



MEMORANDUM

August 11, 2026

TO: Head Coaches at NCAA Division I Member Institutions that Sponsor Men's Golf.

FROM: John Baldwin
Managing Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: .500 Win-Loss Rule Amendment.

The Division I Men's Golf Committee met last week and voted on an amendment to the .500 win-loss rule, as noted below.

The .500 win-loss rule is satisfied when a team is at or above .500 in any of the following scenarios:

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

This amendment to the .500 win-loss rule is effective beginning with the 2026-27 season.

The Men's Golf Committee has evaluated and discussed the .500 win-loss rule for the last several years, and believes that the rule is still very relevant and positive for college golf. However, the current realities of the conference landscape, including the size of many conference championships, is very different than 2007 when the .500 rule was originally implemented.

The committee believes that this amendment is a practical approach and balances the current realities of the Division I landscape with the desire to maintain the .500 win-loss rule at the highest level of men's college golf.

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cc: NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee
Mr. Dustin Roberts, Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA)