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1. The NJCAA Code of Conduct (Article XX) and the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy (Article XVIII) will apply to all MCCAAs Contests.
2. Statistics
 - A. Statistics for **ALL** tournaments played prior to one week before the MCCAAs Tournament must be entered and up to date on the NJCAA website (or website designated by the NJCAA) for players to be eligible for MCCAAs Post-Season awards
 1. Statistics must be up to date for **ALL** players not just players nominated for awards.
 2. It is the job of each Athletic Director with the assistance of the golf sport chairs to ensure that the statistics are kept up to date through out the year.
3. Lightning Policy
 - A. At the first visible sign of lightning all play shall be suspended.
 - B. While play is suspended for lightning both team shall leave the playing area and seek safe shelter.
 - C. Play shall be resumed thirty (30) minutes after the last visible lightning flash and associated thunder clap. The thirty (30) minute clock shall reset on each flash of lightning and associated thunder clap. Game management and officials shall order the resumption of play.
 - D. It is strongly recommended that all schools have a lightning detector at the field.
4. Schedule
 - A. Eastern and Western Conference matches will be finalized at the annual coaches meeting. Reminder: each conference team must participate in each designated conference match in their respective league
 - B. Spring invitational's hosted by MCCAAs members will not charge an entry fee to MCCAAs participating members. Teams may charge for fall invitationals.
5. Players
 - A. Coaches will instruct their team members on the care of greens, replacing divots, golf etiquette, appropriate language, and proper conduct on the golf course.
 - B. USGA rule 33-7, on ethics, will be enforced at all matches.

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- C. Appropriate dress must be worn (this does not include blue jeans, cut-offs, or T-shirts). Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
 - D. A women's individual state tournament will be held when appropriate at the same time as the MCCA State Tournament is played
 - E. Players shall not use electronic devices, except range finders (elevation and/or wind device is illegal), on the course during any tournament play. Violation will be disqualification for that round.
6. MCCA Championship
- A. The MCCA champion will be the college that post the fewest total strokes (low four out of six players) in the MCCA Championship.
 - B. There will be a MCCA Championship (54 holes).
 - C. The site (host) of the MCCA Championship will be scheduled at the annual coaches meeting.
7. Awards (Individual/Coach)
- A. Individual awards will be based on the result of the MCCA Championship.
 - B. Coaches will determine the Coach of the Year at the Annual Meeting.
8. MCCA Championship Rules and Procedures
- A. It is the Tournament Director's sole responsibility to administer the MCCA Championship by the rules of the MCCA, NJCAA and the USGA.
 - B. The MCCA Championship will be scheduled on a course not less than 6,000 yards. Female players will play as individuals on a designated course.
 - C. Teams shall consist of a minimum of four players and a maximum of six players. A college with fewer than four players may enter individuals.
 - D. The team score for each "round" shall consist of the total of the four lowest scoring players on the team
 - E. If there is a tie for the team championship there will be a playoff and all six golfers will compete for each team in the playoff (low four total per hole). A referee will be assigned by the Tournament Director to officiate the playoff. Any ties for regional qualification will allow those tied to participate in the regional tournament.

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- F. The Champion shall be decided by the total of the last completed round(s) in the event “conditions” do not permit the playing of all 54 holes.
 - G. In the event of a tie for medalist there will be a sudden death playoff.. Any ties for the 10th spot will be broken by the scorecards for the last completed round using USGA Rules.
 - H. Team members will not be permitted to play on the tournament course(s) except for a playoff, after completing a round. Penalty for this infraction is two strokes for each violation added to the team score for the day’s competition.
 - I. Time of Starting: Penalty for failure to arrive at the appropriate tee, ready to play, at the designated tee time will result in a two stroke penalty. A player that arrives more than five minutes after the designated tee time will be disqualified. (Ref. Rule 6-3)
 - J. Players will keep score of one member of his group. At the completion of the round the card is to be signed immediately by the scorer and the competitor and turned in to the official scorer. This card will represent the official score and will be used in accordance with the USGA Rules.
 - K. All participants must be supervised by a person designated by the college. A student participating may not assume this responsibility. This applies to all Association member sponsored events.
 - L. If possible, play will be conducted in threesomes.
 - M. Qualification for MCCA members to advance to the Region XII tournament are Division II schools; one-half of the number of teams that meet scheduling requirements of the MCCA constitution (if an odd number of teams, the number will be rounded up) plus the number of individuals equal to the number of teams filing eligibility with the NJCAA. For Division III schools, the same formula holds that is above for Division II schools.
 - N. Pairings at the MCCA Tournament will be done using the NJCAA National Rankings.
9. Officials
- A. The host college will be responsible for securing the services of all necessary officials, judges, etc.... to conduct the tournament successfully.
 - B. Non motorized pull carts will be allowed in tournament play without medical documentation.
 - C. A player may not use a motorized cart during a tournament due to injury. Use of a motorized cart would be permitted only if a player meets the definition of a disability as described in the Americans with Disabilities Act and has proper medical documentation upon filing eligibility.

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10. Coaches:
 - A. Coaches will be permitted to walk the course and give advice to their own players during the play of a round. (This is interpreted as two designated coaches per school and a cart **CAN** be used.)
 - B. Coaches (and players) may follow playoff competition.
 - C. Coaches not on the rules committee shall not intervene or administer rule violations.
 - D. Spectators must stay a minimum of 50 feet away from the players.

11. The following information must be submitted to the MCCA Publicity Director by the deadlines indicated below.
 - A. A schedule must be submitted to the MCCA Information Director by January 10th.
 - B. Within one week of the first contest a roster must be submitted with the following information: Name, Height, Weight, Year, Hometown and High School.
 - C. A digital team picture must be submitted as soon as possible after the beginning of the season.

