



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17-18 AND JULY 30, 2024, ANNUAL MEETING

**KEY ITEMS.**

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee is recommending 29 conferences to receive automatic qualification into the 2025 championships. (See Action Item 2.)

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Automatic qualification.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following 29 conferences sponsoring women's golf be awarded automatic qualification into the 2025 championships: American Athletic Conference; ASUN Conference; Atlantic-10 Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Big East Conference; Big Sky Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Coastal 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; Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; Southern Conference; Southland Conference; Southwestern Athletic Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

(2) Effective date. 2024-25 academic year.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended. The committee noted the addition of the Atlantic-10 Conference, the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the West Coast Conference. Also, the Patriot League has fallen to five schools and will be in the first year of the grace period.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of 2023 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2023 annual meeting report.
2. **Review of 2024 regionals.** The committee reviewed the 2024 regionals, which were conducted at six sites.
  - a. **Locations.** The 2024 regionals were held in Bermuda Run, North Carolina; Auburn, Alabama; Lansing, Michigan; Bryan, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Cle Elum, Washington.
  - b. **Regional evaluations.** The committee reviewed survey responses from regionals and noted most of the feedback was positive. However, there were issues with the course conditions at the Traditions Club in Bryan and hotels due to graduation in Auburn as teams had to move hotels Sunday morning due to availability, and the distance to the course being more than a 30-minute drive.
3. **Review of 2024 finals site.** The committee discussed the 2024 championship finals, which were conducted at Omni La Costa in Carlsbad, California, for the first time.
  - a. **Championship evaluations.** The committee reviewed the finals site evaluations and noted overall satisfaction from the participants. The only negative theme from the championship evaluations concerned the food – options and price. Staff have already communicated the food concerns with the host and that is being addressed for next year. Committee members and survey respondents were pleased with the overall commitment from the host institution and host venue.
  - b. **Issues.** The committee was impressed with how well things went with it being a brand-new site. With the course being brand new as well, the committee felt it played fairly. The committee noted changes in course setup for next year to make it even better. Those suggestions have already been addressed with the head rules official.
4. **2025 regional sites planning.** The committee discussed the six predetermined host sites for the 2025 regionals and noted areas that staff should emphasize during the planning process with hosts.
  - a. **Regional trophies.** The committee received feedback from the Competition Oversight Committee to choose between awarding regional champion trophies or awarding trophies to the teams that reached the national semifinals. The committee voted in favor of reinstating the national semifinalist trophies in lieu of the regional champion trophy.
  - b. **Locations.** The committee wants the hosts to distribute the evacuation plan to all participants before the practice round if the officials meeting was going to be held Sunday afternoon or evening in case that information was needed during the practice round.

**5. 2025 finals site planning.**

- a. **Tee times.** The committee felt the tee times were appropriate given the daylight during that time of year in Carlsbad.
- b. **Pairings.** The committee discussed but generally did not support the idea of seeding teams at nationals based on where they finish at regionals.
- c. **Coaches meeting.** The committee felt that there was a benefit to having the coaches meeting on site and wants to have it at the same time and location as last year.
- d. **Walk-through.** The committee discussed the timing of the walk-through and felt that noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday was still appropriate.
- e. **Practice round.** The committee discussed the pace of play of the practice round at length and felt overall it went well, but more guidance needs to be given to the teams that tee off first to limit the amount of time teams need to wait after nine holes.

**6. Possible accommodations for players requesting riding carts.** Staff is discussing with the USGA regarding their policies and procedures for allowing riding cart accommodations to players. Staff will report to the committee any changes in procedures based on those discussions.

**7. Selections.**

- a. **Schedule submission policy.** The committee reaffirmed the September 1 schedule submission date.
- b. **Seeding.** The committee felt seeding went very well and it should be even more accurate next year with the changes to the ranking algorithm.
- c. **Regional assignments.** The committee was pleased with the selection process and assignment of teams to regionals.

**8. Review course access policies.**

- a. **Finals sites.** The committee discussed the course access policy for the finals site and confirmed not wanting teams onsite for any reason (e.g., meals, tour of the property, etc.) prior to arriving for the championship.
- b. **Regional sites.** The committee made no changes to the current policy, which allows regional sites to host regular-season events in the same year.

**9. Rules discussion.**

- a. **Model local rule G-12.** The committee met with Allison Brown, director of rules for the championships, and revisited the potential impact of MLR G-12. After discussion with the men's committee, members agreed to stay status quo for 2024-25. With the USGA continuing to use MLR G-12, the committee wanted to keep it on its radar for additional discussion at next year's annual meeting.
- b. **Checkpoint.** Ms. Brown explained to the committee that the USGA is moving away from the checkpoint system and recommended they follow suit. The committee agreed to move away from the checkpoint system starting with the 2025 championships.

**10. Scoring and ranking services.** The committee was reminded that Clipd will be presenting its plan for the 2024-25 season during the joint session with the men's committee.

**11. Automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed and approved the automatic qualification applications for the 2024-25 academic year, noting the Pacific-12 Conference no longer has an AQ, while the Atlantic-10 Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference and West Coast Conference are now eligible. (See Action Item 2.)

**12. Number of individuals advancing to Monday at finals site.** The committee had discussions about changing the number of individuals that advance to Monday from the top 9 individuals not on a team to the top six and ties not on a team to avoid a potential playoff. It was decided not to make any decisions at this point but to gather feedback for a potential proposal for next year of possibly the top nine individuals and ties.

**13. Sport sponsorship.** The committee discussed sport sponsorship across the division, including changes in conference alignment.

**14. National committee.** Brad Hurlbut and MaryLou Mulflur will be rotating off the committee on August 31.

**15. Manual review.** The committee charged the staff with making relevant updates where necessary for the 2024-25 championship manuals.

**16. Joint meeting with men's golf committee.** The committee met jointly with the men's golf committee to discuss a variety of topics. (See the joint report for more information.)

**17. 2025 committee meeting dates.** The committee set the 2025 annual meeting dates for June 17-18. The meeting will be conducted virtually.

**18. 2027-28 regional site selection.** The committee determined the regional sites for the 2027 and 2028 championships, which will be announced later.

**19. Committee chair.** The committee elected Jon Kasper as chair for the 2024-25 season.

*Committee Chair:* Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.

*Staff Liaison:* Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee June 17-18 and July 30, 2024, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kalen Anderson, University of South Carolina, Columbia.	
Mary Giardina, Florida Atlantic University.	
Bradford Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.	
Jon Kasper, Big Sky Conference.	
Emily Marron, University of Central Florida.	
Halley Morrell, Bradley University.	
MaryLou Mulflur, University of Washington.	
Ellie Shannon, Wake Forest University.	
Kari Williams, State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Allison Brown, Head Rules Official.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Mark Bedics and Jackie Kawamoto.	