

## REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE JULY 18-19, 2019, MEETING

#### KEY ITEMS.

- **Team participation in regular-season tournaments.** The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee provided clarification when schools compete in regular-season tournaments and enter four or more players using one of the designated formats approved for ranking and selection purposes for at-large teams (see Informational Item 8b).
- Match play included in rankings. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committees support allowing ties to occur in regular-season match play events so results can be submitted to Golfstat either as a win, loss or tie (see Informational Item 10b).
- Player substitutions postseason play. The committee noted it will not make any changes to the current opportunity for schools to use substitutions beyond the match-play-only portion for the 2020 women's championships. However, the committee did express strong interest in beginning discussions with the membership on the opportunity to expand the use of substitutions during the women's championships to both the stroke-play portion of regionals and finals competitions beginning with the 2021 championships (see Informational Item 5b).

#### **ACTION ITEMS.**

- 1. Legislative items.
  - None.
- 2. Nonlegislative items.
  - a. Automatic qualification.
    - (1) Recommendation. That the following 27 conferences sponsoring women's golf be awarded automatic qualification into the 2020 championships: American Athletic Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic Sun Conference; Big East Conference; Big Sky Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Mountain West Conference; Northeast Conference; Ohio Valley Conference; Pacific-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; Southern Conference; Southland Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; and Western Athletic Conference.
    - (2) <u>Effective date</u>. 2019-20 academic year.

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  - (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. None.

### b. Automatic qualification invitation – individual conference medalist.

- (1) <u>Recommendation.</u> That an invitation be extended to all automatic-qualifier conference medalists whose teams are not selected into the NCAA regional fields, effective for the 2020 championships selections.
- (2) <u>Effective date.</u> Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. Over the past several years, conference offices and others within the membership have asked the committee and NCAA staff why the conference medalist has not been invited to the NCAA championships when the medalist's team is not selected to the NCAA regional fields either as the conference AQ or an at-large team. It is important to note that prior to 2015 when the change in the format occurred for the women's championships, only 12 individuals were selected nationally as part of the NCAA regional fields. With the addition of match play to the finals format, the number of regionals needed to expand from three to four, which increased the national field by 12 individuals in order to have the same number of players at each regional site. In considering whether to invite conference medalists given the inability to add individual players at this time to the format, the committee would include them within the 24 individuals currently selected nationally that are in addition to the 72 teams selected to the NCAA regional fields.

In reviewing the last five years of conference results and selection information, there would have been on average seven players that earned conference medalist recognition during their women's conference championship from eligible automatic qualifying conferences that were not a part of a selected team. This would have included as few as four conference medalists that would have received an invitation in 2018 to a high of 12 conference medalists in 2017.

(4) <u>Estimated budget impact</u>. None. In women's and men's golf, schools selected to participate as either a team and/or individuals are required to cover the costs to participate in NCAA regional tournaments.

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(5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. The committee feels that the women's conference medalists should receive the same consideration for selection to the championships field as the men's conference medalists, as they have been invited to the men's championships since 2009.

#### c. Selection criteria – tournament schedule submission requirement.

- (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. That all institutions submit their playing schedules for the regular season (both fall and spring) by October 1 to Golfstat as part of the required registration process for selections consideration.
- (2) <u>Effective date</u>. Immediately for implementation for the 2020-21 regular season.
- (3) Rationale. In reviewing regular-season results over the past couple of years, the committee has noted an increasing trend by schools to use the following strategies in order to preserve their yearly rankings status: (1) withdrawing and/or cancelling from tournaments at the last minute; and (2) making requests to tournament hosts to not play as a team in scheduled events while still competing with the required team minimum number of four or more players in the tournament.

Therefore, the committee believes a tournament schedule submission requirement similar to what was adopted several years ago on the men's side should be added to the women's selection criteria to help maintain a high level of integrity and fairness with the women's regular-season rankings process, and to support schools that host regular-season women's tournaments given expenses they incur that are offset by the required tournament fees from participating institutions.

The committee believes that once a schedule is set, teams should complete that schedule unless the tournament is cancelled for reasons beyond their control. Therefore, teams would be encouraged to submit as much of their schedules as possible by the October 1 deadline with the committee's understanding that not all institutions will have their team's spring schedules completed each year by that time. Schedule additions after the deadline would still be allowed, but only with the committee's approval. In reviewing requests for schedule changes after the October 1 deadline, should a tournament be cancelled or a team has to withdraw for reasons beyond the team's control, the team will not incur any penalties. However, any institution that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament will incur losses to each team in the field, which is consistent with the current penalty for individual player/team withdrawals that occur once an event begins. The committee will work with Golfstat to ensure that this information would be included in the 2020 registration letter sent annually in early August to all coaches.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. The scheduling requirement would help to maintain fair and equitable competition opportunities for rankings achievement for all student-athletes and schools during regular-season tournaments.

#### d. Regional site expansion.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Division I women's golf regionals expand from the current four with 18 teams and six individuals to six with 12 teams and six individuals, effective for the 2023 NCAA regionals. Each regional would be provided with a stipend of \$23,667, which is equivalent to the stipend provided to men's regional hosts.
- (2) <u>Effective date</u>. Implementation would occur for the 2023 championships when future host sites will be selected by the committee as part of the next NCAA host bid cycle (2022-26).
- (3) Rationale. The committee acknowledged that the current one-wave, four-regional format (18 teams and six individuals) implemented in 2015 when the finals format was changed to include match play is better than the previous two-wave, three-regional format that included 24 teams and six individuals at each site. However, the committee still believes significant equity concerns remain with the current regional format specific to the overall student-athlete playing experience for the women as compared to the men given pace-of-play issues that occur with 96 players in a single wave. In addition, the current format presents challenges for hosts and officials to administer the event when weather delays compromise the ability to complete 54 holes of play and have enough daylight to conduct a playoff if necessary, to determine advancement to the finals.

The committee believes that with fewer players at each regional, pace-of-play issues will be mitigated, and hosts will have more flexibility should weather become a factor. The committee also feels that with fewer players at more regionals, more institutions will be inclined to host as it will not be as challenging to recruit the number of volunteers needed under the current structure. The recommendation does increase the number of players participating at the regionals from 384 to 396. The total number of teams selected would remain unchanged at 72; however, the number of individuals selected would increase from 24 to 36 in order to have the same number of individual players (six) at each regional site. This adjustment would allow the committee to continue to extend invitations (refer to Action Item 2b above) to all automatic-qualifier conference medalists whose teams are not selected, along with selecting the top individual players nationally.

Specifically, the committee believes the regional expansion request would place the women's regional tournaments in line with the preferred tournament guidelines recommended by the United States Golf Association (USGA). Additionally, if approved, the six-regional format would help create the same positive student-athlete experience for the women that currently exists at each of the men's six regional sites.

Following are the USGA guidelines along with the current regional formats for men's and women's golf:

# USGA tournament set-up guidelines when using one course, based on a field size of 144 or 156 with a morning and afternoon wave are as follows:

- No more than 72-78 players should be in one wave.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, no more than 39 players should be assigned times off each of the starting holes.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, no more than 13 tee times should be assigned to each of the starting holes.

## **Current Division I men's six-regional site breakdown:**

- Three regional sites have 13 teams plus 10 individual players assigned; and three sites have 14 teams plus five individual players assigned, with 450 total players included in the regional fields.
- 75 players are assigned in one wave.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, 45 players are assigned to tee #1 and 30 players are assigned to #10.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, 15 starting times are assigned to tee #1 and 10 starting times are assigned to #10.

### **Current Division I women's four-regional site breakdown:**

- Each of the four regional sites have 18 teams and six individuals assigned, with 384 total players included in the regional fields.
- 96 players are assigned in one wave.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, 48 players are assigned to tee #1 and 48 players are assigned to #10.
- When using a two tee start (#1 and #10) with threesomes, 16 starting times are assigned to tee #1 and 16 starting times are assigned to #10.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The committee is recommending a funding strategy that would include a combination of approval for new dollars of \$41,400 (\$30,000 for regional site expansion); along with the reallocation of the four regional stipends that total \$112,000 (\$28,000 each of the four sites). This would result in the women's stipend being adjusted to \$23,667 starting in 2023 when women's golf sites are available in the next bid cycle (2022-26), as well as being identical to the stipend provided for regional hosts on the men's side.

Further, to ensure that each regional site continues to be officiated in a proper manner the committee is recommending that the current 48 officials (12 per site), including the official in charge (OIC), would also be reallocated across the six regional sites, with \$11,400 of the total new dollars requested above used to add 12 more officials for a total of 60 so each regional site will have 10 officials, including an OIC which is identical to what was recently approved for the men's regionals. Officials are reimbursed for their services as follows: 1) up to a maximum of \$424 dollars flat rate for travel; 2) five days of per diem at \$45 per day; and 3) up to \$1,800 for each OIC, which includes a \$800 fee for oversight and management of tournament rules for their assigned regional along with up to a \$1,000 to offset travel costs, hotel accommodations and two days of per diem to conduct a regional site visit to determine course setup.

With institutions paying their own way for regionals, there could be a cost savings to the institutions with more teams staying closer to home for their regionals.

(5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. Competing student-athletes would be presented with an improved regional championship structure, designed to reduce competitive rounds of five plus hours and improve the student-athlete experience. Additional regional sites may also reduce travel burdens in terms of missed class time and travel costs.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of schedule and agenda. The committee reviewed agenda items and supplements, as well as discussion items for the joint meeting with the men's golf committee.
- **2. Annual meeting report.** The committee approved the report from its 2018 annual meeting as written.
- 3. 2019 regional tournament sites. The committee reviewed the participant surveys and felt overall that each of the four regional host sites did a good job and that the competitions were well run.

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As part of planning for the 2020 regionals, the committee asked staff to continue emphasizing during monthly host calls the expectation and importance of having each site set up and ready for play prior to the start of the practice round. Additionally, the committee requested as a point of fairness that staff highlight in participant manuals and remind hosts during monthly calls the importance of competing institutions to adhere to the complimentary designated window that host sites have typically provided for schools to use their practice facilities on the Saturday prior to the practice round.

- **a. Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the current schedule of events and did not recommend changes for 2020.
- **b.** Tee times and pairings individuals/teams. The committee reviewed the current tee times and pairings, including the placement of individual players when due to weather conditions a shotgun format needs to be used in order to complete a round of competition, and did not recommend changes for 2020.
- 4. 2019 championships finals. The committee commended the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Blessings Golf Club for their outstanding efforts and hospitality extended to all participants, coaches and spectators throughout the week of the 2019 women's national championships. Additionally, the committee recognized the Golf Channel for its expanded and continued outstanding coverage leading up to and throughout the crowning of the individual and team national champions.
  - a. Schedule of events. The committee reviewed the 2019 schedule of events and will make no substantive changes for the 2020 championships. However, both committees discussed removing the welcome breakfast reception held early each Thursday morning to provide participants a little more rest time, given how busy the day is with required coaches meetings, shotgun practice round and possible accommodations required per NCAA I Bylaw 31.1.4.1 for institutions that advance to the finals and need to play one of their competitive rounds that afternoon. Both committees will continue discussing this adjustment and finalize a decision later this fall, which will include exploring with the Golf Channel whether the NCAA Elite 90 winner could be recognized at some point during the linear broadcast coverage at the finals.
  - **b.** Tee times and pairings. The committee reviewed the stroke play and match play pairings and did not recommend adjustments for 2020. However, given the available daylight hours in Scottsdale during late May, the committee noted that tee times will likely need to start around 6:30 a.m. local time on some of the stroke play and quarterfinal match play days in order to allow enough time to complete competition rounds and conduct playoffs as needed to determine advancing teams/individuals. The

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committee will continue to review tee time adjustments and finalize them during the coming year. The committee also reaffirmed its intent to maintain the current 11-minute intervals for the first three rounds of stroke play and that the practice round will remain as a shotgun start.

#### 5. Championships discussions.

- Course setup regionals/finals. The committee talked at length about the importance a. of having course setups at the regionals and finals sites that provide a challenging but fair test of golf and that can appropriately separate the field, resulting in the best teams/individuals advancing while showcasing the high quality of play by today's top women's collegiate players. The committee noted that the difficulty of the course combined with the significant weather challenges that occurred throughout the 2019 championships finals affected scoring initially, but scores improved significantly as the tournament progressed and players became more familiar with the course layout. Committee members agreed course setup will remain a high priority for future championships and noted some of the adjustments that have occurred over the past two years under the leadership of Allison Brown, NCAA head rules official, along with the four regional head rules officials when setting up courses for hosting regional/finals sites, such as implementing white line yardages that provide more teeing options; options for drivable par 4's and reachable par 5's in two; minimizing long forced carries off the tee when possible; and using preferred lies when course conditions dictate.
- b. Player substitutions finals site match play only. The committee was pleased with the first year of the substitution policy and felt that it offered coaches the opportunity to make lineup adjustments if needed in order to maintain a full team for match play competition. The committee noted that 14 of the 24 teams at the finals elected to bring a sixth player, with no substitutions made this year during match play.

The committee decided at this time not to recommend extending the substitution policy beyond match play for the 2020 women's championships but did agree to begin discussing with the membership the idea of expanding the use of substitutions to both the stroke-play portion of regionals and finals competitions beginning with the 2021 championships. Student-athlete well-being continues to drive the committee's consideration of expanding the concept, along with ensuring that competing institutions are not disadvantaged if a player should become injured or ill.

**c. Tiebreaking playoff procedures.** The committee reviewed the current tiebreaking playoff procedures and recommended no adjustments for the 2020 championships.

6. Golf Channel discussion. The committee reviewed and continued to express its appreciation for the high quality and extensive broadcast coverage that the NCAA's partnership with the Golf Channel provides for women's collegiate golf, and how the overall profile of the sport and the student-athletes'/coaches' championships experiences continue to be enhanced.

• Selection show announcement. The committee recognized the excellent work of the Golf Channel broadcast staff that develop and air the women's golf selection announcement. Specifically, the committee noted the overall growth of the delivery and content included within the show; along with the increased number of head coaches interviewed to add their perspective as the regional fields are unveiled. The committee also appreciated the increased number of programs that were highlighted again this year as part of the "look-in" coverage of institutions that are conducting "viewing parties" with their teams and program supporters. The committee confirmed that the selection announcement for the 2020 championships will be Wednesday, April 29 with the specific time to be determined.

#### 7. Officials.

- **a.** Review of 2019 regionals/finals sites. The committee expressed its appreciation for the leadership Allison Brown, heads rules official, has provided over the past two years. The committee reaffirmed the importance of maintaining the highest quality of officiating at each round of competition and maintaining the focus on course setup for all rounds of the championships. The committee also reviewed and approved the four individuals recommended to serve as the 2020 head regional rules officials.
- b. Pace of play checkpoint system. The committee reviewed the first year of the USGA checkpoint system implemented to monitor pace of play and felt that overall the process went well at the regionals and finals sites. The committee asked Ms. Brown to review and adjust the current policy accordingly per any changes made by the USGA for use during the 2020 championships. Committee members noted that although it is the players' responsibility to notify their coaches once they have been made aware of their breach of the checkpoint policy, they have encouraged Ms. Brown to continue emphasizing this point at each of the coaches administrative meetings that occur prior to the start of either regional and/or finals site competitions. The committee also commented that if the checkpoint system would be more widely adopted for use during the regular season and conference championships that this would be an additional avenue for players and coaches to gain valuable experience and become more comfortable with adhering to the policy requirements prior to participating in NCAA championship competitions.

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c. 2019 fall hard card. The committee asked Ms. Brown to review and adjust the hard card specific to any rules changes that have occurred since the end of the spring season so staff can move forward with posting and distributing the information for the membership prior to the start of the fall season.

#### 8. Selections.

- **a.** Selection day timeline. The committee reviewed the timeline for completing the selection process on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, in preparation for the selection announcement that evening on the Golf Channel.
- **b. Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the selection criteria and made no changes for the 2019-20 season.

However, the committee did provide the following clarification regarding schools competing as a team during regular-season tournaments and directed staff to revise the language as noted below to the Golfstat registration letter that is sent to coaches in August, as well as to the "results" section specific to "registered tournament standards" in the 2019-20 pre-championships manual.

"The low four scores per round from the designated five-player teams shall be used in Division I tournaments. If a play six, count four format is used, the coach must designate the top five players. If this is not done, the first five players listed on the lineup sheet will be used for scoring purposes. Schools are required to compete as a team if they enter four or more players in a tournament using one of the designated formats in order to use the event results for consideration for rankings and selection purposes as an at-large team. 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."

#### 9. 2020 championships – Grayhawk Golf Club-Raptor Course, Scottsdale, Arizona.

a. Championships dates – May 22-27, 2020 (Friday-Wednesday). Arizona State University and The Thunderbirds will co-host the 2020 championships finals on the Raptor Course at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. The four regional sites

are: (1) University of Georgia Golf Club in Athens, Georgia (University of Georgia, host); (2) Warren Golf Course in Notre Dame, Indiana (University of Notre Dame, host); (3) Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Washington (Washington State University, host); and (4) Lonnie Poole Golf Course in Raleigh, North Carolina (North Carolina State University, host). Regional play will be conducted May 11-13, 2020.

- **b. Site visit.** The committee noted that NCAA staff, committee chairs, course setup officials and Golf Channel representatives will conduct a site visit with Arizona State University, The Thunderbirds and Grayhawk Golf Club host local organizing committee members October 30-November 1.
- **10. Women's and Men's Golf Committees joint meeting.** The women's and men's committees met jointly to discuss the following issues:
  - a. Course access during regular season finals site: The committees discussed at length both as individual committees and then as a joint committee and reconfirmed that in order to maintain the fairest and most equitable championship site that no adjustments to the current policy would occur for the 2019-20 season. The committees noted that the current policy is specific to the venue, which would include both golf courses and the practice facilities at Grayhawk.
  - **b.** Golfstat rankings: The committees met with Golfstat representatives and discussed a variety of topics including match play results; live scoring tiebreaker site; 18-hole rankings; availability of accessing archived rankings and statistics from past tournaments, and submission and tracking of team schedules.
    - Match play included in rankings: Currently match play results submitted to Golfstat cannot end in a tie. Going forward, the committees support allowing ties to occur in regular-season events so results can be submitted to Golfstat either as a win, loss or tie. Tournament hosts that decide to conduct a match play tournament would still need to develop tiebreaking language prior to the event so teams will know how they will advance in the bracket. Therefore, a team match could end in a tie for Golfstat rankings purposes, while a predetermined method should be provided by the host for determining team advancement for a specific event.
  - c. USGA updates. The committees conducted a teleconference with John Bodenhamer, senior managing director, championships at the United States Golf Association (USGA). Mr. Bodenhamer noted that the overall changes to the rules that went into effect January 1, 2019, have been well received and that there are no further rules clarifications anticipated at this point. The USGA feels that the implementation of the rules modernization project has helped to move the game forward. He also updated the group on the use of the WAGR rankings along with the addition of an age filter

exemption rather than the full rankings body in order to create greater transparency for the association when selecting players for participation on various USGA teams. The committees expressed appreciation to the USGA for continuing to partner with the NCAA and having a staff member on site again this year as part of the rules team at each championship. Mr. Bodenhamer also noted the excitement and importance of continuing to build on the strong relationship that continues to exist between the USGA and the NCAA through the work of the Intercollegiate Relations Committee composed of key stakeholders within collegiate golf, along with representatives from the USGA, both men's and women's coaches associations, and the NCAA national office.

- d. Golf Channel coverage. Golf Channel representatives Andrea Starkey, vice president of strategic programming and partnerships and Thomas McKee, director of collegiate golf strategy, provided the committees with a summary of Golf Channel's feedback and viewership ratings along with demographics specific to the 2020 women's and men's national championships. For the fifth consecutive year of the back-to-back championships, they felt the ratings were strong for both events particularly given the weather delays that occurred during the women's championships resulting in required daily adjustments to air times; and continue to showcase the quality of play from collegiate golfers both during the stroke play and team match play portions of each event. In looking ahead, Golf Channel continues to have a strong desire to build on player and institutional stories along with expanded coverage of play at each of the regional sites, as well as continuing to consider options for possibly covering some regular-season women's and men's events.
- e. NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1 discussion use of marker. The women's and men's committees reviewed the current accommodations provided Brigham Young University during their respective 2019 regionals and/or finals site participation that are required per Bylaw 31.1.4.1. Neither committee recommend the need for further adjustments for the 2020 championships, but they did reconfirm that a rules official (non-playing partner) will continue to serve as the marker for an individual and/or each team member during the duration of the player's competition round in addition to a walking scorer.
- f. Fine increases missed deadlines. The committees reviewed the current fine policy for men's and women's golf along with the overall revised Division I fine structure and approved increasing fines that are currently at \$100/\$200 to \$500 and fines that are \$500 to \$750. The committees feel there has been an increase in missed annual deadlines in recent years and hopes this increase will deter coaches from missing these deadlines in the future.
- 11. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the 2018-19 sport sponsorship list and discussed schools that are considering adding the sport for 2019-20.

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- 12. 2019-20 committee roster and timeline. The committee recognized Steve Cottingham, deputy director of athletics at Colorado State University, and Casey VanDamme, head men's and women's golf coach at South Dakota State University, for their service and leadership during their tenure on the national committee. Additionally, the committee reviewed and finalized its annual timeline for staff to distribute to the 2019-20 committee members.
- **13. Future sites.** The committee reviewed the list of regionals and finals sites that have been selected for 2020-22 during the previous bid cycle.
- 14. Bid document review regionals/finals. The committee reviewed the bid specifications that will be used for securing regional and finals sites during the 2022-26 host bid cycle. Staff noted that bid documents will be available to the membership and public for their consideration beginning August 26, 2019, with bid responses due February 23, 2020. Final host sites will be announced October 23, 2020. The committee reaffirmed the importance of continuing to identify, recruit and select the highest quality golf courses to serve as host venues for not only the back-to-back championship finals sites with the men but also for all women's regional competition sites moving forward.
- **15.** Championship strategic plan. The committee reviewed the Division I Women's Golf Championship strategic plan and made no changes. The committee adopted this plan and will continue to review it annually.
- **16.** Championships manuals. The committee asked staff to make the necessary changes and general updates to the manuals in preparation for posting for the 2019-20 season.
- **17. Future meetings.** The committee selected June 29-30 as the dates for the 2020 annual meeting in Indianapolis.
- 18. Other business. The committee conducted a teleconference with Todd Oehrlein, head women's golf coach at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and president of the Women's Golf Coaches Association. The following items were discussed: (1) course setup; (2) pace of play during the finals site practice round; (3) extension of optional walk-through time at finals; (4) schools competing as a team during regular season tournaments when four or more players are entered; (5) communication during weather delays; (6) establishing a schedule submission deadline to the yearly Golfstat registration process; (7) course access policy at finals site (8) plans for addressing possible heat concerns in Arizona and (9) review of the timeline for the 2022-26 host bid cycle for future regional and finals sites. Both groups reaffirmed the value of conducting this dialogue as a part of the national committee's regular annual meeting agenda and asked NCAA staff to plan accordingly for future meetings.

Committee Chair: Ryan Colton, University of Richmond

Staff Liaison: Carol A. Reep, Championships and Alliances

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#### **Attendees:**

Julie Brooks, University of California, Irvine.

Ryan Colton, University of Richmond.

Janell Howland, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (via teleconference).

Julie Manning, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Casey VanDamme, South Dakota State University.

## **Absentees**:

Steve Cottingham, Colorado State University.

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

John Bodenhamer, USGA (via teleconference).

Marcus El, Golfstat.

Brian Laesch, Golfstat.

Todd Oehrlein, Women's Golf Coaches Association (via teleconference).

Thomas McKee, Golf Channel.

Andrea Starkey, Golf Channel.

Ali Szafranski, Golfstat

### **NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**

Carol A. Reep.

# Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Julie Kimmons.