



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Women's Golf Coaches and Sports Information Directors at Division I Institutions
Sponsoring Women's Golf.

FROM: Mark Bedics
Director of Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: Updated schedule registration, submission deadline and important information
regarding tournament withdrawals, additions, and changes.

This memorandum is being sent on behalf of the Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee and is intended to clarify deadlines and allowances related to tournament schedules in advance of the 2026-27 academic year.

The [Scoreboard Coach Portal](#) will open for registration beginning on Monday, Aug. 3, at which time you will be able to login using the same email and password as last season. If you have changed institutions or do not have login details, please visit coach.scoreboard.clippd.com to create an account or link your account to a new institution.

Upon the opening of the Coach Portal on Aug. 3, we request that you please complete the registration process and update team rosters and team schedules prior to the start of the fall season, but no later than Sept. 1.

All competitions must be registered in the Coach Portal in order to be used for rankings and selection purposes. If you are planning to host an event this season, it is crucial that you register your event within the Scoreboard Coach Portal in order for others to add these events to their team schedules. Detailed instructions regarding this process will be provided [here](#).

Per NCAA policy, the host institution of a regular season event will be required to submit and publish results from their tournament to Scoreboard by Clippd within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit and publish its results to Scoreboard no later than Thursday. Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established timeframe may be assessed a financial penalty.

When hosting a tournament, you must report scores electronically through Scoreboard by Clippd via ScoreboardLive Scoring, manual entry, or via live scoring software that is integrated with Scoreboard's open API. Tournament hosts will be required to enter scores manually if using a live scoring software that does not integrate with Scoreboard via the open API. Fully integrated live scoring partners are listed as options when creating a tournament in the Coach Portal.

All tournaments must meet the following minimum standards:

1. The *Rules of Golf* must be followed. All scores must be actual; no stroke limits are allowed.
2. The minimum yardage requirement for a tournament is 5,800 yards regardless of par to be considered for selection and rankings purposes.
3. Countable formats for selections include: six-count-five; six-count-four; five-count-four and match play.
4. Additionally, individual-only tournaments are permissible, but 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.
5. An institution may not compete in separate tournaments or enter multiple teams into the same tournament 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; student-athlete results from "B" team events will count for individual rankings and selections.
6. Disqualification for breach of the *Rules of Golf* applies to only that round.
7. For a tournament to be counted, a minimum of 18 holes must be completed. Then results can then be counted in nine-hole increments after 18 holes has been completed as long as the same nine holes are played by everyone.
8. 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 tournament rules committee.
9. Changes to a team competition schedule after Sep. 1 are subject to the approval of the Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee. Withdrawals from a regularly scheduled tournament after Sep. 1 without prior committee approval will result in losses to the field, and new in 2026-27, teams will also receive zero rankings points for each round of the event from which they withdrew. Decisions from the committee will be based on the following parameters:
 - Consideration for approval of schedule changes will be given should a tournament be changed or canceled for reasons beyond the teams' control. In such cases, the team will not be subject to any losses or any rankings penalties. For example:

- If the originally scheduled dates of competition are changed by the tournament host after Sep. 1 to include a date(s) outside of those originally planned, a withdrawal from the event would be justified should a team no longer want or be able to participate. Any replacement event must result in head-to-head opportunities similar to those that would have occurred at the previous event. **As a reminder**, any change to a date or format by the tournament host must be approved by the Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee.
- However, if the number of competitive rounds is adjusted within the originally scheduled dates of competition, a withdrawal from the event will **not** be justified.
- If an entire event is canceled and received committee approval, (e.g. due to inclement weather) teams will be permitted to replace the event with another, with head-to-head opportunities similar to those that would have occurred at the canceled event. Approvals will be granted for additional day(s) within scheduling dates of competition maximums in these cases. If additional dates become available due to partial tournament cancellations due to inclement weather, etc., those opportunities need to be approved by the Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee.
- In all other situations, teams wishing to use an additional day(s) of competition to schedule events after the Sep. 1 deadline may do so in the form of exhibition events; however, **results from any competitions added to a team's schedule after the Sep. 1 deadline for reasons other than full cancelation of an event due to inclement weather will not be countable towards a team's overall win-loss record or national ranking, unless specifically approved by the Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee.**

One additional change in schedule policy for the 2026-27 season is teams may now send as many players to a team event to compete as individuals as long as they declare it prior to the Sept. 1 schedule deadline. In other words, the previous policy of being mandated to play as a team if you have four players at an event is no longer in effect, if you declare that intent prior to Sept. 1. From a legislative standpoint, it would still count as a team date of competition if you send five or more players even if they don't post a team score. You must designate this in the Clippd Coach Portal that they will be competing as individuals or as a B team. As a reminder, a B team does not count towards any team's won-loss record.

Please note this new policy will not impact the ability to add events intended to provide additional opportunities for student-athletes to participate as individuals during the academic year even if its past the Sep. 1 deadline. However, after Sep. 1, an institution cannot change from playing as a team to playing as individuals or vice versa.

If you are unable to submit your complete 2026-27 competition schedule by Sep. 1, please send written rationale to my attention at mbedics@ncaa.org in advance of the deadline.

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Access to the Coach Portal, team and tournament registrations, and non-live manual scoring software are all provided free of charge through the NCAA's agreement with Scoreboard by Clippd. If you wish to receive Analytics and Statistics, ScoreboardLive Scoring, or any of the other Scoreboard services, you may sign up for those directly through Scoreboard during the season opening registration process.

The first ranking of the 2026-27 season will be published on Scoreboard in mid-October.

We wish you all the best for a successful 2026-27 season.

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cc: Division I Women's Golf Committee