



PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four 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, eight 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 Prechampionship 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.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific

Section 1.1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship 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).

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. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

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).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 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 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 3.2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation 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 3.3 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 3•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 online.

Section 3•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) 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 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete 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 competing at the finals site. 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. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations 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 Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to ncaa.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [Health, Safety & Performance website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 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

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • 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 Sept. 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).

Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

Division I developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available [here](#) when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

Division I Men's Golf

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Section 1•2 National Committee

Current members of the committee can be found at the following link: <https://web1.ncaa.org/committees/#/reports/roster?committeeCode=1MGO>

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 1, 2025	Schedules, tournaments and team rosters to be used for selection purposes must be registered with Scoreboard by Clippd.
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Results from spring competition due to Scoreboard by Clippd.
Wednesday, May 6	Regional selection announcement at 2 p.m. Eastern time.
Monday-Wednesday, May 18-20	Regionals.
Friday-Wednesday, May 29-June 3	National Championships at Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, Carlsbad, California; The University of Texas at Austin, host.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Regionals (May 18-20)

Athens, Georgia	University of Georgia Golf Course, University of Georgia, host.
Bermuda Run, North Carolina	Bermuda Run Country Club, Wake Forest University, host.
Bryan, Texas	Traditions Club, Texas A&M University, College Station, host.
Columbus, Ohio	OSU Golf Club, The Ohio State University, host.
Corvallis, Oregon	Trysting Tree Golf Club, Oregon State University, host.
Marana, Arizona	The Gallery Golf Club, University of Arizona, host.

Finals (May 29-June 3)

Carlsbad, California	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, The University of Texas at Austin, host.
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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

2027

Regionals (May 17-19)

Bloomington, Indiana	Pfau Golf Course, Indiana University, Bloomington, host.
Loudon, Tennessee	Tennessee National, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, host.
Lubbock, Texas	The Rawls Golf Course, Texas Tech University, host.
Maricopa, Arizona	Ak-Chin Southern Dunes, Arizona State University, host.
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina	TPC Myrtle Beach, Coastal Carolina University, host.
TBD	TBD.

Finals (May 28-June 2)

Carlsbad, California	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, University of Texas at Austin, host.
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Regionals (May 15-17)

Albuquerque, New Mexico	Championship Course UNM, University of New Mexico, host.
Franklin, Tennessee	Vanderbilt Legends Club, Vanderbilt University, host.
Norman, Oklahoma	Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club, University of Oklahoma, host.
Notre Dame, Indiana	Warren Golf Course, University of Notre Dame, host.
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida	PGA National Resort, Florida Atlantic University, host.
Stanford, California	Stanford Golf Course, Stanford University, host.

Finals (May 26-31)

Carlsbad, California	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, University of Texas at Austin, host.
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Section 1•4 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., clubs, balls, shoes, bags, push/pull carts, distance measuring devices) 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 – the Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- Grooves and punch mark specifications – the Model Local Rule G-3 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.
- Footwear – the Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.
- Club Length – the Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.
- Transportation – during the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

NOTE: Coaches are required to wear shoes that conform with the footwear local rule (i.e., soft spikes or flat-bottom tennis shoes). Players may use nonmotorized 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 Advice and Pace-of-Play Conditions (see Appendix D) and the Notice to Players specific to the golf course being played.

Memorandum to Coaches. Coaches named as 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 obedience to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct (i.e., profanity, club throwing, acts of defacing the golf course). 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 Tobacco Policy

The use of tobacco by student-athletes, or team or game personnel (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, managers and game officials), is prohibited during competition. Any student-athlete, or team or game personnel, who uses tobacco during competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

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

Student-athletes 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 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](#).

PATCHES

As authorized by the institution or conference, an additional commemorative or memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events or causes) to be worn by a team is allowed as long as no safety hazard is created. The patch shall be contained within a four-sided geometrical space (i.e., a rectangle) with an area that does not exceed 4 square inches and must be placed on the front or sleeve of the uniform and may not interfere with any required markings. While not all team members are required to wear the patch, the patch must be identical for those who choose to wear the patch.

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 Division I Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee.

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 Men's Golf 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:

- 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.
- 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.

In 2026, official NCAA awards will be presented to the team national champion, runner-up, semifinalists and top 15 individuals. Regional team trophies will no longer be awarded.

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.

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, tee times and starting hole assignments 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](https://www.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](#).

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.

In 2026, official NCAA awards will be presented to the team national champion, runner-up, semifinalists and top 15 individuals.

PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

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.

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES

Pairings and tee times for practice and competition will be determined following selections for each of the six regional sites, and after completion of regional competition for the finals site. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants, but may bring a sixth player as a substitute. 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

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

1. All tournaments must be registered not later than Sept. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to have the tournament registered may be assessed a monetary fine. Complete schedules need to be submitted by Sept. 1.
2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit the results to Scoreboard by Clippd within two (2) days of the completion or it may be assessed a monetary fine.
3. Results for tournaments completed May 5 should be sent via email to Scoreboard by Clippd.
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 NCAA staff or to a member of 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.

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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 medal play, with the lower 18 hole score winning. 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).
 - 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.
6. Institutions that fail to fully register may be assessed a monetary 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
8. Substitutions are permitted only during conference championships, NCAA regionals and NCAA finals. Substitutions are not permitted during regular season competition.

For information about reporting results and tournament registration, contact the Scoreboard by Clipd staff at support@clipd.io.

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.

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AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Twenty-nine conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2026 regionals:

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

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have participated in a minimum of fifteen rounds and 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 Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's golf championships in priority order:

PRIMARY CRITERIA

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

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Any changes to a team's schedule after Sept. 1 need to be approved by the Division I Men's Golf Committee. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament after Sept. 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 Scoreboard by Clippd 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 Scoreboard by Clippd 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 Scoreboard by Clippd. Failure to report such information shall result in a monetary fine and a letter of reprimand.

Regional Selection. The committee will select 81 teams and 45 individuals for regional competition, including automatic qualifiers (29) and at-large teams (52).

Conference individual medalists, if not selected on a participating team, will receive an exemption as an individual. If there is a tie for individual medalist at the conference championship, a playoff must be held to determine a winner to be eligible for the individual exemption. In the event that the conference individual medalist is part of an advancing team, or otherwise cannot participate, the individual exemption does not extend to the next highest-placing individual.

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 • Tiebreak Procedures

Individual and Team Tie-Breaking Procedures

Teams. Team ties shall be broken by a sudden death playoff counting AGGREGATE of ALL FIVE (5) scores on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The games committee will determine the starting holes. In the event of a tie for the individual national champion, that playoff would be conducted prior to any team playoffs. In all other scenarios, the team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.

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

Coaches will have the ability to determine starting hole assignments for their student-athletes. These selections must be completed no more than ten minutes following the conclusion of play. If not completed within the required timeframe, players will be assigned by the numbered position they held at the start 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

- i. First tiebreaker – cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
- ii. Second tiebreaker – cumulative total of the lowest player score from each round.
- iii. Third tiebreaker – cumulative total of the second lowest player score from each round.
- iv. Fourth tiebreaker – cumulative total of the third lowest player score from each round.
- v. Fifth tiebreaker – cumulative total of the fourth lowest player score from each round
- vi. 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)

- i. Low score of the most recent round.
- ii. Low score next previous round.
- iii. Revert to original seeding of individuals.

Appendix B • Sport Information

MEMORANDUM TO COACHES

Coaches named as 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.

Appendix C • Sport Sponsorship

NAME_OFFICIAL	SPORT_CONFERENCE	ACTIVE_STATUS
University of Alabama at Birmingham	American Conference	
East Carolina University	American Conference	
Florida Atlantic University	American Conference	
University of Memphis	American Conference	
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	American Conference	
University of North Texas	American Conference	
Rice University	American Conference	
University of South Florida	American Conference	
Temple University	American Conference	
University of Texas at San Antonio	American Conference	
The University of Tulsa	American Conference	
Wichita State University	American Conference	
Davidson College	Atlantic 10 Conference	
University of Dayton	Atlantic 10 Conference	
Fordham University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
George Mason University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
George Washington University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
La Salle University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
Loyola University Chicago	Atlantic 10 Conference	
University of Rhode Island	Atlantic 10 Conference	
University of Richmond	Atlantic 10 Conference	
St. Bonaventure University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
Saint Joseph's University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
Virginia Commonwealth University	Atlantic 10 Conference	
Boston College	Atlantic Coast Conference	
University of California, Berkeley	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Clemson University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Duke University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Florida State University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlantic Coast Conference	
University of Louisville	Atlantic Coast Conference	
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Atlantic Coast Conference	
North Carolina State University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
University of Notre Dame	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Southern Methodist University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Stanford University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
University of Virginia	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Wake Forest University	Atlantic Coast Conference	
Austin Peay State University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Bellarmino University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Eastern Kentucky University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Jacksonville University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
University of North Alabama	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Stetson University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
University of West Georgia	Atlantic Sun Conference	II Reclassifying to I (B20.5.2.1)
University of Central Arkansas	Atlantic Sun Conference	
University of North Florida	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Queens University of Charlotte	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Lipscomb University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Florida Gulf Coast University	Atlantic Sun Conference	
Arizona State University	Big 12 Conference	
University of Arizona	Big 12 Conference	
Baylor University	Big 12 Conference	
Brigham Young University	Big 12 Conference	

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University of Central Florida	Big 12 Conference	
University of Cincinnati	Big 12 Conference	
University of Colorado Boulder	Big 12 Conference	
University of Houston	Big 12 Conference	
Iowa State University	Big 12 Conference	
Kansas State University	Big 12 Conference	
University of Kansas	Big 12 Conference	
Oklahoma State University	Big 12 Conference	
Texas Christian University	Big 12 Conference	
Texas Tech University	Big 12 Conference	
University of Utah	Big 12 Conference	
West Virginia University	Big 12 Conference	
Butler University	Big East Conference	
University of Connecticut	Big East Conference	
Creighton University	Big East Conference	
DePaul University	Big East Conference	
Georgetown University	Big East Conference	
Marquette University	Big East Conference	
Providence College	Big East Conference	
St. John's University (New York)	Big East Conference	
Seton Hall University	Big East Conference	
Villanova University	Big East Conference	
Xavier University	Big East Conference	
California State University, Sacramento	Big Sky Conference	
Eastern Washington University	Big Sky Conference	
University of Idaho	Big Sky Conference	
University of Northern Colorado	Big Sky Conference	
Weber State University	Big Sky Conference	
Francis Marion University	Big Sky Conference	
Charleston Southern University	Big South Conference	
Longwood University	Big South Conference	
Radford University	Big South Conference	
Winthrop University	Big South Conference	
Gardner-Webb University	Big South Conference	
Presbyterian College	Big South Conference	
University of South Carolina Upstate	Big South Conference	
High Point University	Big South Conference	
University of California, Los Angeles	Big Ten Conference	
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Big Ten Conference	
Indiana University, Bloomington	Big Ten Conference	
University of Iowa	Big Ten Conference	
University of Maryland, College Park	Big Ten Conference	
Michigan State University	Big Ten Conference	
University of Michigan	Big Ten Conference	
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Big Ten Conference	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Big Ten Conference	
Northwestern University	Big Ten Conference	
The Ohio State University	Big Ten Conference	
University of Oregon	Big Ten Conference	
Pennsylvania State University	Big Ten Conference	
Purdue University	Big Ten Conference	
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick	Big Ten Conference	
University of Southern California	Big Ten Conference	
University of Washington	Big Ten Conference	
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Big Ten Conference	
California Polytechnic State University	Big West Conference	

California State University, Fullerton	Big West Conference	
Long Beach State University	Big West Conference	
California State University, Northridge	Big West Conference	
University of California, Santa Barbara	Big West Conference	
University of California, Davis	Big West Conference	
University of California, Irvine	Big West Conference	
University of California, Riverside	Big West Conference	
University of California, San Diego	Big West Conference	
University of Hawaii, Manoa	Big West Conference	
Campbell University	Coastal Athletic Association	
Drexel University	Coastal Athletic Association	
Hofstra University	Coastal Athletic Association	
Monmouth University	Coastal Athletic Association	
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Coastal Athletic Association	
North Carolina A&T State University	Coastal Athletic Association	
Towson University	Coastal Athletic Association	
William & Mary	Coastal Athletic Association	
College of Charleston (South Carolina)	Coastal Athletic Association	
Elon University	Coastal Athletic Association	
University of Delaware	Conference USA	Reclass FCS to FBS
Jacksonville State University	Conference USA	
Liberty University	Conference USA	
Louisiana Tech University	Conference USA	
Middle Tennessee State University	Conference USA	
New Mexico State University	Conference USA	
Sam Houston State University	Conference USA	
Missouri State University	Conference USA	Reclass FCS to FBS
University of Texas at El Paso	Conference USA	
Western Kentucky University	Conference USA	
Kennesaw State University	Conference USA	
Cleveland State University	Horizon League	
University of Detroit Mercy	Horizon League	
Purdue University Fort Wayne	Horizon League	
Northern Kentucky University	Horizon League	
Oakland University	Horizon League	
Robert Morris University	Horizon League	
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Horizon League	
Wright State University	Horizon League	
Youngstown State University	Horizon League	
Indiana University Indianapolis	Horizon League	
Canisius University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Fairfield University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Iona University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Manhattan University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Merrimack College	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Mount St. Mary's University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Niagara University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Rider University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Sacred Heart University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Saint Peter's University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Siena University	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Ball State University	Mid-American Conference	
Bowling Green State University	Mid-American Conference	
Central Michigan University	Mid-American Conference	
Eastern Michigan University	Mid-American Conference	
Kent State University	Mid-American Conference	

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Miami University (Ohio)	Mid-American Conference	
Northern Illinois University	Mid-American Conference	
Ohio University	Mid-American Conference	
University of Toledo	Mid-American Conference	
Bradley University	Missouri Valley Conference	
Drake University	Missouri Valley Conference	
University of Evansville	Missouri Valley Conference	
Illinois State University	Missouri Valley Conference	
Murray State University	Missouri Valley Conference	
University of Northern Iowa	Missouri Valley Conference	
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Missouri Valley Conference	
Valparaiso University	Missouri Valley Conference	
Belmont University	Missouri Valley Conference	
Boise State University	Mountain West Conference	
California State University, Fresno	Mountain West Conference	
Colorado State University	Mountain West Conference	
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Mountain West Conference	
University of Nevada, Reno	Mountain West Conference	
University of New Mexico	Mountain West Conference	
San Diego State University	Mountain West Conference	
San Jose State University	Mountain West Conference	
U.S. Air Force Academy	Mountain West Conference	
Utah State University	Mountain West Conference	
University of Wyoming	Mountain West Conference	
Grand Canyon University	Mountain West Conference	
Binghamton University	Northeast Conference	
Chicago State University	Northeast Conference	
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	Northeast Conference	
Howard University	Northeast Conference	
Le Moyne College	Northeast Conference	II Reclassifying to I (B20.5.2.1)
Long Island University	Northeast Conference	
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Northeast Conference	
Mercyhurst University	Northeast Conference	II Reclassifying to I (B20.5.2.1)
University of New Haven	Northeast Conference	II Reclassifying to I (B20.5.2.1)
North Carolina Central University	Northeast Conference	
Saint Francis University	Northeast Conference	
Wagner College	Northeast Conference	
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Ohio Valley Conference	
Bryant University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Eastern Illinois University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Morehead State University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Ohio Valley Conference	
University of Southern Indiana	Ohio Valley Conference	
Tennessee State University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Tennessee Technological University	Ohio Valley Conference	
University of Tennessee at Martin	Ohio Valley Conference	
Western Illinois University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Lindenwood University	Ohio Valley Conference	
Bucknell University	Patriot League	
Colgate University	Patriot League	
College of the Holy Cross	Patriot League	
Lafayette College	Patriot League	
Lehigh University	Patriot League	
Loyola University Maryland	Patriot League	
U.S. Military Academy	Patriot League	
U.S. Naval Academy	Patriot League	

University of Alabama	Southeastern Conference	
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Southeastern Conference	
Auburn University	Southeastern Conference	
University of Florida	Southeastern Conference	
University of Georgia	Southeastern Conference	
University of Kentucky	Southeastern Conference	
Louisiana State University	Southeastern Conference	
Mississippi State University	Southeastern Conference	
University of Mississippi	Southeastern Conference	
University of Missouri, Columbia	Southeastern Conference	
University of Oklahoma	Southeastern Conference	
University of South Carolina, Columbia	Southeastern Conference	
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Southeastern Conference	
Texas A&M University, College Station	Southeastern Conference	
University of Texas at Austin	Southeastern Conference	
Vanderbilt University	Southeastern Conference	
East Tennessee State University	Southern Conference	
Furman University	Southern Conference	
Mercer University	Southern Conference	
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Southern Conference	
Samford University	Southern Conference	
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Southern Conference	
Western Carolina University	Southern Conference	
Wofford College	Southern Conference	
East Texas A&M University	Southland Conference	
Houston Christian University	Southland Conference	
Lamar University	Southland Conference	
University of New Orleans	Southland Conference	
Nicholls State University	Southland Conference	
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Southland Conference	
Southeastern Louisiana University	Southland Conference	
University of the Incarnate Word	Southland Conference	
Alabama A&M University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Alabama State University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Florida A&M University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Jackson State University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Prairie View A&M University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Southern University, Baton Rouge	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Texas Southern University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	
Appalachian State University	Sun Belt Conference	
Arkansas State University	Sun Belt Conference	
Coastal Carolina University	Sun Belt Conference	
Georgia Southern University	Sun Belt Conference	
Georgia State University	Sun Belt Conference	
James Madison University	Sun Belt Conference	
Marshall University	Sun Belt Conference	
University of Louisiana Monroe	Sun Belt Conference	
Old Dominion University	Sun Belt Conference	
University of South Alabama	Sun Belt Conference	
The University of Southern Mississippi	Sun Belt Conference	
Texas State University	Sun Belt Conference	
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Sun Belt Conference	
Troy University	Sun Belt Conference	
Columbia University-Barnard College	The Ivy League	
Cornell University	The Ivy League	

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Dartmouth College	The Ivy League	
Harvard University	The Ivy League	
University of Pennsylvania	The Ivy League	
Princeton University	The Ivy League	
Yale University	The Ivy League	
University of Denver	The Summit League	
University of Nebraska at Omaha	The Summit League	
North Dakota State University	The Summit League	
University of North Dakota	The Summit League	
Oral Roberts University	The Summit League	
University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)	The Summit League	
South Dakota State University	The Summit League	
University of South Dakota	The Summit League	
University of Missouri-Kansas City	The Summit League	
Augusta University	West Coast Conference	
Gonzaga University	West Coast Conference	
Loyola Marymount University	West Coast Conference	
Oregon State University	West Coast Conference	
University of the Pacific	West Coast Conference	
Pepperdine University	West Coast Conference	
Saint Mary's College of California	West Coast Conference	
University of San Diego	West Coast Conference	
University of San Francisco	West Coast Conference	
Santa Clara University	West Coast Conference	
Washington State University	West Coast Conference	
Seattle University	West Coast Conference	
Abilene Christian University	Western Athletic Conference	
Southern Utah University	Western Athletic Conference	
University of Texas at Arlington	Western Athletic Conference	
Tarleton State University	Western Athletic Conference	
Utah Valley University	Western Athletic Conference	
Utah Tech University	Western Athletic Conference	
California Baptist University	Western Athletic Conference	

Appendix D • Local Rules, Conditions and Other Information



LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION 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 2023. 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. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

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 or in or adjacent to 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.

TEMPORARY 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.

GROOVE 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.

PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION - The Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES - The Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES - The Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect.

REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED - The Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES - The Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.

MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION - The Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED - The Model Local Rule H-1.1 is in effect.

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 the 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 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 obedience 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).



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Pace of Play Policy

Maximum Allowable Time

Maximum allowable time is the maximum time that the Committee considers necessary for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the player scorecard in stroke play and by asking a referee in match play. The hole is completed when the last player in the group removes their ball from the hole.

- Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round.
- In Stroke Play, players are encouraged to play “ready golf” in a safe and responsible way (Rule 6.4b).
- In Match Play, players may agree to play out of turn to save time (such an agreement applies only to the stroke played out of turn and not to the entire match).

"Out of Position"

A group is out of position when they reach a tee over the maximum allowable time and fail to play a stroke:

- a) On a par-3 before **all** players in the group ahead have played from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b) On a par-4 before **all** players in the group ahead have holed out.
- c) On a par-5 before **any** player in the group ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

Warning / "On the Clock" / "Bad Time"

When the Committee determines that a group is out of position, the group may either receive a warning or be put immediately on the clock (that is, to be timed) and the players will be notified by a referee.

- When warned, the group is expected to regain position with the group ahead as soon as possible. If the group does not make up time or regain position, the group will be put on the clock and informed by a referee.
- While on the clock, any player in a group who incurs a bad time will be informed as soon as possible.
- While on the clock, the Committee may assess a bad time to a player who delays play between shots or holes.
- A referee will not inform a group when it has regained its position and is no longer on the clock. A player may inquire as to the status of the group at any time.
- If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous bad times will be carried forward for the remainder of that round.
 - Regardless of position, if the Committee determines that a player(s) in the group is delaying play of their own or any subsequent group, or the competition in general (which includes a stroke play playoff or extra holes in a match): The group or individual player may be warned and/or placed on the clock by a referee at anytime.
 - If a player is observed by a Referee to take longer than 120 seconds to play a shot, they will be notified of the excessive shot time and may be timed, even though the group is in position.
 - The penalty for breach of Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) may be applied.

Time Permitted to Play a Stroke

A player is considered to have incurred a bad time when the player exceeds 40 seconds to make a stroke.

- An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be permitted for the first player to play:
 - A stroke on a par-3
 - A second stroke on a par-4 or par-5
 - A third stroke on a par-5
 - A stroke around the putting green
 - A stroke on the putting green
- The timing of a player's stroke begins when it is the player's turn to play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions, such as wind, will count as time taken for the stroke.
 - On the putting green, the actions allowed under Rule 13.1 are not included in the timing of a player's stroke, provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play. However, time spent surveying the line of play from any angle will count as time taken for the stroke.

Penalties

The following is the penalty structure for a player who receives a bad time while on the clock (timed):

BAD TIME	STROKE PLAY	MATCH PLAY
1 st bad time	Warning; No Penalty	Warning; No penalty
2 nd bad time	1 stroke penalty	Loss of hole
3 rd bad time	Additional 2 stroke penalty	Additional loss of hole
4 th bad time	Disqualification	Disqualification

PACE OF PLAY CHARTS: LA COSTA

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART OMNI LA COSTA-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	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5
Time Allotted	15	20	13	18	17	20	17	11	17	21	16	13	17	17	16	12	17	21
Total Time	0:15	0:35	0:48	1:06	1:23	1:43	2:00	2:11	2:28	2:49	3:05	3:18	3:35	3:52	4:08	4:20	4:37	4:58

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART OMNI LA COSTA-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	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	4
Time Allotted	19	16	13	17	17	16	12	17	21	17	20	13	18	17	20	17	11	17
Total Time	0:19	0:35	0:48	1:05	1:22	1:38	1:50	2:07	2:28	2:45	3:05	3:18	3:36	3:53	4:13	4:30	4:41	4:58

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART OMNI LA COSTA-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	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5
Time Allotted	13	18	11	15	14	18	15	10	14	18	14	11	15	15	14	10	15	18
Total Time	0:13	0:31	0:42	0:57	1:11	1:29	1:44	1:54	2:08	2:26	2:40	2:51	3:06	3:21	3:35	3:45	4:00	4:18

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART OMNI LA COSTA-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	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4
Time Allotted	16	14	11	15	15	14	10	15	18	15	18	11	15	14	18	15	10	14
Total Time	0:16	0:30	0:41	0:56	1:11	1:25	1:35	1:50	2:08	2:23	2:41	2:52	3:07	3:21	3:39	3:54	4:04	4:18