



2026 NCAA D-I MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEMORANDUM TO COACHES AND 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.

An advice giver is an outside influence and is not treated as part of the player's side. However, under Rule 10.2b(4) "Restricted Area for Caddie Before Player Makes Stroke", when applying this Rule the advice giver is treated the same as a caddie and a breach by the advice giver results in a penalty to the player.

Under the other Rules of Golf a player is not subject to a penalty for the actions of the advice giver that breaches a Rule unless the advice giver does so at the player's request or while acting with the player's authority, or if the player sees the advice giver about to take an action concerning the player's ball or equipment that they know would breach the Rules if taken by the player and does not take reasonable steps to object or stop it from happening (see Rule 1.3c(1)).

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.