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# ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Atlantic Coast Conference, through its member institutions, seeks to maximize the educational and athletic opportunities of its student-athletes while enriching their quality of life. It strives to do so by affording individuals equitable opportunity to pursue academic excellence and compete successfully at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics competition in a broad spectrum of sports and championships. The Conference will provide leadership in attaining these goals, by promoting diversity and mutual trust among its member institutions, in a spirit of fairness for all. It strongly adheres to the principles of integrity and sportsmanship, and supports the total development of the student-athlete and each member institution's athletics departmental staff, with the intent of producing enlightened leadership for tomorrow.*

# HISTORICAL NOTE

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953 at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, North Carolina, with seven charter members - Clemson University, Duke University, the University of Maryland, the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina and Wake Forest University - drawing up the conference bylaws.

The withdrawal of seven institutions from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953 during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, North Carolina where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid-South, Mid-Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member. The University of Virginia was a former member of the Southern Conference. The first and only, withdrawal of an institution from the Atlantic Coast Conference came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina rendered its resignation.

The Atlantic Coast Conference operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta, Georgia institution had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964. Prior to membership in the Southeastern Conference, Georgia Tech was a charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Atlantic Coast Conference expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991 with the addition of Florida State University, a charter member of the Dixie Conference and former member of the Metropolitan Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004 with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, both former members of the Big East Conference. On July 1, 2005, Boston College, also a former member of the Big East Conference accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member institution.

When the seven charter Atlantic Coast Conference institutions withdrew from the Southern Conference, it was mutually agreed that the Office of the Commissioner of the Southern Conference would provide services to the new Atlantic Coast Conference for a period of one year. On May 28, 1954, the Atlantic Coast Conference elected its own commissioner. The Office of the Commissioner was opened in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 1, 1954.



**MEMBER INSTITUTIONS**

**BOSTON COLLEGE** ..... Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  
Fr. William P. Leahy ..... *President*  
Robert Taggart ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Gene DeFilippo ..... *Athletics Director*  
Jody Mooradian ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY** ..... Clemson, South Carolina  
James F. Barker ..... *President*  
Janie Hodge ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Terry Don Phillips ..... *Athletics Director*  
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**DUKE UNIVERSITY** ..... Durham, North Carolina  
Richard H. Brodhead ..... *President*  
Martha Putallaz ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Kevin White ..... *Athletics Director*  
Jacki Silar ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** ..... Tallahassee, Florida  
Eric J. Barron ..... *President*  
Pamela L. Perrewe ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Randy Spetman ..... *Athletics Director*  
Vanessa Fuchs ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** ..... Atlanta, Georgia  
G.P. "Bud" Peterson ..... *President*  
Sue Ann Allen ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Dan Radakovich ..... *Athletics Director*  
Theresa Wenzel ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND** ..... College Park, Maryland  
Wallace Loh ..... *President*  
Nicholas Hadley ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Kevin Anderson ..... *Athletics Director*  
Lori Ebihara ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*



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**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI** ..... Coral Gables, Florida  
Donna E. Shalala ..... *President*  
Marvin P. Dawkins ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Shawn Eichorst ..... *Athletics Director*  
Jennifer Strawley ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA** ..... Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
H. Holden Thorp ..... *Chancellor*  
Lissa Broome ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Bubba Cunningham ..... *Athletics Director*  
Beth Miller ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY** ..... Raleigh, North Carolina  
Randy Woodson ..... *Chancellor*  
Sam Pardue ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Deborah A. Yow ..... *Athletics Director*  
Michelle Lee ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA** ..... Charlottesville, Virginia  
Teresa A. Sullivan ..... *President*  
Carolyn M. Callahan ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Craig Littlepage ..... *Athletics Director*  
Jane Miller ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY** ..... Blacksburg, VA  
Charles W. Steger ..... *President*  
Larry Killough ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Jim Weaver ..... *Athletics Director*  
Sharon McCloskey ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY** ..... Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Nathan O. Hatch ..... *President*  
Richard Carmichael ..... *Faculty Athletics Representative*  
Ron Wellman ..... *Athletics Director*  
Barbara Walker ..... *Senior Woman Administrator*

**OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**

Robert Taggart ..... Boston College

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Sam Pardue ..... North Carolina State University

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Martha Putallaz ..... Duke University

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

H. Holden Thorp (Council of Presidents' Chair) ..... University of North Carolina  
Robert Taggart (President) ..... Boston College  
Martha Putallaz (Secretary-Treasurer) ..... Duke University  
Sam Pardue (Vice-President) ..... North Carolina State University  
Carolyn M. Callahan (Past President) ..... University of Virginia  
Gene DeFillippo (Athletics Directors' Chair) ..... Boston College, *ex-officio*  
John D. Swofford (Commissioner) ..... Commissioner, *ex-officio*

**COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

H. Holden Thorp ..... University of North Carolina, *Chair*  
Fr. William P. Leahy ..... Boston College  
James F. Barker ..... Clemson University  
Richard H. Brodhead ..... Duke University  
Eric J. Barron ..... Florida State University  
G.P. "Bud" Peterson ..... Georgia Institute of Technology  
Wallace Loh ..... University of Maryland  
Donna E. Shalala ..... University of Miami  
Randy Woodson ..... North Carolina State University  
Teresa A. Sullivan ..... University of Virginia  
Charles W. Steger ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
Nathan O. Hatch ..... Wake Forest University  
John D. Swofford ..... Commissioner, *ex-officio*



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### COMMITTEES

*[Note: For your convenience, any changes in the 2012-13 ACC Committees section have been underlined.]*

#### Article I. STANDING COMMITTEES

The reporting lines for each Conference Standing Committee are as follows (see Appendix I of Bylaws): *(Adopted: May 2009)*

a. FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES. Committee on Committees, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Infractions and Penalties Committee, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

b. DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS. Men's Basketball Committee, Women's Basketball Committee, Football Committee, Officiating Committee, Sportsmanship Committee (with secondary reporting to the Senior Woman Administrators), Television Committee.

c. SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS. Awards Committee, Equity Committee, all Olympic Sport Committees, Student-Athlete Welfare Committee, secondary reporting of the Sportsmanship Committee.

#### Section I-1. Appointments to Standing Committees.

Members of standing conference committees shall be recommended to and approved by the faculty athletics representatives at the annual Conference meeting. The procedures for selections shall be as follows:

1. A nomination form, which includes all vacancies for the upcoming year, shall be distributed to member institutions two (2) months prior to the annual Conference meeting.
2. The nomination form shall be returned to the Conference office six (6) weeks prior to the annual Conference meeting.
3. The completed nomination form shall be reviewed by the President of the Conference, the Chair of the Athletics Directors and the Commissioner. Committee appointments will be recommended to the Committee on Committees prior to the annual Conference meeting.
4. The Committee on Committees shall present their recommendations for committee membership at the business session of the annual Conference meeting.

#### Section I-2. Infractions and Penalties Committee.

Major violations (as determined by the NCAA Committee on Infractions) by a member institution which result in actions taken by the NCAA Committee on Infractions will be reviewed by the Committee on Infractions and Penalties within forty-five (45) calendar days after the NCAA Committee on Infractions report is released or the NCAA Committee on Infractions Appeals report is released, whichever is later. The committee will issue a written report regarding any additional disciplinary action, which will be presented to the member institution and the other members of the Atlantic Coast Conference. If the institution wishes to appeal the decision of the Committee, it must file the appeal within fifteen (15) days, and the hearing will be conducted at the next meeting of the full Conference membership.

Among the disciplinary measures, singly or in combination, that may be imposed by the Committee on Infractions and Penalties (or the full Conference membership on appeal) are those listed in Appendix I. *(Revised: April 2012)*

#### Article II. SPORTS COMMITTEES/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Unless otherwise stated in the Sports Operation Code, standing sports committees may meet two (2) times per year - once at the site of the Championship and once at the Conference office or by telephone, depending on the nature of the business. The Football and Men's Basketball Committees are composed of the athletics director from each member institution with one designated as chairperson. The Women's Basketball Committee is composed of an assistant/associate athletics director of each member institution with an athletics director designated as chairperson. The president of the respective conference coaches' association is an ex-officio member of these three (3) committees as are faculty athletics representatives

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appointed by the president of the Conference. Every other sports committee, which includes the head coach of that sport from each member institution, is chaired by a designated athletics director or associate/assistant athletics director and may have a vice-chair appointed by the president. These committees shall function under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference and shall establish operating procedures for the respective sports. Any special regulations having to do with the respective sports must be approved by the Conference. Each sports committee shall file an annual report thirty (30) days prior to the annual Conference meeting.

### **Section II-1. Committee Chair Responsibilities.**

- a. Be present at all Committee meetings or participate on all Committee conference calls.
- b. Preside over and conduct all Committee meetings with the Conference liaison.
- c. Facilitate and mediate discussion arising from agenda items.
- d. Be present at the Championship site for the banquet, pre-championship meeting and throughout the duration of the championship, if possible.
- e. Serve as the Chair of the Protest Committee.
- f. Select the coaches' representative to serve on the Protest Committee, if applicable.
- g. Address committee issues during the senior woman administrator meetings or with your respective senior woman administrator to be discussed at the annual senior woman administrator's meeting.
- h. Assist with selecting a Vice-Chair when necessary.
- i. Assist the Conference liaison with various logistical, operational and administrative issues that may arise at the Championship.
- j. Provide the Committee with Conference and/or national perspective.

### **Section II-2. Committee Vice-Chair Responsibilities.**

- a. Be present at all Committee meetings or participate on all Committee conference calls, if possible.
- b. Assist with the conduct of all Committee meetings and preside over in the absence of the Committee Chair.
- c. Assist with mediating discussion arising from agenda items.
- d. Be present at the Championship site for the banquet, pre-championship meeting and throughout the duration of the championship, if possible.
- e. Serve as the Vice-Chair of the Protest Committee, if applicable.
- f. Assist with selection of coaching representative to serve on the Protest Committee, if applicable.
- g. Assist the Conference liaison with various logistical, operational and administrative issues that may arise at the Championship.

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Article III. STANDING COMMITTEES COMPOSITION

Committee appointments are July 1-June 30 unless otherwise noted. Representatives on standing committees will serve one three year term with a maximum of up to one three-year reappointment term for any member or ex-officio (those listed with an asterisk (\*) below are currently serving their second three-year term and therefore can not be reappointed). All committees will meet via telephone conference call or in-person at least one time each academic year. The Commissioner is an ex-officio member of all Conference committees. (Revised: May 2008)

AWARDS COMMITTEE

- Eric Ziady (2013) ..... Boston College, Chair
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon (2013) ..... Clemson University
Bret Cowley (2015) ..... Florida State University
Sue Ann Allen (2013) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Chris Freet (2014) ..... University of Miami
Valerie Richardson (2014) ..... University of Virginia
Ron Wellman (2015) ..... Wake Forest

Mission: The Awards Committee shall review and approve the awards that the Conference provides to teams, coaches and student-athletes. It shall make its recommendations to the ACC Senior Women Administrators on an annual basis. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. At least one (1) faculty athletics representative, one (1) athletics director and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Amy Yakola ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

- Pam Perrewe (2014) ..... Florida State University, Chair
Frank Hardymon (2015) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Jody Mooradian (2013)\* ..... Boston College
Martha Putallaz (2014)\* ..... Duke University
Shawn Eichorst (2015) ..... University of Miami
Chris Kingston (2015) ..... North Carolina State University
Barbara Walker (2013) ..... Wake Forest University

Mission: The Committee on Committees shall review and approve all nominees for ACC standing and sport committees on a yearly basis. It is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the committee section of the ACC Manual to ensure the committee structure remains effective and appropriate. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. At least one (1) faculty athletics representative, one (1) athletics director and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: TBD ..... Assistant Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

- Michelle Lee (2013) ..... North Carolina State University, Chair
Jody Mooradian (2014) ..... Boston College
Stephanie Ellison (2015) ..... Clemson University
Cindy Hartman (2013) ..... Duke University
Vanessa Fuchs (2014) ..... Florida State University
Lissa Broome (2014) ..... University of North Carolina
Jim Weaver (2015) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Mission: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is responsible for monitoring changes to the ACC Manual and ensuring that the Manual is clearly and accurately written. All changes to content and structure must be approved by the Committee yearly. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. At least one (1) faculty athletics representative, one (1) athletics director and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: TBD ..... Assistant Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

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EQUITY COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the Equity Committee with names, years, and affiliations such as University of Maryland, Boston College, Clemson University, Duke University, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Wake Forest University, and Boston College.

Mission: The Equity Committee shall serve solely as an advisory committee, providing feedback to the ACC governance body on NCAA legislative proposals, ACC sport committee proposals, ACC regular season and championship operating procedures and the overall student-athlete experience as they relate to gender and racial equity. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Twelve (12) voting members (one from each member institution) including at least two (2) faculty athletics representatives, two (2) athletics directors, two (2) senior woman administrators and six (6) at-large (assistant/associate level or higher). One (1) coach of a female sport and one (1) coach of a male sport shall serve as ex-officio members. The chair shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member of the Committee on Student-Athlete Welfare. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Nora Lynn Finch ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Amy Ufnowski ..... Associate Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the Finance Committee with names, years, and affiliations such as Duke University, Boston College, Clemson University, Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, and Wake Forest University.

Mission: The Finance Committee shall assist the Conference staff in the preparation of the annual ACC Operating Budget and generally review topics associated with Conference revenues and expenditures. Following its April meeting, the Committee will recommend the proposed Conference Operating Budget for the upcoming fiscal year to member institutions for final review prior to the budget being submitted for final approval at the annual Conference Spring Meeting. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Twelve (12) voting members (one from each member institution). Six (6) faculty athletics representatives (including the Conference Secretary-Treasurer as chair) and a combination of at least one (1) athletics director, one (1) senior woman administrator, one (1) athletics financial officer and one (1) university financial officer shall fill the final six (6) voting member positions. In the event that the university financial officer is a representative from the same institution as a current member of the committee, the committee may consist of thirteen (13) members to accommodate for that individual. (Revised: May 2009, May 2011)

Primary Staff Liaison: Jeff Elliott ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Lynne Herndon ..... Director

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AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Taggart (2013) (President) ..... Boston College
Martha Putallaz (2015) (Secretary-Treasurer) ..... Duke University
Mitch Moser (2015) ..... Duke University
Bubba Cunningham (2014) ..... University of North Carolina
Sam Pardue (2014) (Vice-President) ..... North Carolina State University

Mission: The Audit Committee is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. It shall select the external audit firm employed by the Conference and meets annually with this firm to review the Conference audit for the previous fiscal year. The Committee makes recommendations, if needed, following this review to the Conference staff. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Five (5) voting members. The Conference President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will serve as voting members in addition to one (1) athletics director and one (1) athletic financial officer. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Jeff Elliott ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Lynne Herndon ..... Director

INVESTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Taggart (2013) (President) ..... Boston College
John Zona (2015) ..... Boston College
Martha Putallaz (2015) (Secretary-Treasurer) ..... Duke University
Clyde McCoy (2014) ..... University of Miami
Sam Pardue (2014) (Vice-President) ..... North Carolina State University

Mission: The Investment Committee is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. It shall make recommendations to the Conference staff on investment of Conference assets. The Committee is responsible for developing the Conference investment policy and reviews the performance of any investment managers employed to invest assets on the Conference's behalf. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Six (6) voting members. The Conference President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will serve as voting members in addition to three (3) institutional representatives with investment experience. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Jeff Elliott ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Lynne Herndon ..... Director

INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES COMMITTEE

Richard Carmichael (2015)\* ..... Wake Forest University, Chair
Robert Taggart (2015)\* ..... Boston College
Terry Don Phillips (2014) ..... Clemson University
Martha Putallaz (2014)\* ..... Duke University
Randy Spetman (2014) ..... Florida State University
Dan Radakovich (2015) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Nick Hadley (2014) ..... University of Maryland
Shawn Eichorst (2014) ..... University of Miami
Bubba Cunningham (2013) ..... University of North Carolina
Deborah A. Yow (2013) ..... North Carolina State University
Craig Littlepage (2015)\* ..... University of Virginia
Larry Killough (2014) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Mission: The Infractions and Penalties Committee shall review all NCAA major infractions cases of member institutions to determine if sufficient penalties have been assessed and to take any additional action. No case will be reviewed until the NCAA infractions process, including appeals (if applicable), is completed. The Committee does not investigate or re-evaluate the facts of a specific case. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Twelve (12) voting members (one from each member institution) consisting of faculty athletics representatives and athletics directors. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: TBD ..... Assistant Commissioner

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OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

Jim Weaver (2013) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Chair
Kyle Young (2014) ..... Clemson University
Stan Wilcox (2015)\* ..... Duke University
Paul Griffin (2014) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Beth Miller (2014) ..... University of North Carolina
Sam Pardue (2015) ..... North Carolina State University
Jason Bauman (2013) ..... University of Virginia

Mission: The Officiating Committee shall recommend to the voting delegates the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials. It shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner by reviewing reports provided by sport committees and officials coordinators, and by making recommendations. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. At least one (1) faculty athletics representative, one (1) athletics director and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Karl Hicks ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaisons: Nora Lynn Finch ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Michael Kelly ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

John Blanchard (2013)\* ..... University of North Carolina, Chair
Jamie DiLoreto (2013) ..... Boston College
Janie Hodge (2015) ..... Clemson University
Jacki Silar (2014) ..... Duke University
Sue Ann Allen (2013) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Kevin Anderson (2014) ..... University of Maryland
Mike Gentry (2015) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Mission: The Sportsmanship Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity for the Conference and its member institutions. It shall discuss trends and objectives as well as recommending policies and initiatives that would be in the best interest of the conference and the respective sports. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. At least one (1) faculty athletics representative, one (1) athletics director and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Amy Yakola ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaisons: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner
Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms are for one year - appointments will be made in August)

Sue Ann Allen (2014) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology, ex-officio
Lori Ebihara (2015) ..... University of Maryland, ex-officio

Mission: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which represents diverse views and backgrounds of student-athletes, was established to serve as a medium of communication through which student-athletes, conference administrators, institutional representatives, NCAA representatives and coaches discuss and take action on issues relating to rules and regulations; student-athlete welfare; and community service. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Twenty-four (24) student-athletes (two from each member institution) as voting members. One (1) faculty athletics representative and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as ex-officio members. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner



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STUDENT-ATHLETE WELFARE COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the Student-Athlete Welfare Committee with their names, years, and affiliations.

Mission: The Student-Athlete Welfare Committee shall study and evaluate issues and trends that may impact the lives of ACC student-athletes. It shall also make recommendations to the ACC Senior Women Administrators when necessary. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Seven (7) voting members. One (1) faculty athletics representative and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as a voting or ex-officio member. The chair of the Committee on Equity will serve as a voting or ex-officio member and a student-athlete from the ACC SAAC will serve as an ex-officio member. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Table listing members of the Television Committee with their names and affiliations.

Mission: The Television Committee monitors and evaluates the conference’s relationships with its various television and digital media partners and offers feedback and recommendations for continual improvement. (Adopted: May 2011)

Composition: Twelve (12) voting members consisting of the athletics director from each member institution. The current chair of the faculty athletics representatives and one (1) senior woman administrator shall serve as ex-officio members. (Revised: May 2009)

Primary Staff Liaison: Michael Kelly ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaisons: Nora Lynn Finch ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Karl Hicks ..... Senior Associate Commissioner



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Article IV. SPORT COMMITTEES COMPOSITION

Committee appointments are July 1-June 30 unless otherwise noted. Representatives on sport committees will serve three year terms with a maximum of up to one three-year reappointment term for any member or ex-officio (those listed with an asterisk (\*) below are currently serving their second three-year term and therefore can not be reappointed). Exceptions for sports committees may be granted when specific expertise is warranted. All committees will meet via telephone conference call or in-person at least one time each academic year. The Commissioner is an ex-officio member of all Conference committees. (Revised: May 2008)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Wayne Hogan (2013) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology, Chair
Larry Gallo (2015)\* ..... University of North Carolina, Vice-Chair
Jane Miller (2015) ..... University of Virginia, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Kevin Anderson (2015) ..... University of Maryland, Chair
Mark Gottfried (2013) ..... North Carolina State University, ex-officio
Nick Hadley (2014) ..... University of Maryland, ex-officio
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon (2013) ..... Clemson University, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the athletics director of each member institution)

Composition: The athletics director of each member institution shall serve as the voting members. The president shall appoint one or more faculty representatives to serve on the Committee as non-voting members. The president of the Basketball Coaches Association shall serve as a non-voting member.

Staff Liaison: Karl Hicks ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Craig Littlepage (2013)\* ..... University of Virginia, Chair
Jody Mooradian ..... Boston College
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon ..... Clemson University
Jacki Silar ..... Duke University
Vanessa Fuchs ..... Florida State University
Theresa Wenzel ..... Georgia Institute of Technology
Kelly Mehrtens ..... University of Maryland
Jennifer Strawley ..... University of Miami
Beth Miller ..... University of North Carolina
Michael Lipitz ..... North Carolina State University
Jane Miller ..... University of Virginia
Sharon McClosky ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Barbara Walker ..... Wake Forest University
Joanne Boyle (2013) ..... University of Virginia, ex-officio
Lissa Broome (2015) ..... University of North Carolina, ex-officio

Composition: A designated administrator from each member institution shall serve as the voting members. The president shall appoint one faculty representative and one athletics director to serve on the Committee as non-voting members. The athletics director will chair the Committee. The president of the Basketball Coaches Committee shall serve as a non-voting member.

Staff Liaison: Nora Lynn Finch ..... Senor Associate Commissioner

FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Dwight Lewis (2014) ..... Wake Forest University, Chair
Jacki Silar (2015) ..... Duke University, Vice-Chair

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Lee Butler ..... Director

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Dan Radakovich (2014) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology, Chair
Pam Perrew (2014) ..... Florida State University, ex-officio
David Cutcliffe (2013) ..... Duke University, ex-officio
Michelle Lee (2015) ..... North Carolina State University, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the athletics director of each member institution)

Composition: The athletics director of each member institution shall serve as the voting members. The president shall appoint one or more faculty representatives and a senior woman administrator to serve on the Committee as non-voting members. The president of the Football Coaches Association shall serve as a non-voting member.

Staff Liaison: Michael Kelly ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

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MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

Mike Sobb (2013) ..... Duke University, *Chair*  
Eric Ziady (2015) ..... Boston College, *Vice-Chair*  
Nora Lynn Finch (2013) ..... Atlantic Coast Conference, *ex-officio*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Lee Butler ..... Director

WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

Jacki Silar (2014) ..... Duke University, *Chair*  
Beth Miller (2015) ..... University of North Carolina, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Lee Butler ..... Director

GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

Lori Ebihara (2016) ..... University of Maryland, *Chair*  
Carrie Leger (2015) ..... North Carolina State University, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Donald Moore ..... Assistant Director

MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

Kevin Anderson (2014) ..... University of Maryland, *Chair*  
Nina King (2013) ..... Duke University, *Vice-Chair*  
Jane Miller (2013) ..... University of Virginia, *ex-officio*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

Jane Miller (2014)\* ..... University of Virginia, *Chair*  
Ryan Bowles (2015) ..... University of Maryland, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Donald Moore ..... Assistant Director

WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE

Cindy Hartmann (2014) ..... Duke University, *Chair*  
Phil Grayson (2015) ..... Clemson University, *Vice-Chair*  
Jody Mooradian (2015) ..... Boston College, *ex-officio*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Donald Moore ..... Assistant Director

MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Kyle Young (2013) ..... Clemson University, *Chair*  
Nate Pine (2015) ..... University of Maryland, *Vice-Chair*  
Sharon McCloskey (2014) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, *ex-officio*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Sharon McCloskey (2013) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, *Chair*  
Beth Miller (2014) ..... University of North Carolina, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Theresa Wenzel (2013)\* ..... Georgia Institute of Technology, *Chair*  
Bernie Waxman (2014)\* ..... Florida State University, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Lee Butler ..... Director

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE

John Blanchard (2013) ..... University of North Carolina, *Chair*  
Michelle Lee (2015)\* ..... North Carolina State University, *Vice-Chair*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Lee Butler ..... Director

MEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE

Tom Coffman (2013) ..... Duke University, *Chair*  
Michael Lipitz (2015) ..... North Carolina State University, *Vice-Chair*  
Barbara Walker (2015) ..... Wake Forest University, *ex-officio*  
(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)  
**Staff Liaison:** Lee Butler ..... Director

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WOMEN’S TENNIS COMMITTEE

Phil Grayson (2013)\* ..... Clemson University, Chair
Tom Gabbard (2015) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Vice-Chair
Barbara Walker (2015) ..... Wake Forest University, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Lee Butler ..... Director

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

Dwight Lewis (2013)\* ..... Wake Forest University, Chair
Chris Helms (2014) ..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Vice-Chair
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon (2014) ..... Clemson University, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Barbara Walker (2014) ..... Wake Forest University, Chair
Theresa Wenzel (2015) ..... Georgia Institute of Technology, Vice-Chair

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Lee Butler ..... Director

WRESTLING COMMITTEE

Valerie Richardson (2013) ..... University of Virginia, Chair
Sherard Clinkscales (2015) ..... North Carolina State University, Vice-Chair
Lori Ebihara (2014) ..... University of Maryland, ex-officio

(The remainder of the committee is composed of the head coach of each member institution)

Staff Liaison: Lee Butler ..... Director

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Article V. SERVICE GROUPS

Listed below are the staff liaison(s) for the service groups that are reimbursed expenses for in-person meetings (See Article V. Section V-11 of the Conference Bylaws).

DIRECTORS OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Primary Staff Liaison: Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

COMPLIANCE COORDINATORS

Primary Staff Liaison: TBD ..... Assistant Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Amy Yakola ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Michael Kelly ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS (LIFE SKILLS)

Primary Staff Liaison: Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director
Co-Staff Liaison: Brad Hostetter ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

MARKETING DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Amy Yakola ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

TICKET MANAGERS

Primary Staff Liaison: Jeff Elliott ..... Senior Associate Commissioner

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Michael Kelly ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaisons: Amy Yakola ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Mike Finn ..... Associate Commissioner
Brian Morrison ..... Associate Commissioner
Amy Ufnowski ..... Associate Director

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Primary Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Shamaree T. Brown ..... Director

ASSOCIATE/ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Nora Lynn Finch ..... Senior Associate Commissioner
Co-Staff Liaison: Kris Pierce ..... Associate Commissioner

VIDEO SERVICES DIRECTORS

Primary Staff Liaison: Scott McBurney ..... Assistant Commissioner

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### APPENDIX I - PENALTIES

1. The offending institution or staff member may be publicly reprimanded and/or censured by the commissioner and warned against repetition of the offense.
2. The staff member found in violation of a recruiting rule may be denied the privilege of contact with any prospective student-athlete for a period not to exceed one year; and the same penalty may be imposed upon all staff members of the sport involved.
3. The institution may be denied the right to schedule games with other Conference members in the sport in which the violation occurred. This action shall be subject to approval of the Conference.
4. The commissioner shall have the authority to fine any member institution a maximum of \$25,000 for any violation of the Constitution and Bylaws. Fines assessed shall be paid within thirty (30) days after final determinations.
5. The commissioner may order severance of athletic relations with the offending institution. This action shall be subject to the approval of the Conference.
6. Member institutions prohibited from appearing on any ACC or NCAA controlled television program and/or prohibited from participating in ACC or NCAA preseason or postseason competition, including bowl games, shall not be entitled to participate in the distribution of Conference funds derived from those sources during the period of such prohibition.
7. Prohibition of an institution from participating in sanctioned Conference competition versus non-Conference teams and from sharing in the revenue distribution derived from the event.  
NOTE: The above would include any television arrangement in which the Conference is a participant.
8. Prohibition of an institution from participating in NCAA Championships or post-season bowl games.
9. Prohibition of an institution from receiving Atlantic Coast Conference Championship tickets or tickets to Conference sanctioned competition versus non-Conference opponents.
10. Prohibition of an institution from sharing in distribution of other Conference income (e.g., corporate sponsorship, NCAA grant money).
11. Ineligibility of a team or teams for Conference championships.
12. Determination that contests against a university on probation for violations in a sport may be determined not to count in Conference standings in that sport.
13. Restriction of a coach involved in violations from any coaching for a period of time.
14. Reduction in the number of coaches in any sport.
15. Reduction in the number of initial grants in football for one or more years.
16. Reduction in the maximum allowable scholarship limits in a sport for one or more years.
17. Disassociation of the institution from a booster club or the reorganization of such a club controlled by the institution.
18. Restriction of a coach from having a television show.
19. Restriction of a coach from summer sports camp activity.
20. Restrict number of a coach's remunerated public appearances.
21. Required annual report from the coach and the athletics director concerning the status of compliance in a sport.
22. Cancellation of a coach's gratuities from athletic equipment companies.
23. Reduction of the recruiting budget for a sport or coach.
24. Requirement that an institution show cause as to why its membership should not be terminated if appropriate action is not taken against a coach found to have been involved in serious financial aid violations.

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**CONSTITUTION**

*[Note: For your convenience, any changes in the 2012-13 ACC Constitution have been underlined.]*

**Article I. NAME**

The name of this association shall be the Atlantic Coast Conference, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.

**Article II. PURPOSE**

**Section II-1. General Purpose.**

It is the purpose and function of this Conference to enrich and balance the athletic and educational experiences of student-athletes at its member institutions, to enhance athletic and academic integrity among its members, to provide leadership and to do this in a spirit of fairness to all. The Conference aims to:

- a. Enhance the academic and athletic achievement of student-athletes;
- b. Increase educational opportunities for young people;
- c. Foster quality competitive opportunities for student-athletes in a broad spectrum of amateur sports and championships;
- d. Promote amateurism in intercollegiate athletics;
- e. Coordinate and foster compliance with Conference and NCAA rules;
- f. Stimulate fair play and sportsmanship;
- g. Encourage responsible fiscal management and further fiscal stability;
- h. Provide leadership and a voice in the development of public attitudes toward intercollegiate sports;
- i. Address the future needs of athletics in a spirit of cooperation and mutual benefit of the member institutions; and
- j. Promote mutual trust and friendly intercollegiate athletic relations between member institutions.

**Section II-2. Principle of Equity.**

The Conference and its member institutions assert the value of intercollegiate athletics to all individuals. The Conference and its member institutions are committed to providing equitable opportunities as required by law for participation in competition, administration and governance in a spirit of fairness for all. Structure, programs, legislation, services and policies of the Conference and its member institutions shall affirm those principles.

**Article III. INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL**

There shall be institutional responsibility and control of intercollegiate athletics at member institutions. Each institution is responsible for conducting its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with rules and regulations of the NCAA and the Conference. The institution's chief executive officer is ultimately responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.

The institution's responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletics interests of the institution.

**Article IV. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section IV-1. Current Membership.**

The Conference is composed of the following institutions:

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Boston College                  | University of Miami                               |
| Clemson University              | University of North Carolina                      |
| Duke University                 | North Carolina State University                   |
| Florida State University        | University of Virginia                            |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University |
| University of Maryland          | Wake Forest University                            |

**Section IV-2. Required Teams.**

Each member institution shall have a men's and women's basketball team, a football team, and either a women's soccer team or a women's volleyball team.

**Section IV-3. Admission of New Members.**

- a. Prior to considering admission of new members, the Council of Presidents shall consider the desirability of expansion. The ramifications of conference revenues, scheduling, student-athlete welfare and the pool of prospective members may be considerations among other issues. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the total members of the Council of Presidents is required on the willingness of the Council to consider expansion before the conference can proceed to consider any candidate institutions.
- b. New members must be proposed for admission by three members of the Council of Presidents, one of which must be from the prospective member's state, if applicable.
- c. Upon proper nomination for admission as outlined in (b), an expression of interest for admission by the prospective member institution with requested data shall be received by the Conference office. The data will be distributed to the chief executive officers, faculty representatives and athletics directors of all conference members.
- d. The prospective member shall submit to the Conference additional information regarding the institution's academic and athletic cultures. Information shall include, but is not limited to the most recent report of the accrediting agency for colleges and universities, the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report, and the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification report.
- e. A favorable vote of three-fourths of the total members of the Council of Presidents is required to extend an invitation for membership to the Conference.
- f. Participation by the new member in Conference revenues will be determined at the time of admission.
- g. Upon the admission to the Conference, a new member shall pay a fee to the Conference of at least an amount covering payment for a proportionate share of the ownership of all real and personal properties held in the name of the Conference.

**Section IV-4. Expulsion/Suspension/Probation of Members.**

A member institution may be expelled, suspended or placed on probation by the Conference only upon the favorable vote of three-fourths (excluding the member under consideration) of the members. To expel means a complete severance from the Conference in all sports. To suspend means a temporary severance under stated conditions from the Conference in one (1) or more sports.

Among the reasons a member institution may be expelled, suspended or placed on probation for good cause is if it no longer participates in one or more sports which are required for membership in the Conference or if the member is required by the NCAA to discontinue such required sport because of violations of NCAA regulations or becomes incompatible with the objectives of the Conference.

In the event of expulsion, the Conference must provide the member institution with the specific reasons for expulsion and one year notice (on or before August 15 of any year in which event the expulsion shall be effective the following June 30). The institution will be assessed or paid a proportionate share of the fixed liabilities or assets of the Conference and will receive a proportionate share of that year's distribution.

In the event of suspension or probation, the Conference may enforce penalties immediately.

In any sport in which a member is ineligible for postseason play because of violations of NCAA or Conference regulations, the member may be suspended in that sport. If suspended, the member shall not be eligible for the Conference championship in that sport. The institution may be required to forfeit its share of any or all Conference revenues generated by that sport.



**Section IV-5. Withdrawal of Members.**

To withdraw from the conference a member must file an official notice of withdrawal with each of the conference members and the commissioner on or before August 15 for the withdrawal to be effective June 30 of the following year.

Upon official notice of withdrawal, the member will be subject to a withdrawal payment, as liquidated damages, in an amount equal to one and one-quarter (1¼) times the total operating budget of the Conference (including any contingency included therein), approved in accordance with Section V-1 of the Conference Bylaws, which is in effect as of the date of the official notice of withdrawal. The Conference may offset the amount of such payment against any distributions otherwise due such member for any Conference year. Any remaining amount due shall be paid by the withdrawing member within 30 days after the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing member shall have no claim on the assets, accounts or income of the Conference. (Revised: September 2011)

**Article V. VOTING DELEGATES**

The members of this Conference shall be entitled to one vote each. The voting delegate shall be the representative of the member institution, appointed by the president, or by the duly constituted authority of the institution, and shall be a regular full-time member of the faculty at the time of appointment or an administrative officer in that institution. The voting delegate shall be one whose primary duty is not in athletics. (Revised: May 2008)

**Article VI. OFFICERS**

**Section VI-1. Officers.**

The officers of the Conference shall be a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. The above officers must be voting delegates of their institutions.

The president shall be the official representative of the Conference in all relations concerning intercollegiate athletics and, in cooperation with the Commissioner, shall foster compliance with all NCAA and Conference rules and regulations. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Conference, shall appoint standing and special committees after consulting with the chair of the Athletics Directors Committee and the Commissioner, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Conference. The president shall assure that proper notices of Conference meetings be given to the members and that an agenda be prepared for each meeting. The president shall have such other powers and duties as are normal and incident to such office (see General Policies & Procedures, Article X, regarding the President's Award). (Revised: April 2008)

The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president, until the next election, in the latter's absence or disability, or when the presidency is vacated.

The vice-president shall assist the president in the performance of Conference business when necessary and shall have other powers and duties as may be conferred by the president or by the Conference.

The secretary-treasurer shall have supervisory responsibility of all records of the Conference, shall review the records of all meetings of the Executive Committee, shall report at each regular meeting the decisions of the Executive Committee rendered since the last regular meeting, and shall submit at the annual meeting a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements of Conference funds. All accounts are to be audited by a certified public accountant.

**Section VI-2. Election of Officers.**

Officers of the Conference shall be elected at the meeting in May and shall continue in office from July 1 through June 30. Candidates for office must have served a minimum of two (2) years as a voting delegate to be eligible for an office.

Officers shall be elected according to a rotation determined by constituent members and on file in the Conference office. Generally, each year, the current vice-president becomes the new president and the current secretary-treasurer becomes the new vice-president. A new secretary-treasurer is nominated and elected based on who is next in line for the position according to the Conference rotation.

If the president's position becomes vacant during the middle of a term of office, the vice-president shall assume the presidency of the Conference. If deemed necessary by the president, other vacant offices occurring between the meetings of the Conference shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall approve any needed adjustments to the rotation cycle. A new member to the Conference shall be added to the end of the rotation cycle. (Revised: May 2006)

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### **Article VII. COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

The Council of Presidents shall be composed of the chief executive officer from each member institution and shall have the complete responsibility for and authority over the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Commissioner shall serve on the Council as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The chair of the Council shall rotate among the voting membership on an annual basis and shall be chosen from an institution other than those already represented on the Executive Committee.

The Council shall meet once in the fall (the second Tuesday and Wednesday in September) and once during the Men's or Women's Basketball Conference Championship, alternating annually. The meeting during the Championship shall also include the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators.

### **Article VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, the vice-president, the secretary-treasurer, the immediate past president, and the chair of the Council of Presidents. In the event the immediate past president ceases to be a representative of the Conference, a member-at-large shall be chosen by the Conference to serve on the Executive Committee. The Commissioner and the chair of the Athletic Directors shall serve as ex-officio members without vote.

The Executive Committee shall transact the necessary business of the Conference between regular meetings of the Conference, subject to approval of the voting delegates at the next regular or special meeting. The Executive Committee is also charged with overseeing the management and operation of the Conference in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws.

A member institution may appeal to the Conference any decision or action of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may establish changes in the procedures for the general conduct of the Commissioner's office.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) weeks prior to the May meeting to review the budget prepared by the Commissioner and recommend a budget for the forthcoming year to the membership for approval at the May meeting. The Executive Committee shall conduct a mid-year budgetary review.

### **Article IX. COMMISSIONER**

There shall be a Commissioner who shall be elected by a vote of three-fourths of the Council of Presidents at any regular or special meeting. The Commissioner shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Conference and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee. The Commissioner shall ensure adherence to the principles of the Constitution and Bylaws by all members of the Conference.

The Commissioner shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Bylaws and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Commissioner shall have the powers necessary for the effective performance of the Commissioner's duties.

### **Article X. AMENDMENT**

#### **Section X-1. Amendment Procedures.**

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by three-fourths of the members. The proposed amendment shall be submitted, in writing, four weeks before the meeting, through the commissioner to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review. The Commissioner shall send complete copies of the proposed amendments to all members at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.

#### **Section X-2. Effective Date.**

Any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws are effective July 1 following enactment, unless provided otherwise.

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**BYLAWS**

*[Note: For your convenience, any changes in the 2012-13 ACC Bylaws have been underlined.]*

**Article I. SPORTSMANSHIP PRINCIPLE**

It shall be the responsibility of each member institution to insure that all individuals associated with the athletics program of that institution conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner when representing their university. Unsportsmanlike conduct, when demonstrated by any party associated with a member institution, will not be tolerated and may subject the individual to disciplinary action. The member institution with which the individual is associated may also be subject to disciplinary action if it is found that the institution's actions, or failure to act, substantially contributed to the individual's misconduct. The duties with regard to sportsmanship of member institutions, the Commissioner, coaches, student-athletes, band members, cheerleaders, mascots and officials are elaborated in the Sportsmanlike Policy in the Sports Operation Code.

Public criticism of officials or comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Institutional personnel are prohibited, therefore, from commenting on officiating, other than directly to the Conference office. (See Article I in the Sports Operation Code for the Sportsmanlike Policy.)

**Article II. NCAA REGULATIONS**

The Conference and each of its member institutions shall be members of Division I Football Bowl Subdivision of the NCAA. Member institutions are bound by NCAA rules and regulations, unless Conference rules are more restrictive.

**Article III. OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**Section III-1. Duties of the Commissioner.**

The Commissioner's duties shall include:

- a. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.** Serve as the chief administrative officer of the Conference.
- b. **CONFERENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Interpret and enforce all rules and regulations of the Conference and of the NCAA. This responsibility includes, but is not necessarily limited to, broad discretionary powers to supervise investigations, hold hearings and impose temporary or permanent measures against member institutions, personnel, and student-athletes for conduct judged to be in violation of the spirit as well as the letter of Conference Constitution and Bylaws. The above shall be carried out under procedures as set forth in the Conference Bylaws.
- c. **EQUITY.** Implement and advocate the principle of equity.
- d. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.** Serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the faculty athletics representative's, Executive and athletics director's committees, Council of Presidents and all other Conference committees.
- e. **MEETINGS.** Issue the call for regular and special meetings of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and the Executive Committee. Make arrangements for the meetings of these groups, and for such meetings of the coaches or other employees of the athletics administration as may be authorized by the athletics directors, and be responsible for the publication and distribution of all minutes setting forth actions by any of these groups.
- f. **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.** Reprint the Constitution and Bylaws from time to time as may be necessary, and distribute copies as appropriate to each member institution's chief executive officer, faculty athletics representative, athletics director and senior woman administrator.
- g. **ATHLETICS PROBLEMS.** Study athletics problems of the Conference, offer advice and assistance in their solution, and encourage and promote friendly relations among the member institutions, student-athletes and alumni.
- h. **OFFICIATING.** Assign football and basketball officials for all games between member institutions. Assignments also may be made for non-conference football and basketball games and for other sports when requested. The Commissioner is authorized to expend funds from his budget for the improvement of officiating.

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i. **AWARDS AND TROPHIES.** Purchase awards and trophies presented by the Conference.

j. **PUBLICITY.** Conduct, through the print and electronic media, periodicals, various meetings and the general service of the Conference office, a continuing educational program to promote the development of better sportsmanship, respect for the amateur spirit, and understanding of the values of competitive athletics, and exert all reasonable effort to acquaint the public with the ethics and high ideals which motivate the Conference in its conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

k. **INCOME PRODUCING PROJECTS.** Initiate and formulate, for the Conference, income producing projects.

l. **SCHOOL VISITS.** Visit each Conference school at least once each year to inquire into and observe the operation of its intercollegiate athletics program.

m. **ASSISTANCE TO NON-MEMBERS.** Stand ready to render assistance to non-member institutions when solicited.

n. **CONFERENCE EMPLOYEES.** Select and engage assistants and employees to assist in carrying out the above described activities; to choose titles for conference employees; and to fix their compensation within the limits of the approved budgets.

o. **EXECUTE CONTRACTS.** Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the Commissioner has the power to execute contracts.

p. **CONFERENCE BUDGET.** Present a budget for consideration to the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the May meeting of the Conference. This budget requires Conference approval.

q. **OTHER DUTIES.** Perform such other duties as the Council of Presidents, faculty athletics representatives, the athletics directors or the Executive Committee may direct or as required in Articles VIII and IX in this section.

### **Section III-2. Commissioner's Contract.**

The Commissioner shall be paid a salary to be determined by the Conference. The term of the contract, including fringe benefits, shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by two-thirds of the members of the Council of Presidents.

### **Section III-3. Office of the Commissioner.**

The Office of the Commissioner shall be located at a place designated by the Conference.

## **Article IV. GOVERNANCE**

### **Section IV-1. Organization.**

Each member institution will have one representative with voting power in each of the following governance groups:  
(Adopted: May 2009)

- a. Council of Presidents
- b. Faculty Athletics Representatives
- c. Directors of Athletics
- d. Senior Woman Administrators

### **Section IV-2. Structure.**

The Council of Presidents shall have the complete responsibility for and authority over the Conference. The Executive Committee shall transact the necessary business of the Conference between regular meetings of the Conference, subject to approval of the voting delegates at the next regular or special meeting, as well as oversee the management and operation of the Conference in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The faculty athletics representatives, as voting delegates,

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per Article V of the Constitution, shall take final action on conference matters only during joint business sessions. See the governance structure detailed in Appendix I of this section. (*Adopted: May 2009*)

### **Section IV-3. Conference Meeting Dates and Sites.**

The faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators shall hold the annual Conference business meeting in May. Business meetings are also held in October and December. (*Revised: May 2009*)

a. COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS. The Council shall meet once in the fall and once during the Men's or Women's Conference Basketball Championship, alternating annually. The meeting during the Championship shall also include the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators.

b. REGULAR MEETINGS. All of the governance groups shall meet three times each year in October, April and May. Each group shall meet separately before convening in a joint business session.

c. FALL MEETINGS. This regular annual meeting of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators shall be held in October at the institution of the current conference president.

d. LEGISLATIVE MEETING. Annually the faculty athletics representatives and senior woman administrators shall meet jointly in December, at the site of the ACC Football Championship Game, to discuss and formulate conference positions on proposed NCAA legislation.

e. WINTER MEETINGS. Annually the faculty athletics representatives and the athletics directors shall meet separately and jointly in January/February.

f. APRIL MEETINGS. This regular annual meeting of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators shall be in April and shall coincide with the ACC Post-Graduate Scholar-Athlete Banquet.

g. SPRING MEETINGS. This regular annual meeting of the faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators shall be held in May.

h. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS. Additional meetings may be called by the president or Commissioner as deemed necessary or pursuant to written request of not less than two-thirds of the members. In either case, the call shall state the reasons for the meeting. The site of the meeting will be determined by a vote of the Conference. Conference business may also be conducted by teleconference when authorized by the president or Commissioner.

### **Section IV-4. Quorum.**

To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Conference, two-thirds of the member institutions must be represented by voting delegates.

## **Article V. FINANCES**

### **Section V-1. Conference Budget.**

The Finance Committee, comprised of one representative from each member institution, shall participate with the Conference office staff and Commissioner in preparing the annual operating budget for the forthcoming year. Once this budget process is complete, the Committee will request that the Commissioner forward the final draft budget to the Executive Committee and all twelve (12) institutions for review at least two (2) weeks prior to the May meeting of the Conference. The Executive Committee will recommend the final budget for approval at that meeting. The Conference budget shall include a ten (10) percent contingency amount. (*Editorial Revision: 2008*)

**Section V-2. Distribution of General Revenue.**

The Conference shall distribute its revenue, including but not limited to revenue from television receipts, Conference championships, participation in preseason or postseason competition, and interest from Conference funds on deposit, according to the provisions set forth in this Article.

Before distributing the revenue to each institution, the Conference shall deduct the funds reserved for the budget for the following year, including the ten percent contingency amount. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, the remainder of the Conference revenue shall be divided equally among the Conference members and distributed in shares to each member by June 1, or the first business day following June 1, in accordance with the distribution plan approved annually by the Executive Committee.

Any distributable funds not received in the Conference office by June 1 will be distributed equally upon receipt.

If income sources do not provide necessary funds for the operation of the Conference office, an assessment shall be levied upon the member institutions in equal amounts.

**Section V-3. Conference Reserve.**

The Conference shall maintain a reserve equaling one times the Conference approved annual operating budget. Any distribution of excess funds to the member schools shall be equal and calculated annually based on the Conference's annual audited financial statements as follows: (*Revised: October 2008*)

1. Total unrestricted net assets, net of property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation.
2. Less the reserve as defined above.

**Section V-4. Postgraduate Scholarships.**

The Conference shall add the money received from player of the game awards presented during televised Conference football and men's basketball games and other money as determined by the Executive Committee to the funds used for the Conference Postgraduate Scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who have completed their undergraduate degrees and who plan to attend a graduate program within three (3) years.

**Section V-5. Employee Insurance.**

The Conference shall be insured against dishonesty and theft by the Commissioner and any Conference employee and the cost of the insurance shall be paid from Conference funds.

**Section V-6. Indemnification and Liability.**

The Conference shall indemnify the faculty athletics representatives, the chief executive officers, the athletics directors, the senior woman administrators, the Commissioner, and the Conference staff against all costs (including attorney's fees), expenses, judgments, fines, and other amounts reasonably incurred by any or all such persons, or any of them, in connection with any claim, demand, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, arising out of and related to the interpretation or enforcement of the Conference rules where the person to be indemnified acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed by such person to be in the best interest of the Conference and to be authorized by the rules of the Conference.

**Section V-7. Distribution of Revenue from the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.**

All receipts from the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship (six-year performance history and broad base programs) will be divided equally among the member institutions after payments to the participating teams as outlined below.

A team participating in the first round of the Men's Basketball Championship will receive \$40,000. A team participating in the second/third rounds will receive \$40,000. Any team advancing beyond the third round and playing east of the Mississippi will receive an additional \$45,000. Any team advancing beyond the third round and playing west of the Mississippi will receive an additional \$55,000. If a team advances to the Final Four, it will receive an additional \$85,000 if playing east of the Mississippi and \$95,000 if playing west of the Mississippi.



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A team participating in the Women's Basketball Championship will receive \$25,000. A team advancing to the Regional will receive an additional \$25,000 (for a total of \$50,000). If a team advances to the Final Four, it will receive an additional \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000). Exception: if an ACC team hosts a first and second round site, and their team plays at that site, the institution would not receive the initial supplemental distribution. (*Adopted: October 2007, Editorial Revision: 2011*)

### **Section V-8. Distribution of Revenue from the National Invitational Tournaments.**

A team participating in the preseason or the postseason National Invitational Tournaments shall keep all game receipts.

### **Section V-9. Distribution of Revenue from Postseason Football Games.**

All receipts from postseason football games will be divided equally among the member institutions after payments to the participating teams. Expense allowances will be provided to all teams participating in a postseason bowl game. The base expense allowance for all Conference bowl games is \$1.1 million. BCS bowl games' base expense allowances range from \$1.7 million to \$2.1 million depending on the bowl game. Amounts are then adjusted in increments of \$25,000 depending on travel distance between the institution and the bowl game site. Actual expense allowances are described in Appendix II of this section. (*Revised: December 2005, May 2008, May 2010; NCAA Revision: 2008*)

Should a team participate in a game not specified in Appendix II, distribution and expenses will be determined at a meeting of the Conference. Conference schools who participate in post-season bowl games are responsible for the sale of the first 6,000 tickets. After 6,000 tickets, the Conference will share in the expense of unsold tickets (calculated at the lowest ticket price available) as follows:

- a. From 6,001 through 7,000 tickets, the Conference will pay 50% of ticket cost.
- b. From 7,001 through 8,000 tickets, the Conference will pay 75% of ticket cost.
- c. From 8,001 through the contracted guaranteed amount of tickets at the respective bowl game, the Conference will pay 100% of ticket cost.

Any funds designated by the preseason or postseason game specifically for nonathletic scholarships will go directly to the participating institution and will not be included in the Conference revenue distribution.

### **Section V-10. Early Distribution of Football Television Receipts.**

A member institution may elect a February distribution of football television receipts. The Commissioner shall poll the member institutions in September to determine whether they wish to receive an early distribution of the television receipts. This distribution will be made when the Conference office receives all of the funds due from the national networks. Institutions electing early distribution will not receive interest payment on the balance of funds left on deposit from national network receipts.

### **Section V-11. Payment of Expenses.**

a. MEETINGS. Among the meetings for which the Conference will reimburse business-related expenses for institutional personnel are: (*Revised: May 2008, May 2010*)

1. Winter Conference Meetings (January/February): FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest)
2. February SWA/Assistant/Associate AD Meeting: SWA, one selected Assistant/Associate AD
3. CEO Meeting (March Men's/Women's Basketball Tournament): CEO, FAR, AD, SWA
4. April Conference Meetings: AD, FAR, SWA
5. Annual Spring Conference Meetings (May/June): FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest), head football coach (and adult guest), head men's basketball coach (and adult guest), head women's basketball coach (and adult guest)
6. Division IA FAR Spring Board Meeting: FAR representative to the Division IA FAR group



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7. Fall CEO Meeting (September): CEO, FAR Chair, AD Chair
8. Fall Conference Meetings (October): FAR, AD, SWA, SAAC Member
9. FARA Meeting (November): Conference Secretary-Treasurer
10. Legislative Meeting (December Football Championship): FAR, SWA (and adult guest)
11. Other Meetings: For a called Conference meeting, the school designated attendee(s) only shall be reimbursed for business-related expenses.

All service groups, except compliance coordinators, will meet once per year and will be reimbursed for that meeting. Compliance coordinators will meet twice per year. One individual from each school will be reimbursed for all service groups meetings. Service groups include: academic advisors, compliance coordinators, development directors, facilities and operations directors, student-athlete development coordinators (life skills coordinators), marketing directors, ticket managers, sports information directors, athletic trainers, associate/assistant athletics directors and video services directors. (*Revised: May 2011*)

b. EVENTS. Among the events for which the Conference will reimburse business-related expenses for institutional personnel are: (*Revised: October 2008*)

1. ACC Football Championship: CEO (and adult guest) AD (and adult guest)
2. Conference Champion Bowl or participating school's bowl (three night allowance): CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
3. Conference Champion Bowl only: Head football coaches (and adult guest)
4. ACC Men's Basketball Championship: CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)
5. ACC Women's Basketball Championship: CEO (and adult guest), FAR (and adult guest), AD (and adult guest), SWA (and adult guest)

The chair(s) and vice-chair(s) of the sports committees will be reimbursed for business-related expenses incurred while attending the Championship. Business-related expenses are defined as meals, lodging (single or double room rate) tips and gratuities, and transportation [coach airfare, taxi, car rental plus gas, personal auto (current IRS mileage allowance)].

### **Section V-12. Football Ticket Return Policy.**

Two (2) weeks prior to the date of the game, the visiting institution should retain no more than 500 unsold tickets from the original ticket allotment sent by the home team. The remainder should be overnighted to the host institution at that time. Three (3) days prior to the game day, the visiting institution may return no more than 150 unsold tickets from the above-mentioned allotment, which should be overnighted to the host institution's ticket office for next morning delivery. Following the game, the visiting institution will be allowed to return up to 100 unsold tickets plus any unused band tickets.

The host school may modify the above policy to be less restrictive if circumstances allow.

### **Section V-13. Amendment Procedures.**

Article V. (Finances) of this section may be amended at any regular or special meeting by two-thirds of all members. (*Adopted: April 2006*)

## **Article VI. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS**

### **Section VI-1. Conference Initial-Eligibility Rule**

A nonqualifier whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at an ACC institution shall not be eligible for competition, practice, or athletically related financial aid at any conference institution. On an annual basis, a conference member may permit a maximum of four nonqualifiers (two in men's sports and two in women's sports with no more than one in any single sport) who have been granted a partial waiver by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Waiver Committee permitting them to receive athletic aid and/or practice per NCAA rules and whose first full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at an ACC institution. (*Revised: February 2006*)

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A nonqualifier who transfers to a conference institution from a two-year college must have graduated with an AA degree (or equivalent), satisfactorily completed a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, and have attended the two-year college that awarded the AA degree (or equivalent) as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms) in order to be eligible for competition, practice, and athletically related financial aid. (*Revised: October 2007, May 2008*)

A nonqualifier who transfers to a conference institution from a four-year college outside the ACC must, in addition to meeting all NCAA rules regarding such transfers, have satisfactorily completed 48 semester or 72 quarter hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, and have attended the immediately preceding four-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms) in order to be eligible for competition, practice, and athletically related financial aid. (*Revised: October 2007*)

A nonqualifier who transfers to a conference institution from a two-year college, subsequent to attending a four-year college outside the-ACC, must meet all NCAA rules regarding 4-2-4 transfers.

Upon written application and good cause shown, the faculty representatives, acting as a committee of the whole, shall have the authority to grant exceptions to this rule based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances which warrant the waiver of the normal application of this rule (e.g., the student's overall academic record, whether the student was recruited by the institution). A written summary of the faculty athletics representatives' decision will be distributed to all Conference members and kept on file in the Conference office.

a. **INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER EXCEPTION.** An international transfer student-athlete who did not take a standardized test before enrolling full-time at an international collegiate institution shall be immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition, provided the student-athlete meets all NCAA four-year college transfer requirements and the student-athlete was not recruited by any institution prior to enrolling full-time at the international collegiate institution. The student must demonstrate foreign residency and attendance at the foreign institution. (*Adopted: May 2008; Editorial Revision: 2010*)

b. **MALE PRACTICE PLAYER EXCEPTION.** Male practice players are exempt from the conference initial-eligibility rule provided the student meets all NCAA eligibility requirements. (*Adopted: May 2008*)

### **Section VI-2. Intra-Conference Transfer Rule.**

A student-athlete who transfers directly to an ACC institution from another ACC institution and who was recruited by the institution from which they are transferring, for whom the athletics department interceded in the admissions process, or who received any athletically related financial aid during the academic year immediately prior to the transfer is required to complete one (1) academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) of residency at the certifying ACC institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution. Such an academic year of residency shall count as one of the student-athlete's four (4) permissible seasons of competition permitted under NCAA legislation. During such a year of residency, the student-athlete is permitted to practice pursuant to NCAA eligibility rules regarding practice eligibility. A transfer student-athlete admitted after the twelfth day of class may not utilize that semester or quarter for the purpose of establishing residency. Waivers of this ACC rule may be considered by the ACC faculty athletics representatives, acting as a committee of the whole, provided the student-athlete has qualified for an exception or waiver of the NCAA four-year college transfer rule. Further, the waiver request must demonstrate objective evidence that proves the student-athlete's extraordinary personal hardship necessitates the transfer to another ACC institution. (*Revised: February 2006, October 2008*)

a. **GRADUATION EXCEPTION.** A student-athlete who receives a baccalaureate degree at one member institution and who has been admitted into a graduate degree program at another member institution may transfer to another member institution without being subject to the intra-conference transfer rule. NCAA transfer regulations would apply. (*Revised: February 2006*)

### **Section VI-3. Intra-Conference National Letter of Intent Rule.**

An individual who signs a valid National Letter of Intent with an ACC institution and does not satisfy the one-year attendance requirement or the Junior College graduation provision of the National Letter of Intent may not represent

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another ACC institution in intercollegiate athletics competition until the individual has completed one (1) full academic years of residence at the latter ACC institution and shall be charged with the loss of one (1) season of eligibility in all sports. An individual receiving a complete release per Item 5 of the National Letter of Intent may not represent another ACC institution in intercollegiate athletics competition until the individual has completed one full academic year at the latter ACC institution and shall be charged with the loss of one season of eligibility in all sports. Waivers of the ACC rule must demonstrate objective evidence that proves the student-athlete's extraordinary personal hardship necessitates the transfer to another ACC institution. These waivers may be considered by the ACC faculty athletics representatives, acting as a committee of the whole, only after all appeals to the National Letter of Intent Steering Committee and the National Letter of Intent Appeals Committee have been processed. *(Revised: April 2007, October 2008)*

### **Section VI-4. Medical Hardship Waivers.**

The Office of the Commissioner has the authority to administer all requests for medical hardship waivers per NCAA legislation. Institutions should submit such waiver requests on a form prescribed by the Conference office. All waiver requests received by the Conference should be complete upon submission and contain all the necessary and required NCAA and Conference documentation.

a. APPEALS. An institution may appeal the decision of the Office of the Commissioner to the faculty athletics representatives. If an institution wishes to appeal, a written appeal must be received in the Conference office within 30 calendar days from the date of the original decision letter. The faculty athletics representative from the institution appealing the decision will present the appeal to the entire council of faculty athletics representatives for vote. The decision of the faculty athletics representatives will be final, subject only to an appeal to the NCAA.

### **Section VI-5. Conference Eligibility Waivers.**

An approved waiver of the ACC initial eligibility rule, the intra-conference transfer rule, intra-conference national letter of intent rule and medical hardship waivers requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the member institutions. All members, including the institution requesting the waiver, are eligible to vote. *(Revised: October 2011)*

### **Section VI-6. Documentation of Summer Employment and Automobile Ownership.**

Each member institution shall document annually information regarding various aspects of summer employment and automobile ownership or usage for all full grant-in-aid recipients. Specific information prescribed by the Conference office is required to be included on institutional forms. *(Revised: May 2008)*

### **Section VI-7. Eligibility.**

a. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION. It is the responsibility of each institution to certify its student-athletes in accordance with all applicable conference and NCAA eligibility requirements prior to allowing the student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

b. FORFEITURE OF GAMES. When a player is found to be ineligible for intercollegiate athletics, all athletic contests in which the student-athlete has participated, after the date of the act or conditions which rendered the individual ineligible, may be forfeited to the respective opposing team or teams, and any individual championships may be forfeited.

### **Section VI-8. Exceptions.**

Exceptions to the above rules of eligibility may be allowed in individual cases in which the circumstances are extremely unusual and in which the exception will be in accord with the spirit and intent of all rules and regulations concerning eligibility.

## **Article VII. ASSIGNING OFFICIALS**

The Conference office shall be responsible for the assignment of officials in the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, softball and volleyball. In no event shall officials be employees of the Conference.

**Article VIII. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE**

**Section VIII-1. Alleged Violations.**

The Commissioner may receive and investigate reports of alleged violations of rules and regulations of the Conference and of the NCAA and may interpret and rule upon such.

In order to prevent escalation of intra-conference problems and continuation of violations, the following procedures are required:

a. A member institution shall communicate to the conference office potential NCAA violations that might result in student-athlete ineligibility and generate media exposure. Further, an institution shall communicate potential violations of NCAA rules when it is reasonable to conclude that the potential violations might be major in nature (e.g., NCAA interview conducted). Such communication should be directed to the Commissioner (or his or her designee) in a timely manner and ultimately shall also include the resolution of the matter once complete.. (Adopted April 2012)

b. An inquiry or report of alleged violations by a Conference member should be sent from a senior level athletics administrator or compliance director from the institution making the allegation to a senior level athletics administrator or compliance director at the institution to which the allegation is made. In addition, the institution making the allegation should notify the Conference office. If the above option is followed, the institution making the allegation is considered party to any investigation and shall receive subsequent information as outlined in (c) below. An institution may also utilize the conference compliance staff to communicate allegations from one Conference member to another; however, in this instance, the institution is not considered party to any investigation and shall not receive subsequent information. In either case, all findings should be reported to the Commissioner.

c. The institution against which the allegation is made should consult with the Conference to procure advice and guidance in how to conduct the investigation, but should not rely upon the Conference to assist in the actual investigation.

d. Only the institution which made the allegation shall receive periodic progress reports throughout the investigation along with a final report at the conclusion of the investigation. That institution, shall not, however, release any information it receives to any other institution or entity. Violations of this will result in forfeiture of any subsequent information regarding the investigation or other sanctions.

e. Once the investigation has concluded, the institution shall report its findings and, if applicable, any action taken to the Conference and/or NCAA. Subsequent to any decision or determination by the Conference and/or NCAA, only the institution which made the allegation shall receive a final report that shall include the following:

1. Facts of the case as discovered through the investigation
2. Findings based upon the facts presented
3. Action and/or penalties taken

**Section VIII-2. Investigations.**

The Commissioner is the principal enforcement officer of the Conference Rules and Regulations but shall not undertake significant investigative responsibilities except in a supervisory capacity. Upon the request of the athletics director or faculty representative of any member institution showing reasonable grounds or upon the Commissioner's own initiative, the Commissioner shall initiate such investigation as may be necessary to determine whether there has been a violation. As part of such an investigation, the Conference office should assist the institution in:

- a. Determining whether the potential violation will be viewed as secondary or major by the NCAA Enforcement Staff;
- b. Identifying any mitigating circumstances;
- c. Determining the appropriate institutional action that should be taken to remedy the situation;

d. Determining appropriate penalties that would likely be accepted by the Enforcement Staff, the NCAA Committee on Infractions, the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff, or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee;

- e. Processing secondary violations through correspondence to the Enforcement Staff;
- f. Processing major violations through summary disposition, or Committee on Infractions; or
- g. Processing any eligibility appeals through the NCAA-Student-Athlete Reinstatement Staff or the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

**Section VIII-3. Hearings.**

If the investigation reveals that a violation may exist, the Commissioner shall inform the president, the faculty athletics representative, and the athletics director of the member institution involved, and afford an opportunity to be heard.

The Commissioner may elect to hear those cases deemed to be secondary in nature. Such hearing may be conducted by an assistant commissioner designated by the Commissioner. If after a hearing or failure of an institution to appear for a hearing, the Commissioner concludes there is a violation, the Commissioner is empowered to impose penalties such as, but not limited to, those listed in Appendix I of the Committees section.

All other cases will be heard by the Executive Committee. That body shall have the same power as the Commissioner to impose penalties. No representative of the institution for whom the hearing is being held shall have membership on the hearing body. The institution and any employee or student-athlete involved in the case shall have an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by legal counsel. The decision of the hearing body must be rendered within one week after the hearing.

**Section VIII-4. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.**

The Commissioner is authorized to investigate cases involving unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches, institutional officials or participants on teams representing member institutions and, if sufficient evidence is found that they have been guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, the Commissioner is authorized to impose such penalties as in his judgment the case warrants.

**Section VIII-5. Penalties.**

Penalties imposed by the Commissioner shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until and unless set aside by the Conference on appeal.

**Section VIII-6. Enforcement Reports.**

The Commissioner shall upon request, report to the Conference in executive session the results of any investigations into violations of Conference rules and regulations.

**Article IX. APPEALS**

**Section IX-1. Appeal Procedures.**

The decision of the Commissioner or the Executive Committee in any proceedings under Article VIII may be appealed. Such appeal must be made by the institution involved within fourteen (14) days after receiving, by registered mail, the notice of such action. Appeals from decisions about interpretations or violations of the Conference rules and regulations, or penalties imposed under these rules, shall be made to the Conference through the Conference president.

a. Final appeal of decision made by the commissioner normally is heard by the Executive Committee; however, at the request of the appealing institution, the Conference will hear the appeal in lieu of the Executive Committee.

b. Final appeal of a decision made by the Executive Committee normally is heard by an Appeals Committee consisting of the past-president of the Conference from the Executive Committee, those faculty athletics representatives who are not members of the Executive Committee, and two athletics directors appointed by the president in such manner that no member institution will have both its faculty athletics representative and athletics director serving on the Appeals Committee. At the request of the appealing institution, the Conference will hear the appeal in lieu of the Appeals Committee.

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c. The committee hearing the appeal may, if it so chooses, modify the decision as to guilt and/or penalty but may not increase the penalty.

d. Appeals shall be limited in scope and will not constitute a new complete hearing of the case. Notice of appeal shall state specifically the findings of violations or penalties or both on which the appeal is being made and the reasons why these items are being appealed.

### **Section IX-2. Appellate Decision.**

The decision as to the appeal shall be rendered only after affording any institution, employee, or student-athlete involved in the appealed portion of the case an opportunity to be heard and to be represented by legal counsel and must be rendered within one week after the hearing of the appeal. Such decision is final and is not subject to further appeal except under provision of Section IX-3 (New Evidence or Prejudicial Error).

### **Section IX-3. New Evidence or Prejudicial Error.**

The Executive Committee shall consider a request to reopen a case upon receipt of new evidence of fact or of prejudicial error in the hearing or appeals procedure. A decision not to reopen a case is not subject to further appeal.

## **Article X. TELEVISION POLICY**

### **Section X-1. Conference Package Contracts.**

The Television Committee is authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts involving telecast of packages of football games and men's basketball games. Such contracts shall be submitted to the member institutions for approval, disapproval or suggestions and recommendations, consistent with the terms of Conference contract policy as described in Section X-3 (Conference Television Contract Policy).

### **Section X-2. Revenues From Sale of Rights to Package.**

All revenues from sale of rights to the Conference television packages referred to in Section X-1 (Conference Package Contracts) shall be deposited with the Conference office.

### **Section X-3. Conference Television Contract Policy.**

Negotiations for future television contracts shall be conducted by the Commissioner with input from a television subcommittee appointed by the Commissioner, in consultation with the President of the Conference. The subcommittee shall be comprised of representatives from faculty athletics representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators.

Discussions and recommendations from the television subcommittee will be reported out to the full television committee. The television committee will review the proposed terms and conditions of the agreement(s) and make their recommendations to the faculty athletics representatives for their consideration and approval by two-thirds vote of the members of the conference.

If practicable, television contracts should be in written form and signed by the participating parties within 60 days of the time of the agreement. If possible, said contract(s) shall be signed no later than 30 days prior to the first televised event of sports covered within this agreement. (*Adopted: May 1992, Revised: January 2010*)

### **Section X-4. Good Faith Effort not to Compete with Package.**

The Conference members will make every good faith effort not to participate in a football or men's basketball game that will be televised in conflict with any of the Conference television packages of games. "Televised" and "television" mean over the air or by cable. If a Conference member is to participate in a nonpackage televised game which conflicts with or overlaps with one of the Conference football or men's basketball packages of games, the Conference member may participate



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in such nonpackage televised game only if (a) such nonpackage game is not distributed on television in the Conference area (defined as Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida), or (b) if the nonpackage game is to be televised in the Conference area; such game may be televised only during a time period which does not substantially overlap the time during which a Conference package game is being televised. When it appears there will be an overlap, the matter shall be promptly referred to the commissioner, who shall then consider all relevant factors and make a final determination, in his sole discretion as to whether or not the overlap is substantial.

### **Section X-5. Member Institution Contracts.**

Individual member institutions may enter into contracts for the telecasts of football and men's basketball games which are not a part of the Conference packages, but only if such contracts do not conflict with Conference package contracts referred to in Section X-1 (Conference Package Contracts) and also comply with all other provisions of this Article.

### **Section X-6. Revenues From Non-Package Games.**

The revenues derived from participation by any Conference member in any televised game outside the Conference television packages shall be deposited with the Conference office.

### **Section X-7. Conference Non-Package Contracts.**

In appropriate circumstances, the Commissioner's office may negotiate television contracts for events that are not part of the Conference television package of games referred to in Section X-1 (Conference Package Contracts). However, such nonpackage contracts may, in the Commissioner's discretion, be negotiated by the Committee on Television and/or submitted to the member institutions for approval.

### **Section X-8. Rights Fee.**

The Television Committee shall establish a rights fee for any football game or men's basketball game being televised which is not part of any of the Conference television packages of games.

### **Section X-9. Distribution of Revenues.**

The revenues derived under Sections X-2 (Revenues From Sale of Rights to Package) and X-6 (Revenues From Non-Package Games) of this Article shall be divided equally among the Conference members.

### **Section X-10. Amendment Procedures.**

Article X (Television Policy) of the Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by two-thirds of all members. (*Adopted: April 2006*)

## **Article XI. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **Section XI-1. Booster Organization.**

The athletics director shall serve as a board member of the institution's athletics booster (fundraising) organization where one exists, and the employees of that organization shall be directly responsible to the athletics director or the person to whom the athletics director reports.

### **Section XI-2. Annual Institutional Certification.**

A member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in a Conference championship unless its governing board makes an annual institutional certification, on a form approved by the Conference office, attesting that:

a. Responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the chief executive officer of the institution.



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b. The chief executive officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, Conference and all other relevant rules and regulations.

c. The chief executive officer, in consultation with the faculty athletics representative and the athletics director, determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Conference.

### **Section XI-3. Nonprofit Operating Principles.**

a. **INUREMENT OF INCOME.** No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein above.

b. **LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.** No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation by legal, governmental agencies, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

c. **OPERATION LIMITATIONS.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or other corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

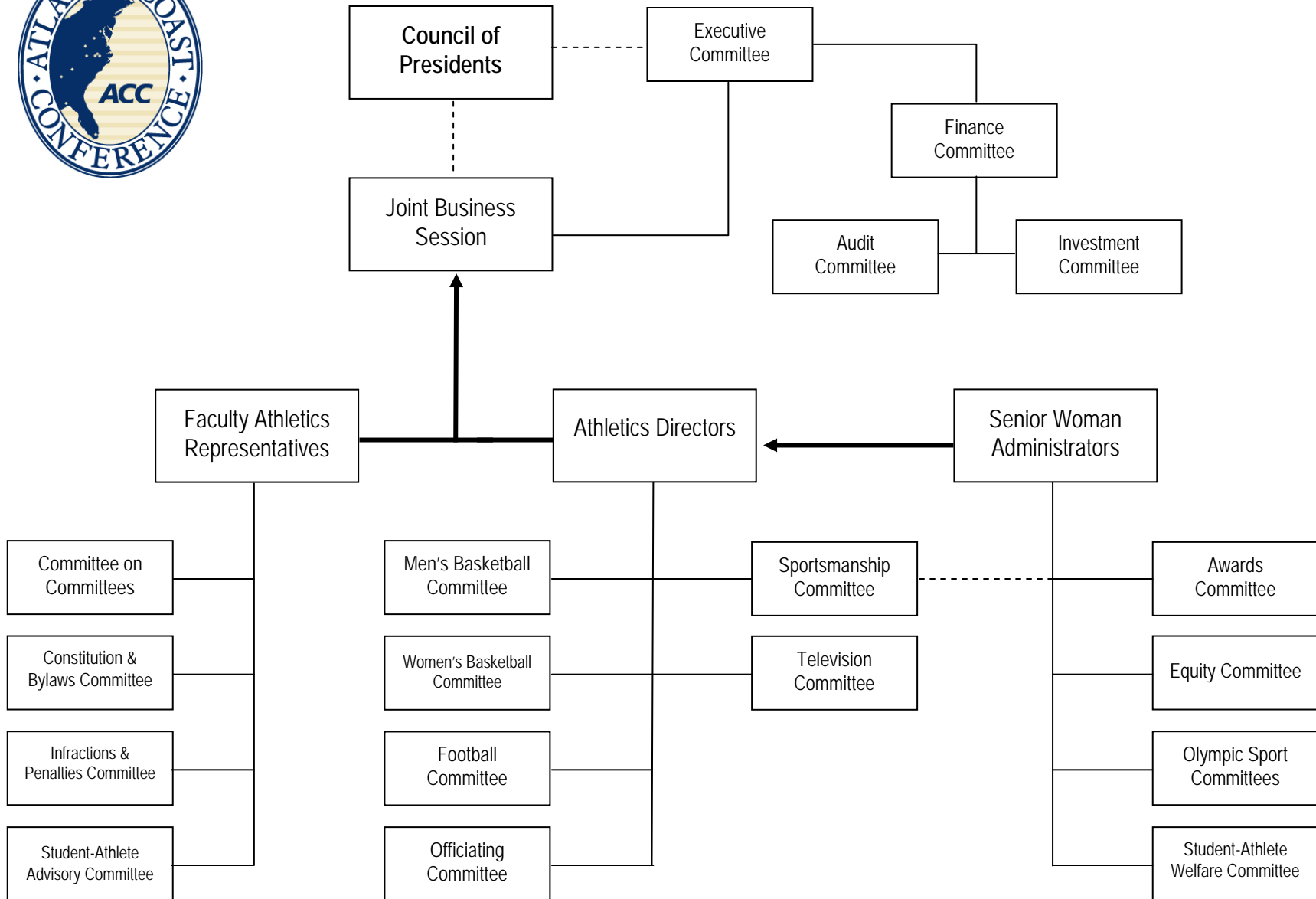
d. **DISSOLUTION CLAUSE.** Upon the dissolution of the organization, a committee composed of voting delegates and athletics directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Committee shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the state court of jurisdiction in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### **Article XII. AMENDMENT PROCEDURES**

Any amendments to the Bylaws require a three-fourths vote of the members of the Conference, unless otherwise noted. All other matters related to the general business and Sport Code of the Conference and not specified elsewhere shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting on the issue. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, abstentions shall not be counted as votes. *(Revised: April 2006)*



## APPENDIX I - ACC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



## APPENDIX II – DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE FROM POSTSEASON FOOTBALL GAMES

### Base Bowl Allowance

Rose Bowl	\$2,100,000
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	\$1,950,000
Allstate Sugar Bowl	\$1,700,000
Discover Orange Bowl	\$1,700,000
Chick-fil-A Bowl	\$1,100,000
Hyundai Sun Bowl	\$1,100,000
Champs Sports Bowl	\$1,100,000
Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl	\$1,100,000
Belk Bowl	\$1,100,000
AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl	\$1,100,000
Military Bowl	\$1,100,000

### Key

Tier 1	0 - 250 miles	Minus -\$50,000
Tier 2	250 - 500 miles	Minus -\$25,000
Tier 3	500 - 750 miles	Current Bowl Payout
Tier 4	750 - 1,000 miles	Extra \$25,000
Tier 5	Over 1,000 miles	Extra \$50,000

### Institutional Bowl Allowance

Institution	Rose	Fiesta	Sugar	Orange	Chick-fil-A	Sun	Champs	Music City	Belk	Independence	Military
BC	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000
CU	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
DU	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,075,000
FSU	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,125,000
GT	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
MD	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000
UM	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
UNC	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,075,000
NCS	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000
UVA	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000
VT	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,075,000
WF	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,075,000

## SPORTS OPERATION CODE

[Note: For your convenience, any changes in the 2012-13 ACC Sports Operation Code have been underlined.]

### Article I. SPORTSMANLIKE POLICY

With regard to the implementation of the provisions of Article I (Sportsmanlike Policy) of the Bylaws dealing with the Sportsmanlike Policy, the duties of the member institution, the Commissioner, coaches, student-athletes, band members, cheerleaders, mascots and officials include, but are not limited to, principles embodied in the following statements.

#### Section I-1. Duties of Member Institutions.

Every reasonable effort shall be made by competing institutions to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship at all athletic events. However, in the event crowd control procedures must be initiated, this responsibility rests with each host institution, or with the tournament or meet director at off-campus championship events. The athletics directors or their designated representatives shall be available at the site of the competition to assist in controlling the crowd.

Only participants, coaches, officials, and authorized personnel shall be allowed in the competition area before, during and at the conclusion of competition.

No alcoholic beverages shall be sold to the public at the site of a Conference championship.

#### Section I-2. Duties of the Commissioner.

Whenever the Commissioner concludes after a reasonable investigation that there has been a violation of the unsportsmanlike conduct regulation, the Commissioner shall impose such penalty deemed appropriate by first giving notice to the individual and the institution. The Commissioner will provide the institution the time and opportunity that the Commissioner considers reasonable to take action and may adopt that action as Conference action if he or she deems appropriate.

In the event the individual or institution believes that the Commissioner's penalty is inappropriate or excessive in nature, an appeal may be initiated with the Executive Committee by filing a notice with the Conference President. The appeal must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of notification of the penalty imposed by the Commissioner.

a. CARRYING PENALTY OVER TO NEXT SEASON. Whenever a penalty or suspension is imposed, such penalty to the individual may be carried over into the next season of competition at the discretion of the Commissioner.

b. DEFINITION OF SUSPENSION. As used in this regulation, "suspension" in the case of a player, means that the player cannot participate in the designated number of contests but may practice; in the case of a coach, "suspension" means that the coach cannot be present in the playing area for the designated number of contests but may conduct practice sessions; in the case of a band member, cheerleader or mascot, "suspension" means that the individual cannot be present in the playing area for the designated number of contests.

c. FINES. At the discretion of the Commissioner fines can be issued up to \$25,000 per occurrence, with such fines being put into the Weaver, James, Corrigan Scholarship account. (*Adopted: January 2010*)

#### Section I-3. Duties of Coaches, Student-Athletes, Band Members, Cheerleaders and Mascots.

a. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS. Public criticism of officials or public comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Athletics personnel, players, band members, cheerleaders and mascots are prohibited, therefore, from commenting while acting in official capacity on officiating other than directly to the Conference Office. Head coaches are responsible for the comments of assistants and other athletic staff members associated with their teams.

Any coach, who violates the prohibitions of public criticism of officials, as stated above, will be suspended from a future scheduled contest. Specifically, the coach will be allowed at the site of the contest up to an hour before the contest begins, after which he/she must vacate the playing area. This applies to all sports and includes all conference as well as non-conference contests.

b. COACH AND PLAYER DECORUM. While the Conference believes that one of the problems confronting intercollegiate athletics is the lack of adherence and enforcement of rules of decorum, it is cognizant that the majority of

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coaches, players, band members, cheerleaders, mascots, officials and administrators make a real effort to ensure contests will be conducted and played in a sportsmanlike manner.

Coaches and administrators have the responsibility to set the tone for responsible behavior on the part of their teams and followers. It is an infraction of the rules for coaches, squad members, team attendants, band members, cheerleaders or mascots to conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner.

Acts violating coach and player decorum rules shall include, but not be limited to, the following and may subject violators to reprimand or suspension from additional contests as the Commissioner deems appropriate. (Note: Person, for the purposes of this section, means coaches, squad members, team attendants, band members, cheerleaders or mascots.):

1. Any person who strikes or physically abuses an official, opposing coach, player or spectator;
2. Any person who intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action;
3. Any person who uses profanity, vulgarity, taunts, ridicules or makes obscene gestures;
4. Any person who publicly criticizes any game official, conference personnel, a member institution or institutional personnel;
5. Any person who engages in negative recruiting by making statements which are unduly derogatory of another institution or its personnel to a prospective student-athlete, parents, high school coach, or other person interested in the prospective student-athlete;
6. Any person who enters the competing area for an unsportsmanlike purpose;
7. Any other act of unsportsmanlike conduct not specifically prescribed.

### **Section I-4. Duties of Contest Officials.**

The Conference feels strongly that officials must have the courage to enforce the rules set forth by the Conference and covered in Section I-3-b (Coach and Player Decorum) of the Sports Operation Code. When officials enforce the decorum rules, they will be supported by the member institutions of the Conference and the Conference Office. Failure to enforce rules may subject officials to reprimand or suspension by the Conference Office.

### **Section I-5. Conclusion.**

A copy of Article I (Sportsmanlike Policy) of the Sports Operation Code is to be given by the athletics director at each member institution to each head coach, assistant coach, band director, and cheerleading and mascot coordinator at the beginning of each academic year. A copy shall also be given to each student-athlete, band member, cheerleader and mascot at the squad meeting held at the beginning of each year. Acceptance of this document, pursuant to NCAA rules governing the student-athlete statement, will constitute agreement to conform to its requirements.

## **Article II. CONFERENCE COMPETITION**

The Conference will be split into two divisions titled Atlantic (Maryland, Clemson, North Carolina State, Wake Forest, Boston College, Florida State) and Coastal (Virginia, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Duke, Virginia Tech and Miami) in the sports of football and baseball.

In order to provide a regular and orderly means of competition between the teams of student-athletes of member institutions, the following articles outline the principles and agreements among the athletics directors affecting the conduct of games, meets, matches, tournaments and championships of the Conference.

As a basic principle for intra-conference competition, all member institutions shall compete with other members in all sports fielded whenever practicable.

*0.I. 100-The specific characteristics of a varsity sport for purposes of Conference championship participation are: (a) The coach be hired and paid by the Department of Athletics and report to the athletics director or his or her designated representative; (b) All team expenses such as travel, uniforms, insurance for travel or injury, officiating fees, etc., be paid by the Department of Athletics; and (c) All student-athletes be eligible under NCAA and Conference rules.*

### **Section II-1. Championships.**

If penalties imposed by the NCAA or the Conference or the member institution itself prohibit post season competition in a particular sport, the member institution thus penalized shall not be eligible to participate in a Conference championship event and in a Conference season-ending tournament and in any Conference wide event that determines qualification for

the NCAA championship in that sport for the duration of the prohibition. Games/matches played against Conference opponents by the prohibited member institution team shall count as usual in the Conference standings during the season of competition for the sport.

All member institutions must compete in good faith at any ACC Championship in which that team and/or individual qualifies. Further, no team and/or individual competing in an ACC sponsored sport may compete in another conference championship without prior written approval from the Conference Office. (*Adopted: April 2011, Revised: April 2012*)

## **Section II-2. Recognized Conference Sports.**

The Conference will conduct competition in the following sports: baseball; basketball-men's/women's; cross country-men's/women's; football; field hockey; golf-men's/women's; indoor track-men's/women's; lacrosse-men's/women's; rowing-women's; soccer-men's/women's; softball; swimming-men's/women's; tennis-men's/women's; outdoor track-men's/women's; volleyball-women's; and wrestling.

*0.I. 101-The Conference shall conduct a championship in any NCAA sport in which at least four member institutions field intercollegiate teams and certify that they desire to participate in a Conference championship.*

The rules, regulations and athletics director's agreements in the sports listed above shall be administered by the Conference. In all other sports, these rules, together with other Conference or NCAA policies, shall be administered by the institutions.

## **Section II-3. Medical Regulations.**

A qualified athletic trainer and/or doctor shall be supplied by the home institution at all Conference regular-season contests and championship events. Medical coverage should be made available for all off-campus championship events. All athletic trainers traveling to Conference championships are required to participate in a meeting prior to the start of the championship.

## **Section II-4. Code of Conduct.**

It shall be the responsibility of each institution to insure that all individuals employed or directly associated with the athletics program conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Unsportsmanlike conduct, particularly when demonstrated by coaches, players, band members, cheerleaders, mascots and/or athletics department staff members cannot be tolerated and shall be subject to individual disciplinary action. Institutional disciplinary action may be initiated by the Commissioner if it is found that the institution's policies, action or failure to act contributed to the individual's misconduct.

Public criticism of officials or comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Institutional personnel are prohibited, therefore, from commenting on officiating, other than directly to the Conference office. (See Article I in the Sports Operation Code for the Sportsmanlike Policy.)

## **Section II-5. Squad Sizes and Championship Reimbursement Limits.**

There shall be a limit on the number of student-athletes who may travel to intra-conference competition being held away from the institution's home facility. [Note: These limits apply to all student-athletes, whether or not they are in uniform and intending to compete or accompanying the team to an away from home competition (e.g., redshirt, injured, etc.)] There shall be a limit on the number of student-athletes in uniform at Conference championships. These limits are indicated below. When violations of the regular season travel limits occur the conference liaison will verify the number of travel members of the team in question and then will contact the institutional sport administrator. The Conference will then issue an official letter of reprimand to the institution. Exception: An institution playing a non-conference series or game adjacent to a Conference series or game is not prohibited by Conference rules from taking additional student-athletes to the Conference series or game. These student-athletes may be in uniform, may sit in the dugout or on the bench and may take part in pregame activities; however, they may not compete. (*Revised: May 2006, May 2007, October 2007, April 2008, April 2009, May 2009, October 2009, April 2010, April 2011*)



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<u>Sport</u>	<u># of Student-Athletes Travel During Regular Season</u>	<u># of Student-Athletes In Uniform For Championships</u>	<u>Championship Reimbursement Limit</u>
Baseball .....	27 .....	NCAA .....	35
Basketball-M .....	N/A .....	NCAA .....	see sport
Basketball-W .....	N/A .....	NCAA .....	see sport
Cross Country-M .....	16 .....	10 .....	11
Cross Country-W .....	16 .....	10 .....	11
Field Hockey .....	25 .....	NCAA .....	<b>30</b>
Football .....	72 .....	72 .....	see sport
Golf-M/W .....	7 .....	NCAA .....	7
Lacrosse-M .....	N/A .....	NCAA .....	40
Lacrosse-W .....	32 .....	NCAA .....	34
Rowing-W .....	53 .....	32 .....	38
Soccer-M .....	<b>26</b> .....	22 .....	27
Soccer-W .....	26 .....	24 .....	29
Softball .....	20 .....	NCAA .....	28
Swimming-M/W .....	24* .....	NCAA* .....	27
Tennis-M/W .....	10 .....	NCAA .....	13
Track-Indoor/Outdoor—M .....	38 .....	30 .....	36
Track-Indoor/Outdoor—W .....	40 .....	30 .....	36
Volleyball-W .....	15 .....	N/A .....	N/A
Wrestling .....	15 .....	12 .....	16

\* Men's/Women's Divers Count 1/2

**Section II-6. Suspended or Cancelled Conference Competition.**

In instances when intra-conference competition has been suspended or cancelled the following principles are understood (*Adopted: October 2009*):

1. Protocol for determining if a suspension or cancellation is required is included in the specific sport's Game Operations Manual or the Olympic Sports Policies and Procedures Guide.
2. If it is determined that a regular season conference contest should be suspended or cancelled and it cannot be rescheduled, the contest will not be factored into the conference standings. Refer to the sport sections of the Sports Operation Code or sport specific tie breaking procedures.

**Section II-7. Conference Championships.**

The Conference office, in cooperation with a designated representative from the host institution, or host support group, shall have charge of all championships. The host institution's designated representative shall work together with the Conference office in developing a budget for the Championship. The budget shall be submitted for approval by the Commissioner on behalf of the Executive Committee. Thirty (30) days after the Championship, the host institution shall submit a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements. All expenses shall be subject to approval by the Conference.

The Games Committee, consisting of the head coach of each member institution, will serve to adjudicate protests and other scheduling decisions relating to the Championship unless a separate games committee has been determined.

Unless otherwise specified, the Conference will reimburse institutions for championship expenses in the following manner: The Conference will reimburse each institution championship expenses for its student-athletes equivalent to the number of individual championship awards presented. The mileage rate is equivalent to the prevailing per mile round trip rate travel established by the Internal Revenue Service, with an additional meal allowance of \$26.00 per day and a lodging allowance of \$37.50 per day. The chair(s) and vice-chair of the sports committees will be reimbursed for business related expenses incurred while attending the Championship. In addition, if a Conference Championship site is selected out of the "footprint" of the Conference consideration will be given to the impact on travel reimbursement (i.e., Disney). (Please see business related expenses in General Policies and Procedures Section II-5.) Member institutions may submit a waiver for additional reimbursement should their actual costs exceed their calculated reimbursement amount. (*Revised: May 2009, October 2009*)

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The following guidelines shall be used while applying the above figures:

1. A host institution may be only reimbursed for selected meals on a case-by-case basis during a championship event and no lodging expenses will be reimbursed. (Revised: April 2012)
2. Meals will be reimbursed at \$6.00-breakfast, \$8.00-lunch and \$12.00-dinner. If a team leaves its campus after 9:00 a.m. for a Conference Championship, it will not be reimbursed for breakfast. If a team leaves its campus after 1:00 p.m., it will not be reimbursed for lunch. If a team arrives on its campus from a Conference Championship prior to 6:00 p.m. it will not be reimbursed for dinner.
3. Lodging reimbursement will be limited to the night before the first day of competition, plus the number of days a team remains at the Championship site while competing. Maximum number of nights lodging for championship events are as follows: (Revised: 2005-06 - Editorial)

Baseball .....	6
Men’s Basketball .....	5
Women’s Basketball .....	5
Men’s/Women’s Cross Country .....	1
Field Hockey .....	4
Football .....	2
Men’s Golf .....	3
Women’s Golf .....	3
Men’s Lacrosse .....	3
Women’s Lacrosse .....	4
Women’s Rowing .....	1
Men’s Soccer .....	6
Women’s Soccer .....	5
Softball .....	4
Men’s/Women’s Swimming & Diving .....	4
Men’s/Women’s Tennis .....	4
Men’s/Women’s Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field .....	3
Wrestling .....	2

4. Discrepancies will be worked out through the Conference office and the business manager and/or assistant athletics director at the respective institution.

*O.I. 102-In order to qualify for reimbursement, a participant must be properly entered and present at the Championship.*  
*O.I. 103-Expense sheets must be filed within a thirty day period following the conclusion of the Championship, **but in no event later than June 30.***

**Section II-8. Advertising.**

Advertising and sponsorship policies for Conference Championship events shall be consistent with current NCAA championships regulations. Such policies are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. To the extent allowed by existing contractual relationships with third-party rights holders, the Commissioner shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of championship game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of Conference Championships; further, the following expressly are prohibited:

1. Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below)
2. Cigarettes and other tobacco products;
3. Professional sports organizations or personnel (except as specified for selected championships);
4. Organizations promoting gambling.

a. MALT BEVERAGES, BEER AND WINE ADVERTISEMENTS. Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in championship game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials.)

b. SPONSORSHIPS. Conference championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time.

**Section II-9. Sportsmanship.**

Every reasonable effort shall be made by competing institutions to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship at all athletic events. However, in the event crowd control procedures must be initiated, this responsibility rests with each host institution, or with the Championship manager at off-campus championship events. The athletics directors of the competing institutions are expected to communicate with their students and other interested fans to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship. The athletics directors or their designated representatives shall be available at the site of the competition to assist in controlling the crowd. (See Article I - Sportsmanlike Policy).

Only the participants, coaches, officials, and authorized personnel shall be allowed in the competition area before, during and at the conclusion of competition.

No alcoholic beverages shall be sold to the public at the site of a Conference Championship.

**Section II-10. Experimental Playing Rules.**

An experimental change of playing rules may be adopted by the use of amendment procedures outlined in the Conference Constitution and Bylaws. Any such change will be valid for one playing season only and shall expire automatically unless formally readopted.

**Section II-11. Motion Pictures and Electronics Media.**

Motion picture and videotape cameras may be used by the institutions whose teams are competing in an athletic contest. (Restrictions on the exchange of film shall be as agreed upon annually by the coaches.)

**Section II-12. Artificial Noisemakers - All Sports.**

In all sports, artificial noisemakers (e.g., cowbells, whistles, clappers, thundersticks) will not be permitted at any Conference sporting event including regular and postseason events.

**Article III. BASEBALL**

**Section III-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Every team will attempt to play a full 30-game Conference schedule with each team playing everyone in their respective division and everyone except one team in the other division. Each institution will play ten conference opponents on a two-year rotation. The excluded institution will not be played for two consecutive years. Rainouts will be handled as follows: *Revised: May 2007*)

1. If the first or second scheduled game is stopped before it becomes a regulation game (4-1/2 or 5 innings), it will be completed as a nine inning game on the date of the next scheduled game between the two teams. The second game of the day will be a nine-inning game.
2. If on the final date of the series, a doubleheader or one game plus is to be played, the first game or suspended game must be completed by 4:00 p.m. The next game will then be a nine-inning game. If the first game or suspended game is not completed by 4:00 p.m., the next game will not be played unless mutually agreed to by both coaches (no game may start after 6:00 p.m.).
3. All games must be completed (nine innings) unless the final day of the series is stopped because of weather. In that case, the last game played will count if it has become regulation (4-1/2 or 5 innings). If the game has not become regulation, it will be canceled.
4. All doubleheaders are scheduled as two nine-inning games.
5. No make-up games are allowed to be played after the last date of the scheduled series.
6. Any alteration to the original conference schedule must be approved through the conference office.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for baseball shall be limited to twenty-seven (27) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, April 2009*)

c. UMPIRES. Umpires shall be contracted and assigned by the Coordinator of Baseball Umpires during regular season Conference competition.

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d. **RULES.** Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

e. **COMPLIMENTARY GAME ADMISSION.** In any regular season game for which the host institution charges admission, the visiting team shall be provided a maximum of 50 complimentary admissions at its requests.

f. **NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS.** Noncoaching staff members (e.g., Director of Operations) are precluded from wearing a team uniform during conference competition. *(Adopted: December 2006, Revised: April 2008)*

### **Section III-2. Conference Championship.**

a. **CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION.** An eight (8) team pool play season ending tournament will be played at a site with a lighted baseball field over a five-day period to determine the Conference champion and the automatic representative to the NCAA Tournament. In the event that the Conference Baseball Championship is not played to completion, the #1 seed in the tournament shall receive the NCAA Tournament automatic qualification. *(Revised: October 2006, April 2007)*

b. **CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION.** The top two teams from both the Atlantic and Coastal divisions, determined by conference winning percentage, and the next four teams with the best conference winning percentage regardless of division will be selected to participate in the Conference Baseball Championship. The two division champions will automatically be seeded number one and two based on winning percentage in overall conference competition, and the number one seed shall have the choice of its preferred day off. The remaining teams will be seeded (three through eight) based on winning percentage in overall conference competition without regard to division. All ties will be broken using the tie-breaking provisions. *(Revised: April 2006, April 2012)*

c. **SEEDING.** In the case of a tie in conference winning percentage, championship seeding will use the tie-breaking procedures below with the following guidelines: *(Revised: April 2006, October 2006, Editorial Revision 2008)*

- When comparing tied teams and arriving at another pair of tied teams, use each team's winning percentage against the tied teams as a group. For example, if Teams A and B have the same winning percentage as compared to Team C; then Teams A and B will be compared to Team D, but if Team D is tied with Team E, then Teams A and B will be compared to the winning percentage of Teams D and E collectively, not individually.
  - When comparing records against a single team or group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail even if the number of games played against a team or group of teams is unequal. If winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue until one team gains an advantage.
  - If multiple teams tie and the tie can be reduced to two teams, the provisions for two team ties will be used from that point forward.
  - One completed game of a conference series constitutes a common opponent for tie breaking purposes.
1. **Division Champions Determination.**
    - (a) The division champion will be the team in each division with the highest overall conference winning percentage.
    - (b) Head-to-head conference competition between the tied teams.
    - (c) Records of the tied teams within their division.
    - (d) Head-to-head competition of the tied teams versus the team within the division with the best overall conference winning percentage (divisional and non-divisional) and proceeding through the division.
    - (e) Head-to-head competition of the tied teams versus common opponents in the opposite division with the best overall conference winning percentage (divisional and non-divisional) and proceeding through the opposite division.
    - (f) Coin flip.
  2. **Seeds One and Two Determination.**
    - (a) Head-to-head competition in regular season conference play between the two tied teams.
    - (b) Head-to-head competition of the tied teams compared to common opponents (divisional and non-divisional) with the highest conference winning percentage and continuing until one team gains an advantage.
    - (c) Coin flip.

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### 3. Seeds Three Through Eight Determinations.

#### (a) Divisional Opponents.

##### Two-Team Tie

- (1) Head-to-head competition between the two tied teams.
- (2) Records of the tied teams within the division.
- (3) Head to head competition of the tied teams versus the team within the division with the best overall conference winning percentage (divisional and non-divisional) and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division broken from first to last.
- (4) Overall record versus all common non-divisional opponents.
- (5) Combined record versus all non-divisional opponents.
- (6) Record versus common non-divisional opponents based on their order of finish within their division.
- (7) Coin flip.

##### Three-or-more-team tie

- (1) Combined head-to-head record among the tied teams.
- (2) Records of the tied teams within the division.
- (3) Head-to-head competition versus the team within the division with the best overall (divisional and non-divisional) conference winning percentage, and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division will be broken first to last.
- (4) Overall record versus non-divisional opponents.
- (5) Combined record versus all common non-divisional opponents.
- (6) Record versus common non-divisional opponents with the best overall conference (divisional and non-divisional) winning percentage and proceeding through the other common non-divisional opponents based on their order of finish within the division.
- (7) The seed(s) shall be chosen by a draw.

#### (b) Non-Divisional Opponents.

##### Two-team tie

- (1) Head-to-head conference competition between the tied teams.
- (2) Head-to-head competition of the tied teams compared to common opponents with the highest overall conference winning percentage and continuing until one team gains an advantage.
- (3) Coin flip.

##### Three-or-more-teams tie

- (1) Combined head-to-head record among the tied teams (if common opponents).
- (2) Head-to-head competition of the tied teams compared to common opponents with the highest overall conference winning percentage and continuing until one team gains an advantage.
- (3) The seed shall be chosen by a draw.

Once the Championship seeds have been determined, the Conference Office will determine the sequence of games to be played. The bracket will be adjusted to allow the highest seeded local team(s) to play in the Wednesday evening session. If two or more local teams are in the same bracket, the Conference Office may opt to adjust the sequence of games, but not the brackets. (*Revised: April 2008*)

d. **CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT.** The designated Championship Manager, as appointed by the Committee on Baseball, will work with the Games Committee to determine whether a game will be started in the event of inclement weather. The Games Committee has the authority to make any adjustments it may deem necessary in the championship format should inclement weather interfere with the schedule. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a bulletin prepared by the Championship Manager.

e. **TEN-RUN RULE.** A ten run rule will be in effect after the seventh inning for all Conference Championship Tournament games except the championship game.

f. **UMPIRES.** Championship umpires will be nominated and selected by the Coordinator of Baseball Umpires.

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g. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Baseball Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

h. DUGOUT. The dugout limit for the Conference Championship is thirty-five (35). (*Adopted: May 2006*)

i. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

j. NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS. Noncoaching staff members (e.g., Director of Operations) are precluded from wearing a team uniform during the Conference Championship. (*Adopted: December 2006. Revised: April 2008*)

### Article IV. BASKETBALL—MEN'S

#### Section IV-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each of the twelve (12) conference institutions having a basketball team shall play a sixteen (16) game, three (3) year rotating conference schedule with two (2) primary partners.

b. OFFICIALS. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment and coordination of basketball officials. The expenses of the coordination of officials will be included in the Commissioner's budget.

The Officiating Committee shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in basketball. It shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

c. UNIFORMS. The home team will wear light uniforms and the visiting team will wear dark uniforms.

d. TICKETS. The visiting team will be given seventy-five (75) complimentary tickets (reserved seats), all of which must be located behind the visiting team bench with no more than twenty-five (25) seats on any one (1) row.

e. DRESSING ROOMS. The home team shall provide the visiting team a dressing room, prior to the game, with water, ice and if requested, a carbonated beverage for use at half-time and at the end of the game.

f. PEP BANDS. No visiting team pep bands shall be permitted at Conference basketball games. Home team pep bands play shall be restricted to pre-game, half-time, post-game and during timeouts. There shall be no playing of band instruments during a free throw, throw-in, jump ball or live ball situation.

g. CHEERLEADERS. No visiting cheerleaders are permitted to travel to regular season Conference games.

h. INTRODUCTIONS. Visiting team starters will be introduced first, followed by home team starters. Visiting teams shall be treated with courtesy when introduced.

i. RULES.

1. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
2. Proposed Interpretations. Proposals for rule interpretations by the Conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
3. Protest of Officials' Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

j. PRELIMINARY GAMES. There shall be a set period of at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to tip-off of the varsity game when the court will be cleared and available to both teams.

#### Section IV-2. Conference Championship.

a. CHAMPIONSHIP. There shall be a single elimination basketball tournament held under the direction of the Men's Basketball Committee and the winner shall be the Conference Champion. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a participant's manual prepared by the Championship Manager. Dates and sites of the Conference



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Championship will be selected by the athletics director and faculty athletics representative and announced from the Conference office.

b. **SEEDING.** Seeding for the Basketball Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used:

1. When two teams are tied in the standings, regular season head-to-head results are used as the tiebreaker.
2. If the tied teams played each other twice in the regular season and split their games, then each team's record vs. the team occupying the highest position in the final regular season standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular season standings) and then continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
  - (a) When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
  - (b) When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4). If the winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
3. If three or more teams are tied in the standings, the following procedure will be used:
  - (a) The combined record of conference games between the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken and seedings assigned based on the winning percentage of the combined conference records. The higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4).
  - (b) If procedure (a) fails to break the tie, then each tied team's record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.
  - (c) If the tie is broken by (a) or (b) regarding one or more teams, but three or more teams remain tied, then procedures (a) and (b) will be re-applied among those tied teams only.
  - (d) If two teams remain tied, procedures (1) and (2) will be followed.
4. If there is more than one tie in the standings, and when utilizing the tie-breaking procedures there are a pair of teams tied, a team's record against the combined tied teams (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures) is used, rather than performance against the individual tied teams.
5. If procedures (2) and/or (3) fail to establish an advantage, a coin flip to break the tie will be conducted by the commissioner after the final regular season game before the Conference Championship.
6. If a coin flip or draw (for a three or more team tie) is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular season game prior to the Conference Championship. The procedure is administered by the commissioner or a designated assistant. This session is open to the media and to athletics department representatives from the tied teams.

c. **POST-SEASON PLAY.** The winner of the Conference Basketball Championship shall be nominated for the NCAA Basketball Tournament. If the winner of the Conference Basketball Championship is ineligible for NCAA postseason participation; the other finalist shall be nominated for the NCAA Tournament.

Any team other than the Conference Champion may be permitted to participate in other Conference approved postseason tournaments if invited.

d. **TRAVEL SQUAD.** Travel squads for the Men's Basketball Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

e. **RULES.**

1. **Approved Rules.** Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
2. **Proposed Interpretations,** by the Conference basketball coaches shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner, athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives.
3. **Protest of Officials' Decision.** Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

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f. **TELEVISIONING OF AWARDS.** There shall be no live televising of awards of any type during the Basketball Championship unless a Conference-related person is the recipient of the award. The Executive Committee is empowered to set aside this restriction on a case-by-case basis.

g. **REIMBURSEMENT.** The Conference will reimburse each institution championship expenses based on the following formula: Maximum reimbursement limited to 75 based upon a maximum of 32 in the official team travel party, a maximum of 30 band members, and a maximum of 13 cheer/mascot members; \$150 per person per diem; and the prevailing per mile round trip rate established by the ACC Finance Committee for ACC Championships for travel of 250 miles or less one way or actual coach air fare based on a 21-day advance purchase for trips of more than 250 miles on way. (*Revised: October 2009*)

### Article V. BASKETBALL—WOMEN’S

#### Section V-1. Regular Season.

a. **SCHEDULING.** Each of the twelve (12) conference institutions having a basketball team shall play a fourteen (14) game conference schedule. Three (3) games will be on a home and home basis and the remaining eight games will be four (4) home and four (4) away.

Beginning with the 2011-12 season each of the twelve (12) conference institutions having a basketball team shall play a sixteen (16) game conference schedule with two (2) primary partners, to mirror the sixteen (16) game, three (3) year rotation conference schedule currently used in men’s basketball. (*Adopted: May 2010*)

b. **OFFICIALS.** The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment and coordination of basketball officials. The expenses of the coordination of officials will be included in the Commissioner’s budget.

The Officiating Committee shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in basketball. It shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

c. **UNIFORMS.** The home team will wear light uniforms and the visiting team will wear dark uniforms.

d. **TICKETS.** The visiting team will be given seventy-five (75) complimentary tickets (reserved seats, if available), all of which must be located behind the visiting team bench with no more than twenty-five (25) seats on any one (1) row.

e. **DRESSING ROOMS.** The home team shall provide the visiting team a dressing room, prior to the game, with water, ice and a carbonated beverage for use at half-time and at the end of the game.

f. **PEP BANDS.** No visiting team pep bands shall be permitted at Conference basketball games. Home team pep bands play shall be restricted to pre-game, half-time, post-game and during timeouts. There shall be no playing of band instruments during a free throw, throw-in, jump ball or live ball situation.

g. **CHEERLEADERS.** No visiting cheerleaders are permitted to travel to regular season Conference games.

h. **INTRODUCTIONS.** Visiting team starters will be introduced first, followed by home team starters. Visiting teams shall be treated with courtesy when introduced.

#### i. RULES.

1. **Approved Rules.** Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
2. **Proposed Interpretations.** Proposals for rule interpretations by the ACC Basketball Coaches shall be subject to approval by the commissioner, through the ACC Basketball Committee.
3. **Protest of Officials’ Decisions.** Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

j. **PRELIMINARY GAMES.** There shall be a set period of at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to tip-off of the game when the court will be cleared and available to both teams.

**Section V-2. Conference Championship.**

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. There shall be a single elimination basketball tournament held under the direction of the Committee on Women's Basketball and the winner shall be the Conference Champion. Details for the conduct of the championship will be contained in a participant's manual prepared by the Championship Manager. Dates and sites of the Conference Championship will be selected by the athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives and announced from the Conference office.

b. DATE & SITE. The Women's Basketball Championship will be held one weekend prior to the Men's Basketball Championship at a neutral site.

c. SEEDING. Seeding for the Basketball Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used:

1. When two teams are tied in the standings, regular season head-to-head results are used as the tiebreaker.
2. If the tied teams played each other twice in the regular season and split their games, then each team's record vs. the team occupying the highest position in the final regular season standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular season standings) and then continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
  - (a) When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
  - (b) When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4). If the winning percentage of the tied teams is equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
3. If three or more teams are tied in the standings, the following procedures will be used:
  - (a) The combined record of conference games between the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken and seedings assigned based on the winning percentage of the combined conference records. The higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1; 1-0 is the same as 2-0; 2-0 is the same as 4-0; 2-1 is the same as 4-2; 1-0 is better than 1-1; 0-1 is the same as 0-2; 0-2 is the same as 0-4)
  - (b) If procedure (a) fails to break the tie, then each tied team's record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage by a higher winning percentage.
  - (c) If the tie is broken by (a) or (b) regarding one or more teams, but three or more teams remain tied, then procedures (a) and (b) will be re-applied among those tied teams only.
  - (d) If two teams remain tied, procedures (1) and (2) will be followed.
4. If there is more than one tie in the standings, and when utilizing the tie-breaking procedures there are a pair of teams tied, a team's record against the combined tied teams (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures) is used, rather than performance against the individual tied teams.
5. If procedures (2) and/or (3) fail to establish an advantage, a coin flip to break the tie will be conducted by the commissioner after the final regular season game before the Conference Championship.
6. If a coin flip or draw (for a three or more team tie) is required, the procedure takes place immediately following the conclusion of the last regular season game prior to the Conference Championship. The procedure is administered by the commissioner or a designated assistant. This session is open to the media and to athletics department representatives from the tied teams.

d. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Conference office.

e. POST-SEASON PLAY. The winner of the Conference Basketball Championship shall be nominated for the NCAA Basketball Tournament. If the winner of the Conference Basketball Championship is ineligible for NCAA postseason participation, the other finalist shall be nominated for the NCAA Tournament. Any team other than the Conference Champion may be permitted to participate in other Conference approved postseason tournaments if invited.

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f. TRAVEL SQUAD. Travel squads for the Women's Basketball Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

g. RULES.

1. Approved Rules. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
2. Proposed Interpretations, by the ACC Basketball Coaches Committee, shall be subject to approval by the commissioner, through the athletics directors and faculty representatives.
3. Protest of Officials' Decisions. Decisions of game officials are final. Protests arising from the decisions of the officials or any inadvertent misinterpretation of the rules will not be considered by the Conference office.

h. TELEVISIONING OF AWARDS. There shall be no live televising of awards of any type during the Basketball Championship unless a Conference-related person is the recipient of the award. The Executive Committee is empowered to set aside this restriction on a case-by-case basis.

i. REIMBURSEMENT. The Conference will reimburse each institution championship expenses based on the following formula: Maximum reimbursement limited to 75 based upon a maximum of 32 in the official team travel party, a maximum of 30 band members, and a maximum of 13 cheer/mascot members; \$150 per person per diem; and the prevailing per mile round trip rate established by the ACC Finance Committee for ACC Championships for travel of 250 miles or less one way or actual coach air fare based on a 21-day advance purchase for trips of more than 250 miles on way. *(Revised: October 2009)*

### Article VI. CROSS COUNTRY—MEN'S/WOMEN'S

#### Section VI-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a cross country team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to sixteen (16) student-athletes for men and sixteen (16) student-athletes for women in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

#### Section VI-2. Conference Championship.

a. DATE & SITE. The Cross Country Championship shall be conducted on Saturday, two weeks prior to the NCAA Regional Championships. The host institution has the option of hosting on Friday if there is a home football game. The course will be properly measured (i.e., USATF certified, by a registered surveyor, etc.). If held on a golf course, the course shall be closed during the meet. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference. *(Revised: May 2006, April 2008, April 2010)*

b. FORMAT. The men's and women's cross country championships will reflect the variances of course lengths indicated in the NCAA Men's and Women's Track & Field Rules Book. Both men's and women's team and individual champions will be determined at the Conference championship meet.

c. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Cross Country Championship shall be limited to ten (10) student-athletes in uniform per men's team and ten (10) student-athletes in uniform per women's team. *(Revised: April 2008, May 2009)*

d. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

### Article VII. FIELD HOCKEY

#### Section VII-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a field hockey team shall schedule each Conference team at least once each season.

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b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for Field Hockey shall be limited to twenty-five (25) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009*)

c. OFFICIALS. Officials for conference matches will be assigned by a selected Coordinator of Field Hockey Officials.

### **Section VII-2. Conference Championship.**

a. DATE & SITE. The Conference Field Hockey Championship will be held on a date and at a site recommended by the Field Hockey Committee, subject to approval by the Conference.

b. SEEDING. Seeding for the Field Hockey Championship will be determined by the regular season conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used (*Revised: April 2008, April 2012*):

1. Head-to-head conference game results among the tied teams.
  - a. If three or more teams are tied, the combined record of conference games among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of there combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.
  - b. In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' conference records. Procedures (2)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (1).
2. Goal differential in conference games only (goals for versus goals against; a maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used. Results from all conference games will be used).
3. Goal differential in conference games among tied teams (goals for versus goals againt; a maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used. Results from only games involving the tied teams will be used).
4. Goals scored in conference games only (a maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used). Results from all conference games will be used.
5. Goals scored in conference games only among the tied teams (maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used).
6. Blind draw between the tied teams.

c. FORMAT. The Field Hockey Championship will be a single elimination tournament. The team championship will be determined by this event.

d. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be selected by the Coordinator of Field Hockey Officials.

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Field Hockey Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

## **Article VIII. FOOTBALL**

### **Section VIII-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Conference members shall arrange their schedule of games with one another prior to making contractual agreements with any team outside the Conference. The Conference Office must be consulted prior to scheduling any non-conference game on a specific date. (*Revised: October 2006*)

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for football shall be limited to seventy-two (72) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Adopted: May 2009*)

c. GAME-SUSPENSION-POLICY. Should a game be suspended and cannot be resumed that day, the decision as to the status of that game would be determined by the Commissioner's office.

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d. OFFICIALS. The Office of the Commissioner will be responsible for the appointment of the Coordinator of Football Officials. The expenses of the Coordinator of Football Officials will be included in the Commissioner's budget.

The Committee on Officiating shall recommend the method of selecting officials and the fees and allowances for officials in football. It shall recommend policies and rules governing the relations between coaches and officials. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the commissioner with respect to training and appointment of officials.

e. JERSEYS. The visiting team will wear white jerseys and the home team will wear jerseys of a contrasting color. *Exception: The home team may wear white jerseys when the teams have agreed before the season.*

f. COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS. The complimentary ticket policy for Conference football games shall be agreed on annually by the Conference.

g. GAME GUARANTEES. The minimum game guarantee for Conference football games shall be agreed on annually by the Conference.

h. HALF-TIMES. All half-times shall be twenty (20) minutes in length.

i. PRE-GAME WARM-UPS. The "L" system of pre-game warm-ups will be utilized prior to all Conference games until 45 minutes remain on the pre-game clock. At that point, both teams will be able to work the entire width of the field from the 50-yard line to their goal line. At the 22-minute mark on the pre-game clock in Conference games, both teams will be required to leave the field for pre-game ceremonies. Any special pre-game recognition, including senior day ceremonies, must be held between the 22-minute and four-minute mark on the pre-game clock. The visiting team shall have the choice of entering the field before or after the home team just prior to kickoff.

j. CHEERLEADERS. Visiting team cheerleaders are limited to twelve (12) in number at all Conference football games. For the purposes of determining this limitation, mascots shall not be included in this count. *(Adopted: May 1971; Revised: May 1975, April 2004)*

k. BANDS. Home bands are prohibited from being seated behind the visiting team bench area. If the band is amplified, speakers cannot be positioned as to be directed into the visiting team bench area. *(Adopted: May 2006)*

l. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

m. COIN TOSS. A Conference coin shall be used for the coin toss at all Conference Football games. The winning captain shall be presented the coin.

n. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT. The ACC Sportsmanship Public Service Announcement must be played at all home institutional football games. The spot must run at least once between the coin toss and the end of the first quarter. *(Adopted: May 2008)*

o. CAMPS. Football coaching staffs may not conduct, attend, or be involved with any football camps/clinics, including camps/clinics for non-prospect aged individuals, during the months of June and July or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months off their institution's campus. However coaches may evaluate at such camps/clinics during the spring football evaluation period per NCAA regulations. Coaches may attend coaching clinics off their institution's campus at any time only when there are no prospective student-athlete's enrolled in the clinic. On-field graduate assistant coaches are permitted to work one off-campus camp per year (institutions are not permitted to provide expenses to work the camp) for the advancement of their coaching career. This rule does not apply to noncoaching staff members. Waivers may be granted by the Commissioner when warranted. *(Adopted: October 2005; Revised: April 2007; Editorial Revision: 2010)*

### **Section VIII-2. Conference Championship.**

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The divisional champions shall be determined on a percentage basis. Each team will be awarded one point for a conference win. The total number of points will be divided by the number of conference games played. The winners of each division (Atlantic and Coastal) will compete in the conference championship and the



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winner shall be the conference champion. Details for the conduct of the championship will be contained in a participant's manual. Dates and sites of the Conference Championship will be selected by the athletics directors and faculty athletics representatives and announced from the Conference office.

b. **TICKETS.** Each member institution will receive forty (40) tickets for the championship game to be used at the institution's discretion. Each participating institution will receive 10,000 tickets. Ten percent of the participating team's lower seating allotment of eight hundred (800) tickets may be sold at a 50% discount at the institution's discretion. It has been recommended that these discounted tickets be used for students. The Conference will share in the expense of unsold tickets (calculated at the lowest price available) as follows: (*Revised: October 2005, January 2009*)

1. From 6,001 through 7,000 tickets, the Conference will pay 50% of ticket cost.
2. From 7,001 through 8,000 tickets, the Conference will pay 75% of ticket cost.
3. From 8,001 up to 10,000 tickets, the Conference will pay 100% of ticket cost.

c. **TRAVEL.** The official travel party size for the championship game will be 150 members (72 dressed limit) per team. A total of \$160,000 per team will be provided for expenses other than travel. The Conference office must approve all charter travel. Teams located 250 miles (or bands located 500 miles) or less from the Championship site must bus to the Championship site. Teams located more than 250 miles (or bands located more than 500 miles) from the Championship site may fly.

### **Section VIII-3. Procedure to Determine the ACC Football Champion/Automatic BCS Berth if the ACC Football Championship Game is not Played.**

Should the Conference not be able to hold its annual Football Championship Game, the Conference football champion will be the team that finishes the season with the highest winning percentage in conference games. If more than one team has the same winning percentage, the tied teams are declared co-champions.

In order to determine the Conference's representative to the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), the procedures listed below will be followed. All references to rankings refer to the final BCS standings released on Selection Sunday after all regular season games and Conference Championships Games are completed.

### **Section VIII-4. Divisional Tiebreakers.**

If more than one team in the same division is tied for the best winning percentage in its Conference games then, in order to determine the divisional champion, the procedures listed below will be followed.

- a. **TWO-TEAM TIE.**
  1. Head-to-head competition between the two tied teams
  2. Records of the tied teams within the division.
  3. Head-to-head competition versus the team within the division with the best overall record (divisional and non-divisional). Conference record and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division broken from first to last.
  4. Overall record versus all common non-divisional opponents
  5. Combined record vs. all non-division teams
  6. Record versus common non-divisional teams based on their order of finish (divisional and non-divisional) and proceeding through other common non-divisional teams based on their order of finish within their division.
  7. The tied team with the highest ranking in the Bowl Championship Series Standings following the end of regular season games shall be the divisional representative in the ACC Championship Game.
  8. The representative shall be chosen by a draw.
- b. **THREE OR MORE TEAM TIE.** (Once tie has been reduced to two teams, the two-team tiebreaker format is used):
  1. Combined head-to-head record among the tied teams
  2. Records of the tied teams within the division.
  3. Head-to-head competition vs. the team within the division with the best overall (divisional and non-divisional) Conference record, and proceeding through the division. Multiple ties within the division will be broken first to last.

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4. Overall record for non-division teams
5. Combined record versus all common non-divisional teams.
6. Record versus common non-divisional with the best overall Conference (divisional and non-divisional record) and proceeding through the other common non-divisional teams based on their order of finish within the division.
7. The tied team with the highest ranking in the Bowl Championship Series Standings following the conclusion of regular season games shall be the divisional representative in the ACC Championship Game, unless the second of the tied teams is ranked within five-or-fewer places of the highest ranked tied team. In this case, the head-to-head results of the top two ranked tied teams shall determine the representative in the ACC Championship Game.
8. The representative shall be chosen by a draw.

**Section VIII-5. Automatic Qualifier.** (*Adopted: October 2005*)

- a. TWO WAY TIE (between Teams A & B).
  1. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked higher - Team A earns the BCS bid.
  2. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower, but in the Top 10 - Team A earns bid (\*except if Team B is ranked #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team B earns the BCS bid).
  3. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower, but is ranked five or fewer positions below Team B - Team A earns the BCS bid.
  4. Team A defeats Team B and is ranked lower, and more than five positions below Team B - Team B earns the BCS bid.
  5. Team A does not play Team B, then, whichever team is ranked higher in the BCS standings earns the BCS bid.
  6. Team A does not play Team B, and neither Team A nor B are ranked in the final BCS standings, then the BCS Bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

If two teams have the same ranking, or both are unranked, the bid goes to the team that has won the head-to-head game.

- b. THREE WAY TIE (“mini-conference” created among the three tied teams).

Scenario I - All three tied teams have each won one and lost one against the other tied teams in the mini-conference.

1. In this case, the highest ranked team among the three earns the bid.
2. If two of the three teams have the same ranking, the bid is earned by the team winning the head-to-head match-up. If the teams have not played each other, and they have the same ranking, then the BCS Bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.
3. If none of the teams are ranked, the BCS Bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

Scenario II - All three teams have 6-2 conference records. Within the mini-conference, Team A is 2-0, Team B is 1-1, and Team C is 0-2.

1. If Team A is ranked higher than Teams B and C, Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, Team A earns bid unless Team B or C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team B or C receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, Team A earns the BCS bid.
4. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more six or more spots below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, Team A is eliminated from consideration.

Subsequently,

- (a) If Team B is ranked higher than Team C, Team B earns the BCS bid.
- (b) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C, but is in the Top 10, Team B earns bid unless Team C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team C receives the BCS bid.
- (c) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C, but ranked five or fewer spots below Team C, Team B earns bid, unless Team C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team C receives the BCS bid.
- (d) If Team B is ranked lower than Team C, but is ranked six or more spots below Team C, Team C earns the BCS bid.

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Scenario III - Of the three teams which are tied, two or more have not played each other during the regular season, and within the mini Conference Team A is 2-0, Team B and Team C are each 0-1, then:

1. If Team A is ranked higher than Teams B and C, Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, Team A earns bid unless Team B or C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team B or C receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, Team A earns the BCS bid.
4. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more than five spots below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then the BCS bid will go to the highest ranked team in the BCS from among either Team B or Team C.

Scenario IV - Of the three teams which are tied, two or more have not played each other during the regular season, and within the mini Conference Team A is 1-0, Team B, 1-1 and Team C is 0-1, then:

1. If Team A is ranked higher than Teams B and C, Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, Team A earns bid unless Team B or C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team B or C receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, Team A earns the BCS bid.
4. If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more than five spots below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A is eliminated and:
  - (a) If Team B is ranked higher than Team C, Team B earns the BCS bid.
  - (b) If Team A is not the highest ranked, but is in the Top 10, Team A earns bid unless Team B or C is ranked either #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, then Team B or C receives the BCS bid.
  - (c) If Team A is not ranked, but the highest ranked team in the mini-conference is ranked #21 or lower, Team A earns the BCS bid.
  - (d) If Team A is not the highest ranked team and is ranked more than five spots below the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then the BCS bid will go to the highest ranked team in the BCS from among either Team B or Team C.

### Scenario V

1. If two or all of the tied teams have not played each other and none of the teams in the mini-conference has an advantage against each other then the BCS bid goes to the highest ranked team in the final BCS standings.
2. If two or all of the tied teams have not played each other, and all three teams are not ranked, then the BCS Bowl would select the team of its choice from among the tied teams.

### c. FOUR WAY TIE.

Assumes:

1. If any team should finish ranked #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, they automatically will be the conference BCS representative.
2. A seven-victory minimum in an 11-game season; an eight-victory minimum in a 12-game season. All wins calculated against I-A opponents only.

Scenario 1 - If Team A is 3-0, Team B is 2-1, Team C is 1-2 and Team D is 0-3, then:

1. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then it receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer slots behind the highest-ranking team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
4. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference receives the BCS bid. If no teams are ranked in the BCS standings, then Team B will receive the bid.
5. If Teams A and B do not have the victory minimum, and no teams are ranked in the BCS, then Team C will receive the BCS bid.

Scenario II - If Team A and Team B are 2-1 in the mini-conference and Team C and Team D are 1-2, then:

Assuming Teams A and B both have the victory minimum:

1. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked higher than Team B, Team A earns the BCS bid.

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2. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked in the Top 10, Team A earns the BCS bid.
3. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked eight or fewer spots lower than Team B, Team A earns the BCS bid.
4. If Team A defeated Team B but is ranked nine or more slots lower than Team B, Team B earns the BCS bid.

Assuming either Team A or B do not have the victory minimum:

1. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
3. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked eight or fewer slots behind the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A receives the BCS bid.
4. If Team C or Team D have the victory minimum and are ranked nine or more slots ahead of Team A or Team B, then Team C or Team D receives the BCS bid.
5. If neither Team A or B have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the BCS bid.

Scenario III - Assumes Team A and B did not play each other.

1. Team A and Team B both were 2-0 in the mini-conference, Team C is 1-2 and Team D is 0-3. The BCS bid goes to the highest ranked team from among Team A or B, unless Team C or D are ranked nine or more spaces above either A or B. If no team is ranked in the BCS, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among Teams A and B for the bid.
2. Team B is 2-0, Team C is 2-1, Team A is 1-1 and Team D is 0-3 in the mini-conference, then:
  - a. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked higher than Team C, Team B receives the bid.
  - b. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked in the Top 10, then Team B receives the bid (unless Team C is ranked #1 or #2)
  - c. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked eight or fewer spaces below Team C, then Team B receives the bid
  - d. If Team B defeated Team C and is ranked nine or more spaces below Team C, then Team C receives the bid.
  - e. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among teams B or C.
3. Team C is 3-0, Team B is 1-1, Team D is 1-2 and Team A is 0-1. The BCS bid goes to Team C.
4. Team C is 2-1, Teams A and B are 1-1, Team D is 1-2. The BCS bid goes to the highest ranked Team. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among all four teams.

Scenario IV - Assumes Team A does not play Team B and Team C does not play Team D.

1. Teams A and B are 2-0 and Teams C and D are 0-2. The BCS bid goes to the higher ranked team of A or B, unless Team C or D are ranked nine spaces above the higher ranked of A or B. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among Teams A and B.
2. Teams A, B, C and D are all 1-1. The BCS bid goes to the highest ranked Team. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among all four teams.
3. Team A is 2-0, Teams B and C are 1-1 and Team D is 0-2. Team A earns the BCS bid unless either Team B or C are ranked nine or more spaces above Team A. If no teams are ranked, then Team A earns the bid.

Scenario V - Assumes Team A does not play Teams B and D.

1. Team C is 3-0, Team B is 1-1, Team D is 0-2 and Team A is 0-1. Team C earns the BCS bid.
2. Team B is 2-0, Team A is 1-0, Team D is 1-1 and Team C is 0-3. Team B earns the BCS bid unless Team A or Team D are ranked nine or more spaces ahead of Team B. If no teams are ranked, then Team B earns the bid.
3. Team C is 2-1, Team B and D are 1-1 and Team A is 0-1. The highest ranked team earns the BCS bid. If no teams are ranked, then Team C earns the bid.
4. Team D is 2-0, Team A is 1-0, Team C is 1-2 and Team B is 0-2. The highest ranked Team of A or D earns the bid unless Team B or C are ranked nine or more spaces above the highest ranked of A or B. If no teams ranked, then Team D earns the BCS bid.

Scenario VI - Assumes three of the four teams do not play each other. In this case, the BCS bid goes to the highest ranked team. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among all four teams.

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### d. FIVE-WAY TIE.

Assumes:

1. If any team should finish ranked #1 or #2 in the BCS standings, they automatically will be the conference BCS representative.
2. An eight-victory minimum in a 12-game season. All wins calculated against I-A opponents only.

Scenario I - Team A is 4-0, Team B is 3-1, Team C is 2-2, Team D is 1-3 and Team E is 0-4.

1. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then it receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer slots behind the highest-ranking team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
4. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference receives the BCS bid.
5. If Team A is ranked nine or more slots behind Team B or Team C in the mini-conference, then Team B or Team C receives the BCS bid.
6. If Team A is unranked, but Team B is ranked #17 or lower, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
7. If Team A is unranked, but Team B is ranked #16 or higher, then Team B earns the BCS bid.
8. If all teams are unranked, then Team A earns the BCS bid.

Scenario II - Team A and B are 3-1, Team C is 2-2 and Teams D and E are 1-3.

1. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked higher than Team B, Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked in the Top 10, Team A earns the BCS bid.
3. If Team A defeated Team B and is ranked eight or fewer spots lower than Team B, Team A earns the BCS bid.
4. If Team A defeated Team B but is ranked nine or more slots lower than Team B, Team B earns the BCS bid.
5. If all teams are unranked, and Team A defeated Team B, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
6. If Bowl chooses from among Teams A or B.

Assuming either Team A or B do not have the victory minimum:

1. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
2. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then Team A earns the BCS bid.
3. If Team A has the victory minimum and Team B does not and Team A is ranked eight or fewer slots behind the highest-ranked team in the conference, then Team A receives the BCS bid.
4. If Team C, D or E have the victory minimum and are ranked nine or more slots ahead of Team A or B, then Team C, D or E receives the BCS bid.
5. If neither Team A or B have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference earns the BCS bid.
6. If no teams are ranked who have the victory minimum, then the BCS Bowl chooses from among the teams that do not have the victory minimum.

Scenario III - Teams A, B and C are 3-1, Team D is 1-3 and Team E is 0-4. A mini-conference is formed among Teams A, B, and C and the three-way tie-breaker is used to break the tie.

Scenario IV - Team A is 3-1, Teams B, C and D are 2-2 and Team E is 1-3.

1. If Team A is the highest ranked team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
2. If Team A is ranked in the Top 10, then it receives the BCS bid.
3. If Team A is ranked eight or fewer slots behind the highest-ranking team in the mini-conference, then it receives the BCS bid.
4. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, then the highest-ranked team in the mini-conference receives the BCS bid.
5. If Team A does not have the victory minimum, and no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl will choose the team to receive the BCS bid.

Scenario V - Teams A, B, C, D, and E are 2-2. The highest-ranked team earns the BCS bid. If no teams are ranked, then the BCS Bowl will choose the team to receive the bid.

**Article IX. GOLF—MEN'S**

**Section IX-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a men's golf team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to seven (7) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009*)

**Section IX-2. Conference Championship.**

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The Conference team and individual championship for men shall be determined by a 54-hole medal play tournament (18-hole contest on Friday, 18-hole contest on Saturday and 18-hole contest on Sunday) to be played on three consecutive days, with no rain day and with the understanding that the Championship will conclude on Sunday, over a course selected by the Men's Golf Committee. In case of inclement weather the Games Committee has the right to make any adjustments deemed necessary in the championship format. The Men's Golf Committee also will recommend the dates for the Championship. A practice round shall be allowed the day preceding the first scheduled 18-hole round.

Should the Conference Championship not be completed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the following procedures should be used to determine the Conference Champion: (*Revised: April 2012*)

1. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
2. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
3. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
4. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
5. If less than 18 holes are completed, there will not be a Conference Champion named.

b. FORMAT. The tournament field shall be composed of five entries from each school with the four low scores each day to count toward the team championship with the NCAA scoring system being used. No extra golfers will be allowed to enter. If two or more players tie for the individual championship, a sudden death playoff will be held immediately following completion of the final round (with play starting on a hole to be determined by the Committee) to determine the winner of the first place award. Ties for other places will remain and duplicate awards will be sent.

c. PAIRINGS. The players will be paired by teams. The relative starting times for the first 18-hole round will be drawn from a hat by the coaches at the preceding year's pre-championship meeting. After the first round the team starting times will be determined by the team order of finish each day with the top teams teeing off last.

d. PLAY ON TOURNAMENT COURSE. Men's golf team members, individuals or teams, shall not be permitted to practice, play, walk the selected tournament course or use any golf course facilities (including the use of practice areas, such as practice greens and range) between the beginning of the academic year for each institution and the first official practice round of the Men's Golf Championship (Exception: If the team member is a member of the club/course on which the men's golf tournament will be played, he may play the course during the time mentioned above. Team members who are not members of the club/course are not permitted to play as guests of members during the specified time). Any men's golf team members who practice, play or walk the tournament course during the time period mentioned above, and are not members of that club/course, will be declared ineligible to compete in that season's Men's Golf Championship. (*Editorial Revision: May 2007*)

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Men's Golf Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the USGA.

g. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. Should the Conference Championship conclude (after 54 holes) and co-Champions are named, the following procedures should be used to determine the Automatic Qualifier: (*Adopted: April 2008*)

1. The lowest score between the tied teams' fifth players on the final day of competition.



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2. The lowest score between the tied team's fifth players on the second day of competition.
3. The lowest score between the tied teams' fifth players on the first day of competition.

Should the Conference Championship not be played due to inclement weather, the following procedures should be used to determine the Automatic Qualifier: (*Adopted: October 2005; Revised: April 2009, April 2011*)

1. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
2. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
3. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
4. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
5. If still tied or unable to complete 18 holes, the average of the latest Golf week/Sagarin and Golf Stat Polls prior to completion of the ACC Championship will determine the Automatic Qualifier.
6. If still tied, the highest ranking in the latest Golf Stat Poll prior to completion of the Conference Championship will determine the Automatic Qualifier.

### Article X. GOLF—WOMEN'S

#### Section X-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a women's golf team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to seven (7) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009*)

#### Section X-2. Conference Championship.

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The Conference team and individual championship for women shall be determined by a 54-hole medal play tournament (18-hole contest on Friday, 18-hole contest on Saturday and 18-hole contest on Sunday) to be played on three consecutive days, with no rain day and with the understanding that the Championship will conclude on Sunday, over a course selected by the Women's Golf Committee. In case of inclement weather, the Games Committee has the right to make any adjustments deemed necessary in the championship format. The Women's Golf Committee also will recommend the dates for the Championship. A practice round shall be allowed the day preceding the first scheduled 18-hole round.

b. FORMAT. The tournament field shall be composed of five entries from each school with the four low scores each day to count toward the team championship with the NCAA scoring system being used. No extra golfers will be allowed to enter. If two or more players tie for the individual championship, a sudden death playoff will be held immediately following completion of the final round, weather and time permitting, (with play starting on a hole to be determined by the Committee) to determine the winner of the first place award. Ties for other places will remain and duplicate awards will be sent. If a sudden death playoff is not possible (e.g., weather, time), co-champions will be named. If two or more teams are tied for the team championship, the Conference champion will be determined by using the tie-breaking procedures for the NCAA regional tournaments.

c. PAIRINGS. The players will be paired by teams. The relative starting times for the first 18-hole round will be based on previous year's Conference finish. After the first round the team starting times will be determined by the team order of finish each day with the top teams teeing off last.

d. PLAY ON TOURNAMENT COURSE. Women's golf team members, individuals or teams, shall not be permitted to practice, play and/or walk the selected tournament course or use any golf course facilities (including the use of practice areas, such as practice greens and range) between the beginning of the academic year for each institution and the first official practice round of the Women's Golf Championship. Exceptions include:

1. If the team member is a member of the club/course on which the women's golf tournament will be played, she may play the course during the time mentioned above. Team members who are not members of the club/course are not permitted to play as guests of members during the specified time.
2. If a student-athlete has contracted with the host course professional for instructional lessons, she is permitted to use the following areas:

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(a) Practice Areas (three weeks prior to the Championship, only the driving range may be used).

(b) Championship Course (during the first semester only).

Any women's golf team members who practice, play and/or walk the tournament course during the time period mentioned above, and are not members of that club/course, or being instructed by the host course professional, will be declared ineligible to compete in that season's Women's Golf Championship. (*Adopted: May 2007; Revised: April 2009, April 2010*)

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Women's Golf Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the USGA.

g. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. Should the Conference Championship not be played due to inclement weather, the following procedures should be used to determine the Automatic Qualifier: (*Adopted: October 2005; Revised: April 2012*)

1. Low score after completion of the same 45 holes by all participants.
2. Low score after completion of the same 36 holes by all participants.
3. Low score after completion of the same 27 holes by all participants.
4. Low score after completion of the same 18 holes by all participants.
5. If 18 holes are not completed by all participants, the committee will use head-to-head results in tournaments during the year to determine the AQ.
6. If still tied, use the stroke differential to determine the AQ.
7. If still tied, the average of the Golf Week/Sagarin and Golf Stat Polls will determine the AQ.

### Article XI. LACROSSE—MEN'S

#### Section XI-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a lacrosse team shall play all other member institutions having lacrosse teams at least once each year.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squad shall not be limited in intra-conference competition. The travel squad limit will be reconsidered if any additional member institutions add the sport of men's lacrosse. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009, April 2010, April 2011*)

c. OFFICIALS. Officials for Conference games will be contracted and assigned by the officiating coordinator of the USILA.

d. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

#### Section XI-2. Conference Championship.

a. DATE & SITE. The Conference Men's Lacrosse Championship will be held on a date to be determined by the Conference. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference.

b. SEEDING. Seeding for the Men's Lacrosse Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used:

1. Head-to-head Conference game results between the tied teams.
2. Record versus team(s) occupying the higher position in the standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest in the regular-season standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage).
3. Goals allowed in Conference games between the tied teams.
4. Goal differential in Conference games only (goals for, minus goals against between the tied teams).
5. Blind draw.

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c. **FORMAT.** The Men's Lacrosse Championship will be a single elimination tournament. The team championship will be determined by this event.

d. **OFFICIALS.** Championship officials will be assigned by the officiating coordinator of the USILA.

e. **TRAVEL SQUAD.** The travel squads for the Men's Lacrosse Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. **RULES.** Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

### **Article XII. LACROSSE—WOMEN'S**

#### **Section XII-1. Regular Season.**

a. **SCHEDULING.** Each member institution having a lacrosse team shall play all other member institutions having lacrosse teams at least once each year.

b. **TRAVEL SQUAD.** Regular season travel squad shall be limited to thirty-two (32) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009, April 2010*)

c. **OFFICIALS.** Officials for Conference games will be contracted and assigned by each institution.

d. **RULES.** Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of U.S. Lacrosse and the NCAA. (*Revised: April 2011*)

#### **Section XII-2. Conference Championship.**

a. **DATE & SITE.** The Conference Women's Lacrosse Championship will be held annually, on a date to be determined by the Conference. The site will be rotated, subject to approval by the Conference.

b. **SEEDING.** Seeding for the Women's Lacrosse Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings. In case of a tie, the following formula will be used: (*Revised: May 2007, April 2012*)

1. Head-to-head Conference game results among the tied teams.
  - a. If three or more teams are tied, the combined record of conference games among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of the combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.
  - b. In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' conference records. Procedures (2)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (1).
2. Record versus team(s) occupying the higher position in the standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest in the regular-season standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage). When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams. In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (2) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' conference records. Procedures (3)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (2).
3. Goal differential in head-to-head competition among the tied teams (goals for, minus goals against, maximum difference plus five for any one game).
4. Goal differential in Conference games only (goals for, minus goals against among the tied teams).
5. Blind draw.

c. **FORMAT.** The Women's Lacrosse Championship will be a single elimination tournament. The team championship will be determined by this event.

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d. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be assigned by an approved coordinator of officials.

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Women's Lacrosse Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of U.S. Lacrosse with NCAA Championship modifications.

### Article XIII. ROWING—WOMEN'S

#### Section XIII-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution sponsoring varsity rowing shall schedule varsity rowing programs of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL-SQUAD. Regular season travel squad shall be limited to fifty-three (53) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009*)

c. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of US-Rowing, except as agreed upon by the participating coaches prior to the competition.

#### Section XIII-2. Conference Championship.

a. DATE & SITE. The Rowing Championship will be held on a date to be determined by the Conference. If weather conditions do not permit the Championship to be held on the determined date, the Championship will be held on the following day. The site will be rotated subject to approval by the Conference.

b. SEEDING. Seeding for the Championship will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. If there is a tie for seeds, all coaches will re-vote for the tied spots. If a second tie occurs, a coin will be flipped for ties between two teams, and a draw will occur for ties among three or more teams. (*Adopted: April 2008*)

c. TRAVEL SQUAD. Championship travel squad shall be limited to thirty-two (32) student-athletes in uniform. (*Revised: May 2009*)

d. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of US Rowing.

e. JUDGE-REFEREES. The host institution shall be responsible for selecting the chief referee and his or her crew.

f. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. Should the Conference Championship not be held or completed due to inclement weather or other circumstances, the automatic qualifier will be determined through a coaches' vote using the pre-championship seeding and a conference call. (*Adopted: April 2011*)

### Article XIV. SOCCER—MEN'S

#### Section XIV-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a men's soccer team shall play all other member institutions having men's soccer teams at least once each year.

b. RESCHEDULING REGULAR SEASON MATCHES. Postponed and rained-out games: Every effort will be made to play the game and the host team game administrator will make a decision prior to beginning the game if it is going to be played or delayed. Once the game starts, it is in the hands of the official. If the game is halted and cannot be resumed that day, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two schools cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the conference office. If the game cannot be rescheduled, it will be eliminated.

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c. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squad shall be limited to twenty-six (26) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009, April 2010, April 2011*)

d. OFFICIALS. Officials for Conference soccer matches will be assigned by the Coordinator of Men's Soccer Officials.

e. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

### **Section XIV-2. Conference Championship.**

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The Men's Soccer Championship will be determined by a single elimination tournament. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a bulletin prepared by the Championship Manager.

b. SEEDING. Seeding for the Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings [utilizing a point system (win = three points; tie = one point)]. Ties for any seeded position will be broken as follows: (*Revised: April 2012*)

1. Head-to-head Conference game results among the tied teams.
  - (a) If three or more teams are tied, the combined points in conference games among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on points of the combined conference records, and the highest number of points shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.
  - (b) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' records. Procedures (2)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (1).
2. Goal differential in games among tied teams (goals for, minus goals against).
3. Goals scored in Conference games among tied teams.
4. Goals scored in overall Conference games.
5. Blind draw.

c. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Coordinator of Men's Soccer Officials.

d. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Men's Soccer Championship shall be limited to twenty-two (22) student-athletes. (*Revised: May 2009*)

e. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

## **Article XV. SOCCER—WOMEN'S**

### **Section XV-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a women's soccer team shall play a ten (10) game round robin regular season schedule so that home and away breakdown is reversed in consecutive years. (*Revised: April 2008*)

b. RESCHEDULING REGULAR SEASON MATCHES. Postponed and rained-out games: Every effort will be made to play the game and the host team game administrator will make a decision prior to beginning the game if it is going to be played or delayed. Once the game starts, it is in the hands of the official. If the game is halted and cannot be resumed that day, the administrators of the two schools will make every effort to reschedule the game (the next day, if possible). If the two schools cannot agree, the matter will be referred to the conference office. If the game cannot be rescheduled, it will be eliminated.

c. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to twenty-six (26) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. (*Revised: May 2007, May 2009*)

d. OFFICIALS. Officials for women's soccer matches will be contracted and assigned by the Coordinator of Women's Soccer Officials.

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e. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

f. COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS. In any regular season conference game for which the host institution charges admission, the visiting team shall be provided a maximum of fifty (50) complimentary admissions at its request, to be used consistent with NCAA regulations. (*Adopted: May 2006*)

### **Section XV-2. Conference Championship.**

a. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The Women's Soccer Championship will be determined by an eight (8) team single elimination tournament. Details for the conduct of the Championship will be contained in a bulletin prepared by the Championship Manager.

b. SEEDING. Seeding for the Championship will be determined by the regular season Conference standings [utilizing a point system (win = three points; tie = one point)]. Ties for any seeded position will be broken as follows: (*Revised: April 2008, April 2011, April 2012*)

1. Head to head Conference game results among tied teams.
  - (a) If three or more teams are tied, the combined points in conference games among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on points of the combined conference records, and the highest number of points shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.
  - (b) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' records. Procedures (2)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (1).
2. Most wins among tied teams in Conference games only.
3. Goal differential in overall Conference games (goals for, minus goals against. A maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used.)
4. Goals scored in overall Conference games. Maximum of three for any one Conference game. A maximum of three goals for any one conference game will be used.
5. Goals allowed in overall Conference games.
6. Best results versus team(s) occupying the higher position in the standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest position in the regular season standing and then continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage). When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's points against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams. In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (6) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' records. Procedure (7) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (6).
7. Blind draw.

c. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be selected, assigned and contracted by the Conference office.

d. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Women's Soccer Championship shall be twenty-four (24) student-athletes in uniform. (*Revised: May 2009*)

e. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

## **Article XVI. SOFTBALL**

### **Section XVI-1. Regular Season.** (*Revised: May 2007*)

a. SCHEDULING. Each team will play a full conference schedule. Conference games shall be played as a three-game series. The site of the series will be alternated each year. Rainouts will be handled as follows:

1. If, on the final date of the series, a doubleheader or one game plus is to be played, the first game or suspended game must be completed by 4:00 p.m. If the first game or suspended game is not completed by 4:00 p.m., the next game will not be played unless mutually agreed to by both coaches (no game may start after 6:00 p.m.).
2. No make-up games are allowed to be played after the last date of the scheduled series.



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3. Any alteration to the original conference schedule must be approved through the Conference office.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for softball shall be limited to twenty (20) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

c. UMPIRES. Umpires shall be contracted and appointed by the Coordinator of Softball Umpires. A three person crew will be used during regular season conference competition.

d. HALTED GAME RULE. The halted game rule will be used for all Conference play.

### **Section XVI-2. Conference Championship.**

a. DATE & SITE. The Conference Softball Championship will be held on a date and at an on-campus site recommended by the Conference Women's Softball Committee, subject to approval by the Conference. This site will be rotated subject to approval by the Conference. *(Revised: April 2008)*

b. SEEDING. Seedings will be based on winning percentage for all Conference games. If, after figuring percentages, two or more teams are tied, the following procedures will be used to break the ties: *(Revised: April 2012)*

1. Two Teams Tie.

(a) Head-to-head competition.

(b) Compare each team's record versus teams occupying the highest position (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest in the regular season standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage). When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.

(c) Run differential comparison between two tied teams.

(d) A coin flip will be administered by the Conference Office.

2. Multiple Tie (more than two teams tying at a position).

(a) Head-to-head competition.

(1) If three or more teams are tied, the combined record of conference games among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on the combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group is unequal.

(2) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (a) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' conference records. Procedure (b) and (c) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (a).

(b) Record versus teams occupying the highest position (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest in the regular season standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage). When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.

(c) Coin flip.

c. FORMAT. The Softball Championship will be a single elimination tournament. The team championship will be determined by this event. *(Revised: April 2008)*

d. UMPIRES. Championship umpires will be nominated and selected by the Coordinator of Softball Officials.

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Softball Championship shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limit.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.



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g. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. Should the Conference Championship not be held or completed due to inclement weather the highest seed remaining in the Championship after the most recently completed full day of competition will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. *(Adopted: April 2009)*

### Article XVII. SWIMMING & DIVING—MEN'S/WOMEN'S

#### Section XVII-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a swimming team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to twenty-four (24) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. Men's and women's divers shall count one-half. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

c. OFFICIALS. Referees, judges and other officials shall be contracted and assigned by the home team during regular season Conference competition.

#### Section XVII-2. Conference Championship.

a. DATE & SITE. The Swimming & Diving Championship will be held the last full weekend in February or two weeks prior to NCAA qualification, or one month prior to the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships at a site to be determined. *(Revised: October 2010, April 2012)*

b. FORMAT. Both Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championship formats will follow that outlined in the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships Handbook.

c. OFFICIALS. Referees, judges and other Championship officials will be contracted through the Conference Office with prior approval of the Conference Swimming & Diving Committee.

d. TRAVEL SQUADS. The travel squads for the Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships shall follow the guidelines outlined in the NCAA Championship Handbook. Men's and women's divers shall count as one half (1/2). *(NCAA Revision: 2008)*

e. TRAVEL TO CHAMPIONSHIP SITE. Travel will be restricted as follows:

1. No teams will miss class prior to the initial day of championship competition. Exceptions must be approved by the institution's faculty athletics representative, athletics director and senior woman administrator and kept on file by the institution. *(Revised: May 2006, May 2011)*
2. There will be no practices, with the exception of the host institution, in the competition pool prior to the initial day of championship competition.

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

g. FACILITY REGULATIONS. Each institution desiring to host the Swimming and Diving Championships shall certify to the Conference office that their swimming and diving facilities meet minimum championship standards. Double lane lines shall be used at the Championships.

### Article XVIII. TENNIS—MEN'S/WOMEN'S

#### Section XVIII-1. Regular Season.

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a tennis team shall schedule all other member institutions once each year, with make-ups being scheduled, when reasonable, between the two competing teams.

b. INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY. *(Revised: April 2012)*

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1. In men's tennis, if raining, wait to determine if the match can be continued indoor. In women's tennis, if inclement weather prevents a match from starting, a maximum of 90 minutes from the original start time may be waited until a match should be moved indoor. By the 90 minute mark, there must be three available courts to play on if the match is to be played outdoor. Warm-up should be completed within this 90 minute window. If a match has already begun, and inclement weather suspends play, a maximum of 60 minutes may be waited before continuing outdoor or moving indoor. These time limits may be altered provided that both coaches mutually agree. In both men's and women's tennis, if it cannot; outdoors, if it cannot;
2. Move the match indoors (schools with the availability of indoor courts within one hour's driving distance should make prior arrangements when playing a distant Conference member over three hour's driving distance). In women's tennis, it is required that three (3) courts be available before starting or continuing a match indoor. If indoor courts are not available;
3. Complete the match the next day, if possible. If this is not feasible, the match should be rescheduled. No makeup tennis matches will be allowed to be played after the Sunday preceding the Conference Tennis Championships.
4. If no agreement can be reached, refer the matter to the Conference office for assistance.

c. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to ten (10) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

d. BALL/COURT SURFACES. It will be the responsibility of the home coach to inform the opposing coach of the court surface.

e. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA. All Conference matches will use the regular scoring system. A minimum of six (6) ITA officials will be at every conference tennis match. *(Revised: May 2008)*

### **Section XVIII-2. Conference Championship.**

a. DATE & SITE. The Men's and Women's Tennis Championships will be held the last weekend in April (Thursday-Sunday), or the last spring weekend prior to the beginning of the earliest final exam period of a member institution, whichever occurs last. The site will be at a facility suitable for a combined championship.

b. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The team championships will be determined by a single elimination tournament format.

c. SEEDING. Seeding for the Men's and Women's Tennis Championships will be determined by the regular season Conference standings (utilizing a point system, not percentages (win = one point; loss = zero points)). In case of a tie, the following formula will be used: (Revised: May 2006, April 2012)

1. Head-to-head competition results among the tied teams.
  - (a) If three or more teams are tied (utilizing the point system), the combined points of conference competitions among the tied teams involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on accumulation of points and the higher number of points shall prevail, even if the number of competitions played against the team or group is unequal.
  - (b) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one team, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied teams' points. Procedures (2)-(4) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one team in procedure (1).
2. Points versus team(s) occupying the higher position in the standings (or in case of a tie for first place, the next highest in the regular season standings and continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage). The higher number of points shall prevail, even if the number of competitions played against the team or group is unequal.
  - (a) When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing points, use each team's points against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tie-breaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
  - (b) When comparing points against a single team or group of teams, the higher number of points shall prevail, even if the number of competitions played against a team or group is unequal. If the points

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of the tied teams are equal against a team, or a group of tied teams, continue down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.

3. Total number of ACC individual matches won (the doubles matches = one point; singles matches = one point).
4. Blind draw.

d. BALL/COURT SURFACES. It will be the responsibility of the Championship director to inform the coaches of the surface. Tennis balls used in the Championship shall be the balls specified in the Conference Tennis ball contract.

e. OFFICIALS. Officials for the Tennis Championship shall be assigned by the Coordinator of Tennis Officials.

f. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Men's and Women's Tennis Championships shall be the same as the NCAA Championship limits.

g. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the ITA. All Conference matches will use the regular scoring system.

h. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. Should the Conference Championship not be played due to inclement weather, the highest seed remaining in the Championship at the suspension of play will be the Automatic Qualifier to the NCAA Championship. *(Adopted: April 2008)*

**Article XIX. TRACK & FIELD- INDOOR/OUTDOOR-MEN'S/WOMEN'S**

**Section XIX-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a track & field team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads shall be limited to thirty-eight (38) student-athletes for men and forty (40) student-athletes for women in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

**Section XIX-2. Conference Championship.**

a. DATE & SITE. The Indoor Track & Field Championship will be held two weeks prior to the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. The Outdoor Track & Field Championship will be held the next to the last weekend in April (Thursday-Saturday) or the last weekend prior to the beginning of the final exam period of a member institution, whichever occurs earlier. *(Revised: May 2006)*

b. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. Team championships will be decided on the basis of final team standings in the Conference Championship meets.

c. FORMAT. The Outdoor Track & Field Championship is to be rotated among Conference members. The order of events of Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships will follow as per the NCAA Men's/Women's Track & Field Championship Handbooks.

d. OFFICIALS. The Championship Referee and the Championship Appeals Committee shall be made up of individuals outside the coaching ranks of the Conference. Individuals selected to officiate Conference Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships shall be approved by the Committee on Track.

e. TRAVEL SQUAD. Championship travel squads shall be limited to thirty (30) student-athletes in uniform each. *(Revised: May 2006, May 2009)*

f. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

**Article XX. VOLLEYBALL—WOMEN’S**

**Section XX-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a Women’s Volleyball team shall play a 20-game regular season conference schedule. Each match will be the best three (3) of five (5) games. *(Revised: April 2008)*

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for Women’s Volleyball shall be limited to fifteen (15) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

c. OFFICIALS. Officials for Conference matches will be assigned by the Coordinator of Women’s Volleyball Officials.

d. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA Volleyball Championship.

e. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. The NCAA automatic qualification will be determined by conference winning percentage during the regular season. If the institution with the highest winning percentage is not eligible for NCAA postseason competition, the institution with the next highest winning percentage, which is eligible for postseason competition, will earn automatic qualification and will be named Conference Champion. In the event of a tie, the following procedure will be used: *(Revised: April 2009, April 2012)*

1. Head-to-head results between tied teams.
  2. Head-to-head game results between tied teams.
  3. Head-to-head point differential between tied teams.
  4. Compare match record against the highest ranked opponent continuing down until one team gains an advantage.
- If still tied,
5. Coin flip or blind draw if more than two teams are tied.

**Article XXI. WRESTLING**

**Section XXI-1. Regular Season.**

a. SCHEDULING. Each member institution having a wrestling team shall schedule all other member institutions at least once each year.

b. TRAVEL SQUAD. Regular season travel squads for dual meets in Wrestling shall be limited to fifteen (15) student-athletes in intra-conference competition. *(Revised: May 2007, May 2009)*

c. OFFICIALS. Officials shall be contracted and assigned by the home team during regular season Conference competition.

d. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

**Section XXI-2. Conference Championship.**

a. DATE & SITE. The Conference Wrestling Championship will be a one day meet (Saturday or Sunday), held two weeks prior to the NCAA Division I Championships. The site will be rotated among participating institutions. *(Revised: April 2008)*

b. SEEDING. The following tie breaking procedure will be used should a tie occur when determining seeding for the ACC Championship: *(Adopted: April 2010; Revised: April 2012)*

1. Head-to-head competition.
  - (a) If three or more individuals are tied, the combined record of conference matches among the tied individuals involved will be compiled. Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of the combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of matches against the individuals or group is unequal.

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- (b) In the case of a three or more team tie, if procedure (a) reduces the tie by at least one individual, procedure (1) will be followed, comparing only the remaining tied individuals' conference records. Procedures (2)-(5) will only be used if the tie cannot be reduced by at least one individual in procedure (1).
2. Win-loss percentage of all common opponents (conference and non-conference).
  - (a) Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of the combined conference and non-conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of matches against the individual or group is unequal.
3. Win-loss percentage against conference opponents entered in the tournament, only in the weight class in which the wrestler is entered.
  - (a) Ties will be broken based on winning percentage of the combined conference records, and the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of matches against the individual or group is unequal.
4. Vote of the head coaches.
5. Coin flip or blind draw if more than two teams are tied.

c. CHAMPIONSHIP DETERMINATION. The team championship will be decided on the basis of final team standings in the Conference Championship.

d. FORMAT. The Conference format will be consistent with the NCAA Division I format.

e. OFFICIALS. Championship officials will be nominated and selected by the Committee on Wrestling.

f. TRAVEL SQUAD. The travel squads for the Wrestling Championship shall be limited to twelve (12) student-athletes in uniform. *(Revised: May 2009)*

g. RULES. Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of NCAA.

h. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION. The number of NCAA automatic qualifiers in each weight class will be determined by the NCAA Wrestling Committee. The individuals to receive the Conference's automatic qualifier spot(s) will be determined by finish at the ACC Championship. For example, if the Conference receives one automatic qualifier in a weight class, it shall go to first place finisher. If the Conference receives two automatic qualifiers in a weight class, it shall go to the first and second place finishers. The same procedure will be followed until all Championship participants at that weight class have been selected, or until all automatic qualifiers have been determined. Should the ACC Championship not be completed, the automatic qualifiers shall go to the highest seed remaining after the most recently completed full round. If the Championship cannot be started, or one round cannot be completed, the highest seed(s) of the Championship shall receive the automatic qualifier spot(s). *(Adopted: April 2012)*

**Article XXII. AWARDS.**

**Section XXII-1. All-ACC Academic Teams.**

All-ACC Academic teams will be selected for those sports in which the Conference designates a conference champion. The teams will be selected by a special committee comprised of league office staff.

To be eligible for consideration in all sports other than men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and wrestling, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 grade point average for the previous semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative average during his/her academic career.

In men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and wrestling, a student-athlete must have earned a 3.00 grade point average for the immediately preceding fall semester and maintained a 3.00 cumulative grade point average during his/her academic career.

In all sports graduate students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or greater and at least a 3.50 or greater in graduate school in order to be considered for an All-ACC Academic Team.

Throughout the selection process primary consideration will be accorded to the student-athlete's athletic accomplishments during the current athletic season. Fall sports teams released by mid-January. Winter and Spring sports teams released by last week in June.

The maximum size of each team is as follows: Baseball 40; Basketball (Men) approx. 10-15; Basketball (Women) approx. 10-15; Cross Country (Men) 20; Cross Country (Women) 20; Field Hockey 30; Football approx. 50; Golf (Men) 20; Golf (Women) 20; Indoor Track & Field (Men) 40; Indoor Track & Field (Women) 40; Lacrosse (Men) 30; Lacrosse (Women) 30; Rowing 30; Soccer (Men) 30; Soccer (Women) 40; Softball 30; Swimming & Diving (Men) 40; Swimming & Diving (Women) 40; Tennis (Men) 20; Tennis (Women) 20; Outdoor Track & Field (Men) 40; Outdoor Track & Field (Women) 40; Volleyball 30; Wrestling 20. (*Revised: May 2006, May 2007, October 2007, October 2008*)

**Section XXII-2. Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.**

a. FOOTBALL. One football student-athlete will be recognized as the ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and will receive the Jim Tatum Award, which will be selected by the Commissioner's office upon receiving nominations from the member institution's Academic Advisors. The criteria for selecting the award recipients are as follows:

1. Candidates must be a senior football student-athlete.
2. The award will be based on 50% academic achievement and 50% athletic achievement.

b. SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL. One member of each of the Conference's remaining 24 sponsored sports will be recognized as the ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The criteria for selecting the award recipients are as follows: (*Adopted: October 2007*)

1. Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of athletic competition.
2. The award will be based on 60% academic achievement and 40% athletic achievement.
3. Candidates must have maintained a 3.0 grade point average for their career as well as a 3.0 grade point average during the last two semesters.
4. The nomination form for each institution will be sent to the Athletic Director and copies to the Sports Information Director, Academic Advisor and Senior Woman Administrator.
5. Each school may nominate one student-athlete per sport.
6. The actual selection of each ACC Scholar-Athlete will be handled similar to the selection of the Jim Tatum Award. The selection of each scholar-athlete is based on a committee headed by the Associate Commissioner of Communications.

c. CRITERIA FOR NAMING THE AWARD. Only ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards are eligible to be named. Each award may have multiple names. (*Adopted: May 2009*)

1. Eligibility is not limited to any specific group(s).
2. The official nomination will originate from the member institution where the nominee was last in a position of influence.
3. A minimum period of two-years must pass (from when the nominee vacated his/her position) before an individual is eligible to be nominated.
4. A nominee should be one whose reputation exceeds that of a sports celebrity. The nominee should be renowned for exceptional personal qualities, such as character, leadership, integrity, national influence, and



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for excellence in intercollegiate athletics. The nominee should have demonstrated a commitment to academic and athletic balance. In addition, consideration will be given to the nominee's university and community influence and service beyond the sports arena.

### d. PROCESS FOR NAMING THE AWARD. *(Adopted: May 2009)*

1. A formal nomination will be submitted to the Office of the Commissioner by the nominee's institution.
2. The specific sport committee (to which the award would potentially be named) will be advised of all relative nominations and will have the benefit of discussion. The opinion and feedback from the sports committee will be expressed to the awards committee for their consideration.
3. The nomination will be presented to the awards committee for consideration. If endorsed by the awards committee, the nomination will be appropriately forwarded as part of the committee's annual action items.
4. Pending the approval of the awards committee, the nomination would be forwarded through the conference governance structure.

e. MEN'S BASKETBALL. The ACC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Skip Prosser Award".

f. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. The ACC Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Kay Yow Award". *(Approved: 2008-09)*

g. FOOTBALL. The ACC Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be officially named the "Jim Tatum Award". *(Editorial Revision: 2010)*

h. MEN'S GOLF. The ACC Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year award will be officially named the "Rod Myers Award".

### **Section XXII-3. ACC Sportsmanship Award.**

One female and one male ACC student-athlete will be awarded the ACC Sportsmanship Award annually. Additionally a team could also be selected if warranted. NCAA Sportsmanship Award qualification criteria will be used in selecting all nominees and award recipients. *(Adopted: October 2008)*

### **Section XXII-4. Conference Awards.**

The Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference is instructed to purchase such plaques and trophies as are necessary for Conference championships (including the Conference plaques awarded for excellence in scholarship and athletics) as follows:

a. A plaque shall be awarded to a senior male and senior female of each institution for excellence in scholarship and athletics, and these awards will be presented at Commencement or an appropriate awards day.

b. The Conference will provide an award for All-Conference, Freshman of the Year, Player (s) of the Year and Coach of the Year in all sports. For additional Conference authorized awards, see individual sport.

c. All teams that tie as the ACC Conference champion will be awarded trophies. *(Adopted: May 2006)*

### **Section XXII-5. All-Conference Teams.**

a. BASEBALL, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, LACROSSE, GOLF, SOFTBALL, TENNIS AND ROWING. If four schools participate in a sport, a first team (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If five schools participate in a sport, a first team plus 25% (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If six schools participate in a sport, a first team plus 50% (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. If seven or more schools participate in a sport, a first and second team (based on the number of student-athletes on the field/court/boat) will be named. *(Revised: May 2009)*



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b. **SWIMMING, TRACK, CROSS COUNTRY AND WRESTLING.** The All-Conference team will be based on the student-athlete's place at the ACC Championship. *(Revised: May 2009)*

c. **CHANGES.** Any changes to the above policies must be recommended to the Awards Committee. *(Revised: May 2009)*

### **Section XXII-6. Baseball.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Baseball are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, May 2007, October 2007)*

- 40 All-ACC Academic Team
- 32 All-Conference Team (First, Second Team)
  - 1 Freshman of the Year Award (true freshman only)
  - 1 Player of the Year
  - 1 Pitcher of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 35 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
  - 2 Divisional Championship Trophies (Atlantic and Coastal)
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. **ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM.** The All-Conference Baseball Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. Two (2) sixteen (16) member teams will be announced as first and second team, including the following specific positions for each team: first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, shortstop, catcher, outfielder (3), starting pitcher (3), relief pitcher, DH/Utility player and three (3) at-large selections. *(Revised: May 2007)*

b. **FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR.** The Baseball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. **PLAYER OF THE YEAR.** The Baseball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. **PITCHER OF THE YEAR.** The Baseball Pitcher of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. **COACH OF THE YEAR.** The Baseball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. **ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.** The Baseball All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance. An eleven (11) member team, by position and including the MVP, will be named.

g. **CHAMPIONSHIP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.** The Baseball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance.

### **Section XXII-7. Basketball-Men's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Basketball are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, October 2007; Editorial Revision: 2008)*

- 10-15 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team (First, Second, Third Team)
  - 5 All-Freshmen Team
  - 5 All-Defensive Team
  - 1 Defensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Rookie of the Year
  - 1 Player of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year

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- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 25 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 10 All-Tournament Team (First and Second team; 5 people per team)
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player Award
  - 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Skip Prosser Award)

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. One All-Conference Men's Basketball Team will be selected by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association (ACSMA). A second All-Conference Team will be selected by the head coaches. First, second and third teams will be named. *(Revised: May 2012)*

b. ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM. One Men's Basketball All-Freshman Team will be selected by ACSMA. A second All-Freshman Team will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

c. ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM. One Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team [five (5) members] will be selected by ACSMA. A second All-Defensive Team will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

d. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. One Men's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by ACSMA. A second Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Editorial Revision: 2008; Revision: May 2012)*

e. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. One Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year will be selected by ACSMA. A second Rookie of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

f. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. One Men's Basketball Player of the Year will be selected by ACSMA. A second Player of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

g. COACH OF THE YEAR. One Men's Basketball Coach of the Year will be selected by ACSMA. A second Coach of the Year will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

h. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. One Men's Basketball All-Tournament Team will be voted by select media in attendance. Ten (10) members will be announced as a first and second team. A second All-Tournament Team will be selected by the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2012)*

i. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Men's Basketball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of media in attendance and is included in the ten-member All-Tournament team.

**Section XXII-8. Basketball-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Basketball are voted on by a Blue Ribbon Panel, which consists of coaches and media familiar with women's basketball, and are as follows: *(Revised: May 2004, October 2005, May 2007, October 2007, May 2008, May 2012)*

- 10-15 All-ACC Academic Team
- 15 All-Conference Team (10-member First team, 5-member Second team)
- 5 All-Freshmen Team
- 5 All-Defensive Team
- 1 Rookie of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Sixth Player of the Year
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 25 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 10 All-Tournament Team (First and Second Team; 5 people per team)
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player

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- 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Kay Yow Award)

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The All-Conference Women's Basketball Team will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. Fifteen (15) members will be announced as a first (10-members) and second (5-members) team. (*Revised: May 2012*)

b. ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM. The Women's Basketball All-Freshmen Team (five (5) members) will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel.

c. ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM. The Women's Basketball All-Defensive Team (five (5) members) will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel.

d. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. The Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel.

e. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. (*Adopted: May 2004*)

f. SIXTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Basketball Sixth Player of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel. (*Adopted: May 2007*)

g. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Basketball Player of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel.

h. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Women's Basketball Coach of the Year will be selected by the Blue Ribbon Panel.

i. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. The Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the media in attendance. Ten (10) members will be announced as a first and second team.

j. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Women's Basketball Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of media in attendance and is included in the ten-member All-Tournament team.

### **Section XXII-9. Cross Country-Men's/Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Cross Country are as follows: (*Revised: October 2007*)

- 20 All-ACC Academic Team - men and women
- 28 All-Conference Team (14 men, 14 women)
  - 1 Freshman of the Year - men and women (true freshman only)
  - 1 Coach of the Year - men and women
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy - men and women
- 11 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team - men and women
  - 1 Individual Champion - men and women
  - 1 Individual Second Place - men and women
  - 1 Individual Third Place - men and women
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year - men and women

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Men's and Women's Cross Country All-Conference Teams will be composed of the top fourteen (14) male finishers and the top fourteen (14) female finishers in their respective Conference Championship.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Cross Country Freshman of the Year will be the first men's and women's cross country student-athletes to cross the finish line at the Conference championship.

c. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Cross Country Coaches of the Year will be selected by a vote of the respective head coaches.

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**Section XXII-10. Field Hockey.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Field Hockey are as follows: (*Revised: October 2005, October 2007*)

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 17 All-Conference Team
  - 1 Freshman of the Year Award (true freshman only)
  - 1 Offensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Defensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 30 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
  - 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Field Hockey All-Conference Team will be one seventeen (17) member team selected by a vote of the head coaches.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Field Hockey Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Field Hockey Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Field Hockey Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. The Field Hockey All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. An eleven (11) member team, including the MVP, will be named. One (1) member from each of the losing teams on Thursday and Friday, three (3) members from the runner-up team of the Championship game, and four (4) members, including the Championship MVP, from the winner of the Championship game. (*Revised: April 2008*)

g. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Field Hockey Championship Most Valuable Player will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

**Section XXII-11. Football.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Football are as follows: (*Revised: October 2005, October 2007; Editorial Revision: 2008*)

- 50 All-ACC Academic Team
- 50 All-Conference Team (First and Second team; 25 people per team)
  - 1 Rookie of the Year
  - 1 Offensive Rookie of the Year
  - 1 Defensive Rookie of the Year
  - 1 Offensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Defensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Player of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Most Courageous Award (Brian Piccolo Award)
  - 1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award (Jim Tatum Award)
  - 1 Most Outstanding Blocker Award (Jacob's Blocking Trophy)

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- 2 Divisional Championship Trophies (Atlantic and Coastal)
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 1 Championship MVP Trophy
- 110 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM - ACSMA. A first and second All-Conference Football Team will be voted on by the ACSMA. Each team shall consist of an eleven (11) man offensive team, an eleven (11) man defensive team and three specialists (place kicker, punter and return specialist).

b. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. The Rookie of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

c. OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. The Football Offensive Rookie of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

d. DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. The Football Defensive Rookie of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

e. OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Football Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

f. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Football Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

g. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Football Player of the Year will be either the Offensive or Defensive Player of the Year with the most votes as voted by ACSMA.

h. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Football Coach of the Year will be selected by ACSMA.

i. BRIAN PICCOLO AWARD. The most courageous football player in the Conference will be selected by the Commissioner's office upon receiving nominations from the member institutions head football trainers.

j. JIM TATUM AWARD (Scholar-Athlete of the Year). The top senior football student-athlete will be selected by the Commissioner's office upon receiving nominations from the member institutions Academic Advisors. The selection will be based 50 percent on academic performance and 50 percent on athletic performance.

k. JACOB'S BLOCKING TROPHY. The most outstanding blocker is selected by a poll of the league's defensive coordinators and/or head coach.

l. CHAMPIONSHIP MVP TROPHY. The most valuable player of the Championship game is chosen by selected members of the media.

### **Section XXII-12. Golf-Men's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Golf are as follows: *(Revised: October 2007)*

- 20 All-ACC Academic Team
- 12 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 7 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Individual Champion
- 1 Individual Second Place
- 1 Individual Third Place
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Rod Myers Award)

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Men's Golf All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the coaches. A twelve-(12) member team will be named. The individual medalist in the Conference championship is an automatic All-Conference team member. *(Revised: May 2007)*

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b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's Golf Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Men's Golf Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's Golf Coach of the Year will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

**Section XXII-13. Golf-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Golf are as follows: *(Revised October 2007)*

- 20 All-ACC Academic Team
- 12 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 7 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Individual Champion
- 1 Individual Second Place
- 1 Individual Third Place
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Women's Golf All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the coaches. One twelve (12) member team will be named. The individual medalist in the Conference Championship is an automatic All-Conference Team member. *(Revised: May 2007)*

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Women's Golf Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Golf Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Women's Golf Coach of the Year will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

**Section XXII-14. Lacrosse-Men's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Lacrosse are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, May 2007, October 2007, April 2011)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 11 All-Conference Team
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 40 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Men's Lacrosse All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. An eleven (11) member team will be named.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's Lacrosse Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.



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c. **OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.** The Men's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.** The Men's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. **COACH OF THE YEAR.** The Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. **ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.** The Men's Lacrosse All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance. An eleven (11) member team, including the MVP, will be named.

g. **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.** The Men's Lacrosse Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the media and ACC Sports Information Directors.

### **Section XXII-15. Lacrosse-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Lacrosse are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, May 2007, October 2007, April 2011)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 18 All-Conference Team
  - 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
  - 1 Offensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Defensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 34 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 12 All-Tournament Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
  - 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. **ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM.** The Women's Lacrosse All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. An eighteen (18) member team will be named.

b. **FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR.** The Women's Lacrosse Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. **OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.** The Women's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.** The Women's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. **COACH OF THE YEAR.** The Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. **ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.** The Women's Lacrosse All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance. A twelve (12) member team, including the MVP, will be named.

g. **CHAMPIONSHIP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.** The Women's Lacrosse Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance.

### **Section XXII-16. Rowing-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Rowing are as follows: *(Revised: May 2006, October 2007)*

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- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 14 All-Conference Team
  - 1 Varsity Crew of the Year (5 or 9 individual awards)
  - 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 38 Individual Awards for the Winning Team
  - 1 Award for Each Event Champion (5 or 9 individual awards)
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Women's Rowing All-Conference Team will consist of a fourteen (14) member team selected by the head coaches.

b. VARSITY CREW OF THE YEAR. The Crew of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

**Section XXII-17. Soccer-Men's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's Soccer are as follows: (*Revised: October 2005, October 2007*)

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 22 All-Conference Team (First, Second Team; 11 members per team)
- 11 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
  - 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
  - 1 Offensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Defensive Player of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 27 Individual Awards for the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
  - 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Men's Soccer All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. A twenty-two (22) member team will consist of the top eleven (11) vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the top goalkeeper being designated as first team and the next eleven (11) vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the second goalkeeper being designated as second team.

b. ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM. The Men's Soccer All-Freshmen Team [eleven (11) members] must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's Soccer Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

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f. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's Soccer Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

g. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. The Men's Soccer All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance. An eleven (11) member team, including the MVP, will be named.

h. CHAMPIONSHIP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Men's Soccer Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by a vote the ACC Sports Information Directors and media.

### **Section XXII-18. Soccer-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Soccer are as follows. *(Revised: October 2005, October 2007)*

- 40 All-ACC Academic Team
- 22 All-Conference Team (First, Second Team; 11 members per team)
- 11 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 29 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
- 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Women's Soccer All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. A twenty-two (22) member team will consist of the top eleven (11) vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the top goalkeeper being designated as first team and the next eleven (11) vote recipients, regardless of position, plus the second goalkeeper being designated as second team.

b. ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM. The Women's Soccer All-Freshmen Team [eleven (11) members] must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Women's Soccer Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Women's Soccer Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

g. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. The Women's Soccer All-Tournament Team will be selected by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance. An eleven (11) member team, including the MVP, will be named.

h. CHAMPIONSHIP MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Women's Soccer Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected at the conclusion of the ACC Women's Soccer Championship by a vote of the ACC Sports Information Directors and media in attendance.

### **Section XXII-19. Softball.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Softball are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, May 2007, October 2007)*

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- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 20 All-Conference Team (First, Second Team; 10 members per team)
  - 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
  - 1 Player of the Year
  - 1 Pitcher of the Year
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 28 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 11 All-Tournament Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Player
  - 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Softball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. A twenty (20) member team, regardless of position will consist of the top ten (10) vote recipients being designated as first team and the next ten (10) vote recipients being designated as second team.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Softball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Softball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. PITCHER OF THE YEAR. The Softball Pitcher of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Softball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. An eleven (11) member All-Tournament Team, including the MVP, will be selected by a vote of the head coaches, ACC Sports Information Directors and the media in attendance.

g. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Softball Championship Most Valuable Player will be determined by a vote of the head coaches, ACC Sports Information Directors and the media in attendance.

### **Section XXII-20. Swimming & Diving-Men's/Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving are as follows: (*Revised: October 2007*)

- 40 All-ACC Academic Team - men and women
  - Awards—All-Conference
  - 1 Freshman of the Year - men and women (true freshmen only)
  - 1 Swimmer of the Year - men and women
  - 1 Diver of the Year - men and women
  - 1 Coach of the Year - men and women
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy - men and women
- 27 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team - men and women
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Swimmer - men and women
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Diver - men and women
  - 1 Award for Each Event Champion
  - 1 Award for Each Event Second Place
  - 1 Award for Each Event Third Place
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year - men and women

a. ALL-CONFERENCE. First, second and third place finishers in each event plus all first place relay teams in the Conference Championship will be named All-Conference.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Freshman of the Year will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

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c. SWIMMER OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Swimmer of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. DIVER OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Diver of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2007)*

e. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. MOST VALUABLE SWIMMER/DIVER. The Men's and Women's Most Valuable Swimmer from the Conference Championship will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. The Men's and Women's Most Valuable Diver from the Conference Championship will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. *(Revised: May 2007, April 2008)*

### **Section XXII-21. Tennis-Men's/Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Tennis are as follows: *(Revised: October 2005, May 2007, October 2007)*

- 20 All-ACC Academic Team - men and women
- 18 All-Conference Team - men and women
- 1 Freshman of the Year - men and women (true freshmen only)
- 1 Player of the Year - men and women
- 1 Coach of the Year - men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy - men and women
- 13 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team - men and women
- 1 Championship Most Valuable Player - men and women
- 1 Regular Season Championship Trophy
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year - men and women

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Men's and Women's Tennis All-Conference Team will be determined by a vote of the coaches. An eighteen (18) member team will be named.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Tennis Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

c. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Tennis Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

d. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Tennis Coach of the Year will be determined by a vote of the head coaches.

e. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. The Men's and Women's Tennis Championship Most Valuable Player will be selected by the head coach of the ACC championship team.

### **Section XXII-22. Track & Field-Indoor/Outdoor-Men's/Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field are as follows: *(Revised: May 2006, October 2007, April 2009)*

- 40 All-ACC Academic Team - indoor and outdoor, men and women
- Awards—All-Conference
- 1 Freshman of the Year Award - men and women (true freshmen only)
- 1 Coach of the Year - men and women
- 1 Championship Team Trophy - men and women
- 36 Members of the Winning Team - men and women
- 1 Most Valuable Performer, Track - men and women
- 1 Most Valuable Performer, Field - men and women
- 1 Award for Each Event Champion

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- 1 Award for Each Event Second Place
- 1 Award for Each Event Third Place
- 1 Indoor Track Performer of the Year - men and women
- 1 Indoor Field Performer of the Year - men and women
- 1 Outdoor Track Performer of the Year - men and women
- 1 Outdoor Field Performer of the Year - men and women
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year - men and women, indoor and outdoor

a. ALL-CONFERENCE. The top three finishers in each individual event plus all members of the first place relay teams in the Conference Championship will be named All-Conference.

b. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Freshman of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

c. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Men's and Women's Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

d. MOST VALUABLE PERFORMER, TRACK/FIELD. The Most Valuable Performer in Track and the Most Valuable Performer in Field will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

e. PERFORMER OF THE YEAR, TRACK/FIELD. The Performer of the Year in Track and the Performer of the Year in Field will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

**Section XXII-23. Volleyball-Women's.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Women's Volleyball are as follows: *(Revised: October 2007, April 2009)*

- 30 All-ACC Academic Team
- 18 First Team All-Conference Team, including two defensive specialists
- 6 All-Freshmen Team (true freshmen only)
- 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
- 1 Player of the Year
- 1 Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 Coach of the Year
- 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 22 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
- 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. The Women's Volleyball All-Conference Team will be selected by a vote of the head coaches. An eighteen (18) member first team will consist of the top eighteen (18) vote recipients, regardless of position but including two (2) designated "defensive specialists."

b. ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM. The Women's Volleyball All-Freshmen Team [six (6) members] must be true freshmen and will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Women's Volleyball Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be the player with the highest number of votes from the All-Freshman Team.

d. PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Volleyball Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

e. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. The Women's Volleyball Defensive Player of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

f. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of head coaches.



**Section XXII-24. Wrestling.**

Awards authorized and presented by the Conference for Wrestling are as follows: *(Revised: October 2007)*

- 20 All-ACC Academic Team
- 20 Awards—All-Conference Team (First, Second Team; 10 members per team)
  - 1 Wrestler of the Year
  - 1 Freshman of the Year (true freshman only)
  - 1 Coach of the Year
  - 1 Championship Team Trophy
- 16 Individual Awards for Members of the Winning Team
  - 1 Championship Most Valuable Wrestler
  - 1 Award for Each Weight Class Champion (All-ACC)
  - 1 Award for Each Weight Class Second Place (All-ACC)
  - 1 Award for Each Weight Class Third Place
  - 1 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

a. ALL-CONFERENCE. The champion and runner-up in each weight class will be named All-Conference.

b. WRESTLER OF THE YEAR. The Wrestler of the Year will be selected by a vote of the head coaches.

c. FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. The Wrestling Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman and will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

d. COACH OF THE YEAR. The Wrestling Coach of the Year will be selected by a vote of the coaches.

e. MOST VALUABLE WRESTLER. The Championship Most Valuable Wrestler will be selected by a vote of the coaches in attendance at the championship.

**Article XXIII. PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION OF THE CODE**

Recommendations for modifications in the Sports Operations Code shall be submitted to the membership by the Commissioner at any regular meeting of the Conference and may be adopted by a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting on the issue. Changes which are approved, unless otherwise specified, shall become effective July 1 following enactment. *(Revised: April 2006)*

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APPENDIX I

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

*(Adopted: May 2005, Revised: April 2008, April 2009, October 2009)*

The following sports receive an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championships by winning their respective ACC Championship. In the event that the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed the regular season champion will receive the automatic qualification.

Men's Basketball  
Women's Basketball  
Field Hockey  
Women's Lacrosse  
Men's Soccer  
Women's Soccer

The following sports receive an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championships by winning their respective ACC Championship. In the event that the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed the highest seed remaining in the Championship at the suspension of play, or after the most recently completed full day of competition in softball, will be the automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship.

Men's Tennis  
Women's Tennis  
Softball

The following sports receive an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championships based on the regular-season standings with any ties being broken using the tie-breaking procedure.

Volleyball

The following sports do not receive automatic qualifications (by team) to the NCAA Championships.

Men's Cross Country  
Women's Cross Country  
Men's Lacrosse (currently not enough teams for an AQ)  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Women's Swimming & Diving  
Men's Indoor Track & Field  
Women's Indoor Track & Field  
Men's Outdoor Track & Field  
Women's Outdoor Track & Field  
Wrestling

The following sport receives an automatic qualification (by team) to the NCAA Championships by winning their respective ACC Championship. In the event the ACC Championship cannot be held or completed due to inclement weather or other circumstances, the AQ would be determined through a coaches' vote using the pre-championship seedings and a conference call.

Rowing

## GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

*[Note: For your convenience, any changes in the 2012-13 ACC General Policies and Procedures have been underlined.]*

### Article I. GAMBLING POLICY

In recognition of the serious threat gambling poses to the integrity of intercollegiate athletics, the Atlantic Coast Conference requires that each member institution;

1. At least once each academic year, arrange a presentation regarding gambling for all student-athlete, coaches and athletics department staff members.
2. Review NCAA Bylaw 10.3 at all team certification meetings.
3. Develop an athletics department written policy on gambling for appropriate distribution (e.g., compliance manuals, student-athlete handbooks, game programs, media guides, booster brochures, websites, etc.).
4. Designate a primary liaison to assist in coordinating institutional educational and monitoring efforts regarding gambling.
5. At least once each academic year, distribute to student-athletes, coaches and athletics department staff members information (e.g., newspaper/magazine articles, videotapes, poster) regarding gambling.

### Article II. NCAA STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Atlantic Coast Conference requires that each member institution adhere to the following principles regarding the NCAA Student Assistance Fund:

1. ACC member institutions should avoid use of the fund in a manner that could be construed as attempting to gain a recruiting advantage or disadvantage another institution and should insure that all student-athletes have equal access to the fund.
2. The ACC principles should be conveyed to the NCAA.
3. The ACC principles should be conveyed to other conferences.

### Article III. COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

A necessary element in an effective functioning Conference governance structure is the establishment of policy and procedures to build an effective and efficient communication process within the Conference. This includes, but is not limited to, the sharing of information, timely notification, certainty of jurisdictional authority and limitations, and the establishment of regular personal interaction.

In order to assist in the achievement of the above objective, the following guidelines will be executed:

1. Consultation between members of the Council of Presidents and Joint Group (i.e., Faculty Athletic Representatives, Athletics Directors and Senior Woman Administrators) is expected on most matters reserved for Council of Presidents that are not precluded by confidentiality.
2. Chairs of the Faculty Athletic Representatives and Athletics Directors are normally in attendance at the Council of Presidents meetings.
3. Agenda and minutes of the Joint Group and Council of Presidents will be shared with all members of the governance structure. An executive summary of the minutes from the Joint Group shall be submitted to the Council.
4. There will be an annual meeting involving Council of Presidents and Joint Group which shall normally alternate between the Men's and Women's Conference Basketball Championship.
5. The goals and objectives of the Conference will be shared annually with the Joint Group and the Council of Presidents.
6. The Executive Committee, the Joint Group, and the Council of Presidents shall review and comment on the goals and objectives of the Conference.
7. An executive summary of the NCAA Board of Directors actions will be provided to the members of the Council of Presidents. Information on major issues on the agenda of the Council of Presidents will be provided to the members prior to the meeting.

**Article IV. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIVE**

The member institutions of the Atlantic Coast Conference share a commitment to academic excellence in undergraduate, professional and graduate education, research and public service. These joint interests have often led to collaborative academic initiatives among many of the member institutions. With the expansion to twelve members opportunity exists for a more diverse set of such collaborative activities.

To provide a formal mechanism to explore areas where groups of member institutions might want to work collectively on issues, the Inter-institutional Academic Collaborative (IAC) is created. The IAC will be formed by a Council of Chief Academic Officers with a chair that rotates annually among the member institutions. The Council would be charged with drafting a charter for the IAC that promotes collaborative activities from a long term perspective, but the IAC structure will be flexible so it can reflect opportunities and issues that arise from time to time. Participation in IAC activities will be voluntary, reflecting the interests of those who elect to take part.

**Article V. MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE COMPETITION**

**Section V-1. Working Conditions.**

An appropriate post-game interview area for all sports shall be provided by the host sports information director. Security from fans, and for football, adequate coverage from inclement weather, must be provided when designating a post-game interview area. When possible, accessibility from the press row and to the media work room should be considered.

The media work room for football, men's basketball and women's basketball should be designated for the sole use of attending media before, during and immediately after the event. The media work room should be manned by security personnel consistent with its hours of operation. The media work room should include sufficient standard phone line access and power sources.

Press row security for football, men's basketball and women's basketball should be consistent with that of a paying customer with special consideration toward post-game crowd control.

**Section V-2. Post-Game Interview Policy for All Sports Except Men's and Women's Basketball and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.**

All post-game interviews with coaches will be conducted in a press interview area designated by the host sports information director. There will be a maximum ten-minute "cooling off" period, at which time the winning head coach must enter the interview area.

The losing head coach should enter the interview area not more than ten minutes after the start of the interview of the winning head coach.

Once a head coach exits his/her locker room for the post-game interview, that team's locker room will then be open to the media. The players will be made available to the media in the locker room or an area designated by the sports information director.

The host sports information director, per mutual agreement with the visiting sports information director, may adjust the order of the above post-game interview procedure as long as media access to coaches and players is guaranteed. *(Revised: April 2010)*

**Section V-3. Post-Game Interview Policy for Men's and Women's Basketball and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.**

All post-game interviews with coaches will be conducted in a press interview area designated by the host sports information director.

There will be a maximum ten-minute "cooling off" period, at which time the first available head coach will begin a ten-minute interview session in the interview area. Should both coaches be ready to begin their interviews at the same time, preference for the first session should be given to the visiting coach. The second head coach should be ready to enter the interview area not more than ten minutes after the start of the first interview.

Once a head coach exits his locker room for the post-game interview, that team's locker room will then be open to the media. The players will be made available to the media in the locker room or an area designated by the sports information director.

The host sports information director, per mutual agreement with the visiting sports information director, may adjust the order of the above post-game interview procedure as long as media access to coaches and players is guaranteed. *(Revised: May 2008, April 2010)*

**Section V-4. Post-Game Reporter for Officials Locker Room.**

ACC allows for the host sports information director only to enter the officials' locker room after a game. Guidelines to be followed for a post-game interview situation are as listed below. The question by the SID, and subsequent statement, should be limited to the play, or call, in question.

- a. A potential fighting situation that results in a technical/unsportsmanlike foul.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct that results in a technical/unsportsmanlike foul.
- c. A technical/unsportsmanlike foul as a result of a coach leaving the coaching box area.
- d. An unusual situation that needs an explanation for media clarification.
- e. No explanations of judgment calls will be allowed.

**Article VI. CHEERLEADING POLICY FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ACC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Tosses will only be allowed when a total of two people are involved, i.e., only one person tossing another person into the air.

**Article VII. OLYMPIC SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES**

**Section VII-1. Olympic Sport Championship - Venue Completion.**

Recommended Olympic Sport Championship venues must be completed at the time of conference approval.

**Section VII-2. Bands, Cheerleaders, Mascots and Dance Teams.**

Pep Bands, Cheerleaders, Mascots and Dance Teams are not allowed to attend Olympic Sport Championships.

**Article VIII. GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OLYMPIC SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following guidelines have been endorsed by the Atlantic Coast Conference and member institutions and are recommended to be followed and used throughout the regular season and for championship events.

**Section VIII-1. Annual Committee Meetings.**

Head coaches are expected to attend the annual sport committee meeting or conference call. If the head coach is not able to attend, an institutional administrator is to notify the ACC director of championships prior to the meeting or conference call. (No more than one team representative will be allowed to attend the annual committee meeting.)

Air travel to attend the annual committee meeting should be made 21 days in advance, whenever possible.

**Section VIII-2. Championship Host.**

When hosting an Atlantic Coast Conference Olympic sport championship, the host championship manager should be a full-time employee of the host institution.

The host institution shall provide neutral music for Olympic sport championships (e.g., pregame, halftime, etc.)

**Section VIII-3. Championship Competition and Practice.**

Each member institution is permitted to practice at the site of competition one day prior to that institution's first competition at the respective championship. In the sport of tennis, the top 4 seeds are allowed a practice opportunity on the Wednesday prior to the start of the Championship, at the site of the Championship, after 6 p.m. (*Revised: April 2011*)

**Article IX. PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE**

The President, including consultation with the Commissioner, faculty athletics representatives and athletics directors (if applicable), is solely responsible for selecting the recipient of this award, which may be presented during the May spring meeting banquet. The President may also choose not to present an award. (*Adopted: April 2008*)

a. **ELIGIBILITY.** Full-time employees of the Conference are not eligible to receive the award. Additionally individuals who have announced their retirement or departure from the Conference and those associated with the president's institution would also not be eligible.

b. **CRITERIA.** The criteria for selection of the award would be the President's assessment that the individual had provided exemplary service to the Conference in a specific task, in a series of efforts during the year of the President's service, or over an extended period of time.

**Article X. NCAA COACHES' CERTIFICATION RECRUITING TEST**

The annual coaches' certification test shall be administered by either the Conference Office staff or the faculty athletics representative (or designee who is an institutional staff member outside of the athletics department). (*Editorial Revision: 2010*)

**Article XI. PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION OF THE GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Recommendations for modifications in the General Policies and Procedures shall be submitted to the membership by the Commissioner at any regular meeting of the Conference and may be adopted by a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting on the issue. Changes which are approved, unless otherwise specified, shall become effective July 1 following enactment. (*Revised: April 2006*)



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## 2012-2013 ACC MEETING CALENDAR

Council of Presidents .....	September 11-12, 2012 Chapel Hill, NC
Fall (FAR, AD & SWA) .....	October 2-3, 2012 Boston College
Legislative (FAR & SWA) .....	December 1, 2012 Charlotte, NC
Winter (FAR & AD) .....	January 31-February 1, 2013 Lago Mar, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Associate/Assistant AD .....	February 6, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Senior Woman Administrators .....	February 7, 2013 Greensboro, NC
CEO (CEO, FAR, AD & SWA) .....	March 15, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Legislative Teleconference (FAR, AD & SWA) .....	April 5, 2013 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Athletics Directors .....	April 16-17, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Senior Woman Administrators .....	April 16-17, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Faculty Athletics Representatives .....	April 17, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Scholar-Athlete Banquet .....	April 17, 2013 Greensboro, NC
Spring (FAR, AD, SWA & Head MBB, WBB, FB Coaches) .....	May 13-16, 2013 Amelia Island, FL

## 2012-2013 ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's and Women's Cross Country .....	October 27, 2012 Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Women's Soccer .....	November 2 & 4, 2012 WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary, NC
Field Hockey .....	November 1, 2 & 4, 2012 University of North Carolina
Men's Soccer .....	November 9 & 11, 2012 Maryland Soccerplex, Germantown, MD
Football .....	December 1, 2012 Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, NC
Women's Swimming & Diving & Men's Diving .....	February 20-23, 2013 Greensboro Aquatic Center
Men's Swimming .....	February 27-March 2, 2013 Greensboro Aquatic Center
Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field .....	February 21-23, 2013 Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Women's Basketball .....	March 7-10, 2013 Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Wrestling .....	March 9, 2013 University of Maryland
Men's Basketball .....	March 14-17, 2013 Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Women's Golf .....	April 19-21, 2013 Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, NC
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field .....	April 18-20, 2013 North Carolina State University
Women's Lacrosse .....	April 25, 26 & 28, 2013 University of North Carolina
Men's & Women's Tennis .....	April 25-28, 2013 Cary Tennis Center, Cary, NC
Men's Golf .....	April 26-28, 2013 The Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point, New London, NC
Men's Lacrosse .....	April 26 & 28, 2013 University of North Carolina
Softball .....	May 9-11, 2013 Florida State University
Rowing .....	May 12, 2013 Lake Hartwell (Hosted by Clemson University)
Baseball .....	May 22-26, 2013 Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Durham, NC