



## GOLF

### **SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures**

1. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by Region XIX rules. In all cases, determination of eligibility will be under the jurisdiction of the Region XIX Assistant Director of Eligibility.
2. Region XIX will follow the rules of the NCAA/NJCAA unless otherwise indicated.
3. Scheduling Protocol
  - a. The Region will be divided into a North and South format (see Section N)
  - b. All teams in the Region will participate in a tournament during the first week of April. In the event it is cancelled, an additional match will be scheduled in the North and South respectively.
  - c. Three (3) additional tournaments in the South and in the North will be played.
  - d. The first week of May will feature all Region XIX teams in the final tournament before the Regional championship.
  - e. In the event that less than 18 holes, but more than 9 holes, are played, scores will be based on par for the holes completed.
4. Club Teams

Any College fielding a club team must follow all NJCAA, NCAA and Region XIX regulations, including; filing an NJCAA Club Form, pay Region dues, report game results to Service Bureau, adhere to uniform rules, follow ejection policies for coaches and players as well as reporting these ejections, follow home game supervision requirements and use game officials under contract with Region XIX.

### **SECTION B Officials**

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### **SECTION C Reporting of Scores / Card Accumulations**

1. All service bureau reports must be emailed/called/faxed in each week to the Service Bureau Director by the deadline established for the respective sport.

2. Service Bureau: All games and statistics must be faxed weekly or your team will be fined \$50. Such fine(s) must be paid in full five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting for the tournament. Colleges not reporting to their respective service bureau director by the due time because of emergency closures (i.e. snow closure) will have 24 hours (next working day) from the due time and date to submit their report. If it is known that the institution will be closed at the reporting time – the report should be sent prior to the closing and before the due time. If at this time no report is received by the service bureau director, a fine of \$50 will be assessed (invoice sent by the service bureau director w/ copy to the respective region director, men's or women's and payment sent to respective region director). If no payment is received by respective region director five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting the offending college(s) will be reported to the Standards and Ethics committee.

#### **SECTION D Regional Tournament Format**

1. The dates of the Region XIX golf tournament shall be at least two weeks prior to the National Tournament.
2. It is the Tournament Director's sole responsibility to run the Region XIX Golf Tournament by the policies of the NJCAA and USGA
3. The Tournament shall be divided into Division II and Division III
4. The Region XIX Golf Tournament shall be a 36 hole medal play event (played on an 18-hole golf course).
5. The team score for the day shall consist of the total of the four lowest players on the team. The team with the lowest two-day total shall be the champion.
6. Division III shall have a maximum of 48 players – additional finishers may be added to fill field.
7. In the event of a team tie for the championship there will be a sudden death playoff. Only four players may compete for each team in the playoff. They shall be the players with the lowest 36 hole totals. If teams are tied and a playoff is not possible, the fourth highest individual player's total score for the rounds shall be used to break the tie.
8. The tournament shall be decided by the last completed nine (9) holes in the event of inclement weather.
9. If nine (9) holes are not completed by all participants, the round shall be cancelled.
10. In the event of a tie for the first 10 places with respect to individual competition, there shall be a sudden-death playoff. All other ties will be broken by matching score cards on the last round as specified in the NJCAA Handbook.
11. Division II will play with Division II while Division III will play with Division III. For team pairings, individuals will be paired together on the basis of average and follow the individuals not eligible for team competition. On the second day, pairings will be based on team standings and teams paired together according to tournament scores. Individuals will be paired on the basis of scores in the tournament and paired between teams of equal score (i.e. the number one players, based on tournament scores, from the top three teams, will be paired together and the number two players from those three teams will be paired together, etc. )
12. The Tournament Director will decide the tournament format for the first two rounds.

13. All players in each group will keep the score of each member of the group. Scores are to be checked and recorded at the completion of each hole. At the completion of the round, players will compare scores on each card by hole. The most legible card is to be signed by all players in the group and turned in to the official scorer. This card will represent the official score and will be used in accordance with USGA rules. USGA policy will be followed in tabulating scores. All scorecards must be turned in.
14. The Division II tournament will be an open tournament if there are two or more colleges. For a team to qualify they must score 640 or better. If not, then the top five (5) individuals will represent the Region. (Note: if a team has four (4) players who qualify they may enter the Nationals as a team). In the event that one college in the Region is Division II then that team will represent the Region.
15. The Division III champion and runner-up shall qualify for the National Tournament if the Region has 12 or more teams and the next five (5) individuals are not on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. If there are 11 or less teams in the Region Tournament the first place team and five (5) individuals other than the winning team qualify. In the event that the winning team and/or second place team only entered four (4) players, the next 6-7 low scorers will qualify for the NJCAA tournament. In the event of a tie for the final spot, a playoff will be held.
16. If a team qualifies, four (4) individuals may enter the National Tournament and compete as a team.

#### **SECTION E      Regional Tournament Qualification**

1. Best six (6) teams overall based on total season points (to be determined)
2. Twelve (12) individuals not on qualifying teams (determined by place finish in three (3) tournaments, including the last).
3. A Region school without a golf team may send an individual or individuals to the Regionals only if he has competed in at least three (3) scheduled Region XIX Spring tournaments.

#### **SECTION F      Regional Tournament Seeding**

The five (5) tournament format would be used to qualify and seed for Regionals as follows

1. 1<sup>st</sup> tournament: point value for finish 1 – 20 (depending on number of teams)
2. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tournaments (north and south): point value for finish 1 – 10 (colleges not scoring 4 players + 10 points)
3. 5<sup>th</sup> tournament: double point value for finish 1 – 20 (depending on number of teams). If shotgun start is rained out and nine (9) common holes are not completed, team totals to date will stand for Regional qualifying.
4. Division II teams will be displaced

**SECTION G Regional Tournament Entry Fees**

1. All participating colleges will pay their own expenses and any entry fee set by the host institution.
2. All entry forms and fees from participating colleges must be in the hands of the tournament director no later than seven (7) days prior to the tournament starting date. No fees are refundable after this date.
3. There will be different fees for team and individual entries.

**SECTION H Regional Tournament Logistics**

1. All participants must be supervised by a person designated by the college. Student participants may not assume this responsibility, nor may the advisor be a student at the junior college.
2. The tournament director shall notify all competing colleges of the date and time of the tournament at least three weeks prior to the date of the opening round. All other pertinent information concerning lodging and travel directions should accompany the prior mentioned material.
3. Players may be penalized for failure to observe the rules and etiquette of golf.
4. Improper behavior by tournament participants, as determined by the NJCAA Code of Conduct, will result in disqualification by the Tournament Director.
5. No players will be permitted back on the course after completing a round except during playoffs. The penalty for breaking this rule is two (2) strokes added to the score posted that day by that player. There is no penalty for congregating in the immediate vicinity of the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
6. No coach shall be allowed to use golf carts to coach during match or regional play.
7. Team members are required to wear an appropriate team uniform (a collared shirt with the College name and/or logo). No jeans are permitted. Players that are not properly attired will not be permitted to participate.
8. There will be no advice exchanged between competitors, or among teammates, during their round. Only coaches may give advice.
9. The rules committee shall be made up of the tournament director, the Region coach representative and the Athletic Director representative.
10. All colleges desiring to host the Region XIX Golf Tournament shall present bids to the Championship Events Committee of Region XIX.
11. Institutions wishing to be considered for National competition must state their intent at the conclusion of the tournament.

**SECTION I Regional Tournament Awards**

1. The Regional Office will have the appropriate tournament awards shipped to the host institution. The host institution will receive an invoice from the Regional Director for the awards.

**SECTION J Regular Season Awards / All-Region Team**

1. The coach of the team winning the Region XIX tournament will be named Region XIX Coach of the Year. (is this accurate?)
2. WAITING ON NEW VERBAGE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE
3. The medalist and next nine (9) lowest scores shall receive appropriate medals and Region certificates. 1-5 will be designated First Team and 6-10 will be Second Team.

**SECTION K Code of Conduct**

1. All members of teams including players, coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, and spectators will follow the Code of Conduct enforced by the National Junior College Athletic Association throughout all contests.

**SECTION L NJCAA / Region XIX Ejection Policy**

1. If a coach is ejected from a Region XIX contest and there is no college approved representative designated by the Athletic Director present, then the game is terminated and forfeited at that point. Also the coach must sit the next scheduled contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season the ejection will carry into the following year.
2. An athlete ejected from any Region XIX contest for any reason must sit the next game. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport.
3. Any player ejected for fighting or violent act, will sit the next two (2) contests. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport. A second ejection for fighting in a season will result in that player suspended from competition in that sport for the remainder of the season. Reminder: NJCAA and NCAA rules may allow for more severe penalties. Region XIX will impose the most severe penalty allowable.
4. In the event of any ejection, an ejection report must be filed with the Region Director. The AD's of both colleges should file the appropriate NJCAA ejection form to the Region Director.

**SECTION M Health and Safety**

1. In regard to an open wound, under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the coach or official and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
2. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

**SECTION N     Region XIX Divisional Breakdown**

**North**

Bergen  
Brookdale  
Lackawanna  
Middlesex  
Morris  
Raritan Valley  
Union

**South**

Bucks  
Burlington  
Camden  
Del Tech Owens  
Ocean  
Salem