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All business conducted by sport committees must be submitted as recommendations to the Administrative Committee.

I. Regular Season

- A. Regular season play will be conducted in the spring.

II. Postseason Procedures

- A. Pull carts are permitted.
- B. Electric carts or caddies are not permitted.
- C. Two Coaches are permitted to walk with the players as spectators during the tournament. Advice may be exchanged between team players and between coach and players, if it does not interfere with fellow players or the speed of play as defined by the coaches. Spectators should remain on cart paths or in the rough approximately 15 yards from the players. No communication that could be deemed “advice” in nature between spectators and players is allowed. Spectators may look for golf balls.
- D. Postseason Procedures are to mirror NAIA Article II.E, including adoption of the NAIA ‘Hard Card’ (Appendix C) to be used to improve consistency in tournament rules from year to year and allow the rules committee to know what rules the NAIA coaches have approved and how to enforce them.
- E. Coaches should rank players according to their level of ability. For the MCC Tournament First Round, season scoring average should be used to rank players.

III. Conference Tournament

- A. Each MCC member institution shall annually participate in one, 54-hole, two-day conference tournament.
- B. Playing rules and regulations should mirror guidelines as set forth in the NAIA Men’s Golf Coaches Manual. (Article VIII.D), including Advice Rule, NAIA Hard Card and Distant Measuring Devices.
- C. The order of hosting conference tournament will be alphabetical order. This started with Bethel College in 2009 which coincides with NAIA rules changes for Automatic Qualification to the NAIA National Tournament. In order to follow:

2010 Goshen
2011 Grace
2011 Huntington
2012 Indiana Wesleyan
2013 Marian
2014 Spring Arbor
2015 Saint Francis
2016 Taylor

- D. **FORMAT:** The number of players a team may use in a tournament is limited to four, using the four lowest scores.
- E. The 2010 MCC Conference Golf Tournament is to be held at Noblehawk Golf Course in Kendallville, Indiana, on Monday and Tuesday, April 26-27. Goshen College will be the host institution.
- F. Each year, the MCC Tournament host institution is to be responsible for GolfStat scoring and reporting on a daily basis.
- G. **Inclement Weather** – The 54 hole tournament may not be ended without the consultation and voting of all coaches. In case of a tie vote, the host coach, or his/her designee, will make the final determination, along with the host golf professional and tournament committee. Every effort should be made to complete the entire 54 holes, even if the final round needs to be rescheduled. A minimum of 36 holes must be played for the tournament to be officially completed.
- H. The conference championship trophy shall go to the team with the lowest 54-hole tournament team score. In the event of a tie, the NAIA Tie-Breaking procedure to be used for team and individual. (Article II.C)
- I. The host athletic director in conjunction with the men’s golf chair will coordinate the MCC Men’s Golf Tournament.

IV. NAIA Postseason Qualification – MCC Conference Tournament winner will represent the MCC in the NAIA national tournament field as an automatic qualifier.

V. All-Conference Team – Regular Season

- A. The All-Conference team will be determined by the ten (10) lowest individual scores and ties for the 54 hole Conference tournament. The Player of the Year will be medalist of the 54 Conference tournament.
- B. Players are subject to disqualification if they do not adhere to NAIA conduct rules, including use of tobacco.

VI. The Coach of the Year – Regular Season

- A. The Coach of the Year award will be presented at the end of the MCC Tournament and determined by a majority vote of all MCC golf coaches.

VII. Sport Chair - The position of Sport Chair will be voted upon every two years. No term limitations will be set, but individuals must be nominated and voted into the position of Sport Chair every two years.