



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
MAY 1, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

Action Only: The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee will receive an action item on the use of substitutions during regular season event.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Regular-season substitutions.**

- (1) Recommendation. That substitutions be permitted during regular-season play at the discretion of the institution's coaching staff.
- (2) Effective date. 2019-20 season.
- (3) Rationale. The ability for a coach to use a substitute has evolved over the past few years. Substitutes were first permitted during match play at the national championships, and then subsequently for stroke play at the championships. More recently they were approved for use during conference tournaments. The committee believes that substitutes should now be permitted during regular-season events. In previous years there were instances in which teams were not able to record a team score due to a player starting the tournament and not being able to finish because of an injury and then a second player committed a breach of the rules that resulted in no team score being compiled. As such, those teams took losses to the entire field. The committee believes that these types of situations could be avoided had substitutions been available to the head coach. Additionally, the committee has worked with Golfstat over the past two years to come up with a solution for ranking purposes for individuals that could be used should substitutions be permitted.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None to the NCAA. Teams may travel with an additional player to be used. However many tournaments currently permit

additional players to play as individuals. Additionally, allowing substitutions would be permissive and not required for all regular season events.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation would provide valuable experience, whether playing or not, to the substitute. Additionally, should a team have a player who becomes injured or ill, they would be able to substitute to ensure they are on equal footing as the other teams competing in the regular season events.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

Committee Chair: Brad Hurlbut, Sacred Heart University; Northeast Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee May 1, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Derek Freeman, University of California, Los Angeles.	
Mark Hankins, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Mike Holder, Oklahoma State University.	
Brad Hurlbut, Sacred Heart University.	
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Scott Schroeder, University of North Florida.	
Absentees:	
None.	
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