

# GOLF

*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 I.I.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  
2012 Huntington                2013 Indiana Wesleyan  
2014 Marian                        2015 Spring Arbor  
2016 Saint Francis               2017 Taylor  
2018 Bethel
- D. **FORMAT:** The number of players a team may use in a tournament is limited to four, using the four lowest scores.
- E. Pairings for the 2nd tournament round on Day 2 will be based on each team’s score from

the first day of the tournament. In the event of a tie for first place at the conclusion of Day 2, a five-man playoff will be held, counting the best four (4) scores per hole until the tie is broken.

- F. The 2011 MCC Conference Golf Tournament is to be held at a course to be decided upon by the coaches at the fall meeting in September. Dates and location will also be determined at that time.
- G. Each year, the MCC Tournament host institution is to be responsible for GolfStat scoring and reporting on a daily basis.
- H. 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.
- I. 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)
- J. The host athletic director in conjunction with the men's golf chair will coordinate the MCC Men's Golf Tournament.

**IV. Score Reporting** – In order for schools to be eligible for national ratings, results from tournaments must be reported to the NAIA Scoreboard within 24 hours of completion. It is the responsibility of each school to report its scores. Scores can be manually entered at [www.naiasports.org/admin](http://www.naiasports.org/admin).

**V. NAIA Postseason Qualification** – MCC Conference Tournament winner will represent the MCC in the NAIA national tournament field as an automatic qualifier. In the event of an individual tie for Medalist at the MCC Tournament, the player not on the winning team will also represent the MCC at the National Tournament.

**VI. 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. Others may be Honorable Mention All-Conference based on scoring average for the year. The Player of the Year will be based on the All-Conference vote by the coaches.
- B. Players are subject to disqualification if they do not adhere to NAIA conduct rules, including use of tobacco.

**VII. 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.

**VIII. 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.