



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 25, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**Action item:** The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee is being asked to rescind the regular-season substitution policy that previously had been slated to become effective with the 2021-22 academic year.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Substitutions for regular season.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the recommendation of allowing substitutions to occur during the regular season beginning in 2021-22 be rescinded.
- (2) Effective date. 2021-22 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. The committee had approved substitutions to occur during the regular season beginning initially with the 2019-20 academic year. However, that effective date had been moved back to the 2021-22 season to allow more study on how tournaments could adjust to allowing substitutions as well as the impact on individual rankings used for postseason selection. At the time substitutions for the regular season was approved, the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) were using round by round results to formulate their rankings. The committee believed the best way for substitutions in the regular season to be calculated into the rankings would be to use round by round results, which would be equivalent to what was happening in the WAGR rankings. Unbeknownst to the committee was that the United States Golf Association (USGA) was making a change to its WAGR rankings and would begin using overall tournament results and not round by round into new rankings beginning January 1, 2020. This decision, along with the challenges of how to incorporate substitutions into regular-season events, which can be conducted very differently than a conference or NCAA postseason event, led the committee to recommend rescinding the policy. Additionally, the committee worked with the Golf Coaches Association of America to survey Division I head coaches, and 56 percent of the respondents

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did not support substitutions during the regular season and an even greater amount expressed concern with the potential formats that would need to be used to accommodate substitutions. Substitutions will still be permitted during conference postseason tournaments as well as the NCAA postseason.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. While the recommendation to approve substitutions for the regular season was permissive but not required, institutions will not feel the added financial pressure to take additional players on the road to regular-season events.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- None.

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*Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Division I Men's Golf Committee February 25, 2020, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Jimmy Bass, University of North Carolina Wilmington.
Steve Bailey, Marquette University.
Derek Freeman, University of California, Los Angeles.
Mark Hankins, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Connie Hurlbut, West Coast Conference.
Scott Schroeder, University of North Florida.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>
Donnie Wagner.