

# PARTICIPANT 2018-19 MANUAL

**Finals** 





Dear NCAA Women's Golf Championship Participants:

Welcome to the University of Arkansas, the Blessings Golf Club and to our beautiful Northwest Arkansas community, for the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships.

There are 267 NCAA Division I Women's Golf programs who competed throughout the season for the right to be here. Congratulations on earning the opportunity to compete for the 2019 NCAA National Championship here at the Blessings Golf Club.

Blessings Golf Club is a premier golf club located along Clear Creek in Johnson, Arkansas. The course was originally designed by architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr. in 2004, with a redesign recently completed by noted architect Kyle Phillips. The course plays through two distinct landforms-the Clear Creek floodplain and a plateau that rises to 165 feet above the floodplain where it's bisected by a series of ravines. Both the outward and inward nines climb up and down between the two topographies, creating drama and variety on each hole. The clubhouse was designed in a modern style by Marlon Blackwell and has been recognized as one of the Top 15 most significant golf clubhouse structures in the world by Architectural Digest.

The University of Arkansas' Athletics Department staff, the Blessings Golf Club, our event partners at Octagon, our local contributors, and hundreds of volunteers are ready to ensure that you have an incredible championship week experience, on and off the golf course.

Best wishes to each and every participant for a successful week of competition. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our championship staff if we can be of any assistance during your time in Northwest Arkansas.

Good luck!

Hunter Yurachek Director of Athletics University of Arkansas John Tyson Blessings Golf Club



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# **COACHES' CHECKLIST**

 Make airline reservations and travel arrangements through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215). Teams located within 400 ground miles of the competition site are required to travel via ground transportation.
 Rooms have been reserved at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa and Convention for each of the advancing teams and individuals that are not a part of an advancing team (see page 30 for hotel information). Institutions should contact the hotel to reserve rooms by <u>no later</u> than 5 p.m. (Central time) Friday, May 10, 2019.
 Complete your reservations to the NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception Form (APPENDIX D) by forwarding to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="mailto:krnielse@uark.edu">krnielse@uark.edu</a> by no later than Friday, May 10, 2019.
 Email the following forms: <b>Team/Individual Information Form (APPENDIX A) and Official Travel Party Form (APPENDIX B)</b> to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="mailto:krnielse@uark.edu">krnielse@uark.edu</a> by <b>no later than Friday, May 10, 2019.</b>
 Submit your nomination for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Elite 90 Award by <b>5 p.m.</b> (Eastern time) Friday, May 10, 2019. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to access the nomination form and other pertinent information regarding the award.
 Request that your sports information director overnight media guides along with the latest postseason team and individual stats to Jeri Thorpe, (delivery address located in Media Services section of this manual) by <b>Friday, May 10, 2019.</b>
 Submit Official Lineup Form (APPENDIX C) to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="kmielse@uark.edu">kmielse@uark.edu</a> by 6 p.m. (Central time) Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Institutions failing to meet the submission deadline will be subject to a \$200 fine for failure to adhere to championships policies and procedures. No lineup or substitution changes will be allowed after the 6 p.m. (Central time) deadline for the competition without the approval of the games committee. The substitute must assume the position of the replacement player. Refer to (Appendix H) for additional information on player substitution conditions specific to the team match play portion only of the championships.
 If changes have occurred regarding your coaching designations since completion of play at regionals, email a revised <b>Designation of Coaches Form (APPENDIX M)</b> to Robin Hale ( <a href="mailto:rhale@ncaa.org">rhale@ncaa.org</a> ) at the NCAA by <b>noon (Eastern time) Friday, May 10.</b>
 Review the information in this manual regarding the community service opportunity provided at this year's finals site, [donating a combination of the following items: towels, balls, hats, gloves (youth sizes only), gently used clubs and/or gently used shoes], and make plans to support the efforts of our hosts on behalf of The First Tee of Northwest Arkansas .
 Request that each participating school provide the golf professional, Justin Sellin with one logo golf ball for inclusion in the club and host institution participant displays.
 Contact Justin Sellin via email at <u>Justinsellin@blessingsgolf.com</u> via email by <b>Sunday, May 12</b> (page 28) for requests for spectators with accessibility needs. Golf carts with a volunteer driver will be available <b>on a first-come, first-serve basis</b> each day.
 Mail or provide a team flag from your institution to Justin Sellin for posting at the venue. Flags will be returned to the institution after play is completed on Wednesday



#### **Schedule of Events (All Times Central)**

Tuesday, May 14

Teams arrive in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration at Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel.

Wednesday, May 15

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration at the Blessings Golf Club (Main Dining Room, Clubhouse).
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Players/Coaches photos for Golf Channel (Blessings Golf Club – Room TBD)

Noon to 5 p.m. Coaches/players may walk the course.

6 p.m. Deadline for designating and submitting lineup form.

Thursday, May 16

6:45 - 7:15 a.m. NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception (**breakfast is served** 

**beginning at 6:30 a.m.** (Embassy Suites, Pinnacle Ballroom 1-5)

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Players/Coaches photos for Golf Channel (Blessings Golf Club – Room TBD)
7:30 a.m. Training Room opens (*Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room*)

7:30 a.m. Range opens.

8:30 a.m. Mandatory Coaches Administrative/Rules Meeting (Main Dining Room,

Blessings Golf Clubhouse).

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Late player registration at The Blessings Golf Club (*Blessings Clubhouse Player* 

Lounge  $-2^{nd}$  floor).

9:30 a.m. Shotgun practice round.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch available for teams on the course.

Following practice round

Follow-up Coaches Rules Meeting (Main Dining Room, *Blessings Golf Clubhouse*). **Attendance is optional** – review of any follow-up questions

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specific to rules of golf and course conditions.

7:30 p.m. Range closes.

Friday, May 17

completion (4 p.m. approx.)

4:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast available for teams (*Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby*).

5:45 a.m. Training Room opens (Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room).

5:45 a.m. Range opens.

7:15 a.m. First round of stroke play competition.

10:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Lunch available for teams (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  *floor*).

7:30 p.m. Range closes.

Saturday, May 18

4:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast available for teams (*Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby*).

5:45 a.m. Training Room opens (Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room).

5:45 a.m. Range opens.

7:15 a.m. Second round of stroke play competition.

10:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Lunch available for teams (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  *floor*).

7:30 p.m. Range closes.



Sunday, May 19

4:30 – 9 a.m.Breakfast available for teams (Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby).5:45 a.m.Training Room opens (Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room).

5:45 a.m. Range opens.

7:15 a.m. Third round of stroke play competition. (Top 15 teams and nine individuals not on an advancing team are determined, moving on to fourth round of stroke play).

10:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Lunch available for teams (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  *floor*).

7:30 p.m. Range closes.

Monday, May 20

6 - 9 a.m. Breakfast available for teams (*Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby*).
9:30 a.m. Training Room opens (*Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room*).
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brunch available for players (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge* - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

9:30 a.m. Range opens.

Approx. 10:10 a.m. Salute to Service programming.

Approx. 11 a.m. Tee times begin for final round of stroke play competition.

3 – 7 p.m. (CST) Live final round, individual stroke play coverage on Golf Channel.

7:10 p.m. (approx.) Top eight teams for match play determined and individual winner determined

and awards ceremony.

Following play (approx.

6 p.m. -8:30 p.m.) Dinner (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  *floor*).

8 p.m. (approx.) Quarterfinal Match Play Pairings determined (Media Center located in Team

Parking Area outside Clubhouse).

7:30 p.m. Range Closes.

Tuesday, May 21

4:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. Breakfast available for teams (*Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby*). 5:45 a.m. Training Room opens (*Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room*).

5:45 a.m. Range opens.

7 a.m. Match #1 (2 vs. 7) and #2 begin (3 vs. 6) [1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees]. 7:50 a.m. Match #3 (1 vs. 8) and #4 begin (4 vs. 5) [1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees].

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (CST) Live coverage (quarterfinals) on Golf Channel.

11 a.m. -2 p.m. Lunch available for teams (*Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  *floor*).

1:30 p.m. Match #5 begins (winners of match #1 and #2). [1st tee only]. 2:20 p.m. Match #6 begins (winners of match #3 and #4) [1st tee only].

3 – 7 p.m. (CST) Live coverage (semifinals) on Golf Channel.

Semifinalists award presentation.

7:30 p.m. Range Closes.

7:45 p.m. Championship Match Play pairings determined.

Wednesday, May 22

6 - 9 a.m. Breakfast available for teams (*Embassy Suites Main Dining Room off Lobby*).

11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Lunch available for teams (Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge  $-2^{nd}$  floor). Noon Training Room opens (Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room).

Noon Range opens.

Approx. 2:25 p.m. Championship Match begins (winner Match #5 vs. winner of Match #6).

3:30 p.m. Range closes.

3 – 7 p.m. (CST) Live coverage (finals, match play) on Golf Channel. Following Play Awards ceremony (18<sup>th</sup> green and/or inside clubhouse).

**NOTE – Regional/Final sites:** Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Women's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition event schedule along with the pairings and tee times in order to accommodate a team/individual(s) representing a school that has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons.



PRACTICE ROUND - THURSDAY, May 16, 2019

Time	Hole	Par	Yardage	Team
9:30 a.m.	1A	4	411	1
9:30 a.m.	2A	5	527	2
9:30 a.m.	2B			3
9:30 a.m.	3A	3	154	4
9:30 a.m.	3B			5
9:30 a.m.	4A	4	380	6
9:30 a.m.	5A	5	560	7
9:30 a.m.	5B			8
9:30 a.m.	6A	4	300/266	9
9:30 a.m.	7A	5	470	10
9:30 a.m.	7B			11
9:30 a.m.	8A	3	142/126	12
9:30 a.m.	9A	4	324/264	13
9:30 a.m.	10A	5	525	14
9:30 a.m.	10B			15
9:30 a.m.	11A	4	342	16
9:30 a.m.	11B			17
9:30 a.m.	12A	4	390	18
9:30 a.m.	13A	3	160	19
9:30 a.m.	14A	4	375/328	20
9:30 a.m.	15A	5	477	21
9:30 a.m.	15B			22
9:30 a.m.	16A	4	395/367	23
9:30 a.m.	16B			24
9:30 a.m.	17A	3	157	Indiv. 1/2/3/4
9:30 a.m.	17B			Indiv. 5/6/7/8
9:30 a.m.	18A	4	384	Indiv. 9/10/11/12
				a shotgun start beginning at 9:30 a.m. ups playing first off assigned tees.



# **ROUND 1 – FRIDAY, May 17, 2019**

<u>Time</u>	1st Tee		10th Tee
	Teams 16, 17, 18		Teams 13, 14, 15
7:15 a.m.	#5	7:15 a.m.	#5
7:26 a.m.	#4	7:26 a.m.	#4
7:37 a.m.	#3	7:37 a.m.	#3
7:48 a.m.	#2	7:48 a.m.	#2
7:59 a.m.	#1	7:59 a.m.	#1
8:10 a.m.	Individuals 10, 11, 12	8:10 a.m. I	ndividuals 7, 8, 9
	Teams 22, 23, 24		Teams 19, 20, 21
8:21 a.m.	#5	8:21 a.m.	#5
8:32 a.m.	#4	8:32 a.m.	#4
8:43 a.m.	#3	8:43 a.m.	#3
8:54 a.m.	#2	8:54 a.m.	#2
9:05 a.m.	#1	9:05 a.m.	#1
	Teams 4, 5, 6		Teams 1, 2, 3
11:55 a.m.	#5	11:55 a.m.	#5
12:06 p.m.	#4	12:06 p.m.	#4
12:17 p.m.	#3	12:17 p.m.	#3
12:28 p.m.	#2	12:28 p.m.	#2
12:39 p.m.	. #1	12:39 p.m.	#1
12:50 p.m.	Individuals 4, 5, 6	12:50 p.m.	Individuals 1, 2, 3
	Teams 10, 11, 12		Teams 7, 8, 9
1:01 p.m.	. #5	1:01 p.m.	#5
1:12 p.m.		1:12 p.m.	#4
1:23 p.m.	. #3	1:23 p.m.	#3
1:34 p.m.	. #2	1:34 p.m.	#2
1:45 p.m.	. #1	1:45 p.m.	#1

• NOTE: The committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather, Bylaw 31.1.4.1 and television, as needed.



# **ROUND 2 – SATURDAY, May 18, 2019**

<u>Time</u>	1st Tee		10th Tee
	Teams 1, 2, 3		Teams 4, 5, 6
7:15 a.m.	#5	7:15 a.m.	#5
7:26 a.m.	#4	7:26 a.m.	#4
7:37 a.m.	#3	7:37 a.m.	#3
7:48 a.m.	#2	7:48 a.m.	#2
7:59 a.m.	#1	7:59 a.m.	#1
8:10 a.m.	Individuals 1, 2, 3	8:10 a.m. 1	Individuals 4, 5, 6
	Teams 7, 8, 9		Teams 10, 11, 12
8:21 a.m.	#5	8:21 a.m.	#5
8:32 a.m.	#4	8:32 a.m.	#4
8:43 a.m.	#3	8:43 a.m.	#3
8:54 a.m.	#2	8:54 a.m.	#2
9:05 a.m.	#1	9:05 a.m.	#1
	Teams 13, 14, 15		Teams 16, 17, 18
11:55 a.m.	#5	11:55 a.m.	#5
12:06 p.m.	#4	12:06 p.m.	#4
12:17 p.m.	#3	12:17 p.m.	#3
12:28 p.m.	#2	12:28 p.m.	#2
12:39 p.m.	#1	12:39 p.m.	#1
12:50 p.m.	Individuals 7, 8, 9	12:50 p.m.	Individuals 10, 11, 12
	Teams 19, 20, 21		Teams 22, 23, 24
1:01 p.m.	#5	1:01 p.m.	#5
1:12 p.m.	#4	1:12 p.m.	#4
1:23 p.m.	#3	1:23 p.m.	#3
1:34 p.m.	#2	1:34 p.m.	#2
1:45 p.m.	#1	1:45 p.m.	#1

• NOTE: The committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather, Bylaw 31.1.4.1 and television, as needed.



# **ROUND 3 – SUNDAY, May 19, 2019**

<u>Time</u>	1st Tee		10th Tee
	Teams 1, 2, 3		Teams 4, 5, 6
7:15 a.m.	#5	7:15 a.m.	#5
7:26 a.m.	#4	7:26 a.m.	#4
7:37 a.m.	#3	7:37 a.m.	#3
7:48 a.m.	#2	7:48 a.m.	#2
7:59 a.m.	#1	7:59 a.m.	#1
8:10 a.m. I	ndividuals 1, 2, 3	8:10 a.m.	Individuals 4, 5, 6
	Teams 7, 8, 9		Teams 10, 11, 12
8:21 a.m.	#5	8:21 a.m.	#5
8:32 a.m.	#4	8:32 a.m.	#4
8:43 a.m.	#3	8:43 a.m.	#3
8:54 a.m.	#2	8:54 a.m.	#2
9:05 a.m.	#1	9:05 a.m.	#1
	Teams 13, 14, 15		Teams 16, 17, 18
11:55 a.m.	#5	11:55 a.m.	#5
12:06 p.m.	#4	12:06 p.m.	#4
12:17 p.m.	#3	12:17 p.m.	#3
12:28 p.m.	#2	12:28 p.m.	#2
12:39 p.m.	#1	12:39 p.m.	#1
12:50 p.m.	Individuals 7, 8, 9	12:50 p.m.	Individuals 10, 11, 12
	Teams 19, 20, 21		Teams 22, 23, 24
1:01 p.m.	#5	1:01 p.m.	#5
1:12 p.m.	#4	1:12 p.m.	#4
1:23 p.m.	#3	1:23 p.m.	#3
1:34 p.m.	#2	1:34 p.m.	#2
1:45 p.m.	#1	1:45 p.m.	#1

• NOTE: The committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather, Bylaw 31.1.4.1 and television, as needed.



# **ROUND 4 - MONDAY, May 20, 2019**

	Hole 1			Hole 10		
Time	Group	Teams	Players	Group	Teams	Players
11:00 a.m.				12	Teams 13/14/15	5
11:11 a.m.	1	n/a	Individuals 7/8/9	13	Teams 13/14/15	4
11:22 a.m.	2	Teams 4/5/6	5	14	Teams 13/14/15	3
11:33 a.m.	3	Teams 4/5/6	4	15	Teams 13/14/15	2
11:44 a.m.	4	Teams 4/5/6	3	16	Teams 13/14/15	1
11:55 a.m.	5	Teams 4/5/6	2	17	Teams 10/11/12	5
12:06 p.m.	6	Teams 4/5/6	1	18	Teams 10/11/12	4
12:17 p.m.	7	n/a	Individuals 4/5/6	19	Teams 10/11/12	3
12:28 p.m.	8	Teams 1/2/3	5	20	Teams 10/11/12	2
12:39 p.m.	9	Teams 1/2/3	4	21	Teams 10/11/12	1
12:50 p.m.	10	Teams 1/2/3	3	22	Teams 7/8/9	5
1:01 p.m.	11	Teams 1/2/3	2	23	Teams 7/8/9	4
1:12 p.m.	12	Teams 1/2/3	1	24	Teams 7/8/9	3
1:23 p.m.	13	n/a	Individuals 1/2/3	25	Teams 7/8/9	2
1:34 p.m.				26	Teams 7/8/9	1



# TEAM MATCH PLAY – TUESDAY, May 21, 2019

# Match Play Pairings – Tuesday, May 22 Quarterfinals

	1st Tee	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Tee</u>
<u>Time</u>		
7:00 a.m.	Seed 2 vs Seed 7	Seed 3 vs Seed 6
7:10 a.m.		
7:20 a.m.		
7:30 a.m.		
7:40 a.m.		
7:50 a.m.	Seed 1 vs Seed 8	Seed 4 vs Seed 5
8:00 a.m.		
8:10 a.m.		
8:20 a.m.		
8:30 a.m.		

<sup>\*</sup>Seeds based on 72-hole team scores

# Match Play Pairings – Tuesday, May 21 Semifinals

	<u>1st Tee</u>
<u>Time</u>	Semifinal 1
1:30 p.m.	2/7 winner vs 3/6 winner
1:40 p.m.	
1:50 p.m.	
2:00 p.m.	
2:10 p.m.	
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<u>Time</u>	Semifinal 2
2:20 p.m.	1/8 winner vs 4/5 winner
2:30 p.m.	
2:40 p.m.	
2:50 p.m.	
3:00 p.m.	



# TEAM MATCH PLAY PAIRINGS - WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2019

#### **Finals**

# Time 2:25 p.m. 1/8/4/5 winner vs 2/7/3/6 winner 2:35 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 2:55 p.m. 3:05 p.m.



#### **Registration**

Tournament registration will occur at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel Tuesday, May 14, 2019, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and at the Blessings Golf Club (*Main Dining Room, Clubhouse*) Wednesday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception

The NCAA will host a Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception for student-athletes, coaches and administrators. It will be held Thursday, May 16 at 6:45 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Pinnacle Ballroom (1-5) located at 3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, Arkansas 72758 (see parking map in Appendix K). Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow for check-in prior to enjoying the breakfast buffet which will be available by 6:30 a.m. Each NCAA official team travel party will be limited to eight attendees and institutions with individual participants not a part of an advancing team will be limited to a maximum of three attendees.

#### Coaches' Administrative/Rules Meeting

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee will conduct a pre-championships coaches' administrative/rules meeting Thursday, May 16 at 8:30 a.m. (Central time) in the Main Dining Room of Blessings Golf Club. This meeting will review tournament procedures, local rules and other administrative issues associated with the golf championships. Attendance for head coaches is **mandatory** and a \$200 fine will be assessed to the university if the coach is not present at the rules meeting.

Additionally, immediately following the completion of the practice round a short optional follow-up administrative meeting for head coaches will be conducted by the head rules official in the Main Dining Room in the Blessings Golf Clubhouse to address any remaining questions specific to local rules and/or conditions of competition.

#### <u>Community Service Opportunity – The First Tee of Northwest Arkansas</u>

To promote community service with this championship, we are asking that each participating institution please bring as a donation any combination of the following items: towels, balls, hats, youth size gloves, headcovers and/or t-shirts. Bring your items to the main entrance of the Blessings Golf Club Clubhouse (leave items on the tables marked with the First Tee of Northwest Arkansas) on the day of the walk-through (Wednesday, May 15) or the day of the practice round (Thursday, May 16).

These items will be donated to The First Tee of Northwest Arkansas. The equipment will be given to sites across the region as they introduce kids to the game of golf. Many of these sites and kids will be in attendance this week and will be watching the incredible golf that the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships has to offer.

#### <u>Salute to Service Day – Folds of Honor</u>

Monday, May 20 will be designated as Salute to Service Day at the 2019 Division I Women's Golf Championships. Details of the programming for that day will be outlined in more detail during the Coaches Administrative/Rules Meeting but generally will consist of the following activities: color guard and the national anthem, military representative on designated hole, United States hole-by-hole pin flags, placement of story boards on the course, and a Folds of Honor pin provided to participants.

#### **Mascot Invitation**

For teams advancing to match play, we would encourage you to work with your administration to have your mascot attend this special team competition, which will be covered "LIVE" on the Golf Channel.



#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT**

All 24 teams and 12 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 stroke 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 as well as the top 9 individuals, will be broken by use of a sudden-death playoff (time and course conditions permitting). Otherwise, the use of the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures will be used for determining advancement. Additionally, ties for the top eight teams and NCAA individual champion will be broken by a sudden-death playoff or, if necessary, by the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures (**APPENDIX E**).

Specific to 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 with the individual match recorded as it currently stood.

#### Player Substitutions – Match Play Only at Championships Finals

Prior to a match play round (quarterfinals, semifinals or finals), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team provided that:

- a. The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 30 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, 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 prior to any subsequent match play 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.

Should institutions bring a sixth player as a substitute for match play, that player may use the practice facilities during the women's championships but would not be allowed to participate in the team's practice round.

Refer to (**Appendix H**) for additional information on player substitution conditions specific to the team match play <u>only</u> portion of the championships.

**NOTE** – **Regional/Final sites**: Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Women's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition event schedule along with the pairings and tee times in order to accommodate a team/individual(s) representing a school that has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons.



#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS OPERATIONS**

#### **Credentials**

Credentials will be provided to bona fide working personnel, including media representatives and officials. Participant credentials will be provided to student-athletes competing in the championships, and their coaches, athletic trainers and other members of the participating institutions' official parties.

**Team.** An issued credential may not be given to another team member or individual. The maximum number of credentials allotted per team are:

Five participating student-athletes:

Six institutional representatives (e.g., coaches, trainer/physician, administrator, sports information director).

**Individuals.** An issued credential may not be given to another team member or individual. The maximum number of credentials allotted per individual are:

One participating student-athlete;

Four institutional representatives (e.g., coaches, trainer/physician, administrator, sports information director).

#### **Designated Coaches**

The NCAA permits up to two designated coaches per institution per round to provide advice during NCAA championships competition. Institutions are required to designate their coaches on the designated coaching form in advance and coaches must be approved by the athletics director on the form provided by the NCAA. Before the day's play, the designated coaches must be identified to the games committee by signing in at the first assigned tee and wearing the appropriate wristband (designated coach credential) at all times.

Designated coaches must be individuals designated by the institution, in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1 (designation of coaching category), as a head coach or assistant coach under Bylaw 11.01.2 (coach, head or assistant), a student assistant coach under Bylaw 11.01.4 (student assistant coach) or volunteer coach under Bylaw 11.01.5 (volunteer coach).

A current, eligible student-athlete not participating in the tournament (i.e., sixth person) cannot be designated as the second coach.

Furthermore, it is important to note that only an institutional coach who is credentialed may participate in coaching activities during a practice round or at the designated practice areas.

#### **Golf Carts**

REMINDER: Institution assigned coaches carts are requested to remain either on the cart paths or on the edge of the fairway but not in the rough throughout the duration of the women's championships.

Golf carts will be provided for the games committee and selected tournament officials. One cart will be provided for each competing institution's use as long as the use of carts does not negatively impact the course or student-athlete experience. Only a credentialed institutional representative (a non-athlete) may drive or ride in the assigned golf cart for that institution during a tournament round. It is important to note that any institutional representatives who are credentialed and ride in the team's assigned cart, but are not a designated coach are not able to provide advice or participate in any coaching-related activities during a stipulated round of competition with competing players. Both designated coaches may ride in the institution's cart at the same time. Only two people may ride in the cart at one time.



Participants may not use caddies, golf carts or motorized pull carts during the championships rounds. Regular, non-motorized pull carts are acceptable, but the competing institution must provide their own carts. The only exception to this policy would be if the participant is physically disabled. A written request must be submitted to the games committee with the accompanying medical statements requesting the use of a cart.

#### **Pull Carts**

Blessings Golf Club will <u>not</u> have push/pull carts available for use by participants. If you are shipping pull carts to the course, please use the following address: **Blessings Golf Club; ATTN: NCAA WOMEN'S GOLF,** 5826 Clear Creek Blvd, Fayetteville, AR 72704. Please have a label for your return shipments.

#### **Equipment**

The type of equipment (i.e., balls, clubs) to be used by teams and individuals must be acceptable under the Rules of Golf. The one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. All golf bags must display the school name or logo.

Players and coaches will be required to wear only soft-spike shoes throughout all rounds of the championships competition, inclusive of all practice rounds. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification (in case of a breach by a player) or considered as misconduct (in case of a breach by a coach).

Electronic communications devices may be used by coaches in a private manner provided that such use does not breach Rule 24.4a, Model Local Rule H-2 (Advice Allowed in Team Competition) or disrupt practice or play. Violations will be considered misconduct. Ringers on electronic devices must be turned off.

Distance-measuring devices are allowed by players and coaches under Rule 4.3 during practice and competition as long as they conform to USGA specifications.

#### **Lineups/Substitutions**

The head coach (or designee) must submit their respective institution's lineup of their five contestants according to playing position by 6 p.m. Central time, on the day prior to the first practice round (APPENDIX C). Lineups must be submitted to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="mailto:krnielse@uark.edu">krnielse@uark.edu</a>, prior to the Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m. (Central time) deadline. Institutions failing to meet the submission deadline will be subject to a \$200 fine for failure to adhere to championships policies and procedures. No lineup or substitution changes will be allowed after the 6 p.m. (Central time) deadline, without the approval of the games committee. The substitute must assume the position of the replaced player.

#### <u>Player Substitutions – Match Play Only</u>

Prior to a match play round (quarterfinals, semifinals or finals), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team provided that:

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- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

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Should institutions bring a sixth player as a substitute for match play, that player may use the practice facilities during the women's championships but would not be allowed to participate in the team's practice round.

Refer to (**Appendix H**) for additional information on player substitution conditions specific to the team match play portion <u>only</u> of the championships.

#### **Officials**

Representatives of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee present at the championships along with specified rules officials will make all decisions pertaining to the conduct of the championships, such as pairings, setting up the course, etc. (The specified rules officials will make all decisions pertaining to the Rules of Golf).

Golfstat will provide a live computerized scoring system for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships.

#### **Pairings and Tee Times**

Both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees will be used for the stroke play portion of the championships (Friday – Monday) and during the quarterfinals of the team match play competition. Only the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be used for the semifinal and final team matches. However, the committee reserves the right to use only the first tee or a mini-wave if necessary. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules for teams or individuals.

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee will pair teams in groups of three for the first and second rounds of stroke play through the use of an updated team/individual national Golfstat ranking that will be available after the completion of all regional competition. For the second round, player's positions will change within their teams based on first-round scores.

Third- and fourth-round stroke-play pairings will be by position according to their cumulative scores after 36-hole and 54-hole scores respectively. For purposes of ranking teams for the third- and fourth-round pairings, ties will be broken by using the procedures outlined in (**APPENDIX E**). When a tie exists between individuals on the same team, the individual with the lowest numerical team position will be given the later tee time.

Individual players participating at the finals site will be re-paired after the second round of stroke-play competition based on their 36-hole cumulative scores. During the first three days of competition individual players will be placed in the middle of the morning and afternoon waves, depending on assigned tee times for the specific competition day. During the final day of stroke-play competition, individual players will be placed at the beginning, middle and end of the tee times.

**Team Match Play Pairings:** The Division I Women's Golf Committee will determine match play lineups using the same method employed at the President's 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 #1. The opposing team, "Team 2", will then name its player for Match #1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match #2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match #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 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. Tee times for each of the rounds of matchplay competition will be determined by the committee.

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#### Walk-Through (OPTIONAL)/Practice Rounds

Institutions that advance to the finals site either as a team or individual will have the opportunity to locate shipped equipment, secure yardage books and walk the course Wednesday, May 15 starting at noon and concluding the optional walk-through by no later than 5 p.m. (Central time). It is important to note that institutions will not be allowed to use any of the practice facilities at the venue on the day of the optional course walk-through. Additionally, coaches and student-athletes may not go onto the putting greens, walk in the bunkers or take equipment (except for distance-measuring devices) with them while participating in the walk-through. Coaches that are found to be in violation of this policy will not be permitted to coach the following day and the number of permissible coaches for that team the following day will be reduced by the number of offending coaches.

In an effort to maintain the conditions of the course and speed of play during the practice round at the national championships, a player may hit multiple shots as long as each hole is completed in 15 minutes and only one ball lands on the green. No more than two tee shots will be allowed per player per par-three hole. Each hole must be completed within 15 minutes. Players may hit multiple chips and putts using two balls within 10 yards of the green as long as they stay within the 15-minute time limit. Violation of the policy may result in the player and/or team being moved into their appropriate position based on the pace of play championships information.

Groups of up to six players are permissible to walk the course during the optional course walk-through. Teams are limited to five players participating during the practice round. Coaches are not allowed to play during the practice round, which includes chipping and putting on the course. One 18-hole, shotgun start practice round will be scheduled for Thursday, May 16.



Head coaches or designated official institutional representatives will be required to be with their teams and individuals during the course walk-through and their entire practice and tournament rounds. Coaches will be provided pace of play championships information and be responsible for adherence to these guidelines and any misconduct (**Appendix G**). During the practice round, course administration and rules officials will monitor pace of play and if a team/individual is out of position they will need to pick up their ball and move to the appropriate position defined by pace of play procedures.

With respect to course access during the regular season specific to the finals site the following policy applies: Student-athletes and coaches are prohibited from walking, playing or practicing at the championship finals course (i.e. practice facilities and any additional golf course at the venue) 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, LPGA and PGA. 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 walking, playing or practicing on the championship finals course beginning 10 days prior to the men's championship."

Student-athletes are not allowed on the course prior to or after their practice round. However, coaches may have access to the course prior to and through the end of their championships practice round either by walking or using their institutionally assigned golf cart. At the conclusion of the institutions practice round, coaches may go back onto the golf course only as a spectator as outlined below, which includes no carts on the course as well as no access to the putting greens or within 20 feet of the putting greens.

The golf committee will assist during the optional walk-through and assign the shotgun start practice times. A team may not start their walk-through or practice round other than during the designated time or assigned position and must complete the walk-through by no later than 5 p.m. (Central time). Teams <u>are not</u> required to participate in either the optional walk-through or utilize their practice round time.

Prior to the start of each day of a competing institution's competition round, coaches may either walk or access the course by using their institutionally assigned golf cart. However, the committee reserves the right to adjust course access if they deem that weather conditions and/or outside circumstances could impact the playability of the golf course for the competitors.

When returning to the course after completion of an institutions competition round(s), coaches and student-athletes are required to adhere to the spectator policies, 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 that are found to be in violation of this policy during either the practice or competition rounds will not be permitted to coach the following day and the number of permissible coaches for that team the following day will be reduced by the number of offending coaches.)

#### **Practice Areas**

May 15	No access to practice areas, optional course walk-through – noon to 5 p.m. (Central time).
May 16	Open at 7:30 a.m. / Close at 7:30 p.m.
May 17-19	Open at 5:45 a.m. / Close at 7:30 p.m.
May 20	Open at 9:30 a.m. / Close at 7:30 p.m.
May 21	Open at 5:45 a.m. / Close at 7:30 p.m.
May 22	Open at Noon / Close at 3:30 p.m.



Please note that weather delays are possible and the discretion of the golf committee in consultation with course management will determine if practice areas must be closed.

Each team and/or individual will have a designated area on the driving range.

#### **Rules**

Per NCAA Bylaw 17, 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 (i.e., USGA) 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 the rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules of Golf with the conditions listed below. Decisions regarding the Rules of Golf shall be final.

The following rules apply to both regular-season and championship competition.

- 1. <u>Advice Allowed in Team Competition</u>. In accordance with Rule 24.4a, Model Local Rule H-2 has been adopted (electronic communication, notes, tees and/or any other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited).
  - Two designated coaches may be appointed to give advice to members of their team at any time. A
    designated coach is defined as a member of the institution's coaching staff or an employee of the
    institution.
  - Two designated coaches per institution may be appointed to give advice to qualifying individuals not on a participating team.
  - Before the day's play, the designated coaches must be identified to the games committee by signing
    in at the first assigned tee and wearing the appropriate wristband (designated coach credential) at
    all times.
  - Coaches are not caddies and are only granted the ability to give advice to players per the Rules of Golf definition of advice.
  - The advice is given in a private manner that does not disrupt play.
  - The coach does not give advice to or ask for advice from another team's player or coaches.
- 2. <u>Misconduct</u>. In addition to the following policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes should understand the misconduct policies described in the 2018-19 Pre-Championships Manual. Unsporting conduct—a player (coach—if coach violation) will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning for unsporting conduct (e.g., willful acts of defacing the golf course, misuse of electronic devices including iPods, cellular phones etc., club throwing or breaking, abusive language, or violation of the tobacco policy).
  - Second occurrence in the same day—the player (coach—if coach violation) will be disqualified for that round.
  - Third occurrence in the championship—will result in disqualification from the championships.
  - The NCAA committee is responsible for assessing the penalty.

The Rules of Golf shall be followed along with any Local Rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the respective NCAA golf committees and rules officials will be available for interpretations of the Rules and other decisions governing the competition.



#### **Scoring**

Scorecards for the stroke-play portion of the championships shall be kept in strict accordance with Rule 3.3b of the USGA's "Scoring in Stroke Play." The scorecard has been returned when the player submits her card to an official and leaves the designated scoring area. Only officials and participating student-athletes are permitted in the designated scoring area. **Note:** Student-athletes may consult with designated coaches without undue delay until they submit their scorecard. Coaches are not allowed in the scoring tents. 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 championship 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 team champion. Once a team has won three points, any remaining individual matches shall be halted with the scores being recorded as the match currently stood.

Refer to (**Appendix H**) for additional information on player substitution conditions specific to the team match play portion <u>only</u> of the championships.

#### **Adjusted Place Standings**

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, that individual's performance shall be stricken from the championships record, the score of the student-athlete that has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association.

#### **Squad Size**

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. Transportation expenses and per diem (as specified in the team travel section) will be provided for a maximum of five participants per team and all individual qualifiers in the women's championships. Transportation and per diem may be claimed for three non-athletes (coaches, trainers, etc.) for each full team represented. Institutions represented by individuals will be reimbursed for one non-athlete. **Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for the finals competition and not for regional qualifying tournaments.** 

#### **Stoppage of Play**

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships will do everything possible to complete 72 holes of stroke-play competition and each match during the match play portion of the championships. However, the committee reserves the right to modify pairings for the weather which may include making a cut to the field.

In the event of unplayable weather or course conditions, the women's golf committee or its designated representatives shall determine whether a round will be cancelled or subsequently continued. Refer to The Committee -6E (4) Whether to Cancel Round - Stroke Play.

#### <u>Ties</u>

For the Division I women's golf championships, ties for the top 15 teams as well as the top 9 individuals will be broken by a sudden-death playoff (time and course conditions permitting). Otherwise, the use of the established non-sudden-death tie-breaking procedures will be used for determining advancement. Additionally, ties for the top eight teams and NCAA individual champion will be broken by a sudden-death playoff or, if necessary, by the established non-sudden-death tie-breaking procedures (**APPENDIX E**). Warm-up time will be determined by the Head Rules Official, time and weather permitting. If a playoff cannot be completed that day, co-champions will be named.



#### **Uniforms and Logo Policy**

Student-athletes must wear uniforms of the same color during practice and competition. In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at all times at the tournament site. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches and denim is not considered appropriate attire.

Proper golf attire is required at all times at The Blessings Golf Club. Proper golf attire includes, but is not limited to, collared, mock neck shirts or blouse, mid-length shorts or skirts hemmed at a reasonable length, or golf slacks.

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletic equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition, provided that in the case of:

- a. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, golf gloves, towels, rain caps, rainsuits, backpacks, sling bags and umbrellas): The item bears only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and,
- b. An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, t-shirts, wristbands, belt buckles, and visors or hats) that are worn or used by student-athletes in competition shall bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2½ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restrictions.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2½ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution.

In Division I and National Collegiate Championships, these restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes and all personnel, including coaches, trainers, managers, team support personnel, cheerleaders, mascots and band and dance team members, during the conduct of the practice and competition, which includes any pre-competition or post-competition activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.



#### CHAMPIONSHIPS SCORECARD

#### The Blessings Golf Club Hosted by the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas May 17-22, 2019

<u>Hole</u>	<b>Yardage</b>	Par		
1	411	4		
2	527	5		
3	154	3		
4	380	4		
5	560	5		
6	300/266	4		
7	470	5		
8	142/126	3		
9	324/264	4		
OUT	3268	37		
10	525	5		
11	342	4		
12	390	4		
13	160	3		
14	375/328	4		
15	477	5		
16	395/367	4		
17	157	3		
18	384	4		
IN	3205	36		
TOTAL	6473	73		

#### WHITE LINES

Prior to practice rounds, a white line will be placed on each teeing ground that the Committee intends to use during the Championship. The Championship tee markers will not ever be placed behind this line.

Generally, the Committee will place tee markers two -10 yards in front of the white line, in an area of good turf and clean of divots; however, if/when weather conditions, and/or a challenging hole location warrants a shorter club off the tee, and the angle of the shot is not changed, the Committee may place tee markers even further forward.

If the Committee plans to play, or wishes to have the flexibility to play, from an alternate tee - and the angle to the landing area or green is different from that tee - an additional white line will be placed on that alternate tee. A practice tee shot may be played from that tee, as well.



# SUSPENSION OF PLAY PROCEDURES NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the event of a dangerous weather situation or other conditions which dictate a suspension of play and/or the closing of practice areas at the championship site, the following procedures will be in effect.

- These procedures are in effect each day of the championship, including the practice round.
- Only the NCAA Committee (or its representatives) can declare a suspension of play and/or the closing
  of practice areas.
- The suspension of play will be communicated by radio to key NCAA, host club and other interested
  parties. Players and coaches will be notified of such suspension of play and/or the closing of practice
  facilities by air horn signals.
- A non-dangerous situation (e.g., darkness, golf course unplayable, etc.) will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes, repeated. If players are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they have started play of a hole, they may discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole, provided they do so without delay. If the players chose to continue play of a hole, they are permitted to discontinue play before completing it. In any case, play must be discontinued after the hole is completed.
- A dangerous situation (e.g., lightning) will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. **Play must be discontinued immediately.**
- In case of a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply could result in disqualification for serious misconduct.
- After suspension of play has been declared and the air horns have been sounded, players must proceed
  to the course evacuation site designated on the Course Evacuation Map, based on their location on the
  course
- Coaches and referees may transport players to evacuation sites when play is suspended. However, it is imperative that players go to the correct designated sites, so that the Committee can ensure that all players are properly evacuated. This further helps ensure a smooth restart of play.
- Only players, coaches, referees and volunteers are allowed in the carts. Spectators should proceed on foot to the clubhouse or nearest shelter.
- Players will stay at the evacuation site until notified by the Committee. Referees will be stationed at each evacuation site, and will provide regular updates to the players on the status of the suspension.
- Coaches will receive regular updates on the status of the suspension in the clubhouse, or in other areas designated by the Committee. If feasible, status updates may be transmitted via text message.
- Evacuation van drivers will be given instructions to return to the clubhouse by the referee on site. This is the only channel of communication for van drivers during a suspension.
- The Committee will use its best judgment in deciding whether to hold players at evacuation sites or have them return to the clubhouse.
- Once the suspension has been lifted and the Committee elects to resume play, all interested parties (players, coaches, referees, van drivers, etc.) will be notified.
- For resumption of play after prolonged suspensions of play, the Committee may (but is not required to) permit the players to have a short warm-up period using the designated practice areas.
- Referees will, if necessary, help the Committee in a roll-call to ensure all players are in position for a restart, and assist with any Rules of Golf situations related to resumption of play.
- The resumption of play will be indicated by two short air horn notes, repeated.



# **Evacuation Instructions – The Blessings Golf Club**



#### **EVACUATION PLAN**

#### HAZARDOUS WEATHER/EVACUATION PLAN:

The NCAA will suspend play with a blast from air horns positioned around the course. In the event of play being suspended due to a dangerous situation, such as lightning, all players must cease play immediately and assemble at the locations outlined:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Tee	w	w	Α	Α	В	С	С	D	Е	Е	F	Е	Е	G	В	В	w	w
Fairway																		
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- W Walk to the Blessings Clubhouse.
- A Shuttle Van to pickup A located behind 2 green. (2 Vans)
- B Cart pickup B located between 4 green and 16 fairway.
- C Shuttle Van to pickup C located players left of hole 6. (2 Vans)
- D Shuttle Van pickup D located players right of 7 near maintenance. (2 Vans)
- E Shuttle Van to pickup E located behind 9 green. (3 Vans)
- F Shuttle Van to pickup F located behind 11 tee on Jean Lane. (2 Vans)
- G Shuttle Van to pickup G located players right of 14 fairway on Dornoch Dr. (1 Van)

At the appropriate time those players who require transportation back on the course should assemble in front of the main entrance to the clubhouse. Vans and Carts will be stationed there with hole numbers and/or areas specified.

Please Note: Only players, coaches, walking scorers and officials are allowed in the vans. Spectators should proceed to the clubhouse or nearest shelter.





# **EVACUATION PLAN**





#### **Participant Hospitality and Meals**

With the exception of the practice day, meals provided will be in the *Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge*  $-2^{nd}$  floor. For Thursday's practice round, a complimentary lunch will be provided to the official travel party on the course during play. There will be two locations; #10 tee and behind #18 Green. You are welcome to get food and drinks at either/both locations. Please see **Appendix L** for dates of available meals, pricing information and billing process. <u>ALL</u> Official Travel Party members will need to check in with the Blessings Clubhouse Player Lounge attendant for access to the Lounge. Menus for each meal are available in your registration packet and at the Clubhouse Player Lounge.

Snacks and drinks will be available for players and coaches at the driving range, #1 tee, #5 tee, #10 tee, #14 tee and the locker room.

#### **Participant Family Appreciation**

Each participating player and coach will receive concession vouchers to distribute to their respective family members. These vouchers can be used for purchases at concession locations (Clubhouse Patio, #4 green/#17 tee and #10 tee/#12 green) during competition rounds (not valid during practice round on Thursday, May 17). Vouchers will be distributed at registration.

#### Merchandise

Teams and individuals advancing to the finals site of the 2019 Division I Women's Golf Championships will be given the opportunity to preorder final round event merchandise online through the official NCAA souvenir merchandiser, Event 1, Inc. These team orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after the conclusion of the national championships competition.

#### **Championships Programs**

Many NCAA championships, including the 2019 Division I Women's Golf Championships, will provide digital game programs that can be viewed online or downloaded to a consumer's mobile device free of charge. IMG College will be responsible for all digital program production including layout and design, advertising, and digital distribution channels prior to and during the championships. Digital programs will be available free of charge for downloading prior to the start of the Division I Women's Golf Championships regional's and finals at <a href="https://www.ncaa.com/gameprograms">https://www.ncaa.com/gameprograms</a>.

#### **Spectators**

Spectators must remain on cart paths or in the rough and approximately 15 yards from the players at all times (including all designated practice areas). Carts will not be provided for spectators. There may be NO communication between players and spectators that could be deemed as advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes. Ringers on electronic devices must be turned off. All institutional representatives, with the exception of the two **designated** coach(es), are considered spectators.

Spectators should adhere to all rules governing their attendance specific to use of cameras and videotaping during each day of competition.

Since all NCAA championships are considered smoke free, spectators will be asked to refrain from smoking at The Blessings Golf Club. Failure to adhere to this policy could result in removal from the course.



All spectators are required to behave in a manner acceptable to the sport of golf.

First offense Warning

Second offense Spectator(s) will be removed from the course for the remainder of the day.

Third offense Spectator(s) will be removed from course for the remainder of the competition.

#### Accommodations for Physically Disabled Spectators

For spectators with accessibility issues, the head coach should request in writing special assistance from the Head Golf Professional Justin Sellin via email at <a href="mailto:Justinsellin@blessingsgolf.com">Justinsellin@blessingsgolf.com</a>, which should include appropriate medical documentation (e.g., a physician's slip, ADA handicap card, etc.). Requests which fall under the ADA statute should be made by the head coaches no later than Sunday, May 12. All requests will be reviewed with the golf committee.

#### **Disabled Spectators of Participating Student-Athletes**

The following protocol has been established with respect to the use of golf carts for disabled spectators of participating student-athletes.

- 1. Requests must be made no later than Sunday, May 12, by contacting the Head Golf Professional Justin Sellin via email at Justinsellin@blessingsgolf.com. Please include contact information (email address and phone number) in the written request.
- 2. Each written request, along with the required supporting medical documentation (e.g., a physician's slip, ADA handicap card etc.) will be forwarded to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee for approval.
- 3. If the committee approves the use of a cart, only a volunteer will be authorized to drive the disabled spectator. There will be a \$25 fee charged daily to the spectator for use of the cart.

#### Tobacco Ban

The use of tobacco products by any individual on the golf course, as well as, during other championships activities such as the press conferences, socials, and post-competition interviews is prohibited. The appropriate sports committee in accordance with the misconduct provision of Bylaw 31.1.10 shall deal with the violations to this policy.



#### **DRUG TESTING**

Drug testing may occur at any session of the championships. Student-athletes who compete in these championships may be subjected to drug testing in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3, 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; thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

#### **Drug – Testing Announcement**

(to be read at all NCAA pre-championships meetings)

NCAA championships committees, following a recommendation from the NCAA drug-testing subcommittee, have discontinued the practice of announcing whether drug testing will be conducted at NCAA championship events.

Although knowing prior to competition whether NCAA drug testing was to occur had value for reasons of convenience, it left open the possibility that student-athletes might be tempted to use banned substances if they knew that NCAA testing was not being conducted at the site of competition.

Therefore, all coaches and student-athletes should presume that NCAA drug testing will occur at this championship event. Please inform your student-athletes that in the event they are notified of their selection for drug testing, the student-athlete must inform an official representative of your institution (e.g. coach, athletic trainer) before proceeding to the drug-testing site. At individual championships, drug-testing couriers will be instructed to remind selected student-athletes of such.



#### **RENTAL VEHICLE**

All team rental vehicle information can be coordinated after your team has qualified and received their travel information. Please make all reservations online at <a href="www.enterprise.com">www.enterprise.com</a> using corporate account number XZ51060 to receive discount. In the event that you are not able to make reservations online, please contact the following to help make your reservations:

Arriving to Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport or private into Drake Field Airport: Please contact Amanda LaBarge at <a href="mailto:Amanda.D.Labarge@ehi.com">Amanda.D.Labarge@ehi.com</a> to coordinate large 12 or 15 passenger van rentals. The contract ID XZ51060 must be given when calling Amanda.

For all other types of rental vehicles please contact Jason Ruhlman at 609-501-0308 or Jason.r.ruhlman@ehi.com.

If you are flying into Tulsa International Airport: Please contact Joe Kok <u>Joseph.j.kok@ehi.com</u> or 918-384-9249 to coordinate your rental vehicles.

Please reference ID# XZ51060 to receive your discount.

# **LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

Please visit <u>www.northwestarkansas.org</u> OR <u>www.nwatravelguide.com</u> to view a list of the local restaurants, find links to Northwest Arkansas hotels and explore information on things to do and events going on during your championship visit to Fayetteville.

# **LODGING**

Participants will be assigned to the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa and Convention hotel for the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships. It is important to note that rooms have been blocked for the exclusive use of the teams and individuals participating. **Each team has a maximum of six (6) rooms reserved and each individual has three (3) rooms reserved.** For teams <u>five</u> double/double rooms and <u>one</u> king room have been reserved, and for individuals <u>two</u> double/double rooms and <u>one</u> king room have been reserved.

Each competing institution will be obligated to stay at the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa and Convention hotel. Institutions should contact the hotel by no later than 5 p.m. (Central Time), Friday, May 10, 2019 to confirm your room accommodations. Hotel contact information is listed below.

If an institution does not wish to stay at the headquarters hotel, it must (1) obtain a written release of the reserved rooms from the hotel management; or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official party.

If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for use of the rooms at the headquarters hotel, full charges for the rooms will be billed to the institution and deducted from the team's travel per diem.



#### **Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa and Convention**

ATTN: TORI BUSH

**Group Rooms Coordinator** 

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas Hotel, Spa & Convention Center

3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758

Direct Line: 479-845-3271

Email: tori.bush@atriumhospitality.com

#### **Team Hotel Parking (area outlined in red):**





#### **MEDIA SERVICES**

All requests from media for working press credentials to the championships should visit www.ncaa.com/media.

**Please direct all questions to Jeri Thorpe, Director of Communications,** either via email at <u>ithorpe@uark.edu</u> or via her office: 479-575-5037 or cell phone 479-283-3344.

The NCAA shall control the issuance of media credentials for each of the championships. All media policies, including eligibility for credentials, can be found at www.ncaa.com/media.

#### **Working Press Room and Interview Room**

The working press area will be in the Media Center located in team parking area of the Blessings Golf Club. Proper credentials will be necessary for admittance. Working stations with wireless high speed internet will be available. Team media guides, notes and daily results, quotes, pairings and tee times will be available in the working press area as well.

Official NCAA post-round interviews will be conducted in the Media Center. An additional NCAA backdrop will be available near the 18<sup>th</sup> green for local or institutional video interviews. There will be no interviews conducted at the scorer's stations. Coaches and student-athletes are requested to be available to the media in the designated area if requested for an interview immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period. If a team or individual is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the presentation. Coaches and student-athletes will be escorted to the interview area in the Media Center.

Interviews with the individual and team champions following the final round will be conducted in the Media Center located in the team parking area of the Blessings Golf Club.

#### **Results Distribution**

Daily results, pairings and tee times will be distributed each evening at the following locations and emailed to team SIDs:

www.ncaa.com	www.golfstat.com
Golf Shop – Blessings Clubhouse	Locker Room – Blessings Clubhouse

#### **Publicity**

Sports information departments of competing schools and individuals should <u>send 25 copies</u> of their media guides, notes, and postseason guides to Blessings Golf Club in c/o of Jeri Thorpe:

Attn: Jeri Thorpe (University of Arkansas) C/O Blessings Golf Club 5826 Clear Creek Boulevard Fayetteville, AR 72704

Please email team roster, quick facts, team photo with cutline, head coach and top player head shots, and 2018-19 schedule/results to <a href="mailto:jthorpe@uark.edu">jthorpe@uark.edu</a>.



#### **Television Broadcast – Golf Channel Coverage**

The Golf Channel will broadcast live on May 20-22, the last three days of the 2019 Division I Women's Golf Championships, during the following windows (**Eastern time**):

- Monday, May 20 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Live final round, individual stroke play coverage.
- **Tuesday, May 21** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Live quarterfinals coverage.
- **Tuesday, May 21** 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Live semifinals coverage.
- Wednesday, May 22 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Live finals, match play coverage.

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**

The University of Arkansas athletic training staff will be providing medical services for the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships. A certified athletic trainer will be on site as outlined below until the end of play each day. The athletic training room will be located inside the Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center. Taping, first aid supplies, modalities, ice, and heat packs will be available. Please arrange with Dave England any needs you may have for treatments prior to or following competition.

To accommodate any special needs or requests of the student-athletes, **contact Dave England** in advance.

#### Dave England (dengland@uark.edu)

Director of Athletic Training
(o) 479-575-4018
(c) 479-957-1542

In the event of a diagnosed or suspected concussion, a player may not return to practice, play or training that day. A player will be evaluated by a team physician and the further disposition of the student-athlete will be at the discretion of the attending physician.

Athletic Training on-site coverage inside the *Blessings Golf Club Fitness Center Training Room* next to the range:

Thursday, May 16	7:30 a.m. – end of play
Friday, May 17	5:45 a.m. – end of play
Saturday, May 18	5:45 a.m. – end of play
Sunday, May 19	5:45 a.m. – end of play
Monday, May 20	9:30 a.m. – end of play
Tuesday, May 21	5:45 a.m. – end of play
Wednesday, May 22	Noon – end of play

#### Northwest Physicians' Specialty Hospital

3873 North Parkview Drive Fayetteville, AR 72702 479-571-7070

#### **Washington Regional Medical Center**

3215 North North Hills Boulevard Fayetteville, AR 72703 479-713-1000

+++ Major Trauma (Head, Neck, Spine) – Washington Regional Medical Center All other emergencies – Northwest Physicians' Specialty Hospital



#### **Local Pharmacy assistance:**

**Walgreens Pharmacy** 

300 East Township Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-582-0098 www.walgreens.com

Wal-Mart

3919 Mall Ave. Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-443-9267 Walmart Pharmacy—on campus

616 North Garland Ave., Suite 363 Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-443-1658 www.walmart.com

Sam's Club

3081 N. Hwy 112 Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-587-1853

\*\*Any questions or for any other medical assistance, please call Dave England, Director of Sports Medicine (cell: 479-957-1542).

#### **TEAM PARKING**

#### Teams/Officials/NCAA

Parking will be reserved for each participating institution at The Blessings Golf Club. Two designated spots will be assigned to each team and individual participating institution. Parking permits will be needed to enter into Blessings Golf Club. Parking permits will be distributed at registration. Parking for the committee along with select other groups who are central to running the event will be available in the clubhouse lot.

#### TEAM TRAVEL

#### **Transportation**

Each participating institution and individuals advancing to the finals site is responsible for making their own travel arrangements through the NCAA travel service, Short's Travel Management. The toll-free number is 866-655-9215. All airline reservations should be made through Short's to guarantee reimbursement from the NCAA for air travel. The NCAA will pay for the tickets for the NCAA official team traveling party of eight, which includes the five competing student-athletes and three non-athletes. Institutions that are represented by individuals who are not a part of a selected team will be reimbursed for one non-athlete. Participants located within 400 miles of the competition site will be required to travel via ground transportation.

Airports in close proximity to Fayetteville are listed below.

**Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport** 

1 Airport Blvd. Bentonville, AR 72712 www.flyXNA.com

Drake Field (FBO)

4500 S. School Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Tulsa Airport (2 hours)

7777 E. Apache Street, Tulsa, Okla. 74115 <a href="https://www.tulsaairports.com">www.tulsaairports.com</a>



#### **Expense Reimbursement**

An institution's expense reports should be filed online through the Travel Expense System (TES). The login information for the system is the same as that used for the Short's Travel portal. The system can be accessed at https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login.

## TICKETS AND SPECTATOR PARKING

Parking is free to spectators. Tickets for the event have been underwritten through the generosity of local contributors and are provided at no cost to spectators.

#### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

#### **NCAA Championships Awards**

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the top four teams in the 2019 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships. A team trophy and eight individual mini-trophies will be presented to the national championship team, the second place team and each of the semifinal teams. The national championship team will also receive eight watches as part of their individual awards. Individual awards will be presented after the completion of 72 holes of stroke-play competition to the NCAA individual champion (medalist), along with the Top 15 place finishers and ties. The team semifinalist awards will be presented after the completion of the afternoon matches. The national championships awards presentations (individual and team) will be conducted at either the 18<sup>th</sup> green or at a designated area near the clubhouse, immediately following the conclusion of the final round of competition. In case of inclement weather the awards presentation will be conducted in the Clubhouse Dining Room at Blessings Golf Club.

Additionally, participation medallions will be provided to all student-athletes competing or in uniform in the championships at the finals site. The participation medallions will be provided to the institutions for distribution to their competing student-athletes (teams/individuals) during the NCAA on-site registration process.

#### **Student-Athlete Participation Awards**

After the championship, MainGate will send the head coach an email providing ordering process details, along with a unique Certificate Code (valid for one participation award per member of your official travel party) that can be redeemed only at <a href="www.NCAA-Awards.com">www.NCAA-Awards.com</a>. In order to ensure that each participant receives his or her award, a member of your administration must place your team's order, including size information, at NCAA-Awards.com using your Certificate Code.

Your institution may select different items per participant; men's and women's sizes are available for apparel items. If you would like to purchase additional awards, you will have the opportunity to do so online via personal credit card at the end of the checkout process.

Participation award items will be sent to your institution for distribution to your student-athletes within four to six weeks after your order is placed. If you do not receive information for ordering awards within two weeks of the conclusion of the championship, please contact Erin Hannoy (ehannoy@maingateinc.com), MainGate Customer Service (866-945-7267) or the NCAA championship manager.



#### NCAA Academic Recognition Program – Elite 90

The NCAA Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships. The coach of the recipient will be notified prior to the NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception but will be asked not to notify the student-athlete. Please visit the <a href="NCAA">NCAA</a> website to access the nomination form and other pertinent information regarding the award.

The submission deadline for nominations for Division I Women's Golf is **5 p.m.** (Eastern time) Friday, May **10**, **2019**. The Elite 90 Award winner will be recognized during the NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception Thursday, May 16.

#### **Locker Room Program**

The national championship winning team will receive national champion t-shirts and hats to commemorate their achievement.



## APPENDIX A

## TEAM/INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Please scan and complete this form and return **no later than Friday, May 10** to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="mailto:krnielse@uark.edu.">krnielse@uark.edu.</a>

Institution:		 
Head Coach:		
Cell Phone:		
Email:		
Assistant Coach:		
Cell Phone:		
Cell phone number(s) to be used for text championships	messaging contact	
Arrival Information		
Flying or Driving:		
Arrival Date:	Time:	
Airline:	Flight #:	
Departure Date:		
Departure Time:		



## **APPENDIX B**

## **OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY**

Please complete this form and return no later than Friday, May 10 to Kelly Nielsen by email at krnielse@uark.edu.

Institution:	
Head Coach:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Assistant Coach:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Participating Student-Athletes:	
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*(Substitutes name for use during team match	play portion only, if applicable.)
SID:	
Trainer:	
Administrator	



## **APPENDIX C**

## **OFFICIAL LINEUP**

This form must be completed and submitted to Kelly Nielsen by email at <a href="mailto:krnielse@uark.edu">krnielse@uark.edu</a> by 6 p.m. (Central time) Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

nstitution:	
lead Coach:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Assistant Coach:	
'ell Phone Number:	
articipating Team Student-Athletes:	
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*(Substitutes name for use during team match play portion only, i	f applicable.)
ndividual Student-Athlete(s) Participants (not on an advancing team):	
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#### APPENDIX D

#### NCAA PARTICIPANT WELCOME BREAKFAST RECEPTION

# Embassy Suites, Pinnacle Ballroom 1-5 3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758

The NCAA Participant Welcome Breakfast Reception is only for student-athletes, coaches and administrators from the competing institutions. Each NCAA team travel party will be limited to eight attendees and institutions with individual participants not on an advancing team will be limited to a maximum of three attendees. No additional seating will be available beyond the travel party.

Institution:	
Head Coach Name:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Deadline for Reservation: Friday, May 10, 2019	
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Please complete this form and return no later than Friday, May 10, 2019 to

Kelly Nielsen by email at krnielse@uark.edu



#### APPENDIX E

#### **Tie-Break Procedures**

#### **Individual and Team Tie-breaking Procedures**

<u>Teams</u>. Ties shall be broken during a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores (relative to par). At the finals, if there are two or more teams involved in a playoff, the shotgun format listed below will be used. The games committee will determine the sequence of holes. During regionals, the games committee may use the sudden death playoff procedures for two teams as noted below, if course conditions and time permits. Also, the team playoff will be conducted first if any players involved would also be in a playoff in the case of a tie for individuals advancing.

#### **Sudden-Death Playoff Procedures**

<u>Teams will draw for positions</u> (**Refer to NOTE 1**). For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

Two teams (A and B; tee off alternately)					
#5A	#5B	#4A	#4B	#3A	Playoff Hole #1
#3B	#2A	#2B	#1A	#1B	Playoff Hole #1

#### SHOTGUN FORMAT

If a shotgun start is necessary, the scoring procedure will be the best four scores against par on each hole until a winner is determined.

Two teams						
A #5	B #5	playof	f hole 5			
A #4	B #4	playof	f hole 4			
A #3	B #3	playof	f hole 3			
A #2	B #2	playof	playoff hole 2			
A #1	B #1	playof	playoff hole 1			
Three	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	playof	playoff hole 5		
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playof	f hole 4		
A #3	B #3	C #3	D#3	playof	f hole 3		
A #2	B #2	C #2	D#2	playof	playoff hole 2		
A #1	B #1	C #1	D#1	playof	playoff hole 1		
Five to	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		
Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament.							

Players will play the numbered position they held at the <u>start</u> 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**

- 1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
- 2. Player with the highest cumulative total.
- 3. Player with the second-highest cumulative total.
- 4. Player with the third-highest cumulative total.
- 5. Player with the fourth-highest cumulative total.
- 6. Player with the lowest cumulative total.
- 7. 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)

- 1. Low score of the most recent round.
- 2. Low score next previous round.
- 3. Revert to original seeding of individuals.

The foregoing procedure will also be used if a cut becomes necessary at any time after the completion of the second round of play at the championships.



## NOTE 1: Regionals and Final Sites: Determining Order of the Draw for Playoffs

For determining the order of the draw prior to the start of either a team and/or individual playoff, the following system should be used:

#### **Teams**

- 1. First team in to complete most recent round.
- 2. Team score during most recent round (low four out of five total scores).
- 3. Team score during next previous round (low four out of five total scores).
- 4. Team seed at the beginning of the most recent round.

#### **Individuals**

- 1. First player in to complete most recent round.
- 2. Low score of the most recent round.
- 3. Low score next previous round.
- 4. Individual seed at the beginning of the most recent round.

#### **NOTE 2: Finals Site: Advancing Regional Teams**

The advancing teams and individuals will be placed into their initial team pairings at the national championships through the use of a revised Golfstat rankings which will be run after all regional competition has completed.

Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Women's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition event schedule along with the pairings and tee times in order to accommodate a team/individual(s) representing a school that has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons.

#### **NOTE 3: Finals Site: Advancing Regional Individuals (not on an advancing team)**

If after completion of regional play and prior to the day before the first practice round at the finals site, an individual is unable to compete at the finals due to extenuating circumstances the committee will use the current regional tournament tie-breaking procedures for individuals in the order listed, minus the use of the playoff option to fill the field.

#### NOTE 4: Finals Site: Determining Cut to the Top Nine Individuals after 54 Holes

In determining the cut to the top nine individuals the first tiebreaker is the most recent round's score, which means those recorded with the third-day hole locations.



#### APPENDIX F

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 Competitions. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disgualification, the effect will be to disgualify the player for that round only.

#### **LOCAL RULES**

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of 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. For grass-covered trenching, 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. Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

**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, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

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**PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

**PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES** – Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

**PACE OF PLAY** – See separate memorandum to players for pace-of-play quidelines, when applicable.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas during an Immediate Suspension (such as when there is imminent danger) are closed until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing could result in disqualification for serious misconduct.

An Immediate Suspension [Rule 5.7b(1)] will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. A Normal Suspension [Rule 5.7b(2)] will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

**PRACTICE** – 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, including after completing her final round of that day in stroke play. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**TRANSPORTATION** – During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized). A player may accept transportation from a member of the Committee or a coach. Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

**ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITION** – See separate memorandum to players regarding who may give advice.

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES** – May be used by coaches in a private manner provided that such use does not breach Rule 10.2 (Advice) or disrupt practice or play. Violations will be considered a breach of NCAA misconduct provisions contained in the NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

**USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED** – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

**SCORING IN STROKE PLAY** – A daily team score is computed by totaling the lowest four scores of the five team members. The final team score is determined by totaling each daily score.

See Championship Notice to Players for procedures covering returning of scorecards to the Committee.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in 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.

MISCONDUCT - See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

**LOGOS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT** – See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

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## Pace of Play Championships Information – Stroke Play

In an effort to address slow play, the NCAA has adopted a group pace of play policy for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals and Championships. This policy monitors each group as they complete each of the four checkpoints. The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee believes that this pace of play policy will have a positive result in reducing the length of rounds. The following items are to help players and coaches better understand and adapt to the policy.

- Each group will be given fixed amount of time in which to play four or five holes within each of the four checkpoints. Times will
  be reflected on the scorecards. Each group will be required to complete each checkpoint hole based on the allocated time or
  within 14 minutes of the group ahead.
- Checkpoints will normally be located at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> putting greens. A checkpoint will be considered missed if the hole is not completed (flagstick in the hole or if the flagstick is left in the hole to putt, when the last player in the group removes her golf ball) within the allocated cumulative time and the group has not completed the hole within 14 minutes of the ground ahead. If a group misses a checkpoint all players within the group will be informed by the checkpoint official as follows:
  - 1st missed checkpoint \*warning
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> missing checkpoint liable to a one-stroke penalty
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> missed checkpoint liable to a two-stroke penalty
  - $\circ \quad \ \ \, 4^{\text{th}} \text{ missed checkpoint} \text{liable to disqualification}$ 
    - \*If a group clears the 3<sup>rd</sup> checkpoint and has not missed any other checkpoints, but is out of position at the 4<sup>th</sup> checkpoint, each player in the group is liable for a one-stroke penalty if in the committee's view a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final checkpoint. This is to prevent such a group to slow play the last five holes in the round.
- As long as you keep up with the group ahead of you (within 14 minutes) your group will never be in jeopardy of being out of position. Always look ahead – not behind.
- Be aware of the checkpoint holes. In the following situations our group may be in danger of missing the checkpoint:
  - If our group reaches the tee of a par 3 checkpoint hole and the group ahead has finished the hole.
  - o If your group fails to clear the tee of a par 4 checkpoint hole prior to the group ahead finishing the hole.
  - o If our group reaches the tee of a par 5 checkpoint hole and the group ahead is on the putting green.

This is the time to let your group know the situation and to expedite play of the hole.

- If a group is out of position and may become liable to penalty, a rules official may monitor the group's play. This rules official is looking at each player for the following:
  - How long it takes the player to get to her ball.
  - When it's the players turn to play, how long does it take her to make the stroke.
  - Any other actions the player takes to expedite or delay play.

This information will be critical during a review when determining if a player was delayed by another player or players in the group.

- A rules official may speak to a group while monitoring the group's play.
- If a group is liable to penalty, the players in the group may request a review before signing and returning her scorecard. A review will be successful only if there is evidence the player was:
  - Delayed by the committee.
  - o Delayed because of a circumstance beyond control of the player or group.
  - Delayed because of another player in the group.

And this is what caused the group to miss the checkpoint(s).

- Review and application of the penalty will only occur after the round. Discussion of the situation with the checkpoint official will
  only cause further delay of the group. If a player is concerned about a non-responsive (slow) player in her group, she should
  request a rules official to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under this policy.
- Decisions made by the Pace of Play Committee are final and no further review is available.



## Pace of Play Championships Information – Match Play

#### **Out of Position**

FIRST MATCH: The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.

FOLLOWING MATCH: Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tees; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

#### Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed, the players will be notified of such timing by a Rules Rover. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1st breach warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> breach loss of hole
- 3<sup>rd</sup> breach second warning
- 4<sup>th</sup> breach disqualification

#### **Timing**

When a match is being monitored and timed, each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when she has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt and remove loose impediments from her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Note 1: The committee reserve the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the committee deems it necessary.

Note 2: Players should also be aware that the committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

Note 3: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.

Note 4: The USGA Rules of Golf shall be followed, along with any local rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the golf committee and the golf rules officials will be available for interpretations of the rules and other decisions governing the competition. Penalties based on the Rules of Golf are not subject to appeal.



#### APPENDIX H

## DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF (Effective for 2019)

#### PLAYER SUBSTITUTION – Match Play Only at Championships Finals

#### Substitution Conditions - Match Play Only (Championships Finals Site)

Prior to a match play round (quarterfinals, semifinals or finals), a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team provided that:

- a. The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 30 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, 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 prior to any subsequent match play 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.

Should institutions bring a sixth player as a substitute for match play, that player may use the practice facilities during the women's championships but would not be allowed to participate in the team's practice round.

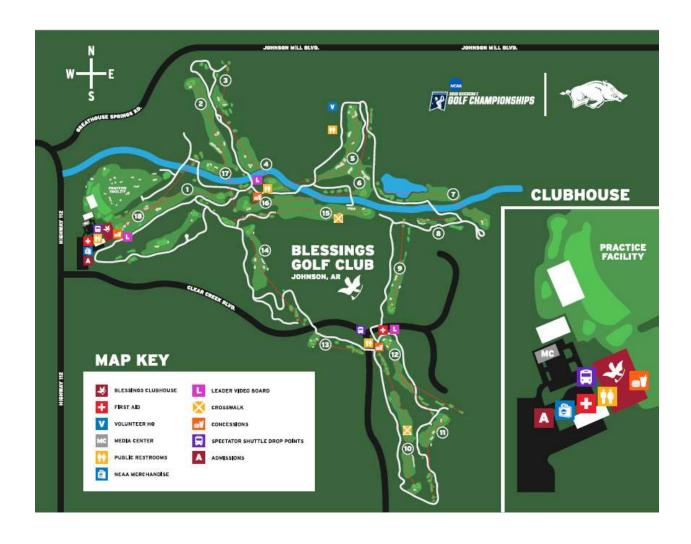
#### Player Substitutions – NCAA Finals During Team Match Play Competition.

- Coaches would be allowed to bring one additional student-athlete to the championships.
- The additional student-athlete would be accounted for within the current NCAA Official Travel Party of eight (provides for six student-athletes and two non-student-athletes).
- The additional player could use the practice facilities throughout the championships but not be allowed to participate in the team's practice round.
- Substitutions would be permitted at the coach's discretion (injury, illness, coach's decision, etc.).
- Coaches would be allowed one substitution per stipulated match play round.
- The additional player would not be permitted to provide advice at any time.
- Coaches may substitute a player at least 30 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- Substitutes are not permitted during a match once competition in a match has started.
- Team lineups for match play will be set using the five players that completed the previous round.



## **APPENDIX I**

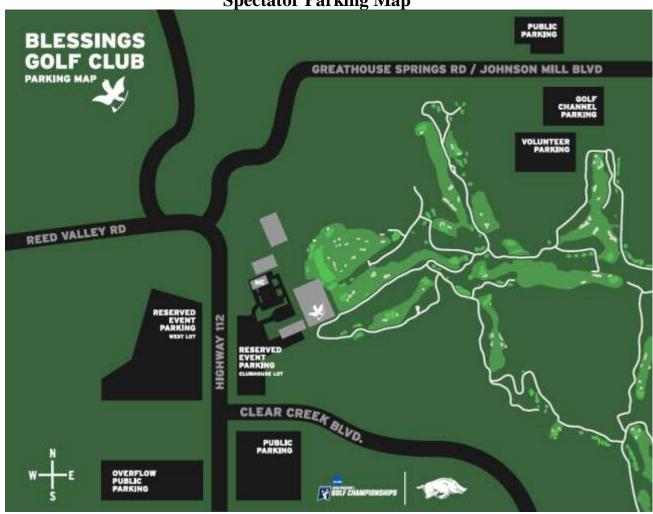
## THE BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB SITE MAP





## **APPENDIX J**

**Spectator Parking Map** 





# APPENDIX K WELCOME BREAKFAST PARKING MAP





## **APPENDIX L**

#### BLESSINGS GOLF CLUB MEAL ORDER FORM

\*Complete menu available in your Registration Packet & at the Blessings Player Lounge\*

This form is to be turned in during registration. You will only be charged for the meals in which you attend (see list of available meals and pricing below). Only official travel party will have access to the Player's Lounge for meals. Please check-in with the Player's Lounge attendant prior to each meal. Credit cards will be processed and a receipt emailed the week of May 27 for the total amount due.

Institution Name:						
Email (for receipt):						
<u>Lunch – Complimentary</u> Thursday May 16	<u>Dinner – Complimentary</u> Tuesday May 21 Wednesday May 22					
Lunch – \$15 per person Friday May 17 Saturday May 18 Sunday May 19 Tuesday May 20 Wednesday May 21	Dinner – \$18 per person Monday May 20					
	Brunch – \$15 per person Monday May 20					
Payment information:	Circle one: MC Visa AMEX					
Card #	Expiration date:	CVC:				
Signature of cardholder: (By signing I authorize Blessings Golf Club to process this card for the total amount due following the Championship)						



# APPENDIX M DESIGNATION OF COACHES FORM

The 2019 United States Golf Association (USGA) and The R&A publication **Official Guide to the Rules of Golf** contains the following concerning *Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competitions*.

"Each team may name two advice givers whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round."

The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committees have adopted this modification and will permit two coaches to provide advice to their teams during regionals and finals competition of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Championships.

Additionally, specific to the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships, two designated coaches per institution may be appointed to give advice to qualifying individuals not on a participating team. Institutions are required to designate their two coaches in advance and names must be approved by their respective Athletics Directors.

The designated coaches must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Designated coaches must be individuals designated by the institution, in accordance with Bylaw 11.7.1.1 (Designation of Coaching Category), as a head or assistant coach under Bylaw 11.01.2 (Coach, Head or Assistant), a student assistant coach under Bylaw 11.01.4 (Student Assistant Coach) or the volunteer coach under Bylaw 11.01.5 (Volunteer Coach).
- 2. A current, eligible student-athlete not participating in the tournament (i.e., sixth man) cannot be designated as the second coach

List names of designated coaches attending NCAA Women's Golf Championships:

Women's Golf Coaches		
1		
2		
3		
4		
ignature of AD or designated administrator	Institution	Date

Please return this form Robin Hale (<a href="mailto:rhale@ncaa.org">rhale@ncaa.org</a>) at the NCAA by noon (Eastern time) Friday, May 10, 2019.