

2025 GOLF

GIRLS (revisions in red)

I. RULES: GOVERNING ASSOCIATIONS

- A. United States Golf Association: Regulations in the U.S.G.A. Annual Book govern play.
- B. CIAC Current regulations regarding:
 - 1. Opening day of practice
 - 2. Length of season
 - 3. Number of dates per week
 - 4. State Championship qualifications
 - 5. Any other ad hoc rules
- C. FCIAC
 - 1. All matches will be nine holes
 - 2. Once a match has started, (barring an emergency) teams are obligated to play 9 holes. In the event of rain or inclement weather, if the course is open, the match must be played as scheduled. However, a match may be rescheduled due to impending inclement weather provided both coaches agree and a new match date can be arranged. If a new date cannot be found and the original course was open on the scheduled date of competition, both teams will record the match as a loss.
 - 3. If a match has begun and is canceled due to a course closure, the match will be restarted at a later date and all holes will be played.
 - 4. Each team will consist of five players. Matches will be determined by the best 4 of 5 scores, with ties broken by the dropped score.
 - 5. The home coach will decide if the match will be postponed for inclement weather.
 - 6. Out of courtesy and sportsmanship, coaches should let an opposing coach know of circumstances outside the norm (tees to be played, front or back 9, number of players to bring, tri or quad match, etc.) whenever possible.
 - 7. Players smoking, chewing tobacco or vaping prior to, during, or after a match will be *disqualified*.
 - 8. Players who throw clubs, use obscene language, or display any other form of poor sportsmanship, may be penalized as follows: two stroke penalty added to the player's hole score for each offense at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 9. Though the CIAC requires players to use their cellphone to access the iWanamaker app during play, players shall not use their phone, or other electronic device, **including use of earbuds/headphones**, for any other purpose, except in an emergency. The penalty for breach of Condition of Competition and its consequence is: two stroke penalty added to the player's hole score for each offense at the discretion of the Committee.
 - 10. Infractions must be called! *There will not be an agreement between opponents to ignore violations of conduct and/or scoring.* The infractions should be called before play begins on the next hole, or in the case of the last hole, before the card is signed and attested. In the event that an infraction is witnessed by a coach or course official, but not called, *both the player who made the infraction and the opponent who did not call the infraction may be disqualified.*

11. Players will not be allowed on the golf course without proper attire. Proper golf attire is a shirt with a collar and slacks (Jeans and short shorts are not permitted). Appropriate length golf shorts or skorts are optional, but the home coach may refuse an individual permission to play if a representative of the course determines the length of the shorts/skort to be unacceptable.
12. The decision as to whether summer rules or winter rules will be used in a match is left to the home coach.
13. The golf chairman may call on the help of two coaches to help with a controversial decision.
14. The home coach, or his/her captain, will read the following instructions on the first tee:
 - a. All play is covered by the U.S.G.A. rules
 - b. Summer (or other, depending on course conditions) rules are being used today.
 - c. Yardage markers are located _____
 - d. Interior out-of-bounds are on the following holes
 - e. The following local rules will be used today:
 - f. There are special greenskeeper prohibitions
 - g. All golfers will take care of the golf course. Even if you did not cause the damage:
 1. Replace divots
 2. Repair ball marks
 3. Rake traps
 - h. This is your warning on course conduct:
 1. There will be no club throwing or obscene/profane language. The penalty will be a two stroke penalty added to the player's hole score for each offense.
 2. You will use a cellphone to access the iWanamaker app (specify hole-by-hole or at the end of the round) during the round and may only use your phone for this purpose, unless in an emergency. The penalty will be a two stroke penalty added to the player's hole score for each offense.
 3. Smoking, chewing tobacco or vaping before, during, or after a match, is instant disqualification.
15. All players must complete 9 holes. X-outs may not substitute for a score.
16. Spectators are not allowed on the course.
17. At least one adult representative should accompany a visiting school – this representative must be certified by the school.
18. Coaches will act as officials in all matches. The league-scheduling chairman will be the official at the FCIAC tournament. If the chairman is absent, a committee of five coaches will be elected and make rulings.
19. Coaches will assist the league-scheduling chairman with the running of all tournaments.
20. Coaches will prepare official scorecards for the girls to exchange prior to the first hole.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. SAFETY CONTRACT must be signed by players and their parents and kept on file by coach prior to first competition

B. SCORING

a. Players:

i. responsible for the recording of their correct score on each hole.

ii. To prevent controversy, players confer after each hole and at the end of the match prior to signing cards and turning in scores.

iii. If there is any doubt as to how to proceed during a match, players should play and record two balls and discuss with the Committee prior to signing her card.

iv. Tone used during discussion should be respectful and appropriate

b. Coaches are responsible for nine-hole totals and for team totals.

i. If an error is discovered in the scoring on a hole, or a score total is discovered after coaches have agreed on the match results at the golf course, the original match result will stand.

(Exceptions as stated in the U.S.G.A. Annual Book).

III. SCHEDULE

A. There will be one division until such time there are 10 or more schools enrolled in girl's golf. Divisions will be determined by school enrollment.

B. Coaches, or representatives from each school, will meet at the call of the chairman and draw up the conference schedule. This meeting will occur no later than the last week of November.

C. Playing dates should adhere as closely as possible to the scheduling policies and guidelines set forth by the league. The schools will alternate home matches from year to year.

IV. LEAGUE AND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

A. The regular season champion and runner-up is determined as follows:

1. One Division: best overall FCIAC record. If the top 2 records are identical, both teams shall share the Regular Season title and no runner-up shall be named.

2. Two Divisions: Division champions shall be determined by the best overall FCIAC record. There will be no runner-up and in the event of an identical record, the division champion will be determined by tiebreak:

a. Head-to head record

b. Strength of victory (team that defeats the highest ranked FCIAC team)

B. **The League Individual Champion will be determined in an 18 hole tournament of the top individual from each member school, plus at-large participants determined by the next lowest differential average (the number of which will be determined at the discretion of the host course). Ideally, this event would occur the Tuesday following Memorial Day. All participants must meet the same requirement as All FCIAC consideration (minimum 8 matches, with no scores dropped) no later than the Thursday before the tournament.**

C. The **League Tournament Champion** will be determined in an 18-hole tournament of the top half number of teams in the league determined by overall (or division) FCIAC record as such:

1. Qualifying Teams:

- a. **One division** (9 teams or less): top 4 teams based on overall FCIAC record (home and away) ~~plus the top individual from remaining schools.~~
- b. **Two or more divisions** (10 schools or more): Half the total number of teams (ie, if 10 total teams, the top 5 qualify; if 11 teams, top 5 qualify; if 12 teams, the top 6 qualify, etc) ~~plus the top individual from each of the remaining schools. Any extra tee times may be filled with the top individuals, based on differential average.~~
- c. The Division Champion shall be determined by the overall FCIAC record and receive an automatic tournament bid.

i. Remaining teams will be determined by overall FCIAC record

ii. Tie-break for the remaining teams to qualify for tournament:

- 1. Two teams: head-to-head
- 2. Three+ teams: break the tie using head-to-head first in the division, then proceed head-to-head with the remaining team(s), based on strength of victory.

C. Tournament seeding will be ranked according to the best overall regular season record. In the event of a tie, for seeding purposes, the tiebreaker procedure shall be followed.

D. FCIAC Tournament individual pairings: Coaches will submit tournament a lineup and players will be paired in order based on their seasonal differential average.

E. Use of the X-Out rule will follow the CIAC as indicated in the CIAC Golf Tournament packet.

- 1. **If the X-Out rule is not in effect**, individuals in the FCIAC Tournament may elect to use the X-out rule with the understanding they will be ineligible for medalist honors.

F. No spectators will be allowed on the course during the tournament.

- C. Each team in the tournament will enter five players and the champion will be the lowest aggregate score. The aggregate score is determined by using the best four 18-hole scores from among the five players entered. If two or more teams are tied after 18 holes, a three-hole play-off (using 4 of 5 aggregate) will be held immediately (provided course availability). If the course is not available for a play-off, the winning team will be determined by a comparison of the dropped players' scores. If teams are still tied, the teams will select one player to compete until a champion is determined by sudden victory. However, if darkness or weather halts play, the teams will be declared co-champions. **Note: the tournament may be reduced to a nine-hole competition if continuation is not possible due to inclement weather and a rain date cannot be ascertained.**

V. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A. Trophies

- 1. FCIAC regular season trophy to the regular season conference champion and runner-up (9 teams or less). Upon such time as there are 10 or more schools, a regular season

trophy shall be presented to the winner of each division (no runner-up trophy shall be presented).

2. FCIAC team trophy to the conference tournament champion and runner-up.
3. FCIAC medals to each member of the conference tournament championship team.
4. Individual Medalist plaque will be awarded to the player(s) with the lowest score in the FCIAC Tournament. In the event of a tie for medalist, all players with the same score shall be declared co-medalists.

B. Awards

1. All-FCIAC Individual Recognition: Individuals named to the All FCIAC teams shall be determined by the lowest average differential of ALL official FCIAC matches (regardless of division, if applicable), with a minimum of 8 matches played and a maximum of 10 (no official FCIAC match scores will be dropped).

Should a 6th player compete in exhibition, her score will not count towards the match but will count towards qualification for Individual recognition, so long as she satisfies the same requirements as those participating officially in the match (minimum 8 matches, with no scores dropped).

2. The All FCIAC 1st team shall consist of the six individuals with the lowest differential average, regardless of division.
3. All FCIAC 2nd team shall include the next six individuals regardless of division who are not on the All FCIAC 1st team.
4. All FCIAC 3rd team shall include the next six individuals from either division who are not on the All FCIAC 2nd team plus any player within .2 of the highest differential average of the 3rd team.
5. In addition, each school shall submit one name for the Honorable Mention team, the criteria of which shall be determined by each school's coach.