



## PLAYING REGULATIONS: GOLF

### 1. SPORT FORMAT

The Canada West Championships will be governed by the sport specific rules and regulations outlined in this document. The rules of play for all categories shall be in accordance with the Golf Canada (RCGA) rules, and the local rules of the golf course over which the tournament is played, except where specified in this document.

### 2. CONDUCT

As CW members, all players and coaches are expected to follow the standard guidelines and principles as per the CW Code of Ethics. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

2.1. CW does not permit the use of tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) by any individuals at the CW competition site (clubhouse, putting green, scoring tent, official scoring area -i.e., scoreboard) or during championship activities such as banquets, press conferences and interview sessions. Individuals are permitted the use tobacco products in a designated area determined by the Host committee and Host Golf Course. Penalty for breach of this rule will result in a warning by the officials; a second warning will result in a disqualification for that particular round; a third warning will result in a disqualification from the competition.

2.2. **CW does not permit the consumption of alcohol by any individuals at a CW competition site (clubhouse or on course) or during championship activities such as banquets, press conferences and other related events. Penalty for breach of this rule will result in a warning by the officials; a second warning will result in a disqualification for that particular round; a third warning will result in a disqualification from the competition.**

2.3. CW does not permit the use of electronic equipment (e.g., cell phones, I-Pods, MP3 Players, or any other communication devices) by student-athletes during a stipulated round at the championships. Penalty for breach of this rule will result in a warning from the official; a second warning will result in a disqualification for that particular round

### 3. RULES

3.1. The rules of play for all categories shall be in accordance with the Golf Canada (RCGA) rules, and the local rules of the golf course over which the tournament is played, except where specified elsewhere in this document.

3.2. A rules official shall be available to interpret the rules of play in consultation with the CW Host.

3.3. A list of local rules of the Host Golf Course shall be distributed to participating teams prior to the practice round.

3.4. All Participants may not use power carts or caddies during the competition, but are allowed to use pull carts. However, the officials may authorize the players to use power

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- carts at any time of the championships to help with pace of play due to length of course and/or during inclement weather.
- 3.5. Distance Measuring Devices are allowed. Slope feature must be disabled for competitive round.
  - 3.6. One coach is designated to **each of the men's and women's teams**. The coach(es) must be identified to the host committee before the start of the tournament.
  - 3.7. Men's and women's championship tees will be used. Tee decks and locations will be designated by the officials in consultation with the host course prior to play on day one. Weather and course conditions may necessitate changes in tee selections as selected by the officials.
    - 3.7.1. All Championship rounds will be a crossover/double crossover start (pending on the size of the field) and will play preferably in threesomes; this will be determined by the officials and Host Golf Course.
    - 3.7.2. The host should negotiate with the host site a starting time which is consistent each day and preferably no later than 9:00 am
    - 3.7.3. The host shall negotiate with the host site to close the course to facilitate three days for the championships. Should the club wish to send members, green fee payers out, they shall facilitate starting times 1 hour after the last CW group has left the starting tee.
    - 3.7.4. Preference that teams are together at tee-off to allow the coaches to work with their teams.
  - 3.8. If a player does not appear for assigned tee-off time, signs an incorrect scorecard, or has committed a rule infraction, then he/she shall be disqualified from that stipulated round of play, his/her score does not count for that round. The player is allowed to continue play for the team competition, but is eliminated from the individual competition.
  - 3.9. If a player is disqualified during play for misconduct of behaviour, then he/she is disqualified from the stipulated round, and therefore, is not eligible to continue play. All participants must follow the CW and Golf Canada Code of Conduct.
  - 3.10. If a player withdraws due to illness, then he/she is disqualified from the individual Competition (but is still allowed to play for the team competition).
    - 3.10.1. If a player cannot continue during a stipulated round due to injury, then he/she is disqualified from the individual competition but is still allowed to play for the team competition.
  - 3.11. **Pace of Play**

The host committee will adopt a Pace of Play policy for use during the championships. This policy would clearly determine an acceptable pace of play standard for the golf course being played and consider the size of the field as well as well as other factors which could affect the efficient movement of players during the stipulated round(s) of play. All players and coaches will be provided the Pace of Play details prior to their practice round and where possible on-course signage will be added. Penalties for offenders and procedures for players and groups to regain position will be clearly stated.

## 4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1. There will be Men's and Women's Championship involving both Team and Individual Play.
- 4.2. A women's team shall consist of a maximum of five (5) players and a minimum of three (3) players.
- 4.3. A men's team shall consist of a maximum of five (5) players and a minimum of four (4) players.
- 4.4. A university entering less than three (3) players for women or four men (4) shall be eligible to compete for the individual championships only.

## 5. ENTRY FORMAT

- 5.1. Any team wishing to enter the CW Championship must be entered in the sport with the CW Office, per the Sport Declaration Form. Participants may enter the sport after the AGM and up to the 30 days prior to the championship however their participation is dependent on the host being able to accommodate additional participants.
- 5.2. Only players maintaining amateur status are eligible. A current Canadian Professional Golf Association (CPGA) card-carrying player is NOT eligible for CW competition as they no longer have amateur status. A player may regain amateur status through the appropriate channels with Golf Canada.
- 5.3. All U SPORTS eligibility policies shall apply to all athletes participating in CW Golf. Only players who are on a CW Eligibility form and have been confirmed to be eligible by Canada West (per U SPORTS Eligibility rules) are permitted to participate in the Golf Championship. Eligibility will be consumed when a student-athlete participates in three events or the stand-alone CW championship.
- 5.4. Rosters need to be submitted to the CW Office one week prior to the CW Championship. Following championships, CW office will confirm eligibility used with member participant.

## 6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 6.1. The Championship Tournament shall consist of thirty-six (36) holes of stroke play, to be played on two (2) days. There shall be 18 holes played on Day One and 18 holed played on Day 2. A weekend date is preferred for the event.
- 6.2. In the Women's Championship, the three low gross scores from each team shall be totaled each day to determine that team's score.
- 6.3. In the Men's Championship, the four low gross scores from each team shall be totaled each day to determine that team's score.
- 6.4. In the Women's Championship, the individual player posting the low gross score for thirty-six (36) holes shall be declared as the winner of the Individual Champion.
- 6.5. In the Men's Championship, the individual player posting the low gross score for thirty-six (36) holes shall be declared as the winner of the Individual Champion.

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- 6.6. Teams will be grouped in threesomes where possible. The order of tee time assignments will be adjusted from round to round. The teams will tee off in reverse order of their cumulative team score. Players will be grouped according to their individual total score and where possible cannot play with a member of their own institution.
- 6.7. In case of a tie, it shall be broken by sudden death, one (1) hole at a time, until a champion has been declared. The starting hole will be determined by the officials. For situations in which a sudden death playoff cannot be completed, or for any other team tie-breaker, the following system shall be used to break ties:
  - 6.7.1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores (Lower score receives better ranking).
  - 6.7.2. Aggregate score on the final round of stipulated play (Lower score receives better ranking).
  - 6.7.3. Total team score for the final round of play (Lower score receives better ranking).

## 7. COURSE SPECIFICATIONS

- 7.1. The host institution shall be responsible for reserving a suitable golf course for the appropriate amount of time to conduct the tournament. This should include two (2) days of competition and one (1) day preceding the tournament for practice rounds
- 7.2. The course length for CW Championships shall be no less than 6400 yards for men and will be between 5200-5600 yards for women taking the course slope into consideration.

## 8. AWARDS

- 8.1. A Championship banner and trophy will be provided by CW and presented by the host to the winner from the men and women at the closing ceremony concluding the Championship.
- 8.2. CW will provide medals for gold, silver, and bronze medal winning teams. A maximum of six (6) medals per team will be provided.
- 8.3. CW will provide one (1) gold medal to the individual male and female champions and one (1) silver and one (1) bronze medal to the second and third low gross scores (respectively) for both men and women.

## 9. DRESS CODE

All competitors must follow the Golf Canada Dress Code Policy.

## 10. RESULTS, STATISTICS AND WEBCASTING

Refer to CW Policies 12 and 13 of the Canada West Operations Manual for regulations and procedures regarding reporting results, statistical reports and webcasting.

## 11. SPORT ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1. The host is responsible for reporting all scores and statistics to Canada West.
- 11.2. A Technical Tournament Meeting shall be convened by the host before the start of the first round of tournament play so that local rules may be clarified and approved.
- 11.3. A pre-competition coaches meeting shall be held prior to the Championship. Minutes of this meeting must be kept and submitted to the CW office along with any motions.

## 12. INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AND SERIOUS MISCONDUCT IN COMPETITION

Refer to Policy 6 of the Canada West Operations Manual for the policy and process for dealing with complaint of inappropriate conduct or incidents of serious misconduct in competition.

### 12.1 SUSPENDED/EJECTED COACH OR PLAYER

- 1) A **suspended/ejected coach** must adhere to the following (for non-conference, league, and playoffs):
  - a. Will not be permitted anywhere within the playing venue from one hour before until 30 minutes after their games.
  - b. Coaches ejected during a game are to leave the vicinity of the playing surface, dressing rooms and benches, and cease all engagement with any participants, including players, coaches, officials, spectators etc. until 30 minutes after the game concludes.

**NOTE:** Where a Team Official is ordered to the dressing room under this rule, it is sufficient that they are away from the Players', benches or playing surface and are not directing or interacting with the teams in any manner and in no way interacting with or bothering the officials. Should the individual violate this rule, they are subject to further discipline following a Policy 6 review.
  - c. Coaches suspended for a game may not be within the vicinity of the playing surface, dressing rooms and benches as of 60 minutes prior to the game; during this time coaches may not have any interaction with the team, through technology or other means, until 30 minutes after the game has been completed.
- 2) A **suspended/ejected player** must adhere to the following (for non-conference, league, and playoffs):
  - a. Student athlete suspended can be in the venue and should be as close as possible to the team bench without being on the team bench.
  - b. Are not allowed within the field of play during competition.
  - c. Student athletes suspended can join in the locker room only after the game is complete.