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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 3.2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation 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; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](https://ncaa.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual .]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

The Division I Competition Oversight Committee developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available [here](#) when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

Sunday, Oct. 1	Schedules, tournaments and team rosters to be used for selection purposes must be registered with Scoreboard.
Tuesday, April 23	Results from spring competition due to Scoreboard.
Wednesday, April 24	Selections for regionals.
Monday-Wednesday, May 6-8	Regionals.
Friday-Wednesday, May 17-22	Championships finals.

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Regionals (May 6-8)

Auburn, Alabama	Auburn University Club (Auburn University, host)
Bermuda Run, North Carolina	Bermuda Run Country Club (Wake Forest University, host)
Bryan, Texas	The Traditions Club (Texas A&M University, host)
Las Vegas, Nevada	Spanish Trail Country Club (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, host)
East Lansing, Michigan	Forest Akers Golf Course (Michigan State University, host)
Cle Elum, Washington	Tumble Creek Club (University of Washington, host)

Finals (May 17-22)

Carlsbad, California	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa (University of Texas at Austin, host)
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DATE FORMULA

Regionals	The regionals will be conducted (Monday-Wednesday) 11 days before the start of the national championships.
Finals	The championships will begin on the third Friday in May, except during those years in which May 1 falls on a Friday (2026), which would result in the championships beginning on the fourth Friday in May.

FUTURE DATES

2025

Regionals (May 5-7)

Lexington, Kentucky	Keene Trace, Champions Course (University of Kentucky, host)
Lubbock, Texas	The Rawls Course (Texas Tech University, host)
Columbus, Ohio	OSU Golf Club (Ohio State University, host)
Gold Canyon, Arizona	Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club (Arizona State University, host)
Norman, Oklahoma	Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course (University of Oklahoma, host)
Charlottesville, Virginia	Birdwood Golf Course (University of Virginia, host)
Finals (May 16-21)	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa; Carlsbad, California (University of Texas at Austin, host)

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Regionals (May 11-13)

Ann Arbor, Michigan	University of Michigan Golf Course (University of Michigan, host)
Stanford, California	Stanford Golf Course (Stanford University, host)
Waco, Texas	Ridgewood Country Club (Baylor University, host)
Tallahassee, Florida	Seminole Legacy Gold Club (Florida State University, host)
Chapel Hill, North Carolina	UNC Finley Golf Course (University of North Carolina, host)
Huntsville, Alabama	RTJ Golf Trail at Hampton Cove (University of North Alabama and Huntsville/Madison County, hosts)
Finals (May 22-27)	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa; Carlsbad, California (University of Texas at Austin, host)

Section 1•4 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., balls, clubs) to be used shall be determined by the individual team and must be acceptable under *Rules of Golf*. The one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. Golf bags must have the name or logo of the school on them.

Players and coaches will be required to use only soft-spike shoes during regional and championships competition. This includes all practice rounds. The 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 communication devices may be used by coaches in a private manner provided that their 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 for players and coaches under Rule 14-3 during practice and competition as long as they conform to USGA specifications.

Section 1•5 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* and any local rules and conditions of competition implemented by the committee in charge of the competition as listed below. Decisions regarding the *Rules of Golf* shall be final.

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

1. **Advice Allowed in Team Competition.** 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 for the purpose of giving advice 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. **Misconduct.** In addition to the following policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes should understand the misconduct policies described in the Pre-Championships Manual. Unsportsmanlike conduct - a player (coach - if coach violation) will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning for unsportsmanlike 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 (or coach, if coach violation) will be disqualified for that round.
 - Third occurrence in the championships - 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.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

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. Please refer to the participant manual for the definition of appropriate attire at each specific golf course. Uniform requirements apply to both regional and finals championships competition.

Logo guidelines apply to both the regular-season and championships competition. [Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.](#)

For golf, please note, shoes, golf gloves, towels, backpacks, sling bags, rain caps, rainsuits and umbrellas are considered athletics equipment and are subject to equipment logo guidelines. Socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, belt buckles and visors or hats are considered uniforms and apparel and are subject to uniform and apparel logo guidelines.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The format for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships is determined by the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee, subject to the approval of the Association's Division I Competition Oversight Committee.

Regionals. Six 54-hole regional competitions will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Twelve teams and six individuals not on those teams will compete at each regional. The low five teams and the individual not on those teams will advance to the finals. Tiebreakers and playoffs will be used to determine advancement to the finals. Regional tournaments are considered preliminary rounds of NCAA championships competition and all national championships policies will apply. Beginning in 2024, regional champion awards will be given to the team champions.

If a minimum of 36 holes cannot be completed, the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee will select the regional's representatives to the finals, taking into consideration 18-hole scores and other selection criteria.

Finals. All 30 teams and six individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of competition, the top 15 teams along with the top nine individuals not on an advancing team will advance for one additional day of stroke play to determine the top eight teams for match-play competition and the 72-hole stroke-play individual champion. The top eight teams after 72 holes of play will be placed into a bracket with the No. 1 seed playing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed playing the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed in match play. Ties for the top 15 teams, as well as the top nine individuals, will be broken by 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. [Appendix A](#).

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 Presidents 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 match-play round.

The games committee will do everything possible to complete 72 holes and each match during the match-play portion of the championships. However, the committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather.

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the top two teams and first 15 individuals.

PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS

Prior to a stroke or match play round during Regionals 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 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, 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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 4	Lineups must be submitted to assigned regional sites by 6 p.m. local time
Sunday, May 5	Practice round
Monday-Wednesday, May 6-8	Regionals (six)
Wednesday, May 15	Lineups must be submitted to finals site by 6 p.m. local time
Thursday, May 16	Practice round
Friday-Wednesday, May 17-22	Championships finals

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.

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES

Pairings and tee times for practice and competition will be determined following selections for each of the six regional sites, and after completion of regional competition for the finals site. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five student-athletes, but may bring a sixth student-athlete as a substitute. Transportation expenses and per diem 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 additional personnel (coaches, trainers, substitute players, 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.

Section 2•2 Results

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee will use Scoreboard to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Scoreboard and register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

1. All tournaments must be registered not later than Oct. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to have the tournament registered will be assessed a monetary fine. Complete schedules must be submitted by Oct. 1.
2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must submit their results into Scoreboard by no later than 48 hours following the conclusion of the event and no later than April 23 for those events hosted the week of selections. Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established time frame will be assessed a financial penalty of \$500 per occurrence, up to a maximum of \$750.
3. Institutions that fail to register will be assessed a monetary fine.
4. For information about reporting results and tournament registration, contact: support@clippd.com.

REGISTERED TOURNAMENT STANDARDS

All tournaments and competition must meet specified minimum standards and be registered with Scoreboard. These standards include:

1. NCAA rules and regulations used for the regionals and championships are to be followed during the regular season.
2. A golf course used for a tournament must have a minimum length of 5,800 yards to be considered for selection purposes.
3. The *Rules of Golf* will be followed.
4. The low four scores per round from the designated five-player teams shall be used in Division I tournaments. Schools are required to compete as a team if they enter four or more players in a tournament using one of the 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 designated formats may participate as individuals.

Additionally, it is important to note that 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.

5. Match play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, match play should follow the following procedures:
 - The only allowable formats are Team Match Play or Team Medal Match Play.
 - Team Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in straight match play. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Team Medal Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in stroke play with the lower 18-hole score winning. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Players may only play by themselves and cannot have a partner within their individual match (e.g., no partners are allowed to play formats such as alternate shot, best ball, scramble, etc.).
 - No JV teams and no individuals' matches that are not part of the team can play and be counted.
 - Match play results can be submitted as either a win, loss or tie.
 - Matches must have a minimum of five individual matches and a maximum of nine individual matches.
6. Disqualification for breach of the *Rules of Golf* applies only to that round.
7. If, due to injury or illness, a player is unable to start or finish a round, that player is eligible to play in subsequent rounds with the approval of the rules committee. Players must carry their own bags or use nonmotorized pull carts. If carts are required to be used for a regular-season tournament round due to extenuating circumstances such as weather and/or lack of daylight that could result in play not being completed for an event, then the competing players only may share a cart. Players are not allowed to ride with anyone except on designated shuttles, and a player may accept transport from a rules official or coach if, under a rule, she needs to return to where she last hit a ball. In addition, players may ride in carts during an emergency evacuation of the course.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

The committee shall select 72 teams (including automatic qualifiers) and 36 individuals (including automatic qualifiers) not on those teams for participation at one of the six regional sites. Effective 2020, conference individual medalists, if not selected on a participating team, will receive an automatic invitation as an individual. If the conference individual medalist is on the winning team or a team selected to the championship, the conference does not get an individual as well. Each regional site will be comprised of 12 teams and six individuals (not on one of the selected teams). Five teams and the low individual not on an advancing team from each regional site shall advance to the finals site.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Twenty-seven conferences will be granted automatic qualifications for the 2024 regional championships. They are:

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

AT-LARGE SELECTION

The remaining 45 teams are selected at large nationally based on the selection criteria.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding travel party size, transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org).

Section 2•4 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. Teams and individuals must play a minimum of fifteen 18-hole stroke-play rounds, including a minimum of eight stroke-play Division I rounds in the spring, in order to be considered for selection to the championships.

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

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility/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 Golf ranking;
- Head-to-head results;
- Head-to-head stroke differential;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Overall won-lost record;
- Adjusted scoring average; and
- Strength of schedule.

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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.

Individual-only tournaments are permissible and must be clearly designated as individual-only events during the tournament registration process. Results from individual-only tournaments must be submitted to Scoreboard and will count towards individual rankings and selections, but not for team rankings and selections. Coaches are encouraged to work with their institutional compliance officials to ensure that maximum dates of competition are not compromised due to participation in individual-only events. Team penalties are not applicable in the case of a withdrawal from an individual-only event.

Teams must submit their tournament schedules for the Fall and Spring seasons to Scoreboard no later than Oct. 1. Any changes to a team's schedule after Oct. 1 need to be approved by the Division I Women's Golf Committee. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament after Oct. 1 or cancels a scheduled tournament will incur losses to each team in the field if the request is not approved by the Division I Women's Golf Committee. In addition, should a tournament be canceled for reasons beyond a team's control, the team will not incur any penalties.

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.

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Appendix A • Tie-Break Procedures

Tie-Break Procedures

Individual and Team Tie-breaking Procedures

Teams. Ties shall be broken during a sudden-death playoff counting all five scores. 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 either of 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

Teams will draw for positions (for use at regionals only, if time permits). 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. **(Refer to NOTE 1)**

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 an aggregate of all five scores until a winner is determined *(used to determine top 15 teams for final day of stroke play; as well as top eight teams for match play).*

Two teams			
A #5	B #5	playoff hole 5	
A #4	B #4	playoff hole 4	
A #3	B #3	playoff hole 3	
A #2	B #2	playoff hole 2	
A #1	B #1	playoff hole 1	
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	playoff hole 5	
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4	
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3	
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2	
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1	
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
Coaches will have the ability to determine starting hole assignments for their student-athletes. These selections must be completed no more than ten minutes following the conclusion of play. If not completed within the required timeframe, players will be assigned by the numbered position they held at the start 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. Cumulative total of the lowest player score from each round.
3. Cumulative total of the second lowest player score from each round.
4. Cumulative total of the third lowest player score from each round.
5. Cumulative total of the fourth lowest player score from each round.
6. 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 NCAA Golf 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 B • Sport Sponsorship

American Athletic Conference (12)	
University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of South Florida
East Carolina University	Southern Methodist University
Florida Atlantic University	Tulane University
University of Memphis	The University of Tulsa
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Wichita State University
University of North Texas	University of Texas at San Antonio

Atlantic Coast Conference (12)	
Boston College	North Carolina State University
Clemson University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Duke University	University of Notre Dame
Florida State University	University of Virginia
University of Louisville	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Miami (Florida)	Wake Forest University

ASUN Conference (12)	
Austin Peay State University	Kennesaw State University
Bellarmino University	Lipscomb University
University of Central Arkansas	University of North Alabama
Eastern Kentucky University	University of North Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University	Stetson University
Jacksonville University	Queens University of Charlotte

Big 12 Conference (13)	
Baylor University	Kansas State University
Brigham Young University	University of Oklahoma
University of Central Florida	Oklahoma State University
University of Cincinnati	Texas Christian University
University of Houston	Texas Tech University
Iowa State University	University of Texas at Austin
University of Kansas	

Big East Conference (6)	
Butler University	Seton Hall University
Creighton University	St. John's University (New York)
Georgetown University	Xavier University

Big Sky Conference (10)	
California State University, Sacramento	Montana State University-Bozeman
Eastern Washington University	Northern Arizona University
University of Idaho	University of Northern Colorado
Idaho State University	Portland State University
University of Montana	Weber State University

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Big South Conference (9)

Charleston Southern University	Presbyterian College
Gardner-Webb University	Radford University
High Point University	University of South Carolina Upstate
Longwood University	Winthrop University
University of North Carolina Asheville	

Big Ten Conference (14)

University of Illinois, Champaign	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Indiana University, Bloomington	Northwestern University
University of Iowa	The Ohio State University
University of Maryland, College Park	Pennsylvania State University
University of Michigan	Purdue University
Michigan State University	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Wisconsin, Madison

Big West Conference (9)

California Polytechnic State University	University of California, Irvine
California State University, Bakersfield	University of California, Riverside
California State University, Fullerton	University of Hawaii, Manoa
California State University, Northridge	Long Beach State University
University of California, Davis	

Coastal Athletic Association (10)

Campbell University	Monmouth University
College of Charleston (South Carolina)	North Carolina A&T State University
University of Delaware	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Elon University	Towson University
Hofstra University	William and Mary

Conference USA (10)

University of Alabama at Birmingham	New Mexico State University
Florida Atlantic University	Sam Houston State University
Florida International University	University of Texas at El Paso
Jacksonville State University	University of Texas at San Antonio
Middle Tennessee State University	Western Kentucky University

Horizon League (8)

Cleveland State University	Oakland University
University of Detroit Mercy	Purdue University Fort Wayne
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Northern Kentucky University	Youngstown State University

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (10)

University at Albany	Loyola University Chicago
University of Dayton	Niagara University
Fairfield University	Quinnipiac University
University of Hartford	Siena College
La Salle University	Mount St. Mary's University

Mid-American Conference (10)

University of Akron	Kent State University
Ball State University	Northern Illinois University
Bowling Green State University	Ohio University
Central Michigan University	University of Toledo
Eastern Michigan University	Western Michigan University

Missouri Valley Conference (11)

Bradley University	Murray State University
Drake University	Missouri State University
University of Evansville	University of Northern Iowa
University of Illinois at Chicago	Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Illinois State University	Valparaiso University
Indiana State University	

Mountain West Conference (9)

Boise State University	University of New Mexico
California State University, Fresno	San Diego State University
Colorado State University	San Jose State University
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	University of Wyoming
University of Nevada, Reno	

Northeast Conference (11)

Delaware State University	North Carolina Central University
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	Sacred Heart University
Howard University	Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)
Long Island University	Stonehill College
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Wagner College
Merrimack College	

Ohio Valley Conference (8)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Morehead State University
Chicago State University	University of Southern Indiana
Eastern Illinois University	Tennessee State University
Lindenwood University (Missouri)	Tennessee Technological University

Pac-12 Conference (11)

University of Arizona	Oregon State University
Arizona State University	University of Southern California

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University of California, Berkeley	Stanford University
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Washington
University of Colorado, Boulder	Washington State University
University of Oregon	

Patriot League (6)

Boston University	Lehigh University
Bucknell University	University of Richmond
College of the Holy Cross	U.S. Naval Academy

Southeastern Conference (14)

University of Alabama	University of Mississippi
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Mississippi State University
Auburn University	University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Florida	University of South Carolina, Columbia
University of Georgia	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Kentucky	Texas A&M University, College Station
Louisiana State University	Vanderbilt University

Southern Conference (9)

The Citadel	Samford University
East Tennessee State University	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Furman University	Western Carolina University
Mercer University	Wofford College
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	

Southland Conference (7)

Augusta University	University of the Incarnate Word
Texas A&M University-Commerce	Lamar University
Bryant University	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Houston Christian University	

Southwestern Athletic Conference (4)

Alabama State University	Prairie View A&M University
Bethune-Cookman University	Texas Southern University

Sun Belt Conference (13)

Appalachian State University	Marshall University
Arkansas State University	Old Dominion University
Coastal Carolina University	University of South Alabama
Georgia Southern University	The University of Southern Mississippi
Georgia State University	Texas State University
James Madison University	Texas State University

University of Louisiana Monroe	Troy University
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The Ivy League (6)	
Columbia University-Barnard College	University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth College	Princeton University
Harvard University	Yale University

The Summit League (9)	
University of Denver	University of Saint Thomas (Minnesota)
University of Nebraska Omaha	University of South Dakota
University of North Dakota	South Dakota State University
North Dakota State University	Western Illinois University
Oral Roberts University	

West Coast Conference (4)	
Gonzaga University	University of San Francisco
Pepperdine University	Santa Clara University

Western Athletic Conference (11)	
Abilene Christian University	Tarleton State University*
Grand Canyon University	University of Texas at Arlington
California Baptist University	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Seattle University	Utah Tech University*
Stephen F. Austin State University	Utah Valley University
Southern Utah University	

*Reclassifying Institution

Appendix C • Regional Map

