 members per team)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 30 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.11.1 All-Conference Team. The Field Hockey All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 22-member team will consist of the top 10 vote recipients and the top goalkeeper being designated as first team, and the next 10 vote recipients plus the second goalkeeper being designated as second team.

3.23.11.2 Freshman of the Year. The Field Hockey Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.11.3 Offensive Player of the Year. The Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.11.4 Defensive Player of the Year. The Field Hockey Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.11.5 Coach of the Year. The Field Hockey Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.11.6 All-Tournament Team. The Field Hockey All-Tournament Team will be selected by the head coaches. An 11-member team, including the championship MVP, will be named. The team will consist of four members from the winner of the championship game, three members from the runner-up team, and two members from each of the non-advancing semifinal teams. *(Revised:*

4/2008)

3.23.11.7 Most Valuable Player. The Field Hockey Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.12 Football.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Football are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 10/2007)*

- 60 All-ACC Academic Team
- 81 All-Conference Team (First, Second, and Third team; 27 members per team)
- 1 Rookie of the Year
- 1 Offensive Rookie of the Year
- 1 Defensive Rookie of the Year
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Most Courageous Award (Brian Piccolo Award)
- 1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award (Jim Tatum Award)
- 1 Most Outstanding Blocker Award (Jacob's Blocking Trophy)
- 2 Divisional Championship Trophies (Atlantic and Coastal)
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 1 Championship MVP Trophy
- 110 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team

3.23.12.1 All-Conference Team. The Football All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. First, second and third teams will be named. Each team shall consist of a 13-man offensive team, an 11-man defensive team and three specialists (place kicker, punter and return specialist). *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.2 Rookie of the Year. A Football Rookie of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.3 Offensive Rookie of the Year. A Football Offensive Rookie of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.4 Defensive Rookie of the Year. A Football Defensive Rookie of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.5 Offensive Player of the Year. A Football Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.6 Defensive Player of the Year. A Football Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.7 Player of the Year. A Football Player of the Year will be either the Offensive or Defensive Player of the Year with the most votes as voted by media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.8 Coach of the Year. A Football Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote incorporating media and the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.12.9 Brian Piccolo Award. The most courageous football player in the Conference will be selected by the Commissioner's office upon receiving nominations from the member institutions' football head athletic trainers.

3.23.12.10 Jacob's Blocking Trophy. The most outstanding blocker is selected by a poll of the league's defensive coordinators and/or head coach.

3.23.12.11 Championship Most Valuable Player Trophy. The most valuable player of the Championship game is chosen by selected members of the media.

3.23.13 Golf – Men's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Golf are: *(Revised: 10/2007, 5/2016)*

- 25 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 7 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Individual Champion
- 1 Individual Second Place
- 1 Individual Third Place
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Rod Myers Award)

3.23.13.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's Golf All-Conference Team will be selected using a combination of a vote of the head coaches and the average of the Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings released immediately following NCAA Regional selections. A 15-member team will be named. The individual medalist in the Conference Championship is an automatic All-Conference Team member. *(Revised: 5/2007, 4/2015, 5/2016)*

3.23.13.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's Golf Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected using the average of the Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings released immediately following NCAA Regional selections. *(Revised: 4/2015)*

3.23.13.3 Player of the Year. The Men's Golf Player of the Year will be selected using the average of the Golfweek/Sagarin and Golfstat rankings released immediately following NCAA Regional selections. *(Revised: 4/2015)*

3.23.13.4 Coach of the Year. The Men's Golf Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.14 Golf – Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Golf are: *(Revised 10/2007, 5/2016)*

- 25 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year

- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 7 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Individual Champion
- 1 Individual Second Place
- 1 Individual Third Place
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.14.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Golf All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. One 15-member team will be named. The individual medalist in the Conference Championship is an automatic All-Conference Team member. *(Revised: 5/2007, 5/2016)*

3.23.14.2 Freshman of the Year. The Women's Golf Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.14.3 Player of the Year. The Women's Golf Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.14.4 Coach of the Year. The Women's Golf Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.15 Lacrosse – Men's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Lacrosse are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 5/2007, 10/2007, 4/2011)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 18 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 40 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.15.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's Lacrosse All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. An 18-member team will be named. The team shall consist of 13 positional players including three attackers, three midfielders, one face-off player, one short-stick midfielder, one long-stick midfielder, three defenders and one goalkeeper, and five at-large positions. *(Revised: 4/2015)*

3.23.15.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's Lacrosse Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.15.3 Offensive Player of the Year. The Men's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.15.4 Defensive Player of the Year. The Men's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.15.5 Coach of the Year. The Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.15.6 All-Tournament Team. The Men's Lacrosse All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance. An 11-member team, including the MVP, will be named.

3.23.15.7 Most Valuable Player. The Men's Lacrosse Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.16 Lacrosse – Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Lacrosse are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 5/2007, 10/2007, 4/2011, 5/2016, 5/2017)*

- 35 All-ACC Academic Team
- 32 All-Conference Team (First and Second Team; 16 members per team)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Attacker of the Year
- 1 Midfielder of the Year
- 1 Defender of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 34 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 12 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.16.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Lacrosse All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. Two 16-member teams will be named. *(Revised: 5/2017)*

3.23.16.2 Freshman of the Year. The Women's Lacrosse Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.16.3 Attacker of the Year. The Women's Lacrosse Attacker of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.16.4 Midfielder of the Year. The Women's Lacrosse Midfielder of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

3.23.16.5 Defender of the Year. The Women's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.16.6 Coach of the Year. The Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.16.7 All-Tournament Team. The Women's Lacrosse All-Tournament Team will be selected

by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance. A 12-member team, including the MVP, will be selected by the head coaches of the four semifinalists at the Championship. The team will consist of five members from the winner of the championship game, three members from the runner-up team, and two members from each of the non-advancing semifinal teams. *(Revised: 5/2016)*

3.23.16.8 Championship Most Valuable Player. The Women's Lacrosse Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.17 Rowing.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Rowing are: *(Revised: 5/2006, 10/2007, 4/2015)*

- 50 All-ACC Academic Team
- 18 All-Conference Team (First and Second Team; nine members per team)
- 1 Varsity Crew of the Year (5 or 9 individual awards)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 38 Individual Awards for the Winning Team
- 1 Award for Each Event Champion (5 or 9 individual awards)
- 1 Award for Each Event Second Place (5 or 9 individual awards)
- 1 Award for Each Event Third Place (5 or 9 individual awards)
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.17.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Rowing All-Conference Team will consist of an 18-member team (First Team and Second Team; nine members per team) selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.17.2 Varsity Crew of the Year. The Crew of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.17.3 Coach of the Year. The Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.17.4 Freshman of the Year. The Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18 Soccer – Men's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Soccer are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 10/2007, 5/2014)*

- 35 All-ACC Academic Team
- 33 All-Conference Team (First, Second and Third Team; 11 members per team)
- 11 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Midfielder of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year

- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 27 Individual Awards for the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 2 Divisional Championship Trophies (Atlantic and Coastal)
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.18.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's Soccer All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 33-member team will consist of the top 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the top goalkeeper being designated as first team; the next ten 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the second goalkeeper being designated as second team; and the next ten 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the third goalkeeper being designated as the third team.

3.23.18.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Men's Soccer All-Freshmen Team (11 members) must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18.3 Freshman of the Year. The Men's Soccer Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18.4 Offensive Player of the Year. The Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18.5 Defensive Player of the Year. The Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18.6 Midfielder of the Year. The Men's Soccer Midfielder of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2014)*

3.23.18.7 Coach of the Year. The Men's Soccer Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.18.8 All-Tournament Team. The Men's Soccer All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. An 11-member team, including the championship MVP, will be named.

3.23.18.9 Championship Most Valuable Player. The Men's Soccer Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.19 Soccer – Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Soccer are. *(Revised: 10/2005, 10/2007, 5/2014)*

- 45 All-ACC Academic Team
- 33 All-Conference Team (First, Second, and Third Team; 11 members per team)
- 11 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Midfielder of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year

- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 29 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.19.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Soccer All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 33-member team will consist of the top 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the top goalkeeper being designated as first team; the next 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the second goalkeeper being designated as second team; and the next 10 vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the third goalkeeper being designated as the third team.

3.23.19.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Women's Soccer All-Freshmen Team (11 members) must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.19.3 Freshman of the Year. The Women's Soccer Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.19.4 Offensive Player of the Year. The Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.19.5 Defensive Player of the Year. The Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.19.6 Midfielder of the Year. The Women's Soccer Midfielder of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2014)*

3.23.19.7 Coach of the Year. The Women's Soccer Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.19.8 All-Tournament Team. The Women's Soccer All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance. An 11-member team, including the MVP, will be named.

3.23.19.9 Championship Most Valuable Player. The Women's Soccer Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected at the conclusion of the ACC Women's Soccer Championship by a vote of the ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.20 Softball

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Softball are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 5/2007, 10/2007, 5/2016)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 30 All-Conference Team (First and Second Team; 15 members per team)
- 10 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Pitcher of the Year

- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 28 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.20.1 All-Conference Team. The Softball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 30-member team, regardless of position will consist of the top 15 vote recipients being designated as first team, and the next 15 vote recipients being designated as second team. *(Revised: 5/2014)*

3.23.20.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Softball All-Freshmen Team must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 10-member team, regardless of position, will be named. *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

3.23.20.3 Freshman of the Year. The Softball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.20.4 Player of the Year. The Softball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.20.5 Pitcher of the Year. The Softball Pitcher of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.20.6 Defensive Player of the Year. The Softball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2016)*

3.23.20.7 Coach of the Year. The Softball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.20.8 All-Tournament Team. An 11-member All-Tournament Team, including the MVP, will be selected by a vote of the head coaches, ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.20.9 Most Valuable Player. The Softball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the head coaches, ACC sports information directors and media in attendance.

3.23.21 Swimming & Diving – Men's and Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving are: *(Revised: 10/2007, 5/2015)*

- 50 All-ACC Academic Team – men and women
- 68 All-Conference Awards – men and women
- 1 Freshman of the Year – men and women (true freshmen only)
- 1 Swimmer of the Year – men and women
- 1 Diver of the Year – men and women

- 1 Swimming Coach of the Year – men and women
- 1 Diving Coach of the Year – men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy – men and women
- 27 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team – men and women
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Swimmer – men and women
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Diver – men and women
- 1 Award for Each Event Champion
- 1 Award for Each Event Second Place
- 1 Award for Each Event Third Place
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year – men and women

3.23.21.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving All-Conference Team will consist of the first, second and third place finishers in each event plus the first-place relay teams in the respective Conference Championship.

3.23.21.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's and Women's Freshman of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.21.2 Swimmer of the Year. The Men's and Women's Swimmer of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.21.3 Diver of the Year. The Men's and Women's Diver of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2007)*

3.23.21.4 Coach of the Year. The Men's and Women's Swimming Coach of the Year and Men's and Women's Diving Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.21.5 Most Valuable Swimmer/Diver. The Men's and Women's Most Valuable Swimmer from the Conference Championship will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. The Men's and Women's Most Valuable Diver from the Conference Championship will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2007, 4/2008)*

3.23.22 Tennis – Men's and Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Tennis are: *(Revised: 10/2005, 5/2007, 10/2007)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team – men and women
- 27 All-Conference Team (First, Second and Third Team; nine members per team) – men and women
- 1 Freshman of the Year – men and women (true freshmen only)
- 1 Player of the Year – men and women
- 1 Coach of the Year – men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy – men and women
- 13 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team – men and women
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player – men and women
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy – men and women
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year – men and women

3.23.22.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's and Women's Tennis All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the coaches. A 27-member team will be named as first, second and third team with nine members per team.

3.23.22.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's and Women's Tennis Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.22.3 Player of the Year. The Men's and Women's Tennis Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.22.4 Coach of the Year. The Men's and Women's Tennis Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

3.23.22.5 Most Valuable Player. The Men's and Women's Tennis Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by the head coach of the respective ACC championship team.

3.23.23 Track & Field (Indoor/Outdoor) – Men's and Women's

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field are: *(Revised: 5/2006, 10/2007, 4/2009, 5/2014)*

45	All-ACC Academic Team (Indoor) – men and women
50	All-ACC Academic Team (Outdoor) – men and women
	All-Conference Awards (114 Indoor, 138 Outdoor) – men and women
1	Freshman of the Year Award – men and women (true freshmen only)
1	Coach of the Year – men and women
1	Championship Team Trophy – men and women
36	Members of the Winning Team – men and women
1	Most Valuable Performer, Track – men and women
1	Most Valuable Performer, Field – men and women
1	Award for Each Event Champion
1	Award for Each Event Second Place
1	Award for Each Event Third Place
1	Indoor Track Performer of the Year – men and women
1	Indoor Field Performer of the Year – men and women
1	Outdoor Track Performer of the Year – men and women
1	Outdoor Field Performer of the Year – men and women
1	Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Indoor and Outdoor) – men and women

3.23.23.1 All-Conference Team. The Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field All-Conference Teams will consist of the top six finishers in each individual event plus all members of the top three relay teams in their respective Conference Championship. The top three finishers in each individual event plus all members of the first-place relay teams will be named to the first team, and the fourth through sixth finishers in each individual event plus all members of the second- and third-place relay teams will be named to the second team. *(Revised: 5/2014)*

3.23.23.2 Freshman of the Year. The Men's and Women's Freshman of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

3.23.23.3 Coach of the Year. The Men's and Women's Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

3.23.23.4 Most Valuable Performer, Track/Field. The Most Valuable Performer in Track and the Most Valuable Performer in Field will be determined by points accumulated during ACC

Championship competition. In the case of a tie for high point total, the MVP will be determined by a head coaches' vote among those student-athletes.

3.23.23.5 Performer of the Year, Track/Field. The Performer of the Year in Track and the Performer of the Year in Field will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

3.23.24 Volleyball – Women's.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Volleyball are: *(Revised: 10/2007, 4/2009, 5/2014)*

35	All-ACC Academic Team
28	All-Conference Team (First and Second; 14 members per team)
9	All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
1	Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
1	Player of the Year
1	Defensive Player of the Year
1	Setter of the Year
1	Coach of the Year
1	Championship Team Trophy
22	Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
1	Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.24.1 All-Conference Team. The Women's Volleyball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A 28-member team will consist of the top 14 vote recipients, regardless of position but including at least one "defensive specialist," designated as first team, and the next 14 vote recipients, regardless of position but including at least one "defensive specialist," designated as second team. *(Revised: 5/2014)*

3.23.24.2 All-Freshmen Team. The Women's Volleyball All-Freshmen Team (nine members) must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Revised: 5/2014)*

3.23.24.3 Freshman of the Year. The Women's Volleyball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be the player with the highest number of votes from the All-Freshman Team.

3.23.24.4 Player of the Year. The Women's Volleyball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.24.5 Defensive Player of the Year. The Women's Volleyball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.24.6 Setter of the Year. The Women's Volleyball Setter of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Adopted: 5/2014)*

3.23.24.7 Coach of the Year. The Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.25 Wrestling.

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Wrestling are: *(Revised: 10/2007)*

20	All-ACC Academic Team
20	All-Conference Awards

- 1 Wrestler of the Year
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true or redshirt freshman)
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 17 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Wrestler
- 1 Award for Each Weight Class Champion (All-ACC)
- 1 Award for Each Weight Class Second Place (All-ACC)
- 1 Award for Each Weight Class Third Place
- 1 Regular-Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

3.23.25.1 All-Conference Team. The Wrestling All-Conference Team will consist of the champion and runner-up in each weight at the Conference Championship.

3.23.25.2 Wrestler of the Year. The Wrestler of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

3.23.25.3 Freshman of the Year. The Wrestling Freshman of the Year may be a true or redshirt freshman and will be selected by a vote of the coaches. *(Revised: 5/2019)*

3.23.25.4 Coach of the Year. The Wrestling Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

3.23.25.5 Most Valuable Wrestler. The Championship Most Valuable Wrestler will be selected by a vote of the coaches in attendance at the championship.

APPENDIX 3-1 AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following sports receive an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championship by winning their respective ACC Championship. If the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed, then the regular-season champion will receive the automatic qualification.

Field Hockey

Women's Soccer

Women's Lacrosse

The following sports receive an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championship by winning their respective ACC Championship. If the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed, then the highest seed remaining in the Championship at the time designated below will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship.

Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball – after the most recently completed full round of competition

Softball – after the most recently completed full day of competition

Men's Soccer, Men's Tennis, and Women's Tennis – at the suspension of play

The following sport receives an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championship by winning their respective ACC Championship. If pool play has not been completed, then the number one seed will receive the automatic qualification. If pool play is completed, then the team with the best record in the ACC championship will receive the automatic qualification. If the teams in the semifinals or championship game have the same record, then the highest seed remaining will receive the automatic qualification.

Baseball

The following sport receives an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championships by earning the most points in NCAA events (First Varsity Eight, Second Varsity Eight and First Varsity Four races). In the event the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed, the automatic qualifier will be determined based on the procedure specified in 3.13.2.8.

Rowing

The following sport receives an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championship based on the regular-season standings with any ties being broken using the tie-breaking procedure.

Volleyball

The following sports do not receive automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championship.

Men's Cross Country

Women's Swimming & Diving

Women's Cross Country

Men's Indoor Track & Field

Men's Fencing

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Women's Fencing

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

Men's Lacrosse

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Men's Swimming & Diving

Wrestling



GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

[Note: For ease of reference, changes in the General Policies & Procedures for 2019-20 are underlined.]

4.1 GAMBLING POLICY

In recognition of the serious threat gambling poses to the integrity of intercollegiate athletics, the Conference requires that each member institution:

- a. At least once each academic year, arrange a presentation regarding gambling for all student-athletes, coaches, and athletics department staff members.
- b. Review NCAA Bylaw 10.3 at all team certification meetings.
- c. Develop a written athletics department policy on gambling for appropriate distribution (e.g., compliance manuals, student-athlete handbooks, game programs, media guides, booster brochures, websites, etc.).
- d. Designate a primary liaison to assist in coordinating institutional educational and monitoring efforts regarding gambling.
- e. At least once each academic year, distribute to student-athletes, coaches, and athletics department staff members information (e.g., newspaper/magazine articles, videotapes, poster) regarding gambling.

4.2 NCAA STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Conference requires that each member institution adhere to the following principles regarding the NCAA Student Assistance Fund:

- a. Conference member institutions should avoid use of the fund in a manner that could be construed as attempting to gain a recruiting advantage or disadvantage another institution and should insure that all student-athletes have equal access to the fund.
- b. The ACC principles should be conveyed to the NCAA.
- c. The ACC principles should be conveyed to other conferences.

4.3 COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

A necessary element in an effective functioning Conference governance structure is the establishment of policy and procedures to build an effective and efficient communication process within the Conference. This includes, but is not limited to, the sharing of information, timely notification, certainty of jurisdictional authority and limitations, and the establishment of regular personal interaction. In order to assist in the achievement of the above objective, the following guidelines will be executed:

- a. Consultation between members of the Council of Presidents and Joint Group (i.e., Faculty Athletics Representatives, Athletics Directors and Senior Woman Administrators) is expected on most matters reserved for Council of Presidents that are not precluded by confidentiality.
- b. Chairs of the Faculty Athletics Representatives, Athletics Directors, and Senior Woman Administrators are normally in attendance at the Council of Presidents meetings.
- c. Agendas and minutes of the Joint Group and Council of Presidents will be shared with all members of the governance structure. An executive summary of the minutes from the Joint Group shall be submitted to the Council.
- d. The goals and objectives of the Conference will be shared annually with the Joint Group and the Council of Presidents.
- e. The Executive Committee, the Joint Group, and the Council of Presidents shall review and

- comment on the goals and objectives of the Conference.
- f. An executive summary of the NCAA Board of Directors actions will be provided to the members of the Council of Presidents. Information on major issues on the agenda of the Council of Presidents will be provided to the members prior to the meeting.

4.4 ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

The member institutions of the Conference share a commitment to academic excellence in undergraduate, professional and graduate education, research, and public service. These joint interests have often led to collaborative academic initiatives among many of the member institutions. With the expansion to fifteen members, opportunity exists for a more diverse set of such collaborative activities.

To provide a formal mechanism to explore areas where groups of member institutions might want to work collectively on issues, the ACC Academic Consortium (ACCAC) is created. The ACCAC will be formed by a Council of Chief Academic Officers with a chair that rotates annually among the member institutions. The faculty athletics representatives will designate one member as a liaison to the ACCAC, who will serve a three-year term. The Council would be charged with drafting a charter for the ACCAC that promotes collaborative activities from a long-term perspective, but the ACCAC structure will be flexible so it can reflect opportunities and issues that arise from time to time. Participation in ACCAC activities will be voluntary, reflecting the interests of those who elect to take part. *(Revised: 5/2018)*

4.5 MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE COMPETITION

4.5.1 Working Conditions.

An appropriate post-game interview area for all sports shall be provided by the host sports information director. Security from fans, and for football, adequate coverage from inclement weather, must be provided when designating a post-game interview area. When possible, accessibility from the press row and to the media work room should be considered.

The media work room for football, men's basketball, and women's basketball should be designated for the sole use of attending media before, during, and immediately after the event. The media work room should be manned by security personnel consistent with its hours of operation. The media work room should include sufficient standard phone line access and power sources.

Press row security for football, men's basketball, and women's basketball should be consistent with that of a paying customer with special consideration toward post-game crowd control.

4.5.2 Post-Game Interview Policy for Sports Other Than Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Lacrosse and the Baseball Championship.

All post-game interviews with coaches will be conducted in a press interview area designated by the host sports information director. There will be a maximum ten-minute "cooling off" period, at which time the winning head coach must enter the interview area. The losing head coach should enter the interview area not more than ten minutes after the start of the interview of the winning head coach.

Once a head coach exits the locker room for the post-game interview, that team's locker room will then be open to the media. The players will be made available to the media in the locker room or an area designated by the sports information director.

The host sports information director, per mutual agreement with the visiting sports information director, may adjust the order of the above post-game interview procedure as long as media access to coaches and players is guaranteed. *(Revised: 4/2010)*

4.5.3 Post-Game Interview Policy for Men's and Women's Basketball and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.

All post-game interviews with coaches will be conducted in a press interview area designated by the host sports information director.

There will be a maximum ten-minute "cooling off" period, at which time the first available head coach will begin a ten-minute interview session in the interview area. Should both coaches be ready to begin their interviews at the same time, preference for the first session should be given to the visiting coach. The second head coach should be ready to enter the interview area not more than ten minutes after the start of the first interview.

Once a head coach exits the locker room for the post-game interview, that team's locker room will then be open to the media. The players will be made available to the media in the locker room or an area designated by the sports information director.

The host sports information director, per mutual agreement with the visiting sports information director, may adjust the order of the above post-game interview procedure as long as media access to coaches and players is guaranteed. *(Revised: 5/2008, 4/2010)*

4.5.4 Post-Game Interview Policy for the Baseball Championship.

All post-game interviews with coaches will be conducted in a press interview area designated by the ACC.

There will be a maximum ten-minute "cooling off" period, at which time the losing head coach will begin a ten-minute interview session in the interview area. The winning head coach should be ready to enter the interview area not more than ten minutes after the start of the first interview. *(Adopted: 4/2013)*

4.5.5 Post-Game Reporter for Officials Locker Room.

ACC allows for the host sports information director only to enter the officials' locker room after a game. Guidelines to be followed for a post-game interview situation are as listed below. The question by the SID, and subsequent statement, should be limited to the play or call in question.

- a. A potential fighting situation that results in a technical/unsportsmanlike foul.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct that results in a technical/unsportsmanlike foul.
- c. A technical/unsportsmanlike foul as a result of a coach leaving the coaching box area.
- d. An unusual situation that needs an explanation for media clarification.
- e. No explanations of judgment calls will be allowed.

4.6 CHEERLEADING POLICY FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tosses will only be allowed when a total of two people are involved (i.e., only one person tossing another person into the air.)

4.7 OLYMPIC SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

4.7.1 Olympic Sport Championship - Venue Completion.

Recommended Olympic sport championship venues must be completed at the time of Conference approval.

4.7.2 Bands, Cheerleaders, Mascots and Dance Teams.

Pep bands, cheerleaders, mascots and dance teams are not allowed to attend Olympic sport championships.

4.8 GUIDELINS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OLYMPIC SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following guidelines have been endorsed by the Atlantic Coast Conference and member institutions and are recommended to be followed and used throughout the regular season and for championship events.

4.8.1 Annual Committee Meetings.

Head coaches are expected to attend the annual sport committee meeting or conference call. If the head coach is not able to attend, an institutional administrator is to notify the ACC director of championships prior to the meeting or conference call. No more than one team representative will be allowed to attend the annual committee meeting.

Air travel to attend the annual committee meeting should be made 21 days in advance, whenever possible.

4.8.2 Championship Host.

When hosting an Atlantic Coast Conference Olympic sport championship, the host championship manager should be a full-time employee of the host institution.

The host institution shall provide neutral music for Olympic sport championships (e.g., pre-game, halftime, etc.)

4.8.3 Championship Competition and Practice.

Each member institution is permitted to practice at the site of competition one day prior to that institution's first competition at the respective championship. In the sport of tennis, the top 4 seeds are allowed a practice opportunity on the Wednesday prior to the start of the Championship, at the site of the Championship, after 6 p.m. *(Revised: 4/2011)*

4.9 PRESIDENTS' AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

The President, including consultation with the Commissioner, faculty athletics representatives, and athletics directors (if applicable), is solely responsible for selecting the recipient of this award, which may be presented during the May meeting banquet. The President may also choose not to present an award. *(Adopted: 4/2008)*

4.9.1 Eligibility.

Full-time employees of the Conference are not eligible to receive the award. Additionally, individuals who

have announced their retirement or departure from the Conference and those associated with the president's institution would also not be eligible.

4.9.2 Criteria.

The criteria for selection of the award would be the President's assessment that the individual had provided exemplary service to the Conference in a specific task, in a series of efforts during the year of the President's service, or over an extended period of time.

4.10 NCAA COACHES' CERTIFICATION RECRUITING TEST

The annual coaches' certification test shall be administered by the Conference office staff, the faculty athletics representative, or a designee of the faculty athletics representative who is (a) an institutional staff member outside the athletics department or (b) a member of the institution's compliance office.
(Revised: 5/2014, 5/2018)

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2019-20 ACC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Council of Presidents.....	September 10-11, 2019 New York, NY
Fall (FAR, AD & SWA)	September 30 – October 2, 2019 Blacksburg, VA
Faculty Athletics Representatives	December 7, 2019 Charlotte, NC
Legislative Webinar (FAR & SWA).....	December 11, 2019 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Winter (FAR, AD & SWA)	February 12-14, 2020 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Council of Presidents.....	March 4, 2020 Greensboro, NC
Legislative Webinar (FAR, AD & SWA)	March 25, 2020 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Scholar-Athlete Banquet.....	April 8, 2020 Greensboro, NC
Spring (FAR, AD, SWA and MBB, WBB & FB Head Coaches)	May 11-14, 2020 Amelia Island, FL

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CHAMPIONSHIP SITES & DATES

FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Host: Virginia Tech
November 1, 2019



WOMEN'S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS: Campus Sites
November 3, 2019

SEMIFINALS & FINAL:
WakeMed Soccer Park
Cary, NC
November 8 & 10, 2019



MEN'S SOCCER

FIRST ROUND: Campus Sites
November 5 & 6, 2019

QUARTERFINALS: Campus Sites
November 10, 2019

SEMIFINALS: Campus Sites
November 13, 2019

FINAL: WakeMed Soccer Park
Cary, NC
November 17, 2019



FIELD HOCKEY

Host: Boston College
November 7, 8 & 10, 2019



VOLLEYBALL

Regular Season
Determines ACC Champion



FOOTBALL

Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, NC
December 7, 2019

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS



WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING & MEN'S DIVING

Greensboro Aquatic Center
Greensboro, NC
February 19-22, 2020



MEN'S & WOMEN'S FENCING

Host: Notre Dame
February 22-23, 2020



MEN'S SWIMMING

Greensboro Aquatic Center
Greensboro, NC
February 26-29, 2020



MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Host: Notre Dame
February 27-29, 2020



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, NC
March 4-8, 2020



WRESTLING

Host: Pitt
March 7 or 8, 2020



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, NC
March 10-14, 2020

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS



MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rome Tennis Center
Rome, GA
April 15-19, 2020



MEN'S GOLF

Old North State Club
New London, NC
April 16-20, 2020



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Reserve
Pawleys Island, SC
April 22-26, 2020



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Host: North Carolina
April 22, 24 & 26, 2020



MEN'S LACROSSE

SEMIFINALS & FINAL:
Host: #1 Seed
April 24 & 26, 2020



SOFTBALL

Host: Louisville
May 6-9, 2020



MEN'S & WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Host: Duke
May 14-16, 2020



ROWING

Lake Hartwell
Host: Clemson
May 15-16, 2020



BASEBALL

BB&T Ballpark
Charlotte, NC
May 19-24, 2020

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