



DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as, future recommendations or information that will be helpful to you. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Julie Manning, chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee and/or a member of the committee.

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Sponsorship

The 2020-21 sponsorship lists are located on the ncaa.org site (Division I/Membership)

Division I	266 (+0)
Division II	200 (-1)
Division III	243 (+0)
Total	709 (-1)

2021 Championships Dates and Sites

2021 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 28

2021 Regional Sites: May 10-12

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: University Club;
Louisiana State University, host.

Columbus, Ohio: OSU Golf Club – Scarlet Course;
The Ohio State University, host.

Louisville, Kentucky: University of Louisville Golf Club;
University of Louisville, host.

Stanford, California: Stanford Golf Course;
Stanford University, host.

2021 National Championships: May 21-26

Grayhawk Golf Club, Arizona State University and
The Thunderbirds, co-hosts.

Future Sites

2022 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 27

2022 Regional Sites: May 9-11

Albuquerque, New Mexico: The Championship Course at
UNM; University of New Mexico, host.

Ann Arbor, Michigan: U-M Golf Course;
University of Michigan, host.

Stillwater, Oklahoma: Karsten Creek Golf Club;
Oklahoma State University, host.

Tallahassee, Florida: Seminole Legacy Golf Club; Florida
State University, host.

2022 National Championships: May 20-25

Grayhawk Golf Club; Arizona State University and
The Thunderbirds, co-hosts.

2023 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 26

2023 Regional Sites: May 8-10

Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Golf Course;
University of Georgia, host.

Westfield, Indiana: The Club at Chatham Hills;
Indiana University, Bloomington and Indiana Sports Corp,
co-hosts.

Pullman, Washington: Palouse Ridge Golf Club;
Washington State University, host.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Lonnie Poole Golf Course;
North Carolina State University, host.

2023 National Championships: May 19-24

Grayhawk Golf Club; Arizona State University and
The Thunderbirds, co-hosts.

2024 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 24

2024 Regional Sites: May 6-8

Auburn, Alabama: Auburn University Club;
Auburn University, host.

College Station, Texas: Traditions Club;
Texas A&M University, host.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Spanish Trail Country Club;
University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Las Vegas Events,
co-hosts.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Bermuda Run Country Club
– East Course; Wake Forest University, host.

2024 National Championships: May 17-22

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa – Champions Course;
University of Texas at Austin, host.

2025 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 23

2025 Regional Sites: May 5-7

Columbus, Ohio: OSU Golf Club – Scarlet Course;
The Ohio State University, host.

Lexington, Kentucky: University Club of Kentucky;
University of Kentucky, host.

Norman, Oklahoma: Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club;
University of Oklahoma, host.

Gold Canyon, Arizona: Superstition Mountain Golf and
Country Club; Arizona State University, host.

2025 National Championships: May 16-21

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa – Champions Course;
University of Texas at Austin, host.

2026 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 29

2026 Regional Sites: May 11-13

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: UNC Finley Golf Course;
University of North Carolina, host.

Stanford, California: Stanford Golf Course;
Stanford University, host.

Tallahassee, Florida: Seminole Legacy Golf Club;
Florida State University, host.

Waco, Texas: Ridgewood Country Club;
Baylor University, host.

2026 National Championships: May 22-27

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa – Champions Course;
University of Texas at Austin, host.

Automatic Qualification (AQ)

The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee awarded the following 27 conferences automatic qualification for the 2021 championships:

American Athletic Conference	Mid American Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Atlantic Sun Conference	Mountain West Conference
Big East Conference	Northeast Conference
Big Sky Conference	Ohio Valley Conference
Big South Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big Ten Conference	Patriot League
Big 12 Conference	Southeastern Conference
Big West Conference	Southern Conference
Colonial Athletic Association	Southland Conference
Conference USA	The Summit League
Horizon League	Sun Belt Conference
The Ivy League	Western Athletic Conference
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conf.	

REMINDERS and UPDATES

2021 Division I Women's Golf Championships

Coaches are encouraged to review the committee's June 24-25, 2020, annual meeting report that is posted on the Division I women's golf page on www.ncaa.org for more detailed information specific to the actions that the committee has taken following the cancellation of the 2020 championships.

EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2021 CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY: SELECTION CRITERIA ADJUSTMENT –

Required Minimum Rounds of Competition. Teams and individuals must play a minimum of eight Division I, 18-hole stroke-play rounds during the 2020-21 regular season (including conference tournaments) in order to be considered for at-large selection to the championships.

NEW FOR 2021: TERMS OF COMPETITION – PLAYER SUBSTITUTION: Regionals and Finals:

Stroke and Match Play Competition. Refer to the sport specific site at www.ncaa.org for access to the player substitution form that will be used to communicate lineup changes between stipulated rounds.

Regional Championships

Prior to a Regional Championship round, a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team, provided that:

- The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

Note: When a team has substituted a sixth player, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10-minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee or NCAA Rules Committee and may substitute for another player as provided above.

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 Regional Championship round.

Championship Finals

Prior to a Championship Finals round (stroke play or match play), 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 10 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, the substitution becomes final 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time and no further changes may be made by the team for that round. However, prior to the 10-minute mark, the team may withdraw the substitution by notifying the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee or the NCAA Rules Committee and may substitute for another player as provided above.

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 Championship 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.

Player Substitutions Conditions.

- Coaches will be allowed to bring one additional student-athlete to the regionals and finals site during the championships.
- The additional student-athlete will 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 and would be allowed to participate in the team's practice round at both the regional and finals (**coaches are not allowed to play during any practice round**).
- Substitutions will be permitted at the coach's discretion (injury, illness, coach's decision, etc.).
- Coaches will be allowed one substitution per stipulated round.

- The additional player will not be permitted to provide advice at any time.
- Coaches may substitute a player at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- Substitutes are not permitted during a stroke play round and/or a match once competition in a player's round has started.
- Team lineups for match play will be set using the five players that completed the previous round (stroke play or match play).
- **NEW FOR 2021: Tie-Breaking Procedures for Regional and Finals.** Ties will be broken during a team sudden-death playoff counting all five players scores. Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to review the tie-breaking procedures for sudden-death playoffs as well as the non sudden-death tie-breaking procedures located on the sport specific site on www.ncaa.org.
- **EFFECTIVE FOR 2021: Automatic qualification invitation – individual conference medalists.** AQ conference medalists whose teams are not selected into the NCAA regional fields, will receive an automatic invitation as part of the 24 individuals selected nationally for regional competitions. ***NOTE: This policy was approved for selections to the 2020 championships but was delayed due to the pandemic.***
- **EFFECTIVE FOR 2021-2022. Selection Criteria – Tournament Schedule Submission Requirement.** Effective for the 2021-22 regular season, institutions will be required to submit their playing schedules for the regular season (both fall and spring) by October 1 to Golfstat as part of the yearly registration process for selections. ***NOTE: This policy was approved for implementation for 2020-21 but was delayed due to the pandemic.***

Regionals/Finals

- Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Women's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition 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.

Coaches should review the 2021 Participant Manuals for their assigned regionals/final sites once posted on www.ncaa.org for the specific pairings, tee times and the schedule of events for each site.

- **Pace of Play – Checkpoint System.** For the 2021 championships (regionals and finals), the USGA checkpoint system will continue to be used to monitor pace of play. Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to review the pace of play information posted on www.ncaa.org.

- **Practice Facility Access – Regionals/Finals Host Sites.**

Non-competing student-athletes from participating institutions may use the practice facilities during championships competition.

- **Course Access – Regionals/Finals.** As a friendly reminder, student-athletes are not allowed on the course prior to or after their practice round. However, coaches 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 institution's practice round, coaches may go back onto the golf course only as a spectator, which includes no carts on the course as well as no access to the putting greens or within 30 feet of the putting greens.

Additionally, 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. Furthermore, when coaches and student-athletes return to the course after each competition round to watch play they become spectators at this point and shall follow all spectator rules, including no carts on the course as well as no access to the putting greens or within 30 feet of the putting greens.

Coaches who violate this policy will not be permitted to coach the following day and the number of permissible coaches for that team the following day will be reduced by the number of offending coaches. The committee reserves the right to adjust course access if it deems that weather conditions and/or outside circumstances could impact the playability of the golf course for the competitors.

Finals Site

Course Access Policy During Regular Season – Finals

Site: The men's and women's golf committees have adopted an open course access policy for the championships that will be conducted at Grayhawk Golf Club. Specifically, for the 2021 championships, schools will have access to Grayhawk Golf Club from July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Effective May 1, 2021, no teams or individuals, including the host school, will be allowed at the site. The corresponding conditions and dates of July 1, 2021 until April 30, 2022, along with the May 1, 2022 date as noted above would apply for the 2022 championships. The corresponding conditions and dates of July 1, 2022 until April 30, 2023, along with the May 1, 2023 date as noted above would apply for the 2023 championships. The committees have developed an FAQ document that has been posted on www.ncaa.org that addresses questions and outlines in more detail as to how schools will be able to work with the Grayhawk staff to secure access to the venue prior to each year of the championships, respectively.

OPTIONAL: Course Access the Day Before the Practice Round – Wednesday. Teams/individuals that advance to the finals site will continue to have the opportunity to walk the course on Wednesday but will not be allowed to walk on greens, in bunkers or take equipment (except for distance-measuring devices) with them when walking the course. Coaches who violate 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.

NOTE: Schools will not be allowed to practice at the venue prior to Thursday morning but will be able to locate shipped equipment (push carts) and secure yardage books.

Championship Format

Teams that qualify via conference automatic qualification (27) and teams that are selected at-large (45) by the committee will comprise each of the four regional tournaments. Additionally, **effective for 2021**, AQ conference individual medalists, if not selected on a participating team, will receive an automatic invitation to compete as part of the 24 individuals selected nationally for regional competition. Each regional tournament will consist of 18 teams and six individuals (not on the selected team).

A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments and have their results submitted to Golfstat by Tuesday, April 27.

REGIONAL COMPETITION. Four, 54-hole competitions will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Eighteen teams and six individuals, not on those teams, will compete at each regional. The low six teams and the low three individuals, not on one of those teams, will advance to the finals. Tie-breakers and playoffs will be used to determine advancement to the finals.

FINALS. 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 NCAA individual champion. The top eight teams after 72 holes of play will be placed into a bracket with the No. 1 seed playing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed playing the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed in match play. Ties for the top 15 teams, as well as the top nine individuals not on an advancing team, 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 the NCAA individual champion will be broken by a sudden-death playoff or, if necessary, by the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures.

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.

The Division I Women's Golf Committee will determine match-play lineups using the same method employed at the President's Cup matches.

Pairings for the quarterfinals will be determined following the completion of the 72-hole stroke-play competition and the crowning of the NCAA individual champion. Pairings for the team semifinals and finals will be determined following the completion of the previous round.

- **President's Cup Match Play Pairings Process.** A link to view an example of the team match play pairings process that will continue to be used during the 2021 women's championships is available on the sport specific page on www.ncaa.org.
- **Golf Channel Partnership.** For the seventh year, the Golf Channel will broadcast the 2021 Division I Women's and Men's Golf Championships that will be conducted during back-to-back weeks at Grayhawk Golf Club. Additionally, the Golf Channel provides year-round coverage of women's and men's collegiate golf through its multiple platforms, with greater emphasis in the months leading up to the championships, which will include live multiple-day coverage at the finals with tape-delayed rebroadcasts provided each evening of the live coverage.

Selection Criteria

In the interest of developing and promoting women's collegiate golf throughout the country, the best teams and individuals, based on the selection criteria, will be selected. Effective for the 2021 championships only, teams and individuals must play a minimum of eight Division I, 18-hole stroke-play rounds during the 2020-21 regular season (including conference tournaments) in order to be considered for at-large selection to the championships.

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA Championships competition [NCAA Division I Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants];

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility/availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;

The Division I Women's Golf Committee will consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams and individuals (not on a selected team) for the women's golf championships in priority order:

Primary Criteria:

- NCAA/Golfstat ranking;
- Head-to-head results;
- Head-to-head stroke differential;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Overall won-loss record;
- Adjusted scoring average; and
- Strength of schedule.

The Women's Golf Committee does not use coaches' polls or any other outside polls or rankings for selection purposes.

Schools are required to compete as a team if they enter four or more players in a tournament using one of the approved designated formats. Schools that enter three or less players in a tournament or would like to enter players in an event beyond those required for team participation in one of the approved designated formats may participate as individuals.

Additionally, an institution may not compete in separate tournaments on the same date of competition with the opportunity to count both events towards team selections. Should an institution choose to do this, one team must be declared an "A" team while the other would be designated as a "B" team. The "B" team results will not count towards selections as an at-large team."

2020-21 Selection Process

The committee will select 72 teams based on the selection criteria. Each regional site will be allocated 18 teams and six individuals not on a selected team. Twenty-seven (27) team conference champions will receive automatic qualification, with the remaining 45 teams selected on an at-large basis. The committee will select and seed the top 18 teams nationally, based on the selection criteria and place them in an S curve with limited movement (no more than two spots) to maintain the integrity of the draw. The remaining at-large teams would then be selected based on the selection criteria. One of the primary goals will be to keep the strength of each regional field as equitable as possible. The committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns in attempting to attain this goal. If a selected team is hosting a regional site, they will be allowed to compete at their site. Once all 72 teams have been identified then the top 24 individuals (including AQ conference medalists as automatic qualifiers) who are not selected on a participating team shall be selected nationally based on the selection criteria. Individuals will be placed on the board and when possible, the committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns when assigning individual participants to a regional site.

REMINDER: Golfstat Tournament Registration and Results Submissions

Golfstat serves as the computer service used by the NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Women's and Men's Golf Championships to process regular-season results for selection purposes for the 2021 NCAA Divisions I, II and III Women's and Men's Golf Championships. Please refer to the memo posted on the sport specific page of www.ncaa.org for information outlined on the tournament registration and the results submission process.

Regular Season Results Submission Policy. The Division I men's and women's committees require that host institutions of regular season events must submit scores to Golfstat according to the following policy:

"The host institution of a regular season event are required to submit results from their tournament into Golfstat by no later

than 5 p.m. (Eastern time) two days following the conclusion of the event. *For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Golfstat by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on Thursday.*

Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established timeframe will be assessed a financial penalty of \$500 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$750."

Rules. The 2021 Spring Hard Card is posted on the sport specific page on www.ncaa.org.

Pre-championships Manual. The 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Pre-championships Manual will be posted prior to or by February 1 on the sport specific page on www.ncaa.org.

Annual Meeting. The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee annual meeting is June 23-25, 2021.