

WRIGHT COUNTY CONFERENCE HONOR RULE

Golf is a game of honor. The game's code of honor is based on the integrity of the participants. Players are expected to call penalties on themselves. Without this integrity, the game, as we know it, cannot exist. It is also the responsibility of the participants to call penalties on themselves and the opponents to assure fair play. To this end, the Wright County Conference has found it necessary to define cheating and establish a conference rule with consequences.

As such, "Cheating Defined" will be determined as follows: any player, determined to have committed a rules violation **with the intent of willfully deceiving his/her competition** shall be subjected to the following consequences (penalties are cumulative over the course of six years of eligibility):

1. **First Violation** – Disqualification from the conference event in which the infraction occurred, and suspension from the next 9 hole conference meet. If the infraction occurred during an 18 hole meet, all 18 holes will be disqualified and no further suspension will be enforced. The suspended athlete has then used up the meets in which they throw out for all-conference honors.
2. **Second Violation** – Disqualification from the event in which the infraction occurred. An additional suspension 36 holes of play will be enforced. Ineligible for any post-season conference competition or awards.
3. **Third Violation** – Suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. **Fourth Violation** – Participant is no longer eligible to participate in WCC competition

Investigation Procedure

As soon as it is possible, a Rules Committee will investigate the suspected cheating infraction. The Committee, comprised of conference coaches who are present, will interview separately the individuals involved with the reported incident. The Committee will gather as much information as they deem necessary to make their determination. After a decision has been made by this committee, any decision that comes to the determination that a cheating infraction has occurred, the following steps need to be followed:

1. Written statements from athletes involved detailing their involvement with the reported violation and their signatures.
2. A summary of the Rules Committee findings with determinations, recommendations and their signatures.
3. Submit written summary to the conference golf supervisor for the final approval of the Committee's recommendation