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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: 1<sup>st</sup> offense: an institutional fine of \$50,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: an institutional fine of up to \$100,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Team Awards</b>	<b>Individual Championship Awards</b>	<b>All-Conference Teams</b>	<b>Other Awards &amp; Honors</b>	<b>Academic Honor Roll</b>	<b>Media Honors</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<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>
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Basketball</b>	<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>6<sup>th</sup> 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>

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



<p><b>Men's and Women's Golf</b></p>	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p>	<p>2 top finishers given trophy. (Stroke Play Champion and Runner Up)</p> <p>Each member of winning team receives medal (5)</p>	<p>8 First Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>8 Second Team All-SEC (crystal award)</p> <p>5 Male All-Freshman Team 8 Female All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>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>Athlete of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>
<p><b>Gymnastics</b></p>	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p>	<p>3 top place finishers for each event given medals.</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Coach of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Gymnasts of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Freshman of the Year (trophy)</p> <p>Event Specialist 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>Gymnast of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Event Specialist of the Week (framed certificate)</p> <p>Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>

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

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

<p><b>Men's &amp; Women's Outdoor Track &amp; Field</b></p>	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p>	<p>3 top place finishers for each event given medallions.  Commissioner's Trophy</p>	<p>First Team All-SEC given to winner in each event (crystal award)  Second Team All-SEC given to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in each event (crystal award)  All-Freshman Team given to top Freshman finisher in each event, excluding relays (crystal award)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.  Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>Track Athlete of the week (framed certificate)  Field Athlete of the week (framed certificate)  Freshman of the week (framed certificate)</p>
<p><b>Volleyball</b></p>	<p>1 team award for the Conference Champion.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>18 All-SEC (crystal award)  7 All-Freshman Team (crystal award)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Same criteria for all sports.  Certificates are provided by compliance.</p>	<p>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)</p>

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

**SEC Squad Size Policies**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>SEC Championship Squad Size Limits</b>
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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.2.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.2.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.3.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.3.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.5.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.5.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.6.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.6.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.9.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.9.5</b></p>	<p>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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.10.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.10.5</b></p>	<p>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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.11.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.11.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.19.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.19.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.20.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.20.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.21.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.21.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.22.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.22.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.23.5</b></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><b>Practice Limitations—NCAA Bylaw 17.24.1 Minimum Contest Requirement—NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3 Maximum Contest Limit—NCAA Bylaw 17.24.7</b></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 women's soccer: Sport Administrator – Leslie Claybrook; Communications – Craig Pinkerton; Officiating – Rachel Woo/Sylvia Hagan.

## **REGULAR-SEASON COMPETITION**

**Artificial Noisemakers.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.5e] Artificial noisemakers are permitted in soccer venues with the exception of whistles, air horns, and electric amplifiers. However, the home institution has the right to limit or prohibit artificial noisemakers from being brought in to soccer venues. The referee, in cooperation with home event management, shall be responsible for ensuring artificial noisemakers do not interfere with administration of the contest and follow NCAA soccer playing rules.

At no time shall artificial noisemakers be located directly behind the goal or in the quadrant of the field adjacent to the visiting team's bench. [Revised: 8/18/15]

**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 recipients will be determined by using a point system devised from voting by all 14 head coaches. Coaches will list their own players in order of preference and email their list to the Conference office by a date determined by the Conference administrator. A complete list of coaches' nominees will then be sent to coaches to use in completing their All-SEC Team ballots. Coaches will list four forwards, four midfielders, four defenders, and one goalkeeper on their ballots for both first and second-team. An "At-Large" selection, which shall be the student-athlete receiving the next highest vote total after the initial 13 recipients are selected for first team, and the student-athlete receiving the next highest vote total after the next 13 recipients are selected for second team, will be awarded for both the first and second teams. The "At-Large" selection will be listed in the awards announcement as her position. The coaches will discuss their Player of the Year and All-SEC candidates on a conference call prior to the Conference Tournament. The ballots are due to the Conference Office by noon CT following the coaches' conference call.  
Points will be distributed as follows: Each player is awarded 10 points for each first-team vote and five points for each second-team vote. Those numbers are added together and divided by 14 (number of schools). [Revised: 3/9/16, 3/13/19]
2. **All-Freshmen Team.** The All-Freshman Team will be determined using the same process as the All-SEC Team but are selected regardless of position.
3. **Forward of the Year.** The Forward of the Year will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Coaches will vote from the list of forwards selected as the first team All-SEC Team. A conference call will be conducted on the Monday prior to the tournament to announce the candidates for the Forward of the Year. Following the call, the coaches' ballots are due to the Conference office by noon CT. [Revised: 3/13/19]
4. **Defender of the Year.** The Defender of the Year will be determined in the same manner as the Forward of the Year. The Defender of the Year will be chosen from defenders from the first team All-SEC Team. [Revised: 3/13/19]
5. **Midfielder of the Year.** The Midfielder of the Year will be determined in the same manner as the Forward of the Year. The Midfielder of the Year will be chosen from midfielders from the first team All-SEC Team. [Adopted: 3/13/19]
6. **Goalkeeper of the Year.** The Goalkeeper of the Year will be determined in the same manner as the Forward of the Year. The Goalkeeper of the Year will be chosen from goalkeepers from the first team All-SEC Team. [Adopted: 3/13/19]
7. **Freshman of the Year.** The Freshman of the Year will be determined in the same manner as the Offensive/Defensive Player of the Year.
8. **Coach of the Year.** The recipient will be determined by vote of the head coaches. Balloting for Coach of the Year will take place when the ballots for the Players of the Year and Freshman of the Year are returned to the Conference office. There will not be any nominations, only a final vote.
9. **Scholar-Athlete of the Year.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.
10. **Community Service Team.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.
11. **Player of the Week (Offensive and Defensive).** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.

12. **Freshman of the Week.** See General Administration section of the Commissioner's Regulations.

**Ball Crew.** There should be a minimum of four to six people who serve on the ball crew. Ball crew members must be at least 10 years of age. NCAA rules shall govern the involvement of prospect-age individuals serving as ball crew members.

**Coaches Meeting.** [SEC Bylaw 21.8] Each head coach shall attend the annual coaches meeting held in January at the SEC Office.

**Coaches Meeting Chair.** The chair of the annual coaches meeting will be a two-year rotation with Georgia serving as the chair for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Subsequent years will be as follows: Kentucky (2021-22 and 2022-23) and LSU (2023-24 and 2024-25). A chart listing the complete rotation will be maintained by the Conference office. An individual must have attended an annual coaches meeting and coached one full season before serving as chair.

**Conference Championship/Tournament.** [SEC Bylaw 30.22.1.3]

1. The team with the highest number of points during regular-season Conference competition will be declared the Conference champion. The team in each division with the number of points during regular-season Conference competition will be declared division champions. If two or more teams are tied with the highest number of points, they will be declared division co-champions and/or Conference co-champions. Final division standings will be determined by the number of points in regular-season Conference competitions. [Revised: 3/13/19]
2. The following point system shall determine regular-season standings: a win counts as three points, a tie as one point, and a loss as zero points. If a game is canceled, neither team will receive a point and the teams' average points per game will be used to determine regular-season standings.
3. A Conference tournament shall be held at the conclusion of the Southeastern Conference regular season in order to determine the Conference's automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. The Conference tournament shall be conducted under the guidelines outlined in these Commissioner's Regulations.

**Music.** Playing music is prohibited when the ball is in play.

**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 highest remaining seed in the tournament at the time of suspension shall be designated as the automatic qualifier. [Revised: 12/12/17]

**Officials.** [SEC Bylaw 30.20.1] The Conference office will assign officials for all contests, including exhibition and non-conference games. Notification of game officials and all information pertaining to officiating can be found on [www.spotfoul.com](http://www.spotfoul.com). Access to the website can be obtained by contacting Sylvia Hagan. Home team game management is responsible for confirming game times/dates and other information on the SEC officiating website. If there is discrepancy in the information, the home team game manager MUST IMMEDIATELY contact the visiting team, and Sylvia Hagan at the Conference office.

The following procedures shall be utilized regarding officials at all Southeastern Conference soccer matches:

1. Each institution will provide a dressing room for officials within close proximity to the soccer facility. When male and female officials are assigned, two separate dressing rooms should be provided, if possible. Admittance to this room shall be limited to game officials and conference office representatives. No guests, visitors or institutional personnel (other than a trainer or manager upon request) shall be admitted. The officials' dressing room shall be set-up with towels, soap, soft drinks, water and cups.
2. Criticism of officials or the officiating program by institutional personnel is prohibited. Comments on officiating are to be directed to the Conference administrator only. All reports or comments pertaining to officiating or game management responsibilities, or concerning players, coaches or officials, shall be directed to the Conference office only. Public comments on officiating by officials, coaches or institutional personnel are prohibited.
3. Films, videotapes, and DVD's shall not be used by coaches or other institutional personnel for public criticism of officials or officiating (e.g., the use of game films to produce clips for television or newspapers depicting officiating calls). No reference to officiating matters shall be permitted on coaches' radio and/or television shows.

4. Coaches shall not contact officials directly through correspondence or telephone. All matters pertaining to officials or officiating must be directed to the Conference administrator only. Likewise, this policy precludes officials from contacting coaches.
5. The list of game officials assigned to a game shall not be announced to the media and/or public prior to the distribution of pre-game information packets.
6. *Compensation* – Payment of the game officials will be handled by the conference office. Each institution will be invoiced for its share of the compensation and travel/expense reimbursements for the game officials. The Conference office and Athletics Directors shall set the fees and travel/expense policies.
7. *Tickets* – Each official shall be provided a maximum of two complimentary admissions to the assigned contest. An official shall directly contact the host institution's soccer game management contact at least ten days prior to the competition in order to obtain such admissions.

**Practice.** The home team shall provide the visiting team with the same activity for practice on the day prior to the match. If the competition field is used for practice, the home team shall provide specific information to the visiting team regarding permissible actions on the competition field during practice (e.g. use of flats, use of 18, etc.) [*Adopted: 3/9/16*]

**Promotions.** The head coach must notify the visiting team of any promotions to be conducted on the field during pre-game or halftime.

**Regular-Season Competition/Scheduling.** Each member shall play a 10-match schedule, with one contest against every team in division and four revolving opponents from the other division (in future years, teams not played in the other division will be designated opponents with the remaining opponents randomly selected). This schedule shall be set by administrative action of the Conference. The home team shall determine the day of competition with administrator approval. [*Revised: 3/9/16*]

1. On weekends where two matches are scheduled, games will be played on Thursday and Sunday.
2. On single game weekends, games may be played on Friday, Saturday or Sunday depending on television, campus events, budgets, and missed class time. Such a contest may also be played on Thursday, provided the Athletic Director from both participating institutions agrees. [*Revised: 3/8/17*]
3. Sunday matches that do not involve television shall start no later than 2 p.m. (local time), unless mutually agreed upon by both institution's administration. [*Revised: 6/2/17*]
4. Once established, the date of a match may not be changed beginning 10 days after the release of the television schedule. [*Adopted: 3/8/17*]

**Pre-Season Scouting and Videotape/Film Exchange.** The following scouting and videotape/film exchange policies apply to all exhibition, regular season, and post-season competition: [*Revised: 3/8/17, 8/24/17*]

1. The SEC operates with an open exchange policy governing the exchange of game video. Therefore, all schools are required to provide video of all matches to other SEC programs. All teams must use Vidswap software as the primary means for transferring women's soccer video within the conference;
2. All SEC women's soccer programs should purchase the Vidswap software, after which unique accounts (folders) will be developed for each school. Video from each contest shall be uploaded into VidSwap under the program's playing schedule that will be posted by the Conference Office. All games shall remain on VidSwap until the season is complete;
3. The video being uploaded shall be filmed from midfield and HD quality and shall be the "coaches copy" (i.e. the video the program uses for its own purposes);
4. Teams are responsible for uploading video to VidSwap by 11 a.m. local time following the day of their match. For conference matches, only the home team shall be required to upload video of the match. Each institution will have the ability to download any match from any program;
5. No member institution shall exchange video or provide a scouting report to any non-conference institution regarding SEC teams
6. If an extenuating circumstance prevents an institution from uploading game film by the specified deadline, the institution shall immediately notify each institution and the Conference office to communicate the issue and expected time upload will be available. If the issue is unable to be resolved to upload via Vidswap, the institution must provide a DVD to every SEC institution within 48 hours following the match.

**Suspension/Ejection Policy.**

1. Any game official may eject a student-athlete, coach or team representative for misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. If an individual is ejected from the contest, the ejected individual shall leave the bench and playing area immediately without further communication with the teams or game officials. The ejected individual shall remain out of sight and sound of the contest for the remainder of the contest. "Out of sight and sound" means that the ejected individual(s) may not view the contest, communicate with his or her team, or be in a location where the game officials can hear him or her. The ejected individual may not return to the bench area, playing area, or grandstands until all game officials are escorted to their dressing area by security or game management. In the event an ejected individual does not comply with the ejection policy set forth in this subparagraph 2 in a timely manner (as determined in the game officials' sole discretion), the game will be forfeited.
3. A suspended individual shall remain out of sight and sound of the applicable contest (as defined in subparagraph 2). Additionally, a suspended individual may not:
  - A. Be dressed in game uniform;
  - B. Communicate with any team personnel or referees;
  - C. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of competition; or
  - D. Be in the stadium or on the field once pregame activities have started.

In the event that a suspended individual does not comply with the suspension policy set forth in this subparagraph 3 in a timely manner (as determined in the game official's sole discretion), the game will be forfeited. In the event that a suspended individual participates in a game during the prescribed suspension, the game will be forfeited.

4. This policy is in effect for all regular season games and the Southeastern Conference Tournament only.

**Squad Size.** A 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. [Revised: 8/18/15]

**Tickets.** The home team must provide up to 50 complimentary tickets/admissions to the visiting team for Conference matches.

**Uniforms.** During Conference weekend series, the home team shall wear its light/white uniform and the visiting team shall wear its dark uniform, unless mutually agreed upon by both participating programs. [Revised: 8/24/17]

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

**Administrative Teleconference.** Coaches and administrators from each institution competing in the Conference tournament shall participate in a mandatory teleconference prior to the start of the tournament to review policies and procedures.

**Awards.** The following selection procedures will be used:

1. **All-Tournament Team.** After each semifinal match, the losing coach will submit two individual players from his or her team for selection to the All-Tournament Team. After the championship game, three players will be submitted by the losing team and four players will be submitted by the winning team for a total of 11 players selected to the All-Tournament Team.
2. **Most Valuable Player.** The MVP is chosen by the championship winning coach.

**Dates and Sites.** The tournament shall be held on the weekend prior to the start of the NCAA championship. The 2019 Championship will be held November 3-10, 2019 in Orange Beach, AL. See [Supplement C](#) in General Administration for Future Championship Dates and Sites.

If the tournament returns to campus sites, the order of rotation at SEC institutions is the following: Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Auburn, Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Georgia, LSU, Ole Miss, Missouri, and Texas A&M.

**Equipment.** The conference office will provide game balls during the SEC tournament. The official ball used during the NCAA Tournament shall be used for the SEC tournament.

**Format.** There shall be a single-elimination tournament of the top ten teams played at the conclusion of the SEC regular-season schedule. The tournament champion shall be the SEC representative to the NCAA championship.

The top ten teams with the highest point total, regardless of divisions, will participate in the tournament, with the two division champions serving as the top two seeds. The following point system is utilized to determine regular season standings and seeding for the tournament: a win counts as three points, a tie as one, and a loss as zero points. If a game(s) is cancelled, neither team will receive a point and the standings will be determined by average points per game. The tournament shall be played in a Sunday-Tuesday-Thursday-Sunday format with Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday designated as off/practice days. [Revised: 3/8/17, 3/13/19]

**Game Protocol.** NCAA procedures and march-out protocol will be followed during pre-game. Game times shall be established in consultation with the Conference office and the host organization.

**Lodging.** Each institution is responsible for arranging its own lodging. If necessary, the host organization can assist in blocking an appropriate number of rooms.

**Manual.** A tournament manual outlining the policies and procedures for the tournament, as well as information specific to the host site, shall be distributed to each institution no later than one month prior to the start of the tournament.

**Officials.** The Conference office shall assign the officials for all tournament games.

**Practice.** Practice times on the day prior to a team's match will be selected based upon seed. Teams interested in additional practices should contact the host organization for assistance in scheduling practice times. The game field may not be used for practices. Teams may be allowed to conduct a walk-thru on the field if requested. In the case of inclement weather, practices will be scheduled at an alternate location.

**Seeding.** The tournament will be seeded 1-10 based on the point system implemented to determine regular season standings. The two division champions shall be the top two seeds. If teams are tied, the following procedures, in order as follows, will be used to break the tie: [Revised: 3/13/19]

1. **Two-Team Tie** – The following procedure will be used in the following order until the tie is broken:
  - A. Head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
  - B. Points earned versus common opponents.
  - C. Goal differential versus common opponents.
  - D. Goals scored versus common opponents.
  - E. Won-Lost record of the two teams versus highest seeded common opponent and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary.

- F. Goal differential versus highest seeded common opponent and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary.
  - G. Goals scored versus highest seeded common opponent and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary.
  - H. Coin flip by the Commissioner.
2. **Three-Team Tie (or more)** – The following procedure will be used until the tie is broken. If at any time this tie breaker results in only two remaining tied teams, then the two-team tiebreaker will be used beginning with Subsection A in that procedure and continuing from that point:
- A. If all teams have played one another, then most points earned in those matches only.
  - B. If all teams have not played, but one team has defeated all teams in the tie break, then that team breaks the tie and shall be placed highest. Remaining teams will continue with the tie break procedure.
  - C. If all teams have not played one another and a team does not have all wins over the tied teams, then use Subsection B in the two-team tie break procedures and continue through the two team tie-break procedures until ties between all teams are broken (except Subsection H will read “if three or more teams are still tied, the Commissioner will conduct a draw”).

**Squad Size.** 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 the 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 in the team's uniform. [Revised: 8/18/15]

**Tickets.** Participating institutions are not required to purchase a block of tickets to the tournament. An institution may purchase general admission tickets as it advances in the tournament. Admissions for participating institutions will be provided via a pass list and institutions will be sent an invoice by the Conference office for any admissions used following the completion of the Championship.

**Uniforms.** All team members must wear the uniform of the institution they represent. Teams must be prepared to wear light or dark uniforms (jerseys and socks). The higher seeded team will wear the light uniforms for all matches. For additional information related to uniforms, see the General Administration section of these Commissioner's Regulations.

**Videotaping.** Teams may only videotape matches in which they are competing. Videotape of a tournament match may not be used to scout an opponent.

