



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEES
JULY 26, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Travel party size increase.** The men's and women's golf committees are recommending an increase to the official travel party for the championships, from eight to nine (see Action Item 2-a).
2. **Minimum number of participants required for sport sponsorship.** The men's and women's golf committees are recommending that the minimum number of participants required for a contest to be considered countable for sport sponsorship be decreased from five to four (see Action Item 2-b).
3. **Regional awards.** The men's and women's golf committees are recommending that individual champion trophies be awarded at each of the six regional sites (see Action Item 2-c).

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

a. **Travel party size increase.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the official travel party size for the men's and women's golf championships be increased from eight to nine.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. With the addition of a third coach in golf, and with six players (including the substitute) available to participate in the championships, the committees are recommending that the travel party size be increased to account for all playing members of the team and members of the coaching staff.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. TBD.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes and member institutions would benefit from this increase as this would afford the opportunity for all available student-athletes and coaches to travel to the championships without incurring any institutional expense.

b. Minimum number of participants required for sport sponsorship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the minimum number of participants required for a contest to be considered countable for sport sponsorship be decreased from five to four.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. In a typical golf competition, team scores are recorded by counting the lowest four scores from the five competing student-athletes. However, institutions are not required to compete with five student-athletes in order to count team scores, as any team with at least four competing student-athletes will count in the team standings, simply without the benefit of throwing out their highest score. Given that teams can participate and win events with only four competing student-athletes, the committees feel that should count towards sport sponsorship; this adjustment would also eliminate any potential confusion between countable contests for championship selections and for sport sponsorship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. If a team is impacted by injuries or mid-season transfers but still has four players to compete during the season, this adjustment would allow the institution to count those contests towards sport sponsorship.

c. Regional awards.

- (1) Recommendation. That individual regional champions be awarded with regional champion trophies on site.
- (2) Effective date. 2024 championships.
- (3) Rationale. With the addition of regional team champion trophies and team mini trophies for members of the official travel party, the committees believe that it would be worth the small additional expense to reward individual regional champions with a mini trophy at each of the six regional sites.

NCAA regionals are among the strongest tournament fields of the season, and student-athletes who perform well enough to win a regional are rewarded with significant points towards their world amateur golf ranking and college golf ranking status; however, NCAA regionals are likely the only event of the year where the individual champion does not receive an award or memento for their achievement. By awarding an individual mini trophy to the regional champion, the committees would be

appropriately recognizing a significant achievement for the victorious student-athletes at each site for a very minimal expense.

(4) Estimated budget impact. \$410 per gender.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation would appropriately recognize individual regional champions with a small memento for their achievement.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **SPIKEMARK transition.** The committees discussed the scoring and ranking service provider transition from Golfstat to SPIKEMARK. The committees discussed conference championships and determined that a bonus should not be applied to conference championships. Committee members also discussed informational documents and the July 31 joint Women's Golf Coaches Association and Golf Coaches Association of America videoconference. Committee members also discussed implementation of the schedule submission deadline.
2. **Conference individual medalist exemptions/procedures.** The committees discussed conference individual medalist exemptions and procedures. Committee members noted that there were several questions that arose prior to the 2023 championships regarding conference individual medalists and directed staff to update manuals with additional language to provide clarification for the membership. Additionally, it was noted that the terminology should be updated to reflect that individual conference medalists receive an exemption into regionals rather than an automatic qualification, if not otherwise part of a selected team.
3. **Postseason replacement deadline.** The committees discussed the postseason replacement deadline for individuals to compete at regionals and agreed that, should a selected individual withdraw prior to the start of regional competition, replacements should be given the opportunity to compete, in order of their placement on the alternate list, until the start of regional competition.
4. **Selection criteria/minimum number of rounds/determination of sport sponsorship.** The committees discussed selection criteria, which is currently different for women's and men's golf. The men's golf committee will be forwarding a separate recommendation to specify the minimum number of rounds needed for selections, to ensure consistency between the two championships.

The committees also discussed the determination of sport sponsorship, which currently requires that five players participate in order for a contest to be considered countable. The committees made a recommendation for the minimum number of participants to be decreased from five to four (see Action Item 2-c).

5. **Regional site preferences.** The committees discussed the men's golf committee's recommendation to allow the teams seeded #1 to designate their preferred regional site, in rank order. The women's golf committee did not wish to consider this recommendation for the women's golf championships at this time.
6. **Stephens Cup waiver request for individuals.** The committees discussed a waiver request that was submitted to a legislative committee which would allow a dates of competition exemption for student-athletes from historically black colleges and universities and from service academies competing as individuals in the Stephens Cup. Committee members noted that this exemption could aid historically black colleges and universities in the development of their golf programs.
7. **Model Local Rule G-12.** The committees discussed Model Local Rule G-12, which restricts the use of greens reading materials. The committees reiterated that they will not adopt MLR G-12 for the 2023-24 season, nor for the 2024 championships. Committee members will continue to solicit feedback on MLR G-12 during the 2023-24 season and will evaluate the merits of possible future adoption.
8. **2024-26 championships update: Omni La Costa.** The committees received an update from Dan Surette and Dustin Irwin from Omni La Costa in Carlsbad, California, host site for the 2024-26 championships. Mr. Surette and Mr. Irwin updated the committee on the status of the ongoing facility renovations at the golf course and discussed plans for the 2024 championships.
9. **Finals site course access policy.** Committee members discussed the finals site course access policy for the 2024-26 championships and requested that staff draft and circulate a policy for approval and implementation. The committees noted that course access should be restricted for student-athletes at NCAA member institutions, including the host institution, except for those instances where a preexisting club membership was in place at the host venue.
10. **Participant videoconferences following advancement.** The committees briefly discussed the possibility of implementing participant videoconferences for teams participating at the finals site, following the conclusion of regionals, and will continue to evaluate the merits of this possibility.
11. **Future championship bid cycle.** The committees received an update on the upcoming NCAA championship bid cycle, which will include regional and finals sites for men's and women's golf for the 2027 and 2028 championships.
12. **Travel party size.** The committees made a recommendation to increase the official travel party size for the women's and men's golf championships (see Action Item 2-a).
13. **Regional awards.** The committees discussed a recent change to the championship awards program. Beginning in 2023-24, team awards will include only team runner-up and team

champion awards at the finals site, as semifinalist awards will no longer be distributed. However, regional team champion awards will be distributed at all six sites beginning in 2024. The committees also made a recommendation to allow individual regional champion trophies to be awarded beginning in 2024 (see Action Item 2-b).

- 14. Team match play at championships.** The committees discussed team match play at the finals site, including the possibility of pairings to be conducted in the media center at Omni La Costa during the 2024 championships. Committee members also discussed the possibility of ensuring that teams wear contrasting colors during the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals matches, with the higher seed selecting first.
- 15. Golf Channel.** The committees met with Glenn Grimshaw, Thomas McKee, Brandt Packer and Andrea Starkey from Golf Channel. Committee members received an overview of the highlights from the 2023 championships and a schedule of events to be televised during the fall 2023 season.
- 16. College athletics protection and compensation act.** The committees received a brief overview of the college athletics protection and compensation act.
- 17. Summer 2024 annual committee meeting dates.** The committees discussed but did not set a date for the summer 2024 annual committee meeting.

Committee Chairs: Jimmy Bass, University of North Carolina, Wilmington (men's committee)
Bradford Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
(women's committee)

Staff Liaisons: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances
Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Steve Bailey, Marquette University.	
Jimmy Bass, University of North Carolina Wilmington.	
John Hauscarriague, University of California, Irvine.	
Bradford Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.	
Breanna Jenco, Xavier University.	
Michael Levy, Texas Christian University.	
Glen Millican, University of New Mexico.	
Jon Kasper, Big Sky Conference.	
MaryLou Mulflur, University of Washington.	

Patty Post, University of Delaware.
Absentees:
Steve Bailey, Marquette University.
Jim Fee, University of South Florida.
Guests in Attendance:
Glenn Grimshaw, Golf Channel.
Jake Harrington, University of Arkansas, Little Rock.
Dustin Irwin, Omni La Costa.
Ken Jones, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.
Halley Morrell, Bradley University.
Thomas McKee, Golf Channel.
Brandt Packer, Golf Channel.
Andrea Starkey, Golf Channel.
Dan Surette, Omni La Costa.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.
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Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Julie Kimmons, Championships and Alliances.
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