

**NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF
ANNUAL REPORT**

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The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year and other information that will be helpful to you. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jimmy Bass, chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee, and/or a member of the committee or John Baldwin, NCAA director of championships.

1. 2022-23 Committee Members.

Steve Bailey Head Men's Golf Coach Marquette University	Term ends: Aug. 2023
Jimmy Bass Director of Athletics University of North Carolina, Wilmington	Term ends: Aug. 2023
Jim Fee Associate Director of Athletics University of South Florida	Term ends: Aug. 2024
John Hauscarriague Senior Associate Athletic Director University of California, Irvine	Term ends: Aug. 2026
Glen Millican Head Men's Golf Coach University of New Mexico	Term ends: Aug. 2026
Michael Levy Associate Vice Chancellor & Associate Athletics Director, Development Texas Christian University	Term ends: Aug. 2024

2. Future Sites.

2023 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, May 3

Regionals: May 15-17, 2023

- Auburn University Club - Auburn University
- The Cliffs at Keowee Falls - Clemson University
- Eagle Eye Golf Club - Michigan State University
- Bear's Best Las Vegas - University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club - University of Oklahoma
- The Institute Golf Club - San Jose State University

National Championships: May 26-31, 2023

Grayhawk Golf Club, Arizona State University, host

2024 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, May 1

Regionals: May 13-15, 2024

- University Club - Louisiana State University
- UNC Finley Golf Club - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex - Purdue University
- The Farms Golf Club - University of San Diego
- Stanford Golf Course - Stanford University
- University of Texas Golf Club - University of Texas at Austin

National Championships: May 24-29, 2024

La Costa Resort and Spa, University of Texas at Austin, host

2025 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 30

Regionals: May 12-14, 2025

- The Blessings Golf Club - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- Seminole Legacy Golf Club - Florida State University
- Poplar Grove Golf Course - Liberty University
- Montreux Golf and Country Club - University of Nevada, Reno
- Karsten Creek Golf Club - Oklahoma State University
- Gold Mountain Golf Club - University of Washington

National Championships: May 23-28, 2025

La Costa Resort and Spa, University of Texas at Austin, host

2026 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, May 6

Regionals: May 18-20, 2026

- AK Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club - Arizona State University
- University of Georgia Golf Course - University of Georgia
- OSU Golf Club - The Ohio State University
- Trysting Tree Golf Club - Oregon State University
- Traditions Club - Texas A&M University, College Station
- Bermuda Run Country Club - Wake Forest University

National Championships: May 28 - June 2, 2026

La Costa Resort and Spa, University of Texas at Austin, host

3. **Upcoming Championship Bid Cycle.** Bids for the 2027-30 Division I Men's and Women's Golf Regionals and Finals sites will be open for bidding beginning late Summer of 2023.
4. **Future Dates (Selections).** Selections will be announced on the first Wednesday in May, except for when May 1 falls on a Thursday, in which case selections would be announced on April 30.
5. **Future Dates (Regionals).** Effective 2016, the regionals will take place 11 days prior to the start of the national championship with play taking place Monday-Wednesday.
6. **Future Dates (Finals).** Effective 2014, the finals will begin on the fourth Friday in the month of May except for when May 1 is a Friday. In that year, the finals will begin on the fifth Friday in the month of May.



7. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division I Competition Oversight Committee has awarded the following 30 conferences with automatic qualification for the 2023 championships:

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

Selection Criteria. 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 Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's golf championship 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 as a selection criterion by the men's golf committee for selection purposes.

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. Institutions may not send multiple teams to different events on the same day. If this does occur, one of the

teams will be dubbed an "A" team and the other "B" team for selection scoring purposes.

8. **2022-23 Regional Selection Process.** 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 invite 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. 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. If a selected team is hosting a regional, they will be allowed to compete at their site. Five teams and the low individual (not on an advancing team) from each regional shall advance to the finals.

The requirement of a .500 record for at-large selection remains in place for the 2022-23 championships.

Results Submission. Golfstat serves as the computer service used by the NCAA Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Golf Championships to process regular-season results for selection purposes for the 2023 Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Golf Championships. Please refer to the memo posted on the men's golf page of ncaa.org for information specific to the tournament registration and the [results submission](#) process.

Regular Season Results Submission Policy. The Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committees require that host institutions of regular season events must submit scores to Golfstat according to the following policy:

"The host institution of a regular season event is required to submit results from their tournament into Golfstat by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time), two days following the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Golfstat by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time), on Thursday."

Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established timeframe will be assessed a financial penalty of \$500 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$750."

9. **Annual Meeting.** The 2023 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee annual meeting will held in June 2023, in Indianapolis.
10. **Pre-Championships Manual.** The 2023 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Pre-Championships Manual will be available on ncaa.org by early February.
11. **NCAA Websites.** www.ncaa.org and www.ncaa.com.

12. **Reminders and Updates.** Listed below is information related to the 2023 Division I Men's Golf Championships.

Schedule Submission Policy Update. Beginning in Fall 2023, the schedule submission deadline requirement will be adjusted to reflect an annual submission deadline of August 31 for an institution's full competition schedule for the year, in place of the current annual deadline of October 1. Any requested schedule changes beyond this schedule submission deadline must be submitted to the Division I Men's Golf Committee for review.

Coaches' Carts. Beginning with the 2023 championships, designated institutional coaches will be permitted to use a cart during both the Regionals and Finals rounds. Carts may be used only by one or both of the two designated institutional coaches and the preference for all sites will be for carts to remain on cart paths only during all rounds of the championships, though not all host sites may be set up to allow this to occur.

Model Local Rule G-10. Model Local Rule (MLR G-10) has been available beginning on January 1, 2022, to provide those running professional or elite amateur golf competitions the option of limiting the maximum length of a golf club (excluding putters) to 46 inches. This Model Local Rule was added to the NCAA Men's Golf Hard Card beginning in January 2022 and will once again be adopted for all rounds of the 2023 NCAA Men's Golf Championships.

MLR G-10 limits the maximum allowable club length, other than putters, to 46 inches. A measurement tolerance of 0.20 inches is allowed above 46 inches.

"In making a stroke, the player must not use a club, except for a putter, which exceeds 46 inches in length.

Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these length specifications."

Substitutions. Substitutions will be permitted (between stipulated rounds) during the postseason (regionals and finals – both stroke and match play). For teams bringing a sixth player, that player may play in the practice round (both regionals and finals) as well as use the practice facilities as long as the player has been registered with the host institution and respective games committee. Additionally, substitutions may be used at conference tournaments for both stroke and match play.

Tee Times - Regionals. Tee times at each of the six regional sites will be at 7:30 am each day; however, tee times may be pushed back each morning if good weather is expected, and volunteers have flexibility. Additionally, for days two and three, tee times will still be based on the previous day(s) scores with the leading teams teeing off first each day.

Tee Times - Finals. The Men's Golf Committee voted in June 2022 to adjust the first- and second-round pairings at the finals site so as not to disadvantage the top-seeded teams, beginning with the 2023 championships. During the first round of competition, seeds one through six will be first off in the morning wave; teams seven through 12 will be the first teams off during the afternoon wave; teams 13 through 18 will be the second teams off in the afternoon wave; teams 19 through 24 will be the second teams off during the morning wave; teams 25 through 27 will be the last teams off in the afternoon wave; and teams 28 through 30 will be the last teams off in the morning wave. Morning and afternoon tee times will flip for the second round of competition. No changes will be made in 2023 to individuals' tee times, nor to any other competition days.

Teams that perform the best over the first two days of competition will tee off in the morning on the third day of competition with the leading teams teeing off first. Additionally, the first tee time for the Championship Match on Wednesday will begin at 1:45 local time with 10-minute increments for the remaining matches.

Playoffs for Advancement (Stroke Play) – Finals Site. The committee will use an aggregate score playoff (all five scores counting) to advance teams down from 30 to 15 (Sunday to Monday) and from 15 teams down to the eight teams that advance to Match Play. The playoff will still be done in a shotgun type format with the competing teams playing on five different holes.

Effective 2022, coaches will have the ability to determine starting hole assignments for their student-athletes, rather than having those hole assignments preassigned based on an individual's starting position at the beginning of the tournament. These selections must be completed no later than 10 minutes following the conclusion of play.

Course Access Policy During Regular Season – Regional sites. Courses that are hosting a regional tournament are no longer able to host a regular season or conference post-season event on that same golf course during the same academic year.

Course Access After Completion of Competition Rounds – Regionals and Finals. When coaches and student-athletes return to the course after each competition round to watch play they become spectators at this point and shall follow spectator rules, including no carts on the course. Additionally, coaches and/or student-athletes may not go onto the putting greens or within 20 feet of the putting greens. Coaches who violate this policy will not be permitted to coach the following day, and the number of permissible coaches for the team the following day will be reduced by the number of offending coaches.

Finals Site Course Access for 2022-23 Championships. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committees have agreed to change to an open course access policy. For the 2023 championships, all schools will have access to Grayhawk Golf Club from July 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023. Effective May 1, 2023, no teams or individuals, including the host school, will be allowed at the site.

Non-Sudden Death Tiebreakers. Non-sudden death tiebreaking procedures for the championships are as follows:

- First Tiebreaker – cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
- Second Tiebreaker – cumulative total of the lowest player score from each round.
- Third Tiebreaker – cumulative total of the second lowest player score from each round.
- Fourth Tiebreaker – cumulative total of the third lowest player score from each round.
- Fifth Tiebreaker – cumulative total of the fourth lowest player score from each round.
- Sixth Tiebreaker – revert to original seeding of teams.

Finals site.

- Mandatory head coaches administrative/rules meetings will be conducted virtually where possible.
- Institutions with a policy prohibiting play on Sunday will play their practice round on Wednesday and first round of competition on Thursday (with Sunday hole locations).
- Regional winners will no longer move to a top 15 seed if they were not already one in the Golfstat rankings following regional play.

Championship Format. Teams that qualify via conference automatic qualification (30) and teams that are selected at-large (51) by the committee will comprise each of the six regional tournaments. A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments the day prior to championship selections.

- **Regional Competition.** Six, 54-hole competitions will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Three of the regional tournaments will consist of 13 teams and 10 individuals not on those teams, while the other three regionals will have 14 teams and five individuals not on those teams. The low five teams and low individual not one those teams from each regional will advance to the finals. Tie-breakers and playoffs will be used

to determine advancement to the finals (time and weather permitting).

- **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.

A total five points will be available with one point being awarded for each individual match. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently 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 President's Cup matches.

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 round.