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INTRODUCTION

Competition between Conference members during the regular season, as well as in Conference post-season championships and tournaments, is one of the fundamental purposes of the Southeastern Conference. The commitment to Conference competition dates back to 1894 when ten universities organized as members of the Southeastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Although the number of member institutions and sports has varied since the turn of the century, the basic principles of equitable competition and achievement of common competitive goals have remained as cornerstones of the Southeastern Conference.

The Commissioner's Regulations governing Conference competition, championships and tournaments are written as a guide for all SEC competition between its members and are considered the standard source of information on policies and procedures for the conduct of Conference competition. These Regulations are divided into two parts: 1) general administrative policies and procedures that apply to all SEC competition generally, and 2) specific regulations for each sport.

These regulations are intended for use in conjunction with current SEC Bylaws. If a policy appears in the SEC Bylaws, it is not reproduced in the Commissioner's Regulations; however, the specific reference to that policy is cited in the regulations under the appropriate topic heading.

These regulations are approved by the appropriate Southeastern Conference governing bodies and reviewed each year.

Access to Competition Area. In all sports, institutions shall limit access to the competition area to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel, and properly-credentialed or authorized individuals at all times. For the safety of participants and spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest may spectators enter the competition area. It is the responsibility of each member institution to implement procedures to ensure compliance with this policy.

Institutional penalties against individuals who improperly enter the competition area must include, but are not limited to, expulsion from the facility, arrest for trespassing, and the loss of future ticket privileges. In addition to these penalties, violators who are students must be subject to institutional student disciplinary measures.

Each institution shall publicize this policy, as well as the penalties associated with violations, through appropriate means, such as ticket back statements, public address announcements, video/matrix announcements, facility signage, and other means available. In addition, each head coach shall publicly discourage spectators from entering the playing area at any time.

Penalties for Institutional Violations. For the safety of participants and spectators alike, the Commissioner may (in his or her sole discretion) impose the following penalties: 1st offense: an institutional fine of \$50,000; 2nd offense: an institutional fine of up to \$100,000; 3rd or subsequent offense: an institutional fine of up to \$250,000. The Commissioner may also impose additional penalties as he or she deems appropriate.

Amendments. The Commissioner's Regulations may be amended in the following manner: *[Revised: 7/25/17]*

Those regulations that are a part of the SEC Bylaws may only be amended by vote of the Presidents and Chancellors at a regular or called meeting of the Conference.

Those regulations that are not part of the SEC Bylaws, but may have philosophical, financial, and/or competition format implications may be amended by a majority vote of the Athletics Directors or, for items relating to men's and women's Olympic sports and women's basketball that do not have a significant financial impact, by a majority vote of the Senior Woman Administrators. The Athletics Directors may request review of any formal action taken by the Senior Woman Administrators at any future meeting.

Amendments may be proposed by the Commissioner, coaches groups, Senior Woman Administrators, and Athletics Directors. Proposals from coaches of men's and women's Olympic sports and women's basketball will be sent directly to the Senior Woman Administrators, unless the proposal has a significant financial impact in which case it will be sent to the Senior Woman Administrators first, then to the Athletics Directors with a report of action taken by the Senior Woman Administrators. Proposals from coaches of all other sports will be forwarded directly to the Athletics Directors.

Those regulations that are editorial in nature or do not have ramifications as noted above may be amended by a majority vote of the coaches of that sport.

Prior to any revision in Regular Season Competition/Scheduling policies or the adoption of any proposal that may have an academic impact, the Faculty Athletics Representatives group must review the proposal during its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Artificial Noisemakers and Sound Systems (Team). **[SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.5(d)]** Except as otherwise provided in SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.5 and the Commissioner's Regulations of each sport, artificial noisemakers, and sound systems brought to competition sites by participating teams and team personnel are restricted to the locker and training room areas only.

Availability of Alcoholic Beverages at Athletic Events.

Each institution is permitted to determine the permissibility of selling alcoholic beverages in athletics venues and shall establish a policy governing the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in its athletics facilities. *[Adopted: 5/31/19, effective 8/1/19]*

Institutions that offer alcohol sales in public areas must incorporate Conference-wide alcohol management expectations, which include:

1. Alcoholic beverages are to be sold and dispensed only at designated stationary locations;
2. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold by vendors within the seating areas;
3. Identification check is required at every point of sale to prevent sales to minors;
4. Alcoholic beverage sales are limited to beer and wine only (no hard liquor or mixed drinks may be sold in

public seating areas);

5. Limits must be established on the number of drinks purchased at one time by an individual;
6. Alcohol must be dispensed into cups;
7. Safe server training and additional training for staff to handle high risk situations is required; and
8. Designated stop times for sale and/or distribution of alcohol must be enforced as follows:
 - A. Football (end of 3rd quarter);
 - B. Basketball (Men's—Second half 12-minute TV timeout; Women's—End of 3rd quarter);
 - C. Baseball (end of the top of 7th inning);
 - D. Softball (end of the top of the 5th inning); and
 - E. Other Sports (At a designated time, no later than when 75% of the event's regulation length competition is scheduled to be completed).

Each year, the Conference membership shall review this policy to determine institutional compliance with established expectations and evaluate fan conduct and alcohol-related incidents for the purpose of determining the need to revise the Conference's alcohol policy.

Implementation of these management expectations does not include suites, clubs or private leased areas.

Each institution shall establish a policy for the admission of outside food and beverage into its facilities.

As with all areas of the stadium, maintaining the safety of patrons and participants and maintaining an atmosphere suitable for families is of utmost importance.

Advertising displays mentioning or promoting alcoholic beverage shall not be permitted in any playing facility with the exception of common point-of-sale signage.

Awards. The Conference sponsors an awards program for each sport, as well as programs for each championship and tournament. General guidelines for the voting processes are outlined below: (See Supplement A of this section for a complete list of sport-specific awards)

1. **Guidelines.** These guidelines are in place to ensure fair treatment of all student-athletes and coaches, and are to be followed in all voting processes. All votes are submitted on behalf of the institution and thus, if a coach does not follow procedure the Athletics Director or his/her designee will replace that coach's vote. Deadlines set by the SEC office must be adhered to in both the nomination process, as well as the final ballot. It is understood that all nominations and ballots are the responsibility of the institution. If the coach misses a specific deadline set by the SEC office, such forms become the responsibility of the athletics director or his/her designee. Institutions that miss nomination and/or voting deadlines set by the SEC office are subject to dismissal of that institution's forms.
 - A. Coaches may not vote for themselves or their student-athletes for awards determined by a vote of the head coaches.
 - B. A ballot must be completely filled out to be counted.
 - C. A coach must vote for post-season awards.
 - D. Only nominated student-athletes may receive votes for post-season awards. In all cases, a coach may only nominate his/her own student-athletes.
 - E. An institution may nominate more than one student-athlete for an individual award, including Scholar-Athlete, Freshman, and Athlete of the Year.
 - F. On a coach's ballot, his/her vote for Player of the Year must be listed among his/her All-SEC votes.
 - G. On a coach's ballot, his/her vote for Freshman of the Year must be listed among his/her All-Freshman votes.
2. **Roy F. Kramer Athlete of the Year Awards.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.4a]
3. **H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.4b]
4. **Brad Davis Community Service Leader of the Year Awards.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.4c]
5. **Michael L Slive Distinguished Service Award.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.4d]
6. **SEC Sportsmanship Awards.** Each institution may nominate one male and one female student-athlete for consideration based on criteria provided by the SEC office. The Athletics Directors will select one male and one female recipient from those nominated at the SEC Spring Meeting.

7. **SEC Academic Honor Roll.** The following criteria will be used to determine recipients of the SEC Academic Honor Roll award:
- A. Any student-athlete who participates in a Southeastern Conference championship sport or a student-athlete who participates in a sport listed on his/her institution's NCAA Sports Sponsorship Form is eligible for nomination to the Academic Honor Roll.
 - B. The following criteria will be followed:
 - (1) A student-athlete must have a grade point average of 3.00 or above for either the preceding academic year (two semesters or three quarters) or have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above at the nominating institution.
 - (2) If a student-athlete attends summer school, his/her grade point average during the summer academic term must be included in the calculation used to determine eligibility for the Academic Honor Roll.
 - (3) Student-athletes eligible for the Honor Roll include those receiving an athletics scholarship, recipients of an athletics award (i.e., letter winner), and non-scholarship student-athletes who have been on a varsity team for two seasons.
 - (4) Prior to being nominated, a student-athlete must have successfully completed 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of non-remedial academic credit toward a baccalaureate degree at the nominating institution.
 - (5) The student-athlete must have been a member of a varsity team for the sport's entire NCAA Championship segment.
 - (6) The SEC Academic Honor Roll shall be compiled and released following each sport's championship event, as follows:
 - a. Cross Country, football, volleyball, soccer – Honor Roll recipients shall be announced by the Conference office during the first week of February, based on the student-athletes' preceding fall, summer, and spring terms. [Revised: 11/18/15]
 - b. Basketball, equestrian, gymnastics, swimming and diving – Honor Roll recipients shall be announced by the Conference office during the third week of April, based on the student-athletes' preceding fall, summer, and spring terms.
 - c. Track and field, golf, tennis, softball, baseball – Honor Roll recipients shall be announced by the Conference office during the third week of June, based on the student-athletes' preceding spring, fall, and summer terms.
 - d. First year student-athletes – First year student-athletes in all sports may be named to the Honor Roll at the conclusion of their first full academic year in residence (spring, fall and summer terms) through an announcement issued by the Conference office during the second week of July.
8. **Scholar-Athlete of the Year.** The recipient in each sport will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Coaches will vote during the All-SEC process for their particular sport. Each vote is worth one point. The criteria for nominating a student-athlete for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year are as follows:
- A. Nominee must be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials.
 - B. Nominee must have participated in at least 50 percent of team's games for the nominating year.
 - C. Nominee must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average for his or her collegiate career. A nominee in graduate school must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student.
 - D. Nominee must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at the participating institution (True freshmen, redshirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible.).
 - E. Nominee must have completed one full academic year at the participating institution.
9. **All-SEC Teams.** Criteria for selection are outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.
10. **All-Freshman Teams.** Criteria for selection are outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.
11. **Athletes of the Year.** Criteria for selection are outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.
12. **Freshmen of the Year.** Criteria for selection are outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.

13. **Coaches of the Year.** Criteria for selection are outlined in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.
14. **Athletes of the Week.** The Conference Communications staff will select an "Athlete of the Week" from nominations submitted by the sports information offices of the member institutions.
15. **Freshmen of the Week.** The Conference office will select a "Freshman of the Week" from nominations submitted to the Conference office by the sports information directors of the member institutions.
16. **Community Service Teams.** Each institution selects one student-athlete per sport sponsored by the Conference. Selection is based on community service performed by the student-athlete. The cross country, indoor track and outdoor track "Community Service Team" will be selected during the outdoor track season.

Bands, Banners, Cheerleaders and Mascots. Specific policies regarding bands, banners, cheerleaders, and mascots are addressed in the SEC Bylaws or Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.

Coaches Committees and Meetings. [SEC Bylaw 21.8 and 21.9]

Championship Manuals. For on-campus championships, the host institution shall provide appropriate information packets to each participating institution as specified in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport. The Conference championship staff shall provide appropriate information packets to each participating institution for neutral-site championships.

Championship Sites. The SEC Executive Committee must approve all championship or tournament sites, unless otherwise specified in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport. Such sites may be proposed by the Commissioner, coaches groups, Senior Woman Administrators, or Athletics Directors. Site proposals from coaches must be reviewed by the Senior Woman Administrators and/or Athletics Directors prior to submission to the SEC Executive Committee. Exceptions to this policy are specified in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.

Crowd Control and Game Management. The Presidents and Chancellors of the Southeastern Conference member institutions are committed to excellent crowd control at all athletic events. They have passed several resolutions stating their aims and objectives for promoting mutual trust and friendly relations between Conference members and other institutions by emphasizing the need for spectator and student-athlete sportsmanship at athletic contests.

The Athletics Director of the host institution shall assure that crowd control and game management are exercised in the best interests of safety and fair play for the participants, as well as for spectators. The Athletics Director shall designate a full-time staff person (or persons) to serve as game management director; however, ultimate responsibility remains with the Athletics Director. The home institution shall supply the visiting coach and game officials with the name and location of the individual responsible for game management and crowd control.

The Athletics Directors of each institution are expected to communicate with their student-athletes, coaches and fans to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship. Host institutions must provide adequate security and ushers, preferably in uniform, for effective crowd management. Attention should be given to seating arrangements that will alleviate crowd-control problems. In addition, evacuation and emergency plans should be in place and reviewed on a regular basis.

Divisional Scheduling. [SEC Bylaw 17.1.9e]

Eligibility. [SEC Bylaws 14.10.1 and 30.22.1.3b] The SEC office will supply an eligibility list for review prior to the start of a Conference championship or tournament.

Equal Access to Locker Rooms. Equal access must be given to all media representatives, regardless of gender, at any time interviews with coaches and/or student-athletes are conducted, including after competition. Equal access is defined as access to coaches and/or student-athletes at the exact same time and at the exact same place. Bringing players to a separate area for reporters of the opposite gender is not considered equal access. The exact method of ensuring equal access shall be determined by the institution.

Financial Responsibilities. [SEC Bylaw 31.20, 31.21, 31.22, and 31.23] The method of distributing net receipts is specified in the SEC Bylaws. Host institutions shall file a financial report with the SEC office not later than 60 days after the event.

Interrupted Game Procedures. All personnel, including Athletics Directors, game management personnel, game officials, coaches, players, and Conference office staff, shall use their best effort to ensure each Conference contest is played to its conclusion. The Conference recognizes, however, emergencies may arise that make a contest's completion impossible or inadvisable. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe inclement weather, natural or man-made disasters, power failures and spectator interference.

Contests should be delayed, relocated, suspended, canceled, postponed or terminated (see definitions below) when circumstances exist such that commencement or continuation of play would pose a threat to the safety of game participants. The following procedures shall apply to any sport which does not have sport-specific Inclement Weather or Interrupted Game Procedures.

1. **Definitions.**

- A. **Delay** - To delay a contest is to delay the start of a contest until a later time on the same date.
- B. **Relocate** - To relocate a contest is to change the location of the competition.
- C. **Suspend** - To suspend a contest is to temporarily halt play for a short duration after the contest begins.
- D. **Cancel** - To cancel a contest is to nullify it either before or after it begins and to make no provision for rescheduling it or for including its score or other performance statistics in Conference records.
- E. **Postpone** - To postpone a contest is to (a) defer its starting time to a later date, or to (b) suspend it after play has begun and make provision to resume it at a later date with all scores and other performance statistics up to the point of postponement added to those achieved in the resumed portion of the contest.
- F. **Terminate** - To terminate a contest is to end it short of a full-designated duration of play, officially record it as a completed contest, and make no provision to resume it at a later date.

2. **Authority.** Authority to delay or relocate a contest is vested with the home institution's Athletics Director or designated senior level administrator. Authority to suspend a contest is vested with the officials. Authority to cancel, postpone or terminate a contest is vested *only* with the Commissioner or his/her designee.

3. **Guidelines.**

- A. The home institution's Athletics Director or designated senior level administrator shall have the authority to determine whether a contest should, prior to its start, be temporarily delayed until a later time on the same date. Once a contest has started, the decision to suspend play is the responsibility of the game officials.
- B. If extenuating circumstances occur that necessitate the relocation of the contest site within the same city, the home institution's Athletics Director or designated senior level administrator shall have the authority to determine whether and where the contest should be relocated. The decision should be made in consultation with the visiting team. The alternate site must be in full compliance with all NCAA playing rules and regulations governing that particular sport.
- C. If a contest is postponed prior to its start for any reason, the two participating institutions, in consultation with the Commissioner or his/her designee, shall attempt to reschedule the game at a later time or date. If the contest cannot be rescheduled, the Commissioner shall cancel the contest.
- D. If a contest is suspended for any reason after play has begun, the contest must be resumed as soon as conditions are deemed safe by the officials in consultation with the home team game management personnel.
- E. A suspended contest may not be resumed after midnight local time, or two hours following the point of suspension, whichever is later.
- F. If a contest is suspended after play has begun and cannot resume before midnight local time, the two institutions, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall attempt to declare the game postponed, and resume it at a later date.
- G. In the event a contest cannot be resumed at a later date, the following will apply:
 - (1) If the contest is suspended prior to the completion of one half of play (halftime), the Commissioner shall declare the contest ***canceled***.
 - (2) If the contest is suspended after the completion of one half of play (halftime), the Commissioner shall declare the contest ***terminated***.

In the event a contest is delayed or suspended and it does not appear play will be resumed on that date, the Athletics Directors (or designated representatives) of both participating institutions, game management personnel and the Conference office representative (if available) shall meet with the game officials in the officials' dressing room, or another suitable location nearby. The Conference office representative shall communicate with the Commissioner, who has the sole authority to declare a game canceled, postponed or terminated. If the Conference office representative is not on site, the home institution's Athletics Director or designated senior level administrator shall contact the appropriate Conference staff liaison. The home team

game management, in consultation with the Conference office representative, is responsible for disseminating information regarding such a decision to the teams, media and general public.

Lightning Policy. Each member institution must have the capability of determining when lightning strikes are within specified distances of the competition site for all outdoor events.

When lightning is detected within 15 miles of the competition site, the home institution shall notify the head referee-umpire.

When lightning is detected within a minimum of 10 miles from the competition site, home team management shall utilize the public address system to inform those in attendance that inclement weather including lightning is within 10 (or more) miles and that should patrons vacate the facility for safe shelter, they will be allowed to re-enter with a ticket stub.

When lightning is detected within eight (8) miles of the competition site, competition shall be suspended. Competition may be resumed after 30 minutes of no detected lightning strikes within an eight mile radius. A 10 minute warm-up period may be granted following this 30 minute suspension.

In cases of severe weather being detected prior to the start of competition: A maximum of 10 minutes may be used, at the discretion of the home institution, for the marching band, national anthem and introductions, immediately following the 30 minute time period of no detected lightning strikes.

Lodging. It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that adequate housing is available to all participating institutions. Each institution is responsible (unless otherwise noted in the Commissioner's Regulations or championship/tournament manual) for finalizing its own lodging arrangements.

Marketing/Sponsorship Policies. Any agreements and contracts that result in corporate sponsorship of a Conference championship or tournament must be approved by the Commissioner. This does not preclude a host from obtaining nominal sponsorship and trade-outs from local businesses that are interested in supporting the event. The Commissioner has the right of final approval of all commercial sponsorship, exhibitors and merchandisers at a Conference championship or tournament.

Medical Policies. Adequate medical personnel must be present or on call at all sessions of the event (practice and competition). The host is responsible for obtaining the necessary medical staff and supplies. Additional policies may be specified in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.

New Coaches Orientation. Upon initial employment at an SEC member institution, each head or assistant coach shall attend a New Coaches Orientation conducted at the SEC office. Attendance at a New Coaches Orientation session should occur as soon as possible following employment of a coach, but is required to occur not later than October following employment of each coach. A coach who fails to attend a New Coaches Orientation session within the prescribed time frame may not participate in any off-campus recruiting activities until the coach attends a New Coaches Orientation session. New Coaches Orientation sessions shall be conducted in May, July and October. A coach who discontinues employment within the SEC shall be required to attend New Coaches Orientation if four calendar years lapse between dates of employment at an SEC member institution.

Officials. [SEC Bylaw 30.20] Officials and officiating fees/travel expenses for all Conference tournaments and championships shall be approved by the Commissioner. Unless otherwise approved and noted in the Commissioner's Regulations, the expenses and fees shall be the responsibility of the host.

Penalties for Violations of Specified NCAA Bylaws. The Conference has established the following minimum penalties for violations of specified NCAA Bylaws. The institution shall apply the minimum penalty upon discovery of the violation and shall report the violations to the Conference in a timely manner. The minimum penalty may be increased at the Commissioner's discretion. In the event that a minimum penalty cannot be fully applied prior to the involved prospective student-athlete's written commitment to the institution, the Commissioner shall impose such other penalties to address the competitive or recruiting advantage gained by the institution (*e.g.*, prohibiting the issuance of a financial aid agreement, restrictions on recruiting activities, etc.).

Prior to application of the minimum penalty, the involved institution may request relief from the minimum penalty if the institution establishes that: 1) the violation was clearly attributable to extenuating circumstances; and 2) the violation did not produce a recruiting or competitive advantage. If an institution that commits a violation seeks relief from the minimum penalty and there is a reasonable basis for consideration of the relief request, the penalty is stayed pending the Commissioner's determination. [Revised: 12/13/16]

Impermissible activity by noncoaching staff member (NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1 and 11.7.6) The involved institutional staff member shall be prohibited from attending all countable and required athletically related activities involving student-athletes (e.g. practice, competition, and team meetings involving student-athletes) for a seven-day period following discovery of the violation.

Contact with a prospect during either an evaluation or quiet period. (NCAA Bylaws 13.02.5.2 and 13.02.5.4) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting activity for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited until 30 days following the discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact with the prospect, as deemed appropriate. In sports that permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect during his/her junior year and no more than one additional off-campus contact during the prospect's senior year. In sports that do not permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Contact with a prospect during a dead period. (NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting activity for the 90 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for six calendar months. Further telephone calls and electronic correspondence between any institutional staff member and the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the 60 days following discovery of the violation (or the first permissible date for telephone calls/electronic correspondence with the prospect).

Impermissible evaluation of a prospect during a quiet or dead period. (NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.4 and 13.02.5.5) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting activity for the 60 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation.

Contact with a prospect prior to the permissible time period. (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.1) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited until 30 days following the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact. The institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Impermissible off-campus contacts with prospective student-athletes by an impermissible recruiter. (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.2.1) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any recruiting activity (on or off-campus) for the 14 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. The involved institutional staff member(s) shall also not be permitted to make or receive telephone calls or send electronic correspondence to any prospective student-athlete for the 14 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for 30 days following discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact, as deemed appropriate. Further telephone calls and electronic correspondence between any institutional staff member and the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the 30 days following the date of discovery of the violation (or the first date for permissible phone calls/electronic correspondence with the prospect). In sports that permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect during his/her junior year and no more than one additional off-campus contact during the prospect's senior year. In sports that do not permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Impermissible on-campus contacts with prospective student-athletes by an impermissible recruiter. (Applicable to situations in which the institution fails to demonstrate that it took appropriate steps to prevent such contact or where an institution has a history of similar violations) (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.2.1). In-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for 14 days following discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact, as deemed appropriate. Further telephone calls and electronic correspondence between any institutional staff member and the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the 14 days

following discovery of the violation (or the first date for permissible phone calls/electronic correspondence with the prospect).

Telephone calls to prospective student-athletes. (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.3.1) If a coach telephones a prospective student-athlete prior to the first permissible time period, the involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to make or receive telephone calls or send electronic correspondence to any prospective student-athlete for the 14 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further telephone calls and electronic correspondence between any institutional staff member and the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the next 30 days following the first date for permissible phone calls. If a coach or coaching staff telephones a prospective student-athlete twice within a period where it is otherwise permissible to call once, the coaching staff is prohibited from making or receiving calls and sending electronic correspondence to the involved prospective student-athlete for a two week period.

Impermissible contact with a prospect on the day of competition. (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.2) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. The institution shall be prohibited for 30 days from visiting the educational institution or attending any contests involving a team on which the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation participates. Further telephone calls from any institutional staff member to the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation.

Provision of impermissible benefits to a prospective student-athlete. (NCAA Bylaw 13.2.1)

The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited until 90 days following discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact, as deemed appropriate. In sports that permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect during his/her junior year and no more than one additional off-campus contact during the prospect's senior year. In sports that do not permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Provision of recruiting materials (including electronic correspondence) to a prospect prior to the permissible date. (NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1) The institution shall be prohibited from providing additional recruiting materials (including questionnaires and general correspondence, but not including a camp brochure) to the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation until 60 days following the first permissible date for distributing recruiting materials.

Provision of impermissible recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete. (NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.4)

Telephone calls or electronic correspondence between any institutional staff member and the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited for the 60 days following the discovery of the violation (or the first permissible date for phone calls/electronic correspondence with the prospect).

Impermissible electronic transmissions/social media communication. (NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.5 and 13.10.2)

The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to make telephone contact with any prospective student-athlete for the 14 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. The institution shall not be permitted to make telephone contact, send recruiting materials (per NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1), or send permissible electronic transmissions (per NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.5) to the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation (or the first permissible date for phone calls/electronic correspondence with the prospect).

Provision of impermissible entertainment to a prospective student-athlete or a person associated with a prospective student-athlete. (NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7, 13.7.2 and 13.8) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited until 90 days following discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact, as deemed appropriate. In sports that permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect during his/her junior year and no more than one additional off-

campus contact during the prospect's senior year. In sports that do not permit off-campus contact prior to the prospect's senior year, the institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Impermissible public comments made regarding a prospective student-athlete. (NCAA Bylaw 13.10.2) The involved institutional staff member(s) shall not be permitted to participate in any off-campus recruiting for the 30 calendar days immediately following discovery of the violation. Further in-person contact (on or off campus) with the prospective student-athlete involved in the violation shall be prohibited until 90 days following discovery of the violation or the first permissible date for in-person off-campus contact, as deemed appropriate. The institution shall be permitted to have no more than one additional off-campus contact with the involved prospect.

Playing Conditions. [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.5] Policies regarding playing conditions are addressed in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.

Playing Rules. [SEC Bylaw 17.30]

Post-Game Interviews. Following each contest of a Conference tournament or championship, participating institutions shall make coaches and student-athletes available for interviews. These interviews are designed to provide the media with championship or tournament information required for thorough coverage of the event and to limit the demands placed upon coaches and student-athletes. The sports information department of the host institution (unless otherwise designated) shall coordinate and supervise post-game interviews. Interview policies for specific sports are contained in the Commissioner's Regulations for those sports. Also refer to Equal Access to Locker Rooms, as noted above.

Practice and Number of Contests. [See Supplement D of the General Administration section]

Professional Competition. [SEC Bylaws 30.22.1.6]

Programs and Promotional Materials. The Conference shall provide a complete program for the baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, gymnastics, soccer, and softball championships. For other tournaments and championships, host institutions shall produce an informational supplement to be provided to fans.

Results and Statistics. Host institutions shall: (1) record the official results and statistics of all conference and non-conference contests; (2) forward a copy of such official results and statistics to the Conference office immediately following the conclusion of the contest; and (3) forward a copy of such official results and statistics to each participating institution in a timely manner.

Scheduling. Scheduling of Conference competition takes precedence over scheduling of non-conference competition in all sports.

Sponsored Sports. [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1] [See Supplement B of the General Administration section]

Sports Committees. [SEC Bylaw 21.9]

Sportsmanship. Consistent with SEC Bylaw 10.5, all individuals employed by or associated with a member institution, including institutional staff members, student-athletes, boosters, and fans, are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship, and shall therefore exhibit respect and courtesy towards opposing student-athletes, coaches, and game officials. In addition, all individuals shall also adhere to the following principles of good sportsmanship: [Revised: 8/7/18]

- A. **Public Comments.** All individuals shall make every attempt to promote the Conference and its members in a positive manner.
- B. **Media Access.** All individuals shall make every effort to promote a cooperative environment with the media by providing reasonable access to interview student-athletes and staff.
- C. **Student Conduct.** Each institution shall ensure that all students involved in athletics activities, including student-athletes, band members, cheerleaders, mascots, and general students attending as fans, are informed of the appropriate standards of behavior and good sportsmanship.
- D. **Promoting Sportsmanship.** Each institution shall aggressively address the issue of sportsmanship through various forms (e.g., video spots, public address announcements, radio spots, television spots and print ads in game day programs).

- E. **Throwing Items onto the Playing Surface.** Each institution shall adopt a policy prohibiting fans from throwing items onto the playing surface. Such policy must specify (without limitation) that violators who are clearly identified will be ejected from the playing facility.

It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics consistent with the educational mission and goals of the institution. Furthermore, member institutions are responsible for educating all constituencies about these policies on a continuing basis.

Squad Sizes. [See Supplement D of the General Administration section]

Television, Radio and Media Services. All television and radio agreements for Conference championships and tournaments must be approved by the Commissioner. The media services associated with the event generally are the responsibility of the sports information department of the host institution, although it is understood that sports information personnel from participating institutions shall assist as needed. Specific policies for each sport are described in the Commissioner's Regulations or championship and tournament manuals.

Tickets. A host institution shall provide the visiting team (at its request) with up to 50 complimentary admissions for any regular-season competitive event for which the host institution charges admission. (Additional information is provided in the Commissioner's Regulations for each sport.)

Tobacco-Related Products. The use of tobacco-related products by players, coaches, support personnel (i.e., managers and trainers), game personnel (officials, chain crews and table crews) and staff in all sports during practice, Conference competition and Conference championships and tournaments (including banquets, press conferences, post-game interviews, and at all stadiums, arena facilities and competition grounds) is prohibited. This prohibition is applicable to all activities at the athletic competition and practice, including press box areas and locker rooms.

Uniforms and Apparel. The uniforms and apparel of all participants in Conference tournaments and championships must conform to appropriate standards of safety and good taste. All student-athletes shall wear uniforms that identify their institution by school name or school colors. This policy applies to regular-season and post-season play. All student-athletes shall conform to NCAA regulations governing the appearance of commercial identification on uniforms, equipment and apparel. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in ineligibility to continue participation in the sport.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

Sport	Team Awards	Individual Championship Awards	All-Conference Teams	Other Awards & Honors	Academic Honor Roll	Media Honors
Baseball	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p> <p>2 team awards given for Divisional Champions (trophy).</p> <p>1 team award (pyramid) for the Conference Tournament Champion.</p>	<p>12 All-Tournament Team (trophy).</p> <p>1 Tournament MVP (trophy).</p>	<p>12 First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>12 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>12 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p> <p>9 All-Defensive Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Pitcher of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Player of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Pitcher of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>
Men's & Women's Basketball	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p> <p>1 team award (pyramid) for the Conference Tournament Champion.</p>	<p>5 All-Tournament Team (trophy).</p> <p>1 Tournament MVP (trophy).</p>	<p>8 First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>8 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>8 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p> <p>5 All-Defensive Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>6th Man/Woman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Defensive Player of the year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Player of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>

Men's & Women's Cross Country	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	3 top place finishers for each event given medallions.	<p>7 First Team All-SEC given to finishers 1-7 (crystal award)</p> <p>7 Second Team All-SEC given to finishers 8-14 (crystal award)</p> <p>7 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Runner of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Athlete of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>
Equestrian	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	<p>4 All-Championship Team (one per event)</p> <p>Most Outstanding Performers (16 – one per competition per day)</p>	<p>20 All-SEC (top 5 athletes in each event voted by the coaches)</p> <p>20 All-Freshman Team (top 5 freshmen in each event voted by the coaches)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>4 Athletes of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>4 Freshman Athletes of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	4 Athletes of the Month given to one athlete from each event (framed certificate)
Football	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p> <p>2 team awards given for Divisional Champions (trophy).</p>	1 Championship MVP (trophy).	<p>25 (number varies) First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>25 (number varies) Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>24 (number varies) All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Offensive Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Defensive Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Special Teams Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Offensive Player of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Defensive Player of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Special Teams Player of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Offensive Lineman of the week (certificate)</p> <p>Defensive Lineman of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>

Men's and Women's Golf	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	2 top finishers given trophy. (Stroke Play Champion and Runner Up) Each member of winning team receives medal (5)	8 First Team All-SEC (crystal award) 8 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award) 5 Male All-Freshman Team 8 Female All-Freshman Team (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Player of the Year (trophy) Freshman of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (certificate)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Athlete of the Week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)
Gymnastics	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	3 top place finishers for each event given medals.	All-SEC team given to top 2 scores (including ties) in each event and top 2 scores (including ties) in the all-around from each session. (crystal award) All-Freshman Team given to the freshman with the top score (including ties) in each event and top score (including ties) in the all-around from each session. (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Gymnasts of the Year (trophy) Freshman of the Year (trophy) Event Specialist of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (certificate)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Gymnast of the Week (framed certificate) Event Specialist of the Week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)

Women's Soccer	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p> <p>1 team award (pyramid) for the Conference Tournament Champion.</p>	<p>11 All-Tournament Team (trophy).</p> <p>1 Tournament MVP (trophy).</p>	<p>11 First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>11 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>11 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Offensive Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Defensive Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Forward of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Defender of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Midfielder of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Goalkeeper of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Offensive Player of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Defensive Player of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>
Softball	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p> <p>1 team award (pyramid) for the Conference Tournament Champion.</p>	<p>11 All-Tournament Team (trophy).</p> <p>1 Tournament MVP (trophy).</p>	<p>14 First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>14 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>14 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p> <p>9 All Defensive Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Player of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Pitcher of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Community Service Team (certificate)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.</p> <p>Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Player of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Pitcher of the week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>

Swimming & Diving	1 team award for the Conference Champion	3 top place finishers for each event given medallions. Swimmer of the Meet Diver of the Meet Commissioner's Trophy	First Team All-SEC given to winner in each event (crystal award) Second Team All-SEC given to 2 nd and 3 rd place winner in each event (crystal award) All-Freshman Team given to top Freshman finisher in each event (crystal award)	Swimming Coach of the Year (trophy) Diving Coach of the Year (trophy) Swimmer of the Year (trophy) Diver of the Year (trophy) Freshman Swimmer of the Year (trophy) Freshman Diver of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (certificate)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Swimmer of the week (framed certificate) Diver of the week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)
Men's & Women's Tennis	1 team award for the Conference Champion. 1 team award (pyramid) for the Conference Tournament Champion.	6 All-Tournament Team (trophy). 1 Tournament MVP (trophy).	12 First Team All-SEC (crystal award) 12 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award) 6 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Player of the Year (trophy) Freshman of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (certificate)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Player of the Week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)
Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	3 top place finishers for each event given medallions. Cliff Harper Trophy (MVP of Meet)	First Team All-SEC given to winner in each event (crystal award) Second Team All-SEC given to 2 nd and 3 rd place winner in each event (crystal award) All-Freshman Team given to top Freshman finisher in each event, excluding relays (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Runner of the Year (trophy) Field Athlete of the Year (trophy) Freshman Runner of the Year (trophy) Freshman Field Athlete of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Track Athlete of the week (certificate) Field Athlete of the week (certificate) Freshman of the week (certificate)

Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	3 top place finishers for each event given medallions. Commissioner's Trophy	First Team All-SEC given to winner in each event (crystal award) Second Team All-SEC given to 2 nd and 3 rd place winner in each event (crystal award) All-Freshman Team given to top Freshman finisher in each event, excluding relays (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Runner of the Year (trophy) Field Athlete of the Year (trophy) Freshman Runner of the Year (trophy) Freshman Field Athlete of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (framed certificate)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Track Athlete of the week (framed certificate) Field Athlete of the week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)
Volleyball	1 team award for the Conference Champion.	N/A	18 All-SEC (crystal award) 7 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)	Coach of the Year (trophy) Player of the Year (trophy) Defensive Player of the Year (trophy) Freshman of the Year (trophy) Scholar-Athlete of the Year (trophy) Community Service Team (framed certificate) Libero of the Year (trophy)	Same criteria for all sports. Certificates are provided by compliance.	Player of the Week (framed certificate) Offensive Player of the week (framed certificate) Defensive Player of the week (framed certificate) Setter of the Week (framed certificate) Freshman of the week (framed certificate)

2019-2020 INSTITUTIONALLY SPONSORED VARSITY SPORTS

	ALA	ARK	AUB	UF	UGA	UK	LSU	MISS	MSU	MIZZ	USC	UT	TAMU	VU	TOTAL
Number M/W Sports	9/11	8/11	9/12	9/12	9/12	10/12	9/12	8/10	7/9	9/11	9/12	9/11	9/11	6/10	
MEN'S SPORTS															
Baseball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Basketball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Football	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Golf	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Swimming	X	----	X	X	X	X	X	----	----	X	X	X	X	----	10
Tennis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	X	X	X	X	13
Track -- Cross Country	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	X	----	X	X	X	12
Track – Indoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	13
Track – Outdoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	13
WOMEN'S SPORTS															
Basketball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Equestrian	----	----	X	----	X	----	----	----	----	----	X	----	X	----	4
Golf	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Gymnastics	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	----	X	----	----	----	----	8
Soccer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Softball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	13
Swimming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	----	X	X	X	X	X	12
Tennis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Track -- Cross Country	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Track – Indoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Track – Outdoor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	14
Volleyball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	----	13
Women's Rowing*	X											X			2
Women's Lacrosse*				X										X	2
Men's/Women's Rifle*						X		X							2
Men's Soccer*						X					X				2
Women's Sand Volleyball*							X				X				2
Women's Bowling*														X	1
Men's Wrestling*										X					1

* Denotes varsity sports not sponsored by the Conference

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP SITES BY SPORT (2019-2028)

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
BASEBALL	Hoover, AL <i>May 19-24, 2020</i>	Hoover, AL <i>May 25-30, 2021</i>							
MEN'S BASKETBALL	Nashville, TN <i>March 11-15, 2020</i>	Nashville, TN <i>March 10-14, 2021</i>	Tampa, FL <i>March 9-13, 2022</i>	Nashville, TN <i>March 8-12, 2023</i>	Nashville, TN <i>March 13-17, 2024</i>	Nashville, TN <i>March 12-16, 2025</i>	Nashville, TN	Nashville, TN	Nashville, TN
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	Greenville, SC <i>March 4-8, 2020</i>	Greenville, SC <i>March 3-7, 2021</i>	Nashville, TN <i>March 2-6, 2022</i>						
CROSS COUNTRY	Kentucky <i>November 1, 2019</i>	LSU	Missouri	Ole Miss	South Carolina	MSU	Tennessee	Texas A&M	Vanderbilt
EQUESTRIAN	Georgia <i>March 27-28, 2020</i>	Auburn	South Carolina	Texas A&M	Georgia	Auburn	South Carolina	Texas A&M	Georgia
FOOTBALL	Atlanta, GA <i>December 7, 2019</i>	Atlanta, GA <i>December 5, 2020</i>	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta, GA	
MEN'S GOLF	Sea Island Golf Club St. Simons Island, GA <i>April 22-26, 2020</i>	Sea Island Golf Club St. Simons Island, GA <i>April 21-25, 2021</i>							
WOMEN'S GOLF	Greystone Golf & Country Club Birmingham, AL <i>April 15-19, 2020</i>								
GYMNASTICS	Duluth, GA <i>March 21, 2020</i>	New Orleans, LA <i>March 20, 2021</i>	Birmingham, AL						
SOCCER	Orange Beach, AL <i>Nov. 3-10, 2019</i>	Orange Beach, AL							
SOFTBALL	Alabama <i>May 6-9, 2020</i>	Florida	Arkansas	Georgia	Auburn	Kentucky	LSU	Missouri	Ole Miss
SWIMMING/ DIVING	Auburn <i>Feb. 18-21, 2020</i>	Missouri	Tennessee	Texas A&M	Georgia				
MEN'S TENNIS	Arkansas <i>April 15-19, 2020</i>	Georgia	Auburn	Kentucky	LSU	Tennessee	Vanderbilt	Alabama	
WOMEN'S TENNIS	Alabama <i>April 15-19, 2020</i>	Florida	Arkansas	Georgia	Auburn	Kentucky	LSU	Missouri	
INDOOR T/F	Texas A&M <i>Feb. 28-29, 2020</i>	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Birmingham, AL	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Arkansas	Birmingham, AL	Texas A&M
OUTDOOR T/F	Texas A&M <i>May 14-16, 2020</i>	Ole Miss	Georgia	Florida	Kentucky	Auburn	Missouri	LSU	
VOLLEYBALL		Tournament not Conducted							

SEC Squad Size Policies

Sport	In all sports other than football, the home team shall have the ability to determine (under NCAA Bylaws) pre-game and post-game expenses provided to student-athletes permitted to dress, but not participate in a contest. The home and visiting squad size limits apply only to SEC-sponsored competition, rather than applying to any competition in which two SEC teams participate. SEC squad size limitations are not applicable to NCAA Championship events.	SEC Championship Squad Size Limits
Baseball	<p>The home team may dress 35 eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 27 student-athletes shall be allowed to participate in a series. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 27 eligible student-athletes, except during the final Conference series of the regular season when 35 eligible student-athletes may travel and dress. Only 27 will be allowed to participate in the final Conference series of the regular season. The 27 participating student-athletes for both the home and visiting team must be declared prior to the first game of a Conference series and may not be changed during the course of the series.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.2.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.2.5</p>	<p>Only 30 student-athletes will be allowed to participate but 35 eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Non-participating student-athletes will not be permitted to access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests.</p>
Basketball	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 15 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 15 eligible student-athletes, except during an institutional vacation period when there shall be no limit on the number of eligible student-athletes who may travel.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.3.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.3.5</p>	<p>Only 15 student-athletes will be allowed to participate but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Non-participating student-athletes will not be permitted to access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests.</p>
Cross Country	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 12 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 12 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.5.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.5.5</p>	<p>10 in men's cross country 12 in women's cross country</p>
Equestrian	<p>All eligible student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. There is no travel squad size limit.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.6.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.6.5</p>	<p>Only 28 student-athletes (20 competitors and eight non-competing alternates) will be allowed to participate but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to the SEC Championship event.</p>
Football	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 80 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. (The non-participating student-athletes shall dress out at no additional cost to the institution. Non-participating student-athletes shall not receive pre-game meals, overnight lodging or additional game tickets, but may receive a post-game meal provided the post-game meal is served at the stadium. No cash stipend may be provided to non-participating student-athletes for post-game meals away from the stadium.) The visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 70 eligible student-athletes. The squad size limit for neutral site games (no more than one game annually) is 70 eligible student-athletes for both participating teams. The squad size for junior varsity teams is 55 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.9.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.9.5</p>	<p align="center">85</p>
Golf	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 6 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 6 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.10.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.10.5</p>	<p align="center">6</p>
Gymnastics	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 18 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 18 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.11.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.11.5</p>	<p>Only 18 student-athletes will be allowed to participate but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Non-participating student-athletes will not be permitted to access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests.</p>

Soccer	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 24 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 24 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.19.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.19.5</p>	<p>Only 24 student-athletes will be allowed to participate in each Championship contest but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Institutions must designate 24 student-athletes who will participate in a specific Championship contest prior to such contest. Non-participating eligible student-athletes may access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests but may not dress out.</p>
Softball	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 22 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 22 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.20.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.20.5</p>	<p>Only 22 student-athletes will be allowed to participate but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Non-participating student-athletes will not be permitted to access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests.</p>
Swimming	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 24 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 24 eligible student-athletes. For invitational meets, the host shall determine squad size.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.21.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.21.5</p>	22
Tennis	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 8 student-athletes in men's tennis (10 in women's tennis) may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 8 eligible student-athletes in men's tennis (10 in women's tennis).</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.22.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.22.5</p>	10
Track – Indoor	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 27 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 27 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.5</p>	27
Track – Outdoor	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 30 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 30 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.5</p>	30
Volleyball	<p>The home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 17 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 17 eligible student-athletes.</p> <p>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.24.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.24.7</p>	<p>Only 17 student-athletes will be allowed to participate but all eligible student-athletes will be permitted to receive expenses to attend the SEC Championship event. Non-participating student-athletes will not be permitted to access the competition area immediately prior to and during any of their team's Championship contests.</p>

Conference Office Liaisons. The following SEC staff members are the designated liaisons for men's golf: Sport Administrator – Charlie Hussey; Communications – Chuck Dunlap.

REGULAR-SEASON COMPETITION

Artificial Noisemakers. [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.5e] Artificial noisemakers shall not be brought into or used in any sports venue during games between member institutions. Each institution must have statements printed on tickets and notices to the effect that such noisemakers will not be permitted inside its competition areas.

Awards. The General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations provides a complete list and guidelines for all Conference awards. In addition, the recipients of the sport-specific awards listed below will be selected as follows:

1. **All-SEC Team.** The first team (eight players) and second team (eight players) will be determined by a vote of the head coaches. Completed online nomination forms are due at the SEC office the Monday prior to the Conference championship. Online voting ballots will be distributed the week following the Conference championship. Coaches shall list 15 players from the nomination forms on their voting ballot. The top seven players listed will receive two points and the next eight players will receive one point. The winner of the Conference championship will automatically be included on the first team and should not be listed on the voting ballot. The top seven point receivers (along with the winner of the SEC Championship) will be the first team and the next eight players will be the second team.
2. **All-Freshman Team.** The all-freshman team (five players) will be determined by a vote of the coaches. Completed online nomination forms are due at the SEC office the Monday prior to the Conference championship. Coaches will vote on an online ballot distributed the week following the Conference championship and shall return it to the Conference office by the requested date.
3. **Player of the Year.** The recipient will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Coaches will vote on an online ballot distributed the week following the Conference championship and shall return it to the Conference office by the requested date.
4. **Freshman of the Year.** The recipient will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Coaches will vote on an online ballot distributed the week following the Conference championship and shall return it to the Conference office by the requested date. The Freshman of the Year must be a true freshman.
5. **Coach of the Year.** The recipient will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Coaches will vote on an online ballot distributed the week following the Conference championship and shall return it to the Conference office by the requested date.
6. **Scholar-Athlete of the Year.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.
7. **Community Service Team.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.
8. **Player of the Week.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.
9. **Freshman of the Week.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Coaches Committee. [SEC Bylaw 21.9] The coaches committee will be made up of three head coaches from different institutions and will follow an alphabetical rotation with one coach rotating off the committee each year. For 2019-20, the coaches committee will include Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and Missouri. Subsequent years will be as follows: Mississippi State, Missouri, and South Carolina (2020-21) and Missouri, South Carolina, and Tennessee (2021-22). A chart listing the complete rotation will be maintained by the Conference office.

Should the championship return to campus sites (in the first year), the committee shall be composed of the host coach of the current year's championship, along with the host coaches of the next two years' championships. In subsequent years, the committee shall be composed of the host coach of the preceding year's championship, the host coach of the current year's championship, and the host coach of the next year's championship.

Coaches Meeting [SEC Bylaw 21.8] Each head coach shall be required to attend the annual coaches meeting in November at the Conference office.

Coaches Meeting Chair. The chair of the annual coaches meeting will be an alphabetical rotation with Ole Miss serving as the chair for 2019-20. Subsequent years will be as follows: Mississippi State (2020-21) and Missouri (2021-22). A chart listing the complete rotation will be maintained by the Conference office.

Conference Championship. [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.3] The Conference champion will be determined by a tournament

of all member institutions sponsoring a team. The championship will be conducted under the guidelines outlined in these Commissioner's Regulations.

NCAA Automatic Qualification. The Conference tournament champion shall be the Conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. In the event that inclement weather or other factors prevent the completion of the championship prior to the date and time when the NCAA requires notification for selection to the NCAA tournament, the provision of the Inclement Weather policy shall be used to determine the Conference's automatic qualifier. [Revised: 12/12/17]

Officials. Each official is entitled to a maximum of two complimentary tickets to the competition. Officials shall contact the ticket offices directly. The deadline for ticket requests is ten days prior to the competition.

Regular-Season Competition/Scheduling. Regular-season competition and scheduling are subject to the following:

1. Each member institution having a golf team shall schedule teams of other member institutions at its own option and discretion during the regular season.
2. The United States Golf Association rules shall be followed. The local management will have the prerogative to set any local ground rules when appropriate and necessary.

Squad Size. A home team may dress all eligible student-athletes in uniform, but only 6 student-athletes may participate in a Conference contest. A visiting team is limited to a travel squad size of 6 eligible student-athletes.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Administrative Meeting. Coaches from each institution competing in the Conference championship shall attend a mandatory meeting prior to the start of the championship to review policies and procedures.

Championship Director. The responsibilities of the championship director shall include:

1. Supervise the championship;
2. Plan and coordinate all activities of the championship;
3. Produce the Championship Manual and distribute to coaches; and
4. Obtain qualified USGA rules officials to be present on the course throughout the championship.

Dates and Sites. The Championship shall be held on the Wednesday through Sunday in the week of the fourth Sunday in April. The 2020 Championship will be held April 22-26, 2020 at the Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island, Georgia. A practice round will be played Tuesday, April 21, 2020. See [Supplement C](#) in General Administration for Future Championship Dates and Sites. [Revised: 12/15/15]

Dress Code: Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition and practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, a coach's or team member's headgear must be of an institutional color. A manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or back of the item as long as it conforms to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.5. Team members are not required to wear the same headgear.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. All participants and coaches should have their shirts tucked in while on the golf course for practice and competition rounds.

Distance Measuring Devices. In accordance with USGA Rules, in this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player shall be considered in breach of USGA Rule 14-3.

Entries and Substitutions. Each team may enter five players. Unless a team chooses to substitute a sixth player prior to a match play draw, the team's top five players that played in the previous round shall be used for the draw. Prior to a round (stroke or match play), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team provided that: [Adopted 3/13/19]

1. The Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time. When a team has substituted a sixth player, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10-minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the Rules Committee and may substitute for another player as provided above. The team member that was substituted for shall become the sixth player and the team is limited to that player if the team wishes to substitute a player prior to any subsequent Championship round.
2. The sixth player is an otherwise eligible member of the institution's team.

Equipment and Personnel. The host shall provide the following:

1. Scoreboard, score sheets, scorekeeper and scoring volunteers;
2. Starters for each day;
3. Scorecards arranged according to starting times and labeled by player name and institution;
4. Rules officials to administer scoring, rules interpretations, and maintain satisfactory pace of play;
5. Golf carts for rules officials, media, each head coach and SEC staff;
6. Information packet about the championship; and
7. Refreshments for players at the first tee, the turn and the last hole.

(See Supplement A of this section for an outline of the championship administration.)

Format. The championship will consist of 54-holes of stroke play, followed by match play amongst the top eight finishing teams in stroke play as detailed below:

- Day 1 - 18 holes of stroke play
- Day 2 - 18 holes of stroke play
- Day 3 - 18 holes of stroke play
- Day 4 - Four morning matches | Two afternoon matches
- Day 5 - Championship match

The individual medalist and runner-up will be awarded based on stroke-play competition. The team championship will be awarded to the match-play winner. *[Revised: 12/15/15; Revised: 6/3/16; Revised: 12/12/17; Revised: 8/7/18]*

Format for Match Play. For match play, the top eight teams will be placed into a bracket with the No. 1 seed playing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed playing the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed in match play. A total of five points will be available with one point being awarded for each individual match. A stipulated round will be extended to as many holes as necessary to determine a match winner. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently the finals. The first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match be declared the Conference champion. Once a team has won three individual matches, any remaining individual matches will be halted at that point with the individual match recorded as it currently stood. Match play lineups will be determined using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches.

The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 54-hole stroke-play portion), "Team 1", will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match #1. The opposing team, "Team 2", will then name its player for Match #1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match #2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match #2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Pairings for the quarterfinals will be determined following the completion of the 54-hole stroke-play competition and the crowning of the individual champion and runner-up. Pairings for the team semifinals and finals will be determined following the completion of the previous match play round.

Ties for pairing positions will be broken according to the non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures outlined below.

The Rules committee will do everything possible to complete 54 holes of stroke play and each match of the championship. However, the committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather. See "Inclement Weather" below.

Golf Carts. Golf carts will be provided to members of the rules committee and selected tournament staff.

1. **Players.** In accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, golf carts are not permitted during competition, but are permitted during the practice round.
2. **Coaches.** One cart will be provided to each institution and only a member of the coaching staff may drive the cart. Coaches may transport anyone they desire, except players engaged in competition.
3. **Spectators.** Golf carts are not permitted for spectators. Exceptions may be made for special needs. In this case, a head coach must submit the name of the spectator for whom a golf cart is requested to the tournament director at least seven days in advance of the tournament. The tournament director will then send a Golf Cart Request Form to be completed by such spectator. Fulfillment of these requests will be at the discretion of the SEC Championship Director, provided carts are available.

Inclement Weather: The championship may be shortened due to inclement weather as no provision is made for extending the championship to a sixth day. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Director and Coaches Committee, will determine whether a round should be cancelled or resumed and determine pairings as appropriate for the cancelled or resumed rounds. *[Revised: 12/12/17]*

1. A minimum of 36 holes of stroke play competition must be completed in order to name an individual and team champion. If 36 holes are not completed, the Conference Champion shall be the #1 seed (based on the final regular season Golfstat rankings).

2. A Minimum of 54 holes of stroke play must be completed in order for match play to begin.
3. If weather dictates that the match portion of the tournament cannot begin as scheduled, the Rules Committee, in consultation with the Coaches Committee, may shorten the match play portion of the tournament to four team rather than eight.
4. If weather dictates that the match play portion of the tournament is unable to be played, the Conference Champion shall be the team with the lowest team score of the rounds that all teams have completed in the stroke play portion of the tournament.
5. If only one round of match play is completed (i.e. four of the eight teams remain) the Conference Champion shall be the team with the lowest team score of the rounds that all teams have completed in the stroke play portion of the tournament.
6. If two rounds of match play are completed (i.e. two of the eight teams remain), the final two teams remaining in match play will be declared co- Champions. The team with the highest seed (based on the final regular season Golfstat rankings) will be the Conference's NCAA Automatic Qualifier.

Manual. The Conference (or host institution if conducted on-campus) shall distribute a championship manual, outlining the policies and procedures for the championship, as well as information specific to a tournament site, to each institution no later than two weeks prior to the championship.

Media Services. It will be the responsibility of the SEC Communications Office to provide the following services during the championship:

1. Prepare and distribute advance publicity for the conference championship;
2. Provide information to local, regional and national media during the championship;
3. Supervise and coordinate media interviews and the media work area;
4. Distribute daily and final results to all conference schools and media (all daily and final results will be posted to www.SECsports.com).

Officials. [SEC Bylaw 30.20.2.2]

Pairings. Pairings for the practice round, first round will be determined by the final regular season Golfstat rankings. For the second and third round, teams will be paired according to score. All teams shall begin on the first or tenth tee.

8. **Team Ties.** Team ties will be broken using the NCAA Championship tie-breaking procedures for all rounds of play as follows (except for determining the eighth spot for match play, in which case a playoff will commence following 54 holes of stroke play):
 1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores,
 2. Highest cumulative individual total,
 3. Second-highest cumulative individual total,
 4. Third-highest cumulative individual total,
 5. Fourth-highest cumulative individual total,
 6. Fifth-highest cumulative individual total,
 7. Tournament Committee decision.
2. **Individual Ties.** Individual ties will be broken as follows:
 1. Most recent score,
 2. Original first round seeding.

Portable Electronic Devices. The use of portable electronic devices (MP3 Players, iPods, etc...) with earphones or the like are prohibited on the competition course during any round of the Championship, including the Practice Round. Violation of this policy will result in the following penalties: (First Offense) player receives a warning; (Second Offense) two-stroke penalty assessed during the opening round of the championship; (Third Offense) disqualification from championship.

Practice Rounds.

1. Each team may play one 18-hole practice round at the site of the championship on the day prior to the event. Teams are limited to six players during the practice round. [Revised: 12/12/17; Revised: 8/7/18]

2. All other team play (defined as five or more players or any player with a coach) at the site of the championship is prohibited: All other individual play at the site of the championship is prohibited, except as follows: (1) Student-athletes may play as a guest of a member until October 1; (2) Student-athletes who are members of the championship site course may play at any time, (3) Student-athletes may participate in official professional events that are conducted by the PGA Tour. [Revised: 8/7/18]
3. Student-athletes are not permitted to use the practice facilities (defined as inside the gates of the club) at the site of the championship from April 1 until the day of the designated practice round, except as permitted in provisions (1) through (3) above. [Revised: 8/7/18]
4. Violation of this policy will result in the following penalties: (First Offense) forfeiture of practice round for that individual; (Second Offense) two-stroke penalty assessed to that individual during opening round of the championship; (Third Violation) disqualification of that individual from the championship.

Pre-Tournament Meeting: Coaches from each institution competing in the Conference championship shall attend a mandatory meeting prior to the start of the championship to review policies and procedures.

Rules Committee. The rules committee will be comprised of selected USGA rules officials and the host golf professional or their designee. This committee shall handle the following assignments:

1. Set the length of the course;
2. Set the tee boxes and flagstick positions for each day and provide placement sheets for competitors;
3. Mark the course according to USGA standards;
4. Compile a local rules sheet to cover unusual circumstances; and
5. Be available on the course at all times during competition for specific rulings.

Sites. The site of the championship each year will be determined by a vote of the coaches with approval of the Athletics Directors. In the event the championship returns to campus sites, the following rotation will be followed:

Ole Miss	Mississippi St.	Tennessee	Auburn	Missouri
South Carolina	LSU	Vanderbilt	Georgia	Texas A&M
Arkansas	Florida	Alabama	Kentucky	

Starting Times. Starting tee times will be determined prior to the event with 10-minute intervals between each group. A split tee start will be utilized for the stroke play portion of the competition and the quarterfinals and semi-finals of match play. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Director and Coaches Committee, will determine whether there will be changes to starting times. Seeding for the practice round and first round will be determined by the final regular season Golfstat rankings.

Squad Size. The SEC Championship squad size is 6.

Ties. Following 54 holes of stroke play competition, the top eight teams will advance for match play competition. The individual champion and individual runner-up will be determined following 54 holes of stroke play. Ties will be broken to determine the eight teams advancing to match play as well as first place for the individual champion based on the playoff scenarios outlined below. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Director, Coaches Committee and the Golf Club, will determine the schedule and holes for playoffs. [Revised: 3/13/19]

1. **Individual:** All players tied for the individual championship will draw numbers to determine the order of teeing off. Only first place will be determined. If weather and/or daylight does not allow for an individual playoff, the tied participants will be deemed co-champions. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Director, Coaches Committee and the Golf Club, will determine the schedule and holes for such playoff. **If a player is involved in a playoff for both the individual title as well as team, the team playoff will take precedent.* [Revised: 3/13/19]
2. **Team Competition:** Team ties for the eighth position following 54 holes of stroke play shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the aggregate scoring (all five player scores counting) on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The Rules Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Director, Coaches Committee and Golf Club, will determine the holes for play. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined. [Revised: 3/13/19]

- A. **Sudden Death Playoff Procedures.** Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below. Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament. The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the coaches' committee.

TWO TEAMS (A & B; TEE OFF ALTERNATELY)

#5A#5B	#4A	#4B	#3A	playoff hole 1
#3B#2A	#2B	#1A	#1B	playoff hole 1

SHOTGUN FORMAT

THREE TEAMS

#5A#5B	#5C	playoff hole 5
#4A#4B	#4C	playoff hole 4
#3A#3B	#3C	playoff hole 3
#2A#2B	#2C	playoff hole 2
#1A#1B	#1C	playoff hole 1

FOUR TEAMS

#5A#5B	#5C	#5D	playoff hole 5
#4A#4B	#4C	#4D	playoff hole 4
#3A#3B	#3C	#3D	playoff hole 3
#2A#2B	#2C	#2D	playoff hole 2
#1A#1B	#1C	#1D	playoff hole 1

FIVE TEAMS

#5A#5B	#5C	#5D	#5E	playoff hole 5
#4A#4B	#4C	#4D	#4E	playoff hole 4
#3A#3B	#3C	#3D	#3E	playoff hole 3
#2A#2B	#2C	#2D	#2E	playoff hole 2
#1A#1B	#1C	#1D	#1E	playoff hole 1

- B. **Non Sudden-Death Playoff Procedures.** For the purposes of ranking teams for pairings, as well as situations in which a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed, the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at the championships:

1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
2. Highest cumulative individual total.
3. Second-highest cumulative individual total.
4. Third-highest cumulative individual total.
5. Fourth-highest cumulative individual total.
6. Fifth-highest cumulative individual total.
7. Committee decision.

Transporting Players. For the exclusive purpose of transporting players for rulings and lost ball situations, coaches will have the same status as the Tournament Rules Committee and will not be required to request specific authorization. To clarify, the intent is for players to walk the course (except on the day on which 36 holes of stroke play are being played, in which case players will ride). Therefore, coaches should only transport players over distances previously walked where a player is required to backtrack on the course to comply with the Rules.

Uniforms. The uniforms and apparel of all participants in conference tournaments and championships must conform to appropriate standards of safety and good taste. All student-athletes shall conform to NCAA regulations (NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4) governing the appearance of commercial identification on uniforms, equipment and apparel. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in ineligibility to continue participation.

Participants must wear uniforms of the same color identifying the institution they represent during competition and

practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Participants may wear slacks or shorts at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform.

SUPPLEMENT A

SEC MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATIONSEC Provides:

1. Commemorative gift for student-athletes who participate in championship.
2. T-shirts for participants.
3. Refreshments for participants and coaches on the course.
4. Awards (See Supplement A of the General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations).
5. Logos for the scoreboard.
6. Rules official, athletic trainer, and scoreboard personnel.
7. Lodging for rules officials, tournament staff, and athletic trainer.
8. Tournament golf flags and tee markers.
9. Championship manual.
10. Practice range signage.
11. Golf-Stat setup.
12. Daily media releases.

Host Responsibilities/Administration:

1. Tournament headquarters office/media workroom with access to telephone(s), internet connection, copier, computer and necessary office supplies (paper, stapler, etc.), and located as near to the course as possible.
2. Coaches meeting space on evening prior to Round 1.
3. Scoreboard material (individual and team leader boards, plastic covering for weather protection, and supplies such as markers, staples, etc.).
4. Golf course availability:
 - A. One practice round;
 - B. Four days of competition; and
 - C. Clearance for a play-off if necessary, following the final round.
5. Practice range availability with balls (same days as above).
6. 30+ golf carts:
 - A. One for each head coach (14);
 - B. Eight for rules officials;
 - C. Five for SEC personnel;
 - D. One for the SEC Network;
 - E. Four for volunteers;
 - F. Additional carts as needed.
7. Signal for inclement weather (siren, shot gun, etc.).
8. Waters, coolers, and ice on the course as designated by the tournament staff.
9. Tents, tables and chairs:
 - A. Starter's tent at No.1 tee and No. 10 tee;
 - B. Scorer's tent close to the No. 9 and No. 18 greens; containing one table and six chairs;
 - C. Rope off No. 1 and No. 10 tee and No. 9 and No. 18 greens.
 - D. Awards ceremony near the scoreboard at conclusion of final round (one table with tablecloth for awards and chairs for the winning team, individual medalist, and runner-up medalist)

