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The National Golf Championship, and all events related thereto, are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Golf Coaches and are subject to standards developed by these respective coaches and subsequent approval by the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the National Golf Committee at the National Coaches' Meeting in conjunction with the National Golf Championship. The National Golf Committee shall be appointed and approved annually at the National Golf Championship for the following year. The National Golf Committee shall consist of the following: the National Golf Chair, the National Golf Vice-Chair and two Golf Coaches with broad geographical representation. This committee shall have the responsibility to administer the National Golf Championship.

I. SELECTION OF TEAMS

A. Regional Championship Qualifications

Any region may conduct a championship to determine a regional champion; however, the winner of such an event is not automatically qualified for the National Golf Championship. Awards shall be provided by each region.

B. National Championship Qualifications

1. Only teams that are in good standing with the NCCAA shall be eligible. Good standing shall include all dues paid in full, free from any sanctions imposed by the NCCAA and provision of valid certification of all student-athletes planning to participate.
2. All NCCAA member institutions must send to the National Office a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by September 15 for all varsity sports. Amendments for Winter sports must be submitted by January 15 and Spring sports by March 1. (See Forms & Procedures section.)
3. Any member in good standing posting a best four of five score of 30 over par, or averaging 40 over par for the fall or spring schedule, shall be eligible to send a team to the National Golf Championship. Any member in good standing may send individuals who average 79.9 or less for the fall or spring season if its team does not qualify. An institution may not send more than six participants.
4. When field limitations require team selection process, the following criteria shall be used:
 - a. Team scoring average for fall (to date) and previous spring.
 - b. Strength of schedule and courses competed on.
 - c. Number of teams from candidate's NCCAA region already selected.
 - d. Past performances in NCCAA National Golf Championships.
 - e. Current NAIA/NCAA National rankings (where applicable).

The top 18 teams entered, based on scoring averages and results, qualify for the National Championship field. The next 9 teams entered, also based on scoring averages and results, qualify for the National Invitational. These qualifications are neutral regarding Division I and Division II status. The two tournaments shall run simultaneously within one event at one common site. The deadline for the teams to be determined shall be 21 days prior to the start of the National Championship. A limit of three individuals with no participating team may enter the championship.

5. The top nine teams from the NCCAA Championship automatically qualify for the following year's National Championship.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Administration

1. It is recommended that the site and date of the National Golf Championship be determined two years in advance.
2. Both the site and date of the National Golf Championship shall be approved by vote of the National Golf Committee and presented to member institutions.
3. Site for the National Golf Championship must conform to all regulations outlined in the "Facility Criteria" section that follows.
4. Host institution shall receive an automatic bid, which must be accepted.

B. Facility Criteria

1. The course should be centrally located for member institutions. An average travel time for all participating teams should not exceed 12 hours.
2. Facility membership must not be discriminating on basis of race, gender, creed or nationality.

3. Course slope rating should be a minimum of 120 or the course rating should be equal to or above the established par from championship tees.
4. "Use of Facility" should include restrooms, snack shop/restaurant, pro shop, score board, driving range, putting green and the 18 hole course.
5. Championship tee times should not begin before 8:00 A.M. but should be determined by course staff and Championship Director. One practice round should be available on the day immediately before the first round. When the competitive rounds fall on Monday and Tuesday, practice rounds should also be available Saturday for participants who are not allowed to practice or compete on Sunday.
6. Greens fees should fall between \$25-\$50 per player per round.

NOTE: The above list is a guide for course selection. The National Golf Committee reserves the right to use other criteria or factors when applicable. In such a case, all courses considered shall be notified.

C. Financial Considerations

1. Institutions serving as host to the National Golf Championship must ensure that every effort will be made to secure full or partial sponsorship to help reduce lodging, meals and travel expenses.
2. The "Facility Criteria" guidelines for course fees must be adhered to and may only be exceeded with approval of the National Golf Committee.
3. When possible, a team dinner should be provided for all participants following the practice round in order to allow time for fellowship of participants.

D. Advertising

The host sponsor of a Regional or National Championship shall not accept advertising or promote in any way the marketing or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs in connection with the NCCAA Golf Program.

E. Meetings

A meeting of the coaches of the competing teams, host coach and members of the National Golf Committee shall be held prior to the National Championship to review playing rules, interpretations and any other administrative matters that may be necessary. Also, discussion and vote(s) shall take place on any guideline changes the golf coaches wish to recommend to the NCCAA Board of Directors at the NCCAA Annual Convention.

F. Awards (see Awards Section)

1. The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Championships. Team, medalist and National Coach of the Year awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office (at the request of the National Golf Chair). The championship host pays for all other awards (i.e. All-Tournament Team, etc.).
2. The National Coach of the Year shall be named at the conclusion of the National Golf Championship. All coaches present at the National Golf Championship shall cast a ballot. There shall be only one vote per institution.
3. The top ten finishers in the National Golf Championship shall be deemed NCCAA All-Americans and shall receive plaques provided by the National Office denoting their accomplishment.
4. Scholar-Athlete Criteria:
 - a. Honorees are selected each year based on criteria and standards established by the National Golf Committee.
 - b. Nominations must be submitted to the National Golf Chair on an official nomination form and received by the established deadline (see [Appendix A](#)). The Scholar-Athlete Checklist shall be used to ensure proper documentation (see [Appendix B](#)).
 - c. The nominated student-athlete must:
 1. Be a junior or senior academically (a minimum of 72 semester hours or equivalent) and have been at the nominating institution for at least one full term.
 2. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent for all terms completed at the time of nomination.
 3. Be a member of the varsity golf team and have at least two years varsity competition at the collegiate level.
 4. Be of high Christian character, in good standing at the nominating institution and certified by the head coach.

G. Squad Size

No more than six players representing a member institution may participate in the National Golf Championship. The traveling party shall be limited to seven members including the coach and players. Expenses (banquet tickets,

provided meals) for personnel in addition to the approved traveling party shall be absorbed by the respective institution. Substitutions for medical casualties or extenuating circumstances shall be made at the discretion of the National Golf Committee.

H. Format of Competition

The National Golf Championship shall be a 54-hole (36 holes on day 1 and 18 holes on day 2) stroke play event with teams counting the top 4 of 5 scores. In case of inclement weather, the National Golf Committee, in conjunction with the course liaison, shall make a determination of adjustments to this format. No fewer than 18 holes shall constitute a completed event. The second round pairings shall be based upon individual standings from the first round with leaders teeing off last. USGA rules shall govern all play except where local rules or conditions apply.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Officers

Chair: Ryan Bowen, Cedarville University

Vice-Chair: Steve Evans, Indiana Wesleyan University

B. National Championship Dates and Sites

October 12-13, 2009 The Hombre Golf Club, Panama City, Florida

October 11-12, 2010 The Hombre Golf Club, Panama City, Florida

October 10-11, 2011 The Hombre Golf Club, Panama City, Florida

October 8-9, 2012 The Hombre Golf Club, Panama City, Florida

IV. OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

Golf (Men): The United States Golf Association (USGA). Rule books may be purchased by contacting: USGA, PO Box 200, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931, telephone: (201) 234-2300.

Appendix A
Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete Nomination Form

Please type or print this form. Attach letters of support. Mail to the address below.

Name _____ Hometown _____
Institution _____ Golf Coach _____
Class _____ Major Field of Study _____ Cumulative GPA _____
Current Position on Varsity Team _____ Year(s) on Varsity Team _____

SEASON TOURNAMENT FINISHES

<u>Tournament and Location</u>	<u>Individual Finish</u>	<u>Scores/Total</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Previous Golf Honors and Awards _____

Academic Honors and Outside Activities _____

Coach's Evaluation _____

Signature – Head Golf Coach

Signature – Athletics Director

Signature – Registrar

Date

Send completed form, postmarked no later than the Monday prior to the National Championship to:
Ryan Bowen, Cedarville University, 251 N Main St, Cedarville, OH 45314; fax: 937-766-8819; bowenr@cedarville.edu

