

# AMERICAN MIDWEST CONFERENCE

## *Men's and Women's Golf (Unaffiliated)*

<b>ACADEMIC YEAR:</b>	Spring 2012
<b>CONFERENCE LIAISON:</b>	Claude English – Athletic Director Park University
<b>UNAFFILIATED SPORTS CHAIRS:</b>	Michael Bookshire – Hannibal-LaGrange University (Men) Michael Mueller – Park University (Women)
<b>UNAFFILIATED RATERS:</b>	Matt Pokigo – Daemen College (Men) Barry Doty – William Woods University (Women)
<b>OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES:</b>	Ken Starkweather – Roberts Wesleyan College (Men) Barry Doty – William Woods University (Men) Will Ramos – Talladega College (Men) Michael Brookshire – Hannibal-LaGrange University (Women) Justin Hoagland – Missouri Baptist University (Women) Steve Torricelli – Benedictine University (Women)
<b>UNAFFILIATED TOURNAMENT DATES:</b>	WOMEN -- TBA MEN – May 7-8, 2012
<b>UNAFFILIATED TOURNAMENT SITES:</b> (MEN GROUPED WITH AMERICAN MIDEAST CONFERENCE AND GULF COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE, WOMEN GROUPED WITH CHICAGOLAND COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE)	TBA
<b>TOURNAMENT FORMAT:</b>	WOMEN -- Minimum of 36 holes, stroke play Course Requirement: 18 consecutive holes at a minimum of 5,800 yards MEN -- Minimum of 54 holes, stroke play Course Requirement: 18 consecutive holes at a minimum of 6,000 yards Practice round the day before competition <i>*The tournament can be shortened by 18 holes if inclement weather does not allow full completion.</i>
<b>NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES:</b>	MEN – May 22-25, 2012 – Creekside Golf Course (Salem, Ore.) WOMEN – May 15-18, 2012 – Link Hills C.C. Greeneville, Tenn.

### AMC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF POLICIES --

#### I. GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE PLAY

- A) Four conference schools must sponsor golf in order to qualify for a conference tournament.

- B) The purpose of the conference/unaffiliated tournament is to determine the team champion, the Conference/unaffiliated individual medalist, and the conference/unaffiliated representative to the unaffiliated NAIA national championship.

## **II. GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

- A) The tournament shall be a two-day event in the spring with a minimum of 36 holes for women, stroke play with 18 consecutive holes at a minimum of 5,800 yards. For men, the course shall be a minimum of 54 holes, stroke play with 18 consecutive holes at a minimum of 6,000 yards. The tournament can be shortened by 18 holes if inclement weather does not allow the maximum number of holes to be played. A practice round the day before competition is provided for those teams that want to play.
- B) Teams play five individuals and score four at the conference tournament with the team championship and final standings determined by total score. If two or more teams are tied for first place at the conclusion of regulation play, a sudden-victory playoff will begin on a designated hole.
- C) Counting the best four scores for each team on each hole, play will continue hole-by-hole until a winner has been declared. This format will also apply if two or more individuals are tied for first place. If an individual is involved in both a team and medalist playoff, his/her score for the team will also count as his individual score. The individual medalist will be by medal score, using total number of holes played in the conference championship. If two or more players are tied for first place at the conclusion of regulation play, a sudden-victory playoff will begin on a designated hole. The individual medalist is also designated as the AMC Player-of-the-Year.
- D) A rules committee, made up of three head coaches, will be in place for the conference tournament. The rules committee shall consist of the host head coach, the head coach of the host school from the preceding year, and the head coach of the host school for the following year. The club professional of the host course may serve as an ex-officio member of the rules committee.
- E) The conference tournament shall only be contested at a course which meets the following minimum criteria: 18-hole layout with a minimum of 6,000 yards for men and 5,800 for women, and a driving range that accommodates a minimum of ten players, and a practice green.
- F) Team standings determine pairings for the second day – teams 1-2-3 and teams 4-5-6 from the first day play together as an example. Pairings will be based on Golfstat ranking (50 percent) and golf stroke average (50 percent).

## **III. AWARDS**

- A) The top 10 individuals in the conference tournament will receive medals and be designated as All-Conference. Ties will not be broken in the individual standings with the exception of first place. In addition each school may nominate up to two additional golfers for All-Conference honors (with pertinent information). A vote of conference coaches shall be conducted over e-mail after the championship meet and an additional five golfers will be named All-

Conference. To be eligible for these five extra spots, a nominee must play in a minimum of five meets prior to the championship. The voting process will take place the week after the championship meet.

**B) PLAQUES**

1. Team Conference Champions
2. Coach of the Year
3. Player of the Year (Based on Golfstat stats adjusted stroke average vs. par)
4. Newcomer of the Year – Same as Player of the Year
5. Freshman of the Year – Same as Player of the Year

**C) CERTIFICATES**

Academic All-Conference

**IV. CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

The men and women golf coaches will meet once a year at the annual AMC coaches meeting in August.

**V. SPORTS CHAIR**

The Sports Chairperson selection will be determined by a vote of the member coaches. The term shall be two years beginning in 2010. Coaches will vote for AMC Coach-of-the-Year at the conclusion of the conference tournament. They may not vote for themselves.