



**2026 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS
ADVICE LOCAL RULE**

Each team may name two (2) advice givers whom players on the team may ask for or receive advice from during a round. When a player is competing only as an individual, including a player from a team competing in an individual play-off, the player may name two (2) advice givers whom the player may ask for or receive advice from during a round, with a maximum of two (2) advice givers per institution.

Each team or individual must identify the advice giver(s) to the Committee before players on the team or an individual asks for or receive advice from the advice giver. The advice giver must be designated by their institution's athletics department to perform coaching duties and the advice giver must wear the identification band, when provided. The team or individual may change its advice giver during the round but must tell the Committee when it is doing so. If a team changes an advice giver, the new advice giver has the same status as the previous advice givers and must wear an identification band.

A team's advice giver must only give advice to, and ask advice from, players on their team and the team's other advice giver, and must not ask for advice from any other representative of their institution, any other advice giver or any other outside influence. If an advice giver asks advice from someone not allowed, the Committee may revoke their position.

Note: Advice givers are outside influences and are not treated as part of the player's side. However, a player is responsible for certain actions of another person, including his advice giver, under Rule 1.3c(1). A penalty may apply when:

- The player's advice giver takes an action that would breach the Rules if taken by the player or caddie and that advice giver does so at the player's request or while acting with the player's authority, such as the player asking the advice giver to stand in a location on or close to an extension of the player's line of play to help the player with his/her alignment, in breach of Rule 10.2b(4).
- The player sees his/her advice giver about to take an action concerning the player's ball or equipment that he/she knows would breach a Rule if taken by the player or caddie and does not take reasonable steps to object or stop it from happening, such as the advice giver taking an action to improve the conditions affecting the player's stroke, in breach of Rule 8.1a.

The Committee trusts that all players and advice givers respect the principle of obedience to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.