

## **DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF DECEMBER 2025 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 and additional information that may be helpful. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Kari Williams, chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee and/or a member of the committee, or Mark Bedics, NCAA staff.

### **2025-26 Subcommittee Members**

**Kalen Anderson**

Head Women's Golf Coach  
University of South Carolina  
Term ends: August 2027

**Marc Chandonnet**

Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach  
Seattle University  
Term ends: August 2027

**Mary Giardina**

Deputy Athletics Director/SWA  
Florida Atlantic University  
Term ends: August 2029

**Scott MacDonald**

Senior Deputy Athletics Director  
San Jose State University  
Term ends: August 2028

**Emily Marron**

Head Women's Golf Coach  
University of Central Florida  
Term ends: September 2029

**Halley Morell**

Head Women's Golf Coach  
Bradley University  
Term ends: August 2027

**Ellie Shannon**

Senior Associate Athletics Director  
Wake Forest University  
Term ends: August 2027

**Kari Williams, chair**

Head Women's Golf Coach  
Rutgers University  
Term ends: August 2027

**Female Student-athletes on Men's and Women's  
Golf Oversight Committee**

Sophia Fullbrook, Florida State  
Mara Janess, Michigan



### **2026 Championships Dates and Sites**

**2026 Selection Announcement:**

Wednesday, April 29 – 5 pm ET on Golf Channel

**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.

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

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

**2026 National Championships: May 22-27**

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

### **2027 Championships Dates and Sites**

**2027 Selection Announcement:** Wednesday, April 28

**2027 Regional Sites: May 10-12**

**Aiken, South Carolina:** Old Barnwell; University of South  
Carolina, Columbia, host.

**Dallas, Texas:** Trinity Forest Golf Club;  
Southern Methodist University, host.

**Fort Wayne, Indiana:** Sycamore Hills Golf Club;  
Purdue University Fort Wayne, host.

**Franklin, Tennessee:** Vanderbilt Legends Club;  
Vanderbilt University, host.

**Palm Beach Gardens, Florida:** PGA National Resort; Florida  
Atlantic University, host.

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

**2027 National Championships: May 21-26**

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

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## 2028 Championships Dates and Sites

**2028 Selection Announcement:** Wednesday, April 26

### 2028 Regional Sites: May 8-10

**Austin, Texas:** The University of Texas Golf Club; University of Texas at Austin, host.

**Bermuda Run, North Carolina:** Bermuda Run Country Club; Wake Forest University, host.

**Eugene, Oregon:** Eugene Country Club; University of Oregon, host.

**Gainesville, Florida:** Mark Bostick Golf Course; University of Florida, host.

**Shoreline, Washington:** Seattle Golf Club; University of Washington, host.

**Silvis, Illinois:** TPC John Deere; University of Iowa and Visit Quad Cities, hosts.

### 2028 National Championships: May 19-24

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

## **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR 2025-26:**

*Coaches are encouraged to review the committee's recent meeting reports located on the Division I Women's Golf [landing page](#) on [ncaa.org](#) for more detailed information specific to recent committee actions taken.*

- **Schedule Updates:** Any updates to your current schedule (additions or subtractions) must be approved by the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Subcommittee.

### Automatic Qualification (AQ)

The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee awarded the following 29 conferences automatic qualification for the 2026 championships:

American Athletic Conference	Mid American Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Atlantic Sun Conference	Mountain West Conference
Atlantic-10 Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Ohio Valley Conference
Big Sky Conference	Patriot League
Big South Conference	Southeastern Conference
Big Ten Conference	Southern Conference
Big 12 Conference	Southland Conference
Big West Conference	Southwestern Athletic Conference
Coastal Athletic Association	The Summit League
Conference USA	Sun Belt Conference
Horizon League	West Coast Conference
The Ivy League	Western Athletic Conference
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conf.	

## **REMINDERS:**

- **Site Selection for 2029-31:**  
Bids for the six regional sites for 2029 through 2031 and the finals site for each year will be accepted tentatively from August 1 to September 1, 2026. The committee will review all bids during the fall with an announcement of all sites likely in early January 2027. Exact timing of the bid process will be finalized later this spring.
- **Substitution Allowances:** A reminder that substitutions are permissible at conference championships, in addition to NCAA Regionals & the National Championships. Substitute student-athletes may use the practice facilities during championships competition.
- **.500 Rule for At-large Selection:** A reminder that the .500 rule will be in effect for the second time with the 2025 selections. Any team with a record of under .500 will not be eligible to be selected at-large. Teams that win a conference automatic qualifier slot, do NOT have to be above .500.
- **Automatic Qualification Invitations to Individual Conference Medalists:** Conference medalists whose teams are not selected into the NCAA regional fields, will receive an automatic invitation as part of the 36 individuals selected nationally for regional competitions. This is for the individual medalist only and cannot be transferred to any other player and conferences must have a playoff to determine the medalist.
- **Updated Selection Criteria**
  1. National Collegiate Golf ranking;
  2. Head-to-head results;
  3. Adjusted scoring average;
  4. Head-to-head stroke differential;
  5. Results versus common opponents;
  6. Overall won-lost record;
  7. Strength of schedule; and
  8. Spring trending. (added for 2025-26)
- **Year Round Finals Site Course Access Policy:**  
The men's and women's golf committees have adopted a closed course policy for the championships at Omni La Costa. No coach, team or individual may play or walk the course, including the second course located on property at any time (including the summer). The only exception is for any student-athletes who had a membership to the course prior to August 1, 2023. Additional information regarding this policy can be found on the Division I Women's Golf [page](#) on [ncaa.org](#).