

SECTION 5 – GOLF (Men and Women)

- A. The MVC Championship:
1. For Women – Divisional championship shall be determined by two 18-hole meets (one divisional and one Conference). The Conference meet shall be held first on an established date approved by the Conference. Scores from the Conference and divisional meets will be added to determine the divisional champions, thus 36 holes of competition will determine the divisional champions. In the event of suspended play in which 9 holes are not completed, the entire round is to be replayed on an established rain date. On the rain date, if the entire 18 hole round is still not completed, but 9 holes have been played, that 9-hole score will be used to determine the divisional/Conference champion. In all MVC competition, play six (6), and count four (4) scores.
 2. For Men – Divisional championship shall be determined by fifty-four (54) holes of play (2-18 hole divisional meets and the 18 hole MVC meet totals). If the entire 18-hole round is not completed but 9 holes have been played, the 9-hole score will be considered the round score. In the event of suspended play in which 9 holes are not completed, the entire round is to be replayed on the next day the course is available.
- B. The host school shall call a meeting of the golf coaches at least one-half hour before the meet begins to determine tee-off times, grouping of players, etc.
- C. Entries in divisional or Conference meets shall be the same as IHSAA or IGHSAA district/sectional current regulation.
- D. Scoring shall be Medal Play:
1. In the event of individual ties in the Conference meet, the following tie breaker system shall be used for distribution of awards: compare scores on the #1 handicap hole, #2 hole, etc. No play-offs to be held.
 2. Individual ties in the final divisional standings remain as finished – no play-offs or tie-breaking procedures to be implemented.
 3. In all meets scheduled by the MVC except the divisionals, breaking of all team ties will be decided by using the fifth player's score of that day. If the tie is not broken with the fifth player's score, use the sixth player's score. In the event a given team has only four players or five players and the tie is broken through the use of the fifth or sixth player's score, the team with only four and/or five player's would lose. (Ties still remaining after application of the above will remain ties.)
- E. U.S.G.A. rules will be followed with the exception the ball can be played up.
- F. For Men – Code of Conduct for Players:
1. In meets or tournaments sponsored by the MVC, a two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for conduct unbecoming high school players. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Club throwing, defined as releasing the club in a manner to do harm to any person or the course.
 - b. Use of abusive language.
 - c. Willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course.
 - d. Other unbecoming conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will strictly enforce this rule. Second offense, the player is automatically disqualified.
- G. A Rules Committee of three (3) coaches will be appointed prior to the meet to resolve all MVC championship meet disputes. The host pro's decision, if necessary, will be final in all disputes.

- H. Practice rounds may be played at the Divisional and Conference meet sites, provided there is no loss of school time for play or travel, and green fee expenses are not provided by the school. Violation – Scores will not count in the MVC Meet.
- I. MVC coaches at Conference or divisional meets will be used as spotters, rule enforcers, rule committee members, and to print scores in the clubhouse.
- J. Players specific responsibilities as scorekeeper:
1. Players will rotate cards within their group.
 2. Mark scorecard after leaving the green. Try to settle all disputes before teeing off on the next hole. If unable to resolve, the Rules Committee will solve disputes.
- K. Annual Business Meeting – The Annual Business Meeting of coaches shall be held on the day of the Super Meet.
- L. Groupings for the Men's and Women's Super Meet and Divisional Meets shall be as follows:
- a. The Super Meet and first Divisional Meet shall be grouped by random pairings.
 - b. The groups for the final round of divisional play shall be threesomes as follows:
 1. Group the #1 players from each school into threesomes according to their divisional scores.
 2. The seventh ranked #1 player will be paired in a threesome with two #2 players.
 3. The remaining pairings shall all be random.
- M. The Conference shall award an All-Academic certificate (blue on silver) to two members of each school's team based on the following criteria:
1. Senior or junior athlete; major letter winner.
 2. Good citizen (criteria up to each school).
 3. Highest accumulative grade point to include previous semester.
 4. Two awards per school per sport unless there is a tie and then duplicates can be awarded.
 5. 3.0 minimum to qualify.
 6. Criteria to be included with information for Conference coaches meetings on one day Conference meets.
 7. Press release to be made with All-Academic teams from other fall sports on a common date at the conclusion of the fall season by the Conference Statistician.
- N. Athlete-of-the-Year: Certificate will be awarded to the overall medalist of the Divisional competition. In case of a tie, co-winners of the award will be named.
- O. Coach-of-the-Year – Selection of the “Divisional Coach-of-the-Year” shall be made at the last divisional meet.