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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2019-20 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sports Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of

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the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions II and III Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I); 31.2.3 (Divisions II and III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures outline.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations

on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1•2 National Committee

[Reference: Administration and Management in the Division I General Section, and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee. **Current members of the golf committee are:**

- Steve Bailey**, Marquette University
- Jimmy Bass**, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- Derek Freeman**, University of California, Los Angeles
- Mark Hankins**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Connie Hurlbut, chair**, West Coast Conference
- Scott Schroeder**, University of North Florida

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 1	Tournaments and team rosters to be used for selection purposes must be registered with Golfstat.
Friday, April 24	Pre-selection call with national committee – 11 a.m. Eastern time.
Tuesday, April 28	Results from spring competition due to Golfstat.
Wednesday, May 6	National committee selection announcement.
Monday-Wednesday, May 18-20	Regionals.
Friday-Wednesday, May 29-June 3	National Championships at Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona (Arizona State University, host).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2020 Regionals — May 18-20

- Auburn University Club, Auburn, Alabama; Auburn University, host
- The Cliffs at Keowee Falls, Salem, South Carolina; Clemson University, host
- University Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Louisiana State University, host
- Eagle Eye Golf Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Michigan State University, host
- Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club, Norman, Oklahoma; University of Oklahoma, host
- The Farms Golf Club, Rancho Santa Fe, California; University of San Diego, host

2020 Finals — May 29-June 3

Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona; Arizona State University, host

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (6)	11 days before the start of the finals (Monday-Wednesday), effective 2016.
Finals	Fourth Friday in the month of May except when May 1 is a Friday. In those years, the championships will begin on the fifth Friday in the month of May.

FUTURE DATES**2021****Regionals (May 17-19)**

Golden Eagle Golf & Country Club, Tallahassee, Florida; Florida State University, host

Golf Club of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee; Vanderbilt University, host

The Sagamore Club, Noblesville, Indiana; Ball State University, host

Karsten Creek Golf Club, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Oklahoma State University, host

Championship Course at UNM, Albuquerque, New Mexico; University of New Mexico, host

Tumblecreek Golf Club, Cle Elum, Washington; University of Washington, host

Finals (May 28-June 2)

Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona; Arizona State University, host

2022**Regionals (May 16-18)**

Ol' Colony Golf Complex, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; University of Alabama, host

PGA National Resort - Champions Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Florida Atlantic University, host

OSU Golf Club - Scarlet Course, Columbus, Ohio; The Ohio State University, host

Traditions Club, Bryan, Texas; Texas A&M University, College Station, host

The Course at Yale, New Haven, Connecticut; Yale University, host

The Reserve at Spanos Park, Stockton, California; University of the Pacific, host

Finals (May 27-June 1)

Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona; Arizona State University, host

Section 1•4 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., clubs, balls, shoes, bags, push/pull carts, distance measuring devices, etc.) to be used will be determined by the institution or player, as long as the items conform with the Rules of Golf and the following Local Rules and Conditions that will be in effect:

- List of confirming driver headers – options condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Grooves – the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from Jan. 1, 2010. Penalty for breach of condition: see decision 4-1/1 (in the Rules of Golf).
- List of conforming golf balls – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Limitation on golf balls ("One-Ball Rule") – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Footwear – shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.

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- Transportation – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Distance-measuring devices – local rule as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.

Note: Coaches are required to wear shoes that conform with the footwear condition (i.e., soft spikes or flat-bottom tennis shoes). Players may use non-motorized push/pull carts but these must be secured by the institution or player. Coaches may use distance-measuring devices as long as they conform with the Rules of Golf.

Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the NCAA Hard Card, the NCAA Local Rule for Distance-Measuring Devices, the NCAA Advice and Pace-of-Play Conditions (see Appendix D) and the Notice to Players specific to the golf course being played. The NCAA Rule Sheet shall be used during the regionals and the championships.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct (i.e., **profanity, club throwing, acts of defacing the golf course, use of electronic devices including iPods and cellular phones, etc.**). During the round, defined as from the time the player makes his first stroke until the scorecard is deemed returned to the golf committee, at the first offense of any act of unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships (regionals and finals), the student-athlete and coach will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning. The offending institution's director of athletics will receive a letter from the NCAA, informing the institution that one of its student-athletes had been warned for unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships. The second offense of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification for that round, and further unsportsmanlike conducts will result in disqualification from the championships. Any unsportsmanlike conduct incurred at the regionals would be carried over to the finals. However, the committee shall have the right, without warning, to disqualify an individual for that round (or championships) for any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct.

In addition to the unsportsmanlike conduct policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes shall be subject to the misconduct policies and penalties in NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10. The golf committee may also impose other penalties deemed appropriate.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition and practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, a coach's or team member's headgear must be of an institutional color. A manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or back of the item as long as it conforms to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.5. For television purposes, it is recommended that each institution attempt to wear a uniform that reflects its school colors during the final three days of the championships. Team members are not required to wear the same headgear.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. All participants and coaches should have their shirts tucked in while on the golf course for practice and competition rounds. Please refer to the host institution's pretournament mailing for the definition of appropriate attire at the golf course.

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The format for the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships is determined by the golf committee, subject to the approval of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

REGIONALS

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the 30 qualifying teams and six individuals not on those qualifying teams who will compete in the finals.

Thirteen teams and 10 individuals not on those teams will compete at each of three regionals while the other three regionals will have 14 teams and five individuals not on those teams. The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams will advance to the finals. Playoffs and tiebreakers, as set forth in [Appendix A](#), will be used, if necessary, to determine advancement to the finals. The games committee will do everything possible to complete 54 holes within the scheduled three-day period.

If a minimum of 36 holes cannot be completed, the games committee will select the regional's representatives to the finals, taking into consideration 18-hole scores and other selection criteria.

Before a regional tournament round, a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that:

- a. The NCAA Division I Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Official is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes before that team member's starting time.
- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

Note: When a team has substituted a sixth player, no further substitutions may be made by the team for that round. The team member that was substituted for becomes the sixth player and the team is limited to that player, if the team wishes to substitute a player before any subsequent regional tournament round.

FINALS

Finals. All 30 teams and six individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of competition, the top 15 teams along with the top nine individuals not on an advancing team will advance for one additional day of stroke play to determine the top eight teams for match-play competition and the 72-hole stroke-play individual champion. The top eight teams after 72 holes of play will be placed into a bracket with the No. 1 seed playing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed playing the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed in match play. Ties for the top 15 teams and the top nine individuals, as well as for the top eight teams in match play, will be broken by a sudden-death playoff, or if necessary, by the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedure set forth in [Appendix A](#).

In team match-play competition, a total of five points will be available with one point being awarded for each individual match. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently, the finals. The first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match, be declared the national champion. Once a team has won three individual matches, any remaining individual matches will be halted at that point with the individual match recorded as it currently stood.

The Division I Men's Golf Committee will determine match-play lineups using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches. The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 72-hole stroke-play portion), "Team 1," will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match No. 1. The opposing team, "Team 2," will then name its player for Match No. 1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match No. 2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match No. 2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Pairings for the quarterfinals will be determined following the completion of the 72-hole stroke-play competition and the crowning of the individual champion. Pairings for the team semifinals and finals will be determined following the completion of the previous match-play round.

Pairings for both the stroke-play and match-play portions of the finals can be found at ncaa.org on the NCAA Division I Men's Golf page. Ties for such pairing positions will be broken according to the non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures set forth in [Appendix A](#).

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The games committee will do everything possible to complete 72 holes and each match during the match-play portion of the championships. However, the committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather.

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the first four teams and first 15 individuals.

Before a championships round (stroke play or match play), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that:

- a. The NCAA Division I Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Official is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes before that team member's starting time.
- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

Note 1: When a team has substituted a sixth player, no further substitutions may be made by the team for that round. The team member that was substituted for becomes the sixth player and the team is limited to that player, if the team wishes to substitute a player before any subsequent championships round.

Note 2: Unless a team chooses to substitute a sixth player before a match-play draw, the team's five players that played in the previous round will be used for the draw.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. Please refer to the NCAA Travel Policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found on the [NCAA website](#). Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for the championships and not for the regionals.

Section 2•2 Results

GOLFSTAT

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee will use Golfstat to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Golfstat and register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

1. Instructions and forms have been sent to all institutions from the NCAA national office. All tournaments must be registered with Golfstat not later than Oct. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to have the tournament registered will be assessed a \$500 fine. Complete schedules need to be submitted to Golfstat by Oct. 1.
2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit the results to Golfstat within two (2) days of the completion or it may be assessed a \$500 fine.
3. Results for tournaments completed May 1 should be sent via email to Golfstat (mail@golfstat.com).
4. If a regular-season tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four out of five, four out of six or five out of six, the tournament director must submit the format to the golf committee not later than Nov. 29. Effective with the 2006-07 year, the format of five players playing together was approved and those results will be used for selection purposes.
5. Match play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, match play should follow the following procedures:
 - The only allowable formats are Team Match Play and Team Medal Match Play.
 - Team Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in straight match play. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Team Medal Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in straight match play. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Players may only play by themselves and cannot have a partner within their individual match (e.g., no partners are allowed to play formats such as alternate shot, best ball, scramble, etc.).
 - No JV teams can play and no individuals' matches that are not part of the team can be counted.

- One team has to win the match. There cannot be a tie. Breaking a tie can either be by playoff or a predetermined method.
 - Matches must have a minimum of five individual matches and a maximum of nine individual matches.
 - Results will be entered as a win, or a loss, or a tie. Stroke differential will be determined by the difference in the holes won and lost by participating teams. (ex. Team A wins 4-1 and each of Team A's players win 3&2 and Team B's one win is 2 up. Stroke differential would be +10 for Team A $((3 \times 4) - 2)$).
6. Institutions that fail to fully register with Golfstat may be assessed a \$500 fine.
7. For any regular-season competition to be considered for selection purposes, the competition must be conducted on a golf course that meets the following minimum yardage relative to par:
- Par 70 - 6,100 yards
 - Par 71 - 6,300 yards
 - Par 72 - 6,500 yards

For information about reporting results and tournament registration, contact:

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 Noblesville, Indiana 46060
 Email: mail@golfstat.com
 Office Phone: 309-828-6430
 Mobile Phone: 317-435-6942
 Fax: 309-829-4792

SCORING

Scorecards shall be kept in strict accordance with Rule 6-6 of the USGA's "Scoring in Stroke Play" and shall be returned promptly upon completion of play.

A daily team score is computed by totaling the lowest scores of four of the five team members. The final team score is determined by totaling each daily score.

For the match-play portion of the championships, there will be a total of five points available in each match. The first team to win three points will advance to the next round, or in the case of the final match, be declared the national champion. Once a team has won three points, any remaining individual matches shall be halted with the scores being recorded as the match currently stood.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Thirty conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2020 regionals:

American Athletic Conference	Mid-American Conference
ASUN Conference	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Mountain West Conference
Big 12 Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Ohio Valley Conference
Big Sky Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big South Conference	Patriot League
Big Ten Conference	Southeastern Conference
Big West Conference	Southern Conference
Colonial Athletic Association	Southland Conference
Conference USA	The Summit League
Horizon League	Sun Belt Conference
The Ivy League	West Coast Conference
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Western Athletic Conference

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall Division I won-lost record of .500 or better.

BYLAW 31.3.3.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Men's Golf Committee has received approval from the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's golf championships in priority order:

PRIMARY CRITERIA

- NCAA/Golfstat ranking indexes;
- Head-to-head results;
- Stroke differential;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Overall won-lost record; and
- Strength of schedule.

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Men's Golf Committee for selection purposes.

The golf committee shall select a total of 81 teams (including automatic qualifiers) and 45 individuals not on those teams for participation at the regionals. Conference individual medalists, if not selected on a participating team, will receive an automatic invitation as an individual. Three regions will have 13 teams and 10 individuals not on those teams while the other three will have 14 teams and five individuals not on those teams.

Any changes to a team's schedule after Oct. 1 need to be approved by the Division I Men's Golf Committee. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament after October 1 or cancels a scheduled tournament will incur losses to each team in the field. However, should a tournament be canceled for reasons beyond the teams' control, the team will not incur any penalties.

Also, an institution may not compete in separate tournaments on the same date of competition with both events counting toward selections. Should an institution choose to do this, one team will automatically be declared an "A" team while the other will be a "B" team. The "B" team results will not count toward selections as an at-large team.

The ranking system compiled by Golfstat shall include all conforming tournament results for all Division I teams. It is critical that the results for every tournament be submitted. For junior varsity contests, the institution must inform the host and Golfstat in writing before the tournament that its junior varsity program will participate. Junior varsity team scores should not appear on the tournament results form. Individual results must be reported to Golfstat. Failure to report such information shall result in a \$200 fine and a letter of reprimand.

Regional Selection. The committee will select 81 teams and 45 individuals for regional competition, including automatic qualifiers (30) and at-large teams (51). Three of the six regionals will have 13 teams and 10 individuals while the other three regionals will have 14 teams and five individuals. The primary goal will be to equally weigh each field. The golf committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns in attempting to attain this goal. Five teams and the low individual not on an advancing team from each regional shall advance to the finals.

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Appendix A • Tie-Break Procedures

Tie-Break Procedures

Individual and Team Tie-breaking Procedures

Teams. Ties shall be broken during a sudden-death playoff counting all five scores. If there are two or more teams involved in a playoff, the shotgun format listed below should be used. The games committee will determine the playoff holes. During regionals, the games committee may use either of the sudden death playoff procedures for two teams as listed below, if course conditions and time permits. Also, the team playoff will be conducted first if any players involved would also be in a playoff in the case of a tie for individuals advancing.

Sudden-Death Playoff Procedures

Teams will draw for positions (*for use at regionals only, if time permits*). For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)					
#5A	#5B	#4A	#4B	#3A	Playoff Hole #1
#3B	#2A	#2B	#1A	#1B	Playoff Hole #1

SHOTGUN FORMAT

If a shotgun start is necessary, the scoring procedure will be an aggregate of all five scores until a winner is determined (*used to determine top 15 teams for final day of stroke play, as well as top 8 for match play*).

Two teams			
A #5	B #5	playoff hole 5	
A #4	B #4	playoff hole 4	
A #3	B #3	playoff hole 3	
A #2	B #2	playoff hole 2	
A #1	B #1	playoff hole 1	
Three Teams			
A #5	B #5	C #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	playoff hole 1

Four Teams					
A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	playoff hole 5	
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4	
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3	
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2	
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1	
Five teams					
A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	E #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	E #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	E #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	E #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	E #1	playoff hole 1
Players will play the numbered position they held at the <u>start</u> of the tournament.					
The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.					

Non Sudden-Death Tie-Breaking Procedure

For pairings purposes and for situations in which a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed, the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at the championships:

Teams

1. First tiebreaker – cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
2. Second tiebreaker – cumulative total of the lowest player score from each round.
3. Third tiebreaker – cumulative total of the second lowest player score from each round.
4. Fourth tiebreaker – cumulative total of the third lowest player score from each round.
5. Fifth tiebreaker – cumulative total of the fourth lowest player score from each round
6. Sixth tiebreaker – revert to original seeding of teams.

Individuals (within a team)

When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time.

Individuals (not within a team)

1. Low score of the most recent round.
2. Low score next previous round.
3. Revert to original seeding of individuals.

The foregoing procedure will also be used if a cut becomes necessary at any time after the completion of the second round of play at the championships.

Finals Site: Advancing Regional Teams

The advancing teams and individuals will be placed into their initial team pairings at the national championship through the use of a revised Golfstat rankings which will be run after all regional competition has completed.

Finals Site: Advancing Regional Individuals (not on an advancing team)

If after completion of regional play and prior to the day before the first practice round at the finals site, an individual is unable to compete at the finals due to extenuating circumstances the committee will use the current regional tournament tie-breaking procedures for individuals in the order listed, minus the use of the playoff option to fill the field.

Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Men's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition event schedule along with the pairings and tee times in order to accommodate a team/individual(s) representing a school that has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons.

Appendix B • Sport Information

MEMORANDUM TO COACHES

A coach is not considered part of the player's side and therefore is not directly subject to the Rules of Golf; nevertheless, there are certain actions that a coach could take that might result in a penalty — e.g., if a coach's actions were sanctioned tacitly or otherwise by the player, he might be penalized.

Some examples of actions by his coach that could result in a penalty to the player would be: improving a line of play; moving loose impediments or obstructions in violation of the Rules; disregard for the provisions of Rule 14-2, assistance and violation of putting green and flagstick restrictions.

Responsibilities of a competitor in this regard are supported by Decisions 13-2/4, 13-2/33 and 13-2/36 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf.

In the best interest of the competition, and in an effort to minimize any difficult situations, the golf committee trusts that all competitors, coaches and officials respect the principle of obeisance to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

Appendix C • Sport Sponsorship

American Athletic Conference (10)

University of Central Florida
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Connecticut
 East Carolina University
 University of Houston

University of Memphis
 University of South Florida
 Southern Methodist University
 Temple University
 Wichita State University

Atlantic Coast Conference (12)

Boston College
 Clemson University
 Duke University
 Florida State University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 University of Louisville

North Carolina State University
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Virginia
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University

Atlantic Sun Conference (7)

Florida Gulf Coast University
 Jacksonville University
 Kennesaw State University
 Liberty University

Lipscomb University
 University of North Florida
 Stetson University

Atlantic10 Conference (11)

Davidson College
 University of Dayton
 Fordham University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 LaSalle University

University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 St. Bonaventure University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Virginia Commonwealth University

Big 12 Conference (10)

Baylor University
 Iowa State University
 University of Kansas
 Kansas State University
 University of Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Tech University
 University of Texas at Austin
 West Virginia University

Big East Conference (9)

Butler University
 Creighton University
 DePaul University
 Georgetown University
 Marquette University

Seton Hall University
 St. John's University (New York)
 Villanova University
 Xavier University

Big Sky Conference (8)

Binghamton University
 California State University, Sacramento
 University of Hartford
 University of Idaho

University of North Dakota
 University of Northern Colorado
 Southern Utah University
 Weber State University

Big South Conference (10)

Campbell University
 Charleston Southern University
 Gardner-Webb University
 Hampton University
 High Point University

Longwood University
 Presbyterian College
 Radford University
 University of South Carolina-Upstate
 Winthrop University

Big Ten Conference (14)

University of Illinois, Champaign
 Indiana University, Bloomington
 University of Iowa
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Michigan
 Michigan State University
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of Nebraska, Lincoln
 Northwestern University
 The Ohio State University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Purdue University
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
 University of Wisconsin, Madison

Big West Conference (9)

California Polytechnic State University
 California State University, Fullerton
 California State University, Northridge
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine

University of California, Riverside
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Hawaii, Manoa
 Long Beach State University

Colonial Athletic Association (9)

College of Charleston (South Carolina)
 University of Delaware
 Drexel University
 Elon University
 Hofstra University

James Madison University
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington
 Towson University
 College of William and Mary

Conference USA (13)

University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Florida Atlantic University
 Louisiana Tech University
 Marshall University
 Middle Tennessee State University
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 University of North Texas

Old Dominion University
 Rice University
 The University of Southern Mississippi
 University of Texas at El Paso
 University of Texas at San Antonio
 Western Kentucky University

Horizon League (8)

Cleveland State University
 University of Detroit Mercy
 Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
 Northern Kentucky University

Oakland University
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
 Wright State University
 Youngstown State University

Independent (1)

Francis Marion University

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (9)

Canisius College
 Fairfield University
 Iona College
 Manhattan College
 Monmouth University

Niagara University
 Rider University
 Saint Peter's University
 Siena College

Mid-American Conference (9)

University of Akron
 Ball State University
 Bowling Green State University
 Eastern Michigan University
 Kent State University

Miami University (Ohio)
 Northern Illinois University
 Ohio University
 University of Toledo

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Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (6)

Augusta University
Bethune-Cookman University
Florida A&M University

University of Maryland Eastern Shore
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University

Missouri Valley Conference (9)

Bradley University
Drake University
University of Evansville
Illinois State University
Loyola University Chicago

Missouri State University
University of Northern Iowa
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Valparaiso University

Mountain West Conference (11)

Boise State University
California State University, Fresno
Colorado State University
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico

San Diego State University
San Jose State University
U.S. Air Force Academy
Utah State University
University of Wyoming

Northeast Conference (9)

Bryant University
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus
Mount St. Mary's University
Robert Morris University

Sacred Heart University
St. Francis College Brooklyn
Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)
Wagner College

Ohio Valley Conference (11)

Austin Peay State University
Belmont University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Kentucky University
Jacksonville State University
Morehead State University

Murray State University
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Technological University
University of Tennessee at Martin

Pac-12 Conference (12)

University of Arizona
Arizona State University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Oregon

Oregon State University
University of Southern California
Stanford University
University of Utah
University of Washington
Washington State University

Patriot League (8)

Bucknell University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Lafayette College

Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy

Southeastern Conference (14)

University of Alabama
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Auburn University
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
Louisiana State University

University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of South Carolina, Columbia
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas A&M University, College Station
Vanderbilt University

Southern Conference (8)

East Tennessee State University
 Furman University
 Mercer University
 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Samford University
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
 Western Carolina University
 Wofford College

Southland Conference (11)

Abilene Christian University
 University of Central Arkansas
 Houston Baptist University
 University of the Incarnate Word
 Lamar University
 McNeese State University

University of New Orleans
 Nicholls State University
 Sam Houston State University
 Southeastern Louisiana University
 Stephen F. Austin State University

Southwestern Athletic Conference (6)

Alabama A& University
 Alabama State University
 Alcorn State University

University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
 Prairie View A&M University
 Texas Southern University

Sun Belt Conference (12)

Appalachian State University
 Arkansas State University
 University of Arkansas at Little Rock
 Coastal Carolina University
 Georgia Southern University
 Georgia State University

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
 University of Louisiana at Monroe
 University of South Alabama
 Texas State University
 University of Texas at Arlington
 Troy University

The Ivy League (8)

Brown University
 Columbia University-Barnard College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University
 University of Pennsylvania
 Princeton University
 Yale University

The Summit League (9)

University of Denver
 Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne
 University of Nebraska Omaha
 North Dakota State University
 Oral Roberts University

University of South Dakota
 South Dakota State University
 University of North Dakota
 Western Illinois University

West Coast Conference (9)

Brigham Young University
 Gonzaga University
 Loyola Marymount University
 University of North Dakota
 University of the Pacific

Pepperdine University
 Saint Mary's College of California
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 Santa Clara University

Western Athletic Conference (7)

Chicago State University
 Grand Canyon University
 University of Missouri-Kansas City
 New Mexico State University

Seattle University
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 Utah Valley University

Appendix D • Local Rules, Conditions and Other Information



LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION 2020 NCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See NCAA Notice to Players and NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NCAA serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Committee.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes or fence posts.

PENALTY AREAS – When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones and newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables. See Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF – If a player's ball is in the general area and the ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, and bunker liners when in their intended position. **Note:** The Committee may treat an exposed bunker liner, not in its intended position, to be ground under repair. But interference does not exist if a bunker liner only interferes with the player's stance.

BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: The Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – The Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – The Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – The Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS – The Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – The Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

ONE BALL RULE – The Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.

REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED CLUB – The Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES – The Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect. Penalty for breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3.

PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES – Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

TRANSPORTATION – During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player making a stroke from where the previous stroke was made is always authorized). Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

ADVICE – See separate memorandum to players and coaches on people who may give advice.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS – Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In match play or stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds, other than on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING BETWEEN THE PLAY OF TWO HOLES – In stroke play only, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball (This includes D-II's stroke play medal/match).

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Head Rules Official has confirmed the result of the match.



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Terms of Competition-Substitution

Regional Championship

Prior to a Regional Championship round, a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that:

- a. The NCAA Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

Note: When a team has substituted a sixth player, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10 minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the NCAA Golf Committee or NCAA Rules Committee and may substitute for another player as provided above.

The team member that was substituted for, becomes the sixth player and the team is limited to that player, if the team wishes to substitute a player prior to any subsequent Regional Championship round.

Championship

Prior to a Championship round (stroke play or match play), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that:

- a. The NCAA Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

Note 1: When a team has substituted a sixth player, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10 minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the NCAA Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee and may substitute for another player as provided above.

The team member that was substituted for, becomes the sixth player and the team is limited to that player, if the team wishes to substitute a player prior to any subsequent Championship round.

Note 2: Unless a team chooses to substitute a sixth player prior to a match play draw, the team's five players that played in the previous round will be used for the draw.



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MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

ADVICE LOCAL RULE

Each team may name two advice givers whom players on the team may ask for or receive advice from during a round. When a player is competing only as an individual, including a player from a team competing in an individual play-off, the player may name one advice giver whom the player may ask for or receive advice from during a round, with a maximum of two advice givers per institution.

Each team or individual must identify the advice giver to the Committee before players on the team or an individual asks for or receive advice from the advice giver. The advice giver must be designated by their institution's athletic department to perform coaching duties. And, the advice giver must wear the identification band, when provided. The team or individual may change its advice giver during the round, but must tell the Committee when it is doing so.

A team's advice giver must only give advice to, and ask advice from, players on their team and the team's other advice giver, and must not ask for advice from any other representative of their institution, any other advice giver or any other outside influence. When a player is competing as an individual, the player's advice giver must only give advice to the player and must not ask advice from any other representative of their institution, any other advice giver or any other outside influence. If an advice giver asks advice from someone not allowed, the Committee may revoke their position.

Note: Advice givers are outside influences and are not treated as part of the player's side. However, a player is responsible for certain actions of another person, including his advice giver, under Rule 1.3c(1). A penalty may apply when:

- The player's advice giver takes an action that would breach the Rules if taken by the player or caddie and that advice giver does so at the player's request or while acting with the player's authority, such as the player asking the advice giver to stand in a location on or close to an extension of the player's line of play to help the player with his alignment, in breach of Rule 10.2b(4).
- The player sees his advice giver about to take an action concerning the player's ball or equipment that he knows would breach a Rule if taken by the player or caddie and does not take reasonable steps to object or stop it from happening, such as the advice giver taking an action to improve the conditions affecting the player's stroke, in breach of Rule 8.1a.

The Committee trusts that all players and advice givers respect the principle of obeisance to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.



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Local Rule

Distance-Measuring Device or Compass for Advice Giver

An advice giver may use of a distance-measuring device or compass to gather information on distance or direction.

During a round, if an advice giver uses a distance-measuring device to measure elevation changes, or uses a device to interpret distance or directional information (such as using a device to get a recommended line of play or club selection based on the location of the player's ball), the advice giver's position may be revoked.

Note: Player Penalties:

- During a round, if a player asks for and is given these elevation changes that were measured by a distance-measuring device or distance or directional information that was interpreted by a device from any person (including an advice giver) and knew the elevation changes were measured or the information was interpreted during the round, the player gets the penalty under Rule 4.3a(1).
- During a round, if a player is given these elevation changes that were measured by a distance-measuring device or distance or directional information that was interpreted by a device from any person (including an advice giver), that was measured or interpreted during the round, the player gets no penalty. **Exception:** If the player knew the elevation changes were measured or the information was interpreted, during the round, and knew this would breach the Rules if measured or interpreted by the player, if possible, the player must try to stop that person from giving the information. If the player does not do so, he is treated as asking for the information and gets the penalty under Rule 4.3a(1).



2019 NCAA D-I MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS GREEN-READING LIMITATION

Interpretation 4.3a/1 – Limitations on Using Green-Reading Materials

Purpose of Interpretation:

Rule 4.3 limits the use of equipment and devices that might help a player in his or her play, based on the principle that golf is a challenging game in which success should depend on the judgment, skills and abilities of the player. This interpretation of Rule 4.3 limits the size and scale of detailed putting green maps and any similar electronic or digital materials that a player may use during a round to help with reading his or her line of play on the putting green so that a player's ability to read a green remains an essential part of the skill of putting.

[The limitations apply:

- to any stroke a player makes from the putting green, and
- to a stroke made with a putter from anywhere when the player's intention is for the ball to come to rest on the putting green.

This bracketed information comes from a frequently asked question on green-reading materials. To access all FAQs, go to www.usga.org/GRM.]

Putting Green Maps

The player is allowed to use a putting green map or other putting green information, except that:

- Any image of a putting green must be limited to a scale of 3/8 inch to 5 yards (1:480) or smaller (the "scale limit");
- Any book or other paper containing a map or image of a putting green must not be larger than 4 ¼ inches x 7 inches (the "size limit"), although a "hole location sheet" that displays 9 or more holes on a single sheet of paper may be larger, provided that any image of a single putting green meets the scale limit;
- No magnification of putting green information is allowed other than a player's normal wearing of prescription glasses or lenses;
- Hand drawn or written information about a putting green is only allowed if contained in a book or paper meeting the size limit and written by the player and/or his or her caddie.

Electronic or Digital Putting Green Maps

In electronic or digital form, any image of a putting green must meet the above scale and size limits. Even when an electronic or digital putting green map meets the above limits, the player is still in breach of Rule 4.3 if the player uses any device in a manner not consistent with the purpose of these limits, such as by:

- Increasing the size of the green's representation beyond the scale or size limits;
- Producing a recommended line of play based on the location (or estimated location) of the player's ball (see Rule 4.3a(1)).

Green-Reading Material for Advice Giver

An advice giver may use his or her own yardage book or green-reading book to show the player when giving advice. However, these books are under the same limitations as outlined above in Interpretation 4-3a/1.

During a round, if an advice giver uses green-reading material which would be a breach of Rule 4-3a (such as using a yardage or green book that contains images that do not meet the “scale limit” or the book itself does not meet the “size limit” to help read a line of play on a putting green), the advice giver’s position may be revoked. The player may also be subject to penalty (See Rule 1.3c(1)).

Hand Written Notes: Along with the player’s hand written notes, the player’s book may contain hand written notes by the player’s advice giver when the advice giver has been identified to the Committee for that round. However, it is recommended that the player’s book contains only the player’s hand written notes and the advice giver’s book contains only the advice giver’s notes.



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Pace of Play Policy-Stroke Play

When a group is **out of position** at any checkpoint the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines. Players in a group that has missed one or more checkpoints will be liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred:

Check-points will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes.

- 1st missed checkpoint* – warning
- 2nd missed checkpoint – liable to a one stroke penalty
- 3rd missed checkpoint – liable to a two stroke penalty
- 4th missed checkpoint – liable to disqualification

* If a group clears the 3rd check-point and has not missed any other checkpoints, but is out of position at the 4th checkpoint, each player in the group is liable for a one-stroke penalty if in the Committee's view a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final checkpoint.

Definition of "Out of Position"

FIRST GROUP (off the 1st and 10th holes): The first group is out of position if they take more than the allotted time to finish a checkpoint hole (see below checkpoint time table).

FOLLOWING GROUPS: A following group is out of position if it:

- (a) Takes more than the allotted time to finish a checkpoint hole and
- (b) Completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

Check-Points:

In groups of 3, play of the hole must be completed in the following amount of time.

Hole #	4 / 13	9 / 18	13 / 4	18 / 9
Time allotted	1:06 / 1:09	2:28 / 2:37	3:40 / 3:44	5:08 / 5:06

Group Out of Position

When a group is out of position at a checkpoint, it will be notified by a checkpoint official.

When a group has been notified of a missed checkpoint, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next checkpoint. If that group reaches the next checkpoint out of position each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines.

Any group that is out of position may be monitored by a referee.

A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) player in his group, who is delaying play, should request a referee to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Final Determination Regarding Breach / Review Process

Before returning his score card, a player who is liable for penalty during his round may consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- (a) The player was delayed by the Committee; or
- (b) The player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
- (c) The player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during his round and who elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether he was in breach of these guidelines is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties.

If a player or group incurs a penalty, penalties are to be applied to the checkpoint hole where the breach occurred.

Decisions made by the Pace of Play Committee are final and no further review is available.

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB-GROUPS OF 3-FIRST TEE																		
Hole #	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11	12	13*	14	15	16	17	18*
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4
Time Allotted	17	21	12	16	20	16	18	12	16	23	17	18	14	19	21	18	13	17
Total Time	0:17	0:38	0:50	1:06	1:26	1:42	2:00	2:12	2:28	2:51	3:08	3:26	3:40	3:59	4:20	4:38	4:51	5:08

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB-GROUPS OF 3-TENTH TEE																		
Hole #	10	11	12	13*	14	15	16	17	18*	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9*
Par	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4
Time Allotted	20	17	18	14	19	21	18	13	17	18	21	12	16	20	16	18	12	16
Total Time	0:20	0:37	0:55	1:09	1:28	1:49	2:07	2:20	2:37	2:55	3:16	3:28	3:44	4:04	4:20	4:38	4:50	5:06



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Pace of Play Policy-Match Play**

Out of Position

FIRST MATCH: The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.

FOLLOWING MATCH: Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed, the players will be notified of such timing by a referee. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allocated time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke starts:

- 1st breach – warning
- 2nd breach – one stroke penalty
- 3rd breach – loss of hole
- 4th breach – disqualification

Timing

Maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds.

The timing will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and to select a club will count as the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will start after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE 1: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the Committee deems it necessary.

NOTE 2: Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between strokes.

NOTE 3: Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time.

NOTE 4: Pace of Play penalties are not subject to appeal.

Pace of Play Charts

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB-MATCH PLAY-FIRST TEE																		
Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4
Time Allotted	15	18	10	14	17	14	15	10	13	20	15	15	12	16	18	15	10	15
Total Time	0:15	0:33	0:43	0:57	1:14	1:28	1:43	1:53	2:06	2:26	2:41	2:56	3:08	3:24	3:42	3:57	4:07	4:22

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB-MATCH PLAY-TENTH TEE																		
Hole #	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Par	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4
Time Allotted	17	15	15	12	16	18	15	10	15	16	18	10	14	17	14	15	10	13
Total Time	0:17	0:32	0:47	0:59	1:15	1:33	1:48	1:58	2:13	2:29	2:47	2:57	3:11	3:28	3:42	3:57	4:07	4:20