

5. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division I Championships/ Sports Management Cabinet awarded the following 31 conference's automatic qualification for the 2019 championships:

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

6. **2018-19 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.

7. **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 2018 Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Golf Championships. Please refer to the memo posted on the sport specific page of www.ncaa.org for information specific to the tournament registration and the results submission process.

Regular Season Results Submission Policy. The men's and women's Division I 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 are 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 \$400 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$600.”

8. **Annual Meetings.** The 2019 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee annual meeting will be July 18-19, 2019, in Indianapolis. The next Division I Championships Oversight Committee meeting will take place January 15, 2019.
9. **NCAA Websites.** www.ncaa.org and www.ncaa.com.
10. **Championship Handbook.** The 2019 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Pre-Championships Manual will be available on ncaa.org on or about January 25.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **Reminders and Updates.** Listed below is information related to the 2018 Division I Men's Golf Championships.

Substitutions. Substitutions will be permitted (between stipulated rounds) during the postseason (regionals and finals – both stroke and match play). Please see attached document related to the substitution policy. 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. Additionally, for days two and three, tee times will still be based on the previous day(s) scores but the best teams will tee off first each day rather than using traditional pairings.

Tee Times – Finals. 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 best teams going off first. Additionally, the first tee time for the Championship Match on Wednesday will begin at 2:25 local time with 10 minute increments for the remaining matches.

Playoffs for Advancement (Stroke Play) – Finals Site. The committee will now 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.

Course Access Policy During Regular Season – Regional sites. Courses that are hosting a regional tournament will no longer be able to host a regular season or conference post-season event on that same golf course during the academic year prior. However, the committee will exempt any of those sites that are hosting in 2019. Additionally, those courses hosting in 2020-2022 may seek a waiver from the committee as well.

Course Access Policy During Regular Season – Finals Site. Student-athletes and coaches are prohibited from playing or practicing at the championship finals course beginning August 1 of the championship academic year other than those student-athletes and coaches who are members of the course or who are competing in sanctioned events of the state's amateur or professional golf associations, the USGA, PGA, and LPGA. Violations of this policy may result in sanctions listed under NCAA misconduct provisions or disqualification for a team or an individual(s), with no substitution permitted. The host institution will be prohibited from playing or practicing on the championship finals course beginning 10 days prior to the men's championship.

Course Access After Completion of Competition Rounds – Regionals/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.

Non-Sudden Death Tiebreakers. The committee modified the non-sudden death tiebreaking procedures to the following:

- 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.

- NCAA participant welcome breakfast reception will be conducted at 7 a.m. Thursday morning.
- Head coaches mandatory administrative/rules meeting will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.
- 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 (31) and teams that are selected at-large (50) 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 the selection call of the national committee (May 2).

- 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.

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