

# LADIES' INVITE: THE GAME OF WOMENS COLLEGE GOLF

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### I. GAME COMPONENTS

- A. TEAM CHARTS FOR ALL DIVISION I NCAA TEAMS
- B. ACTION DECK (100 CARDS)
- C. EVENTS AND WEATHER CHART
- D. SCORESHEET

### II. GAME SET UP

- 1. SELECT THE TEAMS YOU WISH TO PLAY. COPY THE PLAYER AND TEAM NAMES TO THE SCORE SHEET. ENTER THE PAR VALUE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- 2. SHUFFLE THE ACTION DECK THOROUGHLY.
- 3. PLACE THE EVENTS AND WEATHER CHART NEARBY FOR REFERENCE
- 4. DRAW AN ACTION CARD TO DETERMINE THE WEATHER FOR THE MATCH

### III. THE TEAM CARDS

A SINGLE CARD REPRESENTS EACH NCAA TEAM. ALL PLAYERS ARE GIVEN SCORES REPRESENTING EACH ROUND OF GOLF PLAYED DURING THE 2005-2006 SEASON. A PLAYER WHO DID NOT APPEAR IN AT LEAST 7 ROUNDS WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE CHART, AS I FELT THAT MORE DATA WAS NEEDED TO ACCURATELY PORTRAY HER ABILITY.

#### i. THE RANGE COLUMNS

THESE NINE COLUMNS APPEARING ACROSS THE TOP OF THE TEAM CARD, DETERMINE THE ACTION CARD NUMBER RESULT PLACEMENT FOR EACH GOLFER'S SCORE FOR A PARTICULAR ROUND. MORE ON THIS IN THE SAMPLE GAME

#### ii. THE GOLFER SCORE ROWS

THESE NUMBERS, RUNNING HORIZONTALLY ACROSS FROM THE GOLFER'S NAME, REFLECT THE ACTUAL SCORES RECORDED BY THE GOLFER DURING THE SEASON. A GOLFER MAY HAVE FROM 7 TO 15 SCORES. GOLFERS WITH ALL 15 SCORE SLOTS FILLED ARE CONSIDERED TO BE REGULAR PLAYERS, APPEARING IN AT LEAST HALF OF THEIR TEAM'S MATCHES. THESE SCORES, IN SOME CASES, MAY BE ALTERED BY THE EVENTS CHART (MORE ON THIS IN THE SAMPLE GAME.)

### IV. THE EVENTS AND WEATHER CHART

THIS CHART IS USED FOR TWO PURPOSES.

- 1. BEFORE THE START OF A MATCH TO DETERMINE THE DAY'S WEATHER. THE APPROPRIATE MODIFIER IS ADDED TO EACH GOLFER'S SCORE AS THEY FINISH THE ROUND (IN ADDITION TO ANY PAR AND/OR EVENT MODIFIERS.
- 2. AFTER A GOLFER HAS RECEIVED A SCORE FOR HER ROUND, AND A DOUBLE IS DRAWN FOR THE EVENT CHECK. ANOTHER CARD IS DRAWN AND THE EVENT MODIFIER IS ADDED TO HER SCORE. SEE THE SAMPLE GAME FOR MORE INFO.

## V: SAMPLE GAME

WE WILL NOW PLAY A PORTION OF A SAMPLE GAME. I WILL SIMULATE A TOURNAMENT IN THE AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE, WHICH HAS ONLY 3 TEAMS: ALBANY, BOSTON UNIVERSITY & HARTFORD. ALBANY WILL BE THE HOST TEAM (THIS IS IMPORTANT AS IT MAY AFFECT SCORES IN THE EVENTS CHART.)

I WILL FILL OUT THE SCORESHEET WITH THE TOURNAMENT NAME AND DATE. WE WILL ASSUME THE COURSE IS A PAR 72, SO ENTER THAT AS WELL. FILL OUT 5 PLAYER NAMES FROM EACH TEAM ON THE SCORESHEET. (IF YOU WISH TO ALTERNATE TEAMS, THAT'S FINE. YOU COULD JUST AS WELL ENTER EACH TEAM'S PLAYERS BEFORE LISTING THE NEXT TEAM, AND SO ON.

NOW WE CHECK THE WEATHER. DRAW A CARD AND FIND THE NUMBER ON THE WEATHER CHART. I GET A 69, SO THE WEATHER IS CLEAR. HAD IT BEEN OTHERWISE, I WOULD ADD THE MODIFIER TO EACH PLAYER'S SCORE FOR THE ROUND.

LET'S START THE ACTION. BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S HANNAH BARRY TEES OFF FIRST. I DRAW A 66. BARRY HAS ALL 15 SCORE SLOTS FILLED, SO I'LL USE THE 9TH RANGE. THE ACTION CARD NUMBER OF 66 SHOWS THAT SHE SCORES AN 89. DON'T RECORD THE SCORE YET.

NOW WE MUST DRAW AND SEE IF HER SCORE IS MODIFIED BY AN EVENT. **ONLY PLAYERS WHO HAVE ALL 15 OF THEIR SCORE SLOTS FILLED MAY DRAW FOR AN EVENT CHECK.**

IF THE EVENT CHECK NUMBER IS A "DOUBLE" (I.E. 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88 OR 99), AN EVENT HAS OCCURRED. I DRAW AN 18, SO BARRY'S ORIGINAL SCORE STANDS AT 89; I RECORD IT ON THE SCORESHEET.

NEXT UP, ALBANY'S AMANDA McPHEE. (I PREFER TO ALTERNATE TEAMS.) DRAWING FOR HER SCORE, I GET A 90. SHE ALSO HAS 15 SCORE SLOTS, SO SHE SCORES A 95. NOW WE DRAW FOR AN EVENT. I GET AN 80; ITS NOT A DOUBLE, SO WRITE DOWN 95 FOR AMANDA.

NEXT UP, JENNIFER GUIDO OF HARTFORD. I DRAW FOR HER ROUND SCORE AND GET A 45. ONCE AGAIN, ALL 15 SCORE SLOTS ARE FILLED, SO SHE SCORES AN 83. DRAWING FOR AN EVENT, I GET AN 11. ITS A DOUBLE, SO AN EVENT HAS OCCURRED.

WE NOW DRAW FOR THE EVENT. I DRAW A 42. THE RESULT ON THE EVENT CHART: "STRUGGLES OFF THE TEE +2. LOOKS LIKE JENNIFER'S SCORE IS GOING UP TO 85. RECORD IT ON THE SCORESHEET.

THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL. FEEL FREE TO ADD YOUR OWN EVENTS TO THE CHART.

## VI: TOURNAMENT FORMATS AND SCHEDULING

FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WOMENS' COLLEGE GAME, THERE ARE A FEW COMMON TYPES OF MATCHES:

1. TEAM VS. TEAM: THESE ARE NOT TOO COMMON. JUST AS THE NAME IMPLIES, ONE TEAM TAKES ON ANOTHER. GENERALLY 1 OR 2 ROUNDS, AND USUALLY 5 PLAYERS PER TEAM, ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE 7.
2. TRIANGLE: 3 TEAMS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. FAIRLY COMMON. GENERALLY 1 OR 2 ROUNDS AND 5 PLAYERS ALLOWED PER TEAM.
3. INVITATIONALS: USUALLY SEVERAL TEAMS FROM A CONFERENCE, WITH A FEW FROM NEIGHBORING ONES ADDED. A GOOD FORMAT IS 10 TEAMS, 5 PLAYERS ALLOWED FOR EACH. USUALLY 2 OR 3 ROUNDS.
4. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS: AS THE NAME IMPLIES, ONLY TEAMS FROM WITHIN THE CONFERENCE COMPETE. 5 PLAYERS ALLOWED PER TEAM. 4 ROUNDS FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT CONFERENCES (SEC, PAC-10, ETC), 3 ROUNDS FOR OTHERS.

NOTE THAT SOME TEAMS DO NOT HAVE 5 PLAYERS RATED. THIS IS DUE TO THEM SIMPLY NOT HAVING A LARGE ENOUGH PROGRAM TO FIELD A FULL TEAM, OR NOT PLAYING ENOUGH MATCHES TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. THERE ARE ONLY A COUPLE OF SUCH TEAMS. OTHER TEAMS MAY HAVE A FULL 10 PLAYER ROSTER.

REGARDING PAR FIGURES FOR COURSES, IF YOU DETERMINE THAT THE COURSE HAS A PAR OTHER THAN 72, ADJUST THE SCORES ACCORDINGLY. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE, SINCE ALL OF THE COLLECTED SCORES WERE NORMALIZED TO PAR 72. SO IF YOUR COURSE IS PAR 71, DECREASE EACH PLAYER'S SCORE BY 1 (DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE WEATHER AND EVENT MODIFIERS.)

YOU MAY EASILY FIND TEAM SCHEDULES USING YOUR FAVORITE SEARCH ENGINE. YOU MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO MAKE UP YOUR OWN TOURNAMENTS.

I WILL BE RELEASING ADD-ONS FOR THE GAME, AS I HAVE FULL DATA COMPILED FOR DII, DIII, NAIA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THIS WILL BE QUITE A WAYS OFF, HOWEVER, AS I HAVE OTHER PROJECTS WITH A HIGHER PRIORITY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING CHARTS FOR ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED GROUPS, DROP ME A LINE AND WE'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT.

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