

## Regulation 8

# **WOMEN'S GOLF**

**8.1 General Rules.** Women's golf Conference competition shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the NCAA, the United States Golf Association, the Mountain West Handbook, and the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

**8.2 Conference Schedule.** There shall be no required regular season Conference schedule in the sport of women's golf.

**8.3 Championship Tournament.** A Conference tournament shall be conducted to determine the Mountain West champion.

**8.3.1 Tournament Dates.** The Conference championship shall be held Tuesday – Thursday (or Friday – Sunday when course availability permits) two weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals or earlier as course availability permits. *(Revised May 2011, July 2018, April 2022)*

**8.3.2 Automatic Qualification.** The winner of the Conference Championship shall be the Conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals.

**8.3.3 Cancellation of Championship.** In the event the Conference championship cannot be completed, the team with the highest national Spikemark ranking at the end of the season shall be the conference's automatic representative to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals. Additional information and exceptions regarding the cancellation of the Championship can be found in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook. *(Revised April 2004, June 2005, July 2023)*

**8.3.4 Minimum Number of Participants.** Member institutions that sponsor the sport of women's golf shall take a minimum of five participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship. Institutions that do not meet the minimum number of participants requirement shall be assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus the costs associated with the team traveling to the Championship site. The Conference office shall determine the cost of traveling to the Championship site. If failure of the member institution to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship results in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be used to cover the expenses incurred by the host institution. If failure to bring the minimum number of participants to the Conference Women's Golf Championship does not result in a loss to the host institution, the fine shall be included in the Conference championships budget. Waivers of the minimum number of participants rule may be granted by the Commissioner.

**8.3.5 Tie-Breaking Procedure.** If at the conclusion of 54 holes of play there is a tie for both the team and individual championship, the team championship playoff shall be conducted first. Additional information regarding tie-breaking procedures can be found in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

**8.3.6 Pre-Championship Meeting.** A pre-championship meeting shall be held the day prior to the start of the Championship. The head coaches of all participating institutions shall attend the meeting. A head coach who fails to attend the mandatory pre-championship

meeting shall have written notification sent to their director of athletics and institutional sport administrator. If a head coach provides the Conference office advanced notification of their absence at the meeting, the Commissioner (or designee) may approve of a substitute. Conference office staff and an institutional representative also shall attend the meeting. *(Adopted October 2006; Revised May 2017)*

**8.4 Pin Placement Sheets.** Pin placement sheets shall be provided prior to each day of competition to each participant and head coach. The depth of pin placements shall be identified in paces.

**8.5 Playing Rules.** All rules related to Conference championship play shall be conducted according to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship and USGA Rules except as modified by local rules or Conference regulations.

**8.6 Competition Roster.** Regulations for competition rosters are set forth in Regulation 1.14.

**8.7 Disqualification Penalties.** A student-athlete who is disqualified for reasons other than misconduct shall be permitted to resume play in the next and subsequent rounds.

**8.8 Awards.** The Conference golf coaches shall select recipients for all women's golf awards based on a predetermined set of criteria. Coaches shall not vote for themselves or for their own student-athletes. Should a coach fail to complete the entire ballot, the student-athletes from that team shall not be eligible to receive an award. Policies and procedures governing awards selection are outlined in the Mountain West Women's Golf Championship Handbook.

**8.8.1 All-Conference Team.** The All-Conference team shall consist of five first-team and five second-team recipients for a total of 10 student-athletes. Each shall be provided an award from the Conference. *(Revised August 2012)*

**8.8.2 Individual Awards.** Individual awards shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Golfer of the Year, and the Freshman of the Year.

Head coaches shall be the only viable coach of the year candidates. There shall not be a tie for Mountain West Coach of the Year. In the event of a tie, coaches shall re-vote between the two (or more) highest vote receivers. Co-awards for the individual student-athlete awards are permitted, but there must not be more than two. In the event of a three-way tie for an "Of the Year" award, the coaches shall re-vote amongst the three to get to one or two recipients.

To be considered for the Golfer of the Year, the recipient shall have been a first-team All-Conference selection. To be considered for Freshman of the Year, the recipient shall have been the highest-ranking freshman on any All-Conference team. *(Clarified August 2017)*

**8.9 Meeting of Coaches.** There shall be a virtual meeting of the women's golf head coaches to be held annually. Any changes shall be subject to approval by the Joint Council. Attendance by each head coach is mandatory.