



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JULY 2, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Action items.**

- a. Amend .500 rule for women's golf.** The committee voted to amend the .500 rule for women's golf so that it is satisfied when a team is at or above .500 in any of the following scenarios:

- At the end of all regular-season play; or
- At the end of all regular-season play and its conference championship (stroke play); or
- At the end of all regular-season play and its conference championship (stroke play and match play).

Golf is the only sport in which a team can compile more than two losses in a conference championship. The committee believes this amendment keeps intact the intent of the .500 rule in golf, ensuring that most teams play in events with a cross-section of teams nationally while also ensuring that a conference championship does not hinder a team's ability to reach .500.

At this point, the men's subcommittee has not proposed an amendment to the .500 rule for men's golf and will discuss the topic further at a future meeting.

- b. Match play statistics.** The committee approved a clarification to regular-season match play events, noting that any singles match that does not reach its conclusion will not count toward rankings. As such, unfinished matches during the regular season should not be recorded as completed matches. This ensures consistency in the way that match play results are recorded across all regular-season and postseason competitions.
- c. Conference automatic qualifications.** The committee approved that the following 30 conferences be granted automatic qualification to the 2027 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships: American Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy League, Metro

Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-12 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference, Western Athletic Conference.

The committee approved that the following 30 conferences be granted automatic qualification to the 2027 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships: American Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-12 Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference, Western Athletic Conference.

In addition, the committee denied an automatic qualification waiver request in women's golf for the Patriot League.

- d. Rankings – team withdrawal penalties/women guardrail adjustments.** The committee approved implementing a ranking penalty for any team that withdraws from an event without prior committee approval after the schedule submission deadline. In these instances, teams will receive zero points for each round of the event from which they withdrew, in addition to taking losses to the field.

Teams that are able to demonstrate extenuating circumstances leading to their withdrawal from a previously scheduled tournament can appeal to the respective gender subcommittee for a waiver of the penalty.

Additionally, the committee approved the women's subcommittee requests for implementing guardrails in women's rankings for all runaway winners, not just the runaway winner as it currently stands, and the implementation of a bottom guardrail to minimize the impact of any outliers.

- e. Regional assignments.** The committee approved a policy that permits top-ranked teams to indicate their preferred regional site prior to championship selections. This indicated preference should not be considered a guarantee; rather, the subcommittee will have this additional point of information available for its use during the selection and bracketing process.

- f. **Number of female student-athletes allowed to compete as individuals in team tournaments.** The committee approved a request from the women's subcommittee to allow teams to send as many players to a team event to compete as individuals as long as they declare it prior to the Sept. 1 schedule deadline. From a legislative standpoint, it would still count as a team date of competition if you send five or more players even if they don't post a team score.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Player carts – riding carts, motorized push carts.** The committee was informed that the women's subcommittee will approve a limited number of 2026-27 tournaments to use motorized push carts as a pilot for consideration of future blanket approval. Kari Williams will work with the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WCGA) to determine which events will be part of this pilot. The men's subcommittee has not been approached with a similar request but would potentially be open to a similar pilot on a limited basis. There is currently no interest by the committee in allowing motorized push carts for the NCAA championships.
2. **2029-31 site selection process.** The committee received a report from NCAA staff on the process which is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2026 and includes all men's and women's regionals and finals sites for the 2028-29 through 2030-31 academic years.
3. **2026-27 committee chairs.** Kari Williams was elected as the new oversight committee chair, effective immediately, as former chair John Hauscarriague, recently stepped down from the committee after retiring from his position at the University of California, Irvine. Ms. Williams will continue in her role as chair of the women's subcommittee, while the men's subcommittee will elect a chair at an upcoming meeting.
4. **Golf Channel update.** The committee received a report from Golf Channel representatives on the coverage of this year's championships. The women's championships had strong ratings metrics this year, while ratings for the men's championships were flat. Golf Channel stressed the importance of its relationship with collegiate golf and its commitment moving forward.

Golf Channel noted that they would be broadcasting six collegiate events during the Fall 2026 season: the Folds of Honor Collegiate, Jackson T. Stephens Cup, Notah Begay Collegiate Match Play, St. Andrews Links Collegiate, Abilene Christian Intercollegiate and the East Lake Cup.

5. **Finals site recap.** The committee reviewed feedback from the finals site surveys, which was generally positive. Overall, the committee believes that notable improvements have been identifiable each year at the finals site, and that additional improvements can continue to be made.

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In addition, the women's subcommittee approved a change for the practice round and day one tee times wherein the earliest times will be off No.1 instead of No. 10 to enable more time for course set-up, shuttle operations, and time on the putting green. The men's subcommittee will revisit the tee time discussion later this summer.

**6. Playoffs.** The committee requested that NCAA staff work with Golf Channel representatives and head rules officials regarding the sequencing of playoff holes during the match play portion of the championships. Specifically, the committee does not believe that in-progress matches should not be interrupted when a match that is tied after 18 holes needs to continue on in extra holes.

**7. Future meeting schedule.** The committee will finalize a future meeting schedule in the coming weeks.

*Committee Chair: Kari Williams, Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, Big Ten Conference.*

*Staff Liaison(s): John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.*

*Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances.*

*Brittney Jackson, Division I Governance and Member Services.*

<b>NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee July 2, 2026, Annual Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kalen Anderson, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Southeastern Conference.	
Deedee Brown-Campbell, Texas Tech University, Big 12 Conference.	
Marc Chandonnet, Seattle University, West Coast Conference.	
John Kenneday, San Jose State University, Mountain West Conference.	
Emily Marron, University of Central Florida, Big 12 Conference.	
Jay Moseley, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference.	
Michelle Parker, Purdue University Fort Wayne.	
Rebekah Parkhill, University of Tulsa, American Conference.	
Craig Pintens, Loyola Marymount University, West Coast Conference.	
Scott Schroeder, University of North Florida, Atlantic Sun Conference.	
Ellie Shannon, Wake Forest University, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Kari Williams, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, Big Ten Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Sophia Fullbrook, Florida State University, student-athlete.	
Mara Janess, University of Michigan, student-athlete.	
Sam Johnson, University of Idaho, student-athlete.	

Trey Jones, Florida State University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Scott MacDonald, San Jose State University, Mountain West Conference.
Jacob Modleski, University of Notre Dame, student-athlete.
Dustin Roberts, Golf Coaches Association of America.
Courtney Trimble, Women's Golf Coaches Association.
Joy Vrbka, Auburn University, Southeastern Conference.
<b>Guests:</b>
John Delvecchio, Golf Channel.
Giancarlo DiMascio, Golf Channel.
Glen Grimshaw, Golf Channel.
Andrea Starkey, Golf Channel.
Colin Whitmore, Golf Channel.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
John Baldwin and Mark Bedics.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Tommy Barrett and Jackie Kawamoto.