



**PRECHAMPIONSHIPS
2025-26 MANUAL**

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, eight are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1.1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to ncaa.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [Health, Safety & Performance website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

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2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Division II

Section 10.1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the constitution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate. Division II members abide by the following principles that help define and distinguish the division: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution's educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution's budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a "partial scholarship" model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This "Life in the Balance" emphasis facilitates learning through: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(1) **Academics.** Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(2) **Athletics.** Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division's 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA's three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(3) **Community Engagement.** Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(4) **Postgraduation Success.** Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a "game environment" initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division's governance structure. *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

Section 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, institutional chancellor/president, institutional athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: **"... any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics."**

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship(s) packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship(s) events.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the championship(s).
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship competition.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel traveling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in a honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship(s) site.
- Abide by federal, state and local laws and regulations and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, enroute to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the chancellor/president of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, prechampionship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

This policy applies to the following sports: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

Division II promotes a game environment that is respectful and engaging for everyone through the Make Game Day Yours initiative. The initiative aims to create a positive game environment at Division II contests and promotes excellent customer service among hosts to both teams' fans, student-athletes, coaches and game officials.

Championship hosts should keep in mind the importance of safety, responsiveness and dignity in order to achieve a positive experience. We ask that each participant and fan be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Make Game Day Yours.

Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)*

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete Sunday if required by the schedule).

Division II Men's Golf

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Section 1.2 National Committee

[Reference: Administration and Management in the Division II General Section, and the Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

The NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee. Current members of the committee are:

Jeremy Benoit, Goldey-Beacom College, chair
Troy Halterman, University of Missouri-St. Louis
David Lynn, Oklahoma Christian University
Joey Marino, Nova Southeastern University

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Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division II General Section, and Bylaws 8.4.4.1.5 and 8.9.1.6 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

Sports committees shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective districts or regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Members of the 2025-26 advisory committees are listed below:

ATLANTIC REGION

| Jeremy Benoit, chair | Goldey-Beacom | CACC |
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| Bryan Spitzer | Fairmont St. | MEC |
| TBD | TBD | MEC |
| Bryan Kast | PSAC | PSAC |
| Cody Trabert | Pitt.-Johnstown | PSAC |
| Michael King | Fayetteville St. | CIAA |
| Charles Penny II | Winston-Salem | CIAA |

DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF

EAST REGION

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| Jeremy Benoit, chair | Goldey-Beacom | CACC |
| Nick Nguyen | Jefferson | CCAC |
| Tori Spruill | Adelphi | NE10 |
| Joel Godett | NE10 | NE10 |

SOUTHEAST REGION

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Joey Marino, chair | Nova Southeastern | Sunshine State |
| Lee Glenn | North Georgia | Peach Belt |
| Mark Riddle | Lander | Peach Belt |
| Chris Saltmarsh | Catawba | SAC |
| Jeremy Zalacca | SAC | SAC |
| Antonio Veneges | Belmont Abbey | Conference Carolinas |
| Logan Reese | Emmanuel (GA) | Conference Carolinas |

SOUTH REGION

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Joey Marino, chair | Nova Southeastern | Sunshine State |
| Cole Helman | Palm Beach Atl. | Sunshine State |
| Chris Miller | Savannah St. | SIAC |
| TBD | TBD | SIAC |
| Evan Spence | Lee | Gulf South |
| Steven Aldridge | Union | Gulf South |

CENTRAL REGION

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| Troy Halterman, chair | Mo.-St. Louis | GLVC |
| Neriah Brown | Southern Ark. | GAC |
| Brad Fleetwood | Southwestern Okla. | GAC |
| Lauren Frost | Washburn | MIAA |
| Derrick Thompson | Central Okla. | MIAA |
| Peter Maki | Concordia-St. Paul | NSIC |
| Andy Sailer | NSIC | NSIC |

MIDWEST REGION

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| Troy Halterman, chair | Mo.-St. Louis | GLVC |
| Mike Hermann | Ill. Springfield | GLVC |
| Chris Deibel | Ohio Dominican | G-MAC |
| Chris Kohuth | Ashland | G-MAC |
| Tom Albano | GLIAC | GLIAC |
| Mike Masten | Saginaw Valley | GLIAC |

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

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| David Lynn, chair | Oklah. Christian | Lone Star |
| Michael McMunn | UT Tyler | Lone Star |
| Joe Kerwin | Westminster | RMAC |
| Luke Wheeler | South Dakota Mines | RMAC |

WEST REGION

| David Lynn, chair | Okla. Christian | Lone Star |
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| Russ Blunck | PacWest | PacWest |
| Leo Maes | Westmont | PacWest |
| Brandon Christianson | Stanislaus St. | CCAA |
| Allen Hardison | CCAA | CCAA |
| Luke Bennett | Western Wash. | GNAC |

Section 1•4 Important Dates

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| Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2025 | Tournament and team registrations due to Scoreboard by Clippd. |
| Saturday, Feb. 1, 2026 | Deadline for spring schedule adjustments without potentially incurring penalties. |
| Friday, March 13 | First national committee ranking call. |
| Friday, March 27 | Second national committee ranking call. |
| Friday, April 10 | Final national committee ranking call. |
| Friday, April 24 | Deadline for criteria to be met for consideration for selections. |
| Saturday, April 25 | Regional advisory committee call; review and make team and individual selection recommendations with chair. |
| Sunday, April 26 | National committee regional selection call; national committee reviews recommendations and makes final selections for regionals. |
| Thursday-Saturday, May 7-9 | Regional tournaments. |
| Monday-Friday, May 18-22 | National championship. |

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2026 Regionals – May 7-9

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| Atlantic/East Regional | Sunnehanna Country Club; Johnstown, Pennsylvania; University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown host. |
| South/Southeast Regional | Valdosta Country Club; Valdosta, Georgia; Valdosta State University host. |
| Midwest/Central Regional | Katke Golf Course; Big Rapids, Michigan; Ferris State University, host. |
| West/South Central Regional | The Reserve at Spanos Park; Stockton, California; California Collegiate Athletic Association and Visit Stockton, hosts. |

2026 Finals – May 18-22

Boulder Creek Golf Club; Boulder City, Nevada; University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Las Vegas Events, hosts.

DATE FORMULA

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| Regionals (4) | Thursday-Saturday, one and a half weeks before finals. |
| Finals | Third full week in May (Sunday-Saturday) with competition conducted Monday-Friday. |

FUTURE DATES AND SITES

2027 Finals – May 17-21

PGA National Resort; Champion Course; Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Palm Beach Atlantic University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission, hosts.

2028 Finals – May 22-26

TBD.

Section 1•5 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., balls, clubs) to be used shall be determined by the individual team and must be acceptable under the Rules of Golf. The one-ball rule (brand) will be in effect. Golf bags must have the name or logo of the school on them.

Players and coaches will be required to use nonmetal spiked shoes during regional and championships competition.

Electronic measuring devices calculating distance only are permitted for use during competition rounds. Devices that measure other variables (e.g., slope) are permitted during the practice round. Devices measuring other variables are permissible during competition rounds provided the particular feature is turned off.

Cell phones will be permitted to be used as a method of live scoring. Starting in 2026, student-athletes will directly input scores at every hole, as opposed to that task being conducted by volunteers.

Section 1•6 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.34, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules of Golf, with the exceptions listed below. Rules of Golf decisions shall be final and cannot be appealed.

1. **Advice.** In accordance with Rule 24.4 (except that a team member playing in the competition or current student-athlete may not be an Advice Giver), and in modification to Model Local Rule H-2, each team may appoint up to two persons who may give advice to members of that team provided that:
 - a. Such persons are designated by the institution's athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serve in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis; and
 - b. They must not be a current student-athlete; and
 - c. They must be identified to the committee before giving advice; and
 - d. They must wear the identification band, when provided.

In addition, if a competitor asks or allows the Advice Giver to violate a Rule on his behalf, or if he does not take steps to stop such an action by the Advice Giver, the player will be subject to penalty for the violation in question.

NOTE: Such persons are considered outside agencies and not part of their player's side. They should give advice in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. They should give advice to, and receive advice from, only competing members of their team or their other designated coach and not from any other representative of their team, any other team's players or coaches or any other outside agencies.

If, during a stipulated round, such persons do not act in accordance with the Note to this Condition, their appointment is subject to revocation and they would be required to leave the course for the remainder of the round.

2. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct (i.e., profanity, club tossing or throwing, willful acts of defacing the golf course, illegal use of electronic devices including iPods and cellular telephones).** In addition to the following policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes shall be subject to the misconduct policies described in the Division II General Section.

During the round, defined as from the time the player makes his first stroke until the scorecard has been signed, at the first offense of any act of unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships (regionals and finals), the student-athlete and coach will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning. The second offense of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification for that round, and any further unsportsmanlike conducts will result in disqualification for the championships. Any unsportsmanlike conducts incurred at the

regionals would be carried over to the finals. However, the committee shall have the right, without warning, to disqualify an individual for that round (or championships) for any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language in any language.

3. **Pace of Play.** In accordance with Rule 5.6, "A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes." In order to prevent any such penalty, it is suggested that the following guidelines be carefully reviewed:

- Allotted Time - When play is in groups of three, groups will be required to play at the pace of play established by the committee.

STROKE PLAY

Out of Position

When a group is out of position at any checkpoint, the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines. Players in a group that has missed one or more checkpoints will be liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties, pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred:

Checkpoints will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes.

- 1st missed checkpoint* - warning
- 2nd missed checkpoint - liable to a one-stroke penalty
- 3rd missed checkpoint - liable to a two-stroke penalty
- 4th missed checkpoint - liable to disqualification

NOTE: If a group clears the 3rd checkpoint and has not missed any other checkpoints but is out of position at the 4th checkpoint, each player in the group is liable for a one-stroke penalty if, in the committee's view, a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final checkpoint.

First Group (off the 1st and 10th holes, both morning and afternoon): The first group is out of position if they take more than the allotted time to finish a checkpoint hole (see checkpoint timetable below).

Following Groups: A following group is out of position if it:

- Takes more than the allotted time to finish a checkpoint hole; and
- Completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

When a group is out of position at a checkpoint, it will be notified by a Checkpoint Official. When a group has been notified of a missed checkpoint, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next checkpoint. If that group reaches the next checkpoint out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines.

Any group that is out of position may be monitored by a Rules Rover.

A player concerned about a nonresponsive (slow) fellow competitor in his group, who is delaying play, should request a Rules Rover to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Before returning his scorecard, a player who is liable for penalty during his round may consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- The player was delayed by the committee; or
- The player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
- The player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during his round and who elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether he was in breach of these guidelines is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the schedule of penalties above.

If a player or group incurs a penalty, penalties are to be applied to the checkpoint hole where the breach occurred.

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed, each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE 1: The committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the committee deems it necessary.

NOTE 2: Players also should be aware that the committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

NOTE 3: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.

The Rules of Golf shall be followed along with any local rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the respective golf committees and the golf rules officials will be available for interpretations of the rules and other decisions governing the competition. Penalties based on the Rules of Golf are not subject to appeal.

Section 1•7 Tobacco Policy

The use of tobacco by student-athletes, or team or game personnel (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, managers and game officials), is prohibited during competition. Any student-athlete, or team or game personnel, who uses tobacco during competition may be disqualified for the remainder of that competition.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition or practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, a coach's or team member's headgear must be of an institutional color. A manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or back of the item, as long as it conforms to NCAA Bylaw 17.1.10. For television purposes, it is recommended that each institution attempt to wear a uniform that reflects its school colors during the final two rounds of the championships.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. Please refer to the host institution's pretournament mailing for the definition of appropriate attire at the golf course.

As authorized by the institution or conference, an additional commemorative or memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events or other causes) to be worn by a team is allowed as long as no safety hazard is created. The patch shall be contained within a four-sided geometrical space (i.e., rectangle) with an area that does not exceed 4 square inches and must be placed on the front or sleeve of the jersey and may not interfere with any required markings. While not all team members are required to wear the patch, the patch must be identical for those who choose to wear the patch.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The format for the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships is determined by the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee, subject to the approval of the Division II Championships Committee.

The NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships will consist of both team and individual competition conducted concurrently. Ten teams from the South, Southeast, West, South Central, Midwest and Central regions, seven teams from the East Region, and 13 teams from the Atlantic Region along with the top four individuals not with a team from all eight regions will be selected to compete in one of four 54-hole regional tournaments. At a minimum, the top three teams and the top two individuals not with a team from each regional (regardless of region) will advance to the finals. The remaining eight team berths will be allocated based on the regions represented in the prior year's head-to-head medal play portion of the championships, as defined in this manual. Tiebreakers and playoffs will be used to determine individual and team champions, and advancement to the finals.

At the finals, all 20 teams and eight individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of stroke play, an individual champion will be declared along with finishers 2-10 based on cumulative total score and any applicable tiebreakers. The top eight teams after 54 holes of play will be placed into a bracket and seeded based on 54-hole scores. The pairings for the quarterfinals will be Seed 1 versus Seed 8, Seed 2 versus Seed 7, Seed 3 versus Seed 6 and Seed 4 versus Seed 5, competing in head-to-head medal play (stroke play over 18 holes and low score wins).

Each team match will consist of five points, with one point being awarded for each individual match, or in the case of a tied match, two half-points. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently, the finals. Each individual match will be played to its completion, and the first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match, be declared the national champion. In the event a player retires before the conclusion of the 18-hole match or a team does not have enough players to fill one of the five matches, the point will be awarded to the team that is able to fill the individual match that cannot be filled or to the player that is able to complete all 18 holes.

In the event that a team match is tied after all five individual matches, a tiebreaker, which is outlined in Appendix A, will be used.

Lineups will be determined using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches. The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 54-hole stroke-play portion), "Team 1," will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match 1. The opposing team, "Team 2," will then name its player for Match 1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match 2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match 2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Ties for eighth place will be broken by a sudden-death playoff outlined in [Appendix A](#). Ties within the top eight will be broken using the non sudden-death tiebreaking procedures outlined in [Appendix A](#). Pairings for both the stroke play and medal/match play portion of the finals can be found at ncaa.org on the Division II Men's Golf page.

The Men's Golf Committee has the ability to institute an administrative cut after 36 holes of play to the top 15 teams and top six individuals not on those teams. The administrative cut will occur only after all other options to complete 54 holes of play by all 108 participants have been exhausted.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Prior to a stroke or match play round during Regionals or Finals, a team may substitute a sixth player for any member of the team provided that:

- a. The site representative is notified of the substitution at least 10 minutes prior to that team member's starting time.
- b. The sixth player is an eligible member of the institution's team.

NOTE 1: When a team has substituted a sixth player, no further substitutions may be made by the team for that round.

NOTE 2: Unless a team chooses to substitute a sixth player prior to a match play draw, the team's five players that played in the previous round will be used for the draw.

Should institutions bring a sixth player as a substitute for match play, that player may use the practice facilities and is allowed to participate in the team's practice round.

The sixth player will act as a spectator and must follow spectator guidelines for the rest of that round.

The sixth player may also use practice facilities during the rounds if they are not out on the course.

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES

Pairings and tee times for practice and competition will be determined following selections for each of the four regional sites, and after completion of regional competition for the finals site. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules. Tee times for individuals from the same team will be adjusted so that they are not competing with their teammates.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. Please refer to the NCAA Travel Policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found on the [NCAA website](#). Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for the championships and only per diem will be provided for the regionals.

At the national championships, teams will be reimbursed to bring a sixth student-athlete for substitution; however, they will not be reimbursed for a sixth student-athlete at regionals.

Section 2•2 Results

SCOREBOARD BY CLIPPD

The Division II Men's Golf Committee will use Scoreboard by Clippd to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will not be necessary for coaches to submit season results forms to the committee. However, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Scoreboard by Clippd. In addition, tournament hosts must register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

1. Teams are required to submit their finalized spring schedules by Feb. 1 each year. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament after Feb. 1 will incur losses to each team in the field. However, should reasons beyond the team's control cause a tournament cancellation or team withdrawal, the team will not incur any penalties. Review and approval of these cases will be the responsibility of the Division II Men's Golf Committee.
2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit results from their tournament into Scoreboard by Clippd not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, two days following the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Scoreboard by Clippd not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday. Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established time frame may be assessed a financial penalty of \$200 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$600. The last day for results to be considered for selection purposes will be April 24.
3. Institutions that fail to fully register with Scoreboard by Clippd may be assessed a \$100 fine.

For information about reporting results and tournament registration for the men's golf championships, contact Scoreboard by Clippd (support@clippd.io).

REGISTERED TOURNAMENT STANDARDS

1. For any regular-season competition to be considered for selection purposes, the competition must be conducted on a golf course that meets the following minimum yardage relative to par:
 - Par 70 – 6,100 yards
 - Par 71 – 6,300 yards
 - Par 72 – 6,500 yards
2. If a regular-season tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four out of five, four out of six or five out of six, the tournament director must submit the format to the committee not later than Oct. 1.
3. Disqualification for breach of the rules of golf applies only to that round.
4. 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 rules committee.
5. Players must carry their own bags or use nonmotorized pull carts. Players may ride in golf carts for shuttle purposes only. The only exception to this is if a player is permanently disabled. Head-to-head medal play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, head-to-head medal play should follow the following procedures:

5-Player format

- One point for each individual match (tiebreak not mandatory on individual matches).
- Two-, four-, eight- or 16-team event.
- Team tiebreak should be determined as indicated in Appendix A.

SCORING

Scorecards shall be kept in strict accordance with Rule 3.3b of the Rules of Golf’s “Scoring in Stroke Play.”

A daily team score is computed by totaling the lowest scores of four of the five team members. The final team score is determined by totaling each daily score. Scoreboard by Clippd will provide the computerized scoring system for the championships.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Twenty-one conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2026 regionals:

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| California Collegiate Athletic Association | Mountain East Conference |
| Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference | Northeast 10 Conference |
| Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association | Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference |
| Conference Carolinas | Pacific West Conference |
| Great American Conference | Peach Belt Conference |
| Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference | Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference |
| Great Lakes Valley Conference | Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference |
| Great Midwest Athletic Conference | South Atlantic Conference |
| Gulf South Conference | Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Lone Star Conference | Sunshine State Conference |
| Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association | |

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

The Division II Men's Golf Committee is responsible for the selection of all participants in the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships. Regional advisory committees assist in the evaluation of the teams and individuals.

The Men's Golf Committee shall select 10 teams (including automatic qualifiers) and four individuals not on those teams from six of the eight regions (excluding the East and Atlantic Regions). For the East Region, seven teams (including automatic qualifiers) and four individuals not on those teams will be selected. For the Atlantic Region, 13 teams (including automatic qualifiers) and four individuals not on those teams will be selected. Regional advisory committees shall assist in the evaluation of the teams and individuals.

For men's golf, if a student-athlete competes in a tournament or match while ineligible, the score achieved by the student-athlete would be deleted from the team score and the fifth score would then be calculated into the team score.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

For NCAA team championships selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 18.4.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule;
- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; and
- Nullification.

In addition to Bylaw 18.4.3, the Men's Golf Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's golf championships (not necessarily in priority order).

All criteria listed is also applicable to individual selections.

PRIMARY CRITERIA

- Head-to-head competition;
- Results vs. in-region opponents;
- Results vs. common opponents;
- Scoring average; and
- Strength of schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Men's Golf Committee. A Division II governing sports committee must contact a regional advisory committee before making its final selection of teams or individuals if the committee selection differs from the regional advisory committee's. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Men's Golf Committee for selection purposes.

For junior varsity contests, the respective school must inform the host institution that its junior varsity ("B" team) will participate and that its team score should not appear on the tournament results form.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of seven contests, posting an official team score and 12 rounds (six of which must occur in the championship segment).
- Must play 50 Division II opponents, 40 of which must be in-region opponents OR 50% of opponents must be Division II, 40 of which must be in-region opponents.

To be considered during the at-large selection process, an individual must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of seven contests, posting an official score and 12 rounds (six of which must occur in the championship segment).
- Must play 50 Division II opponents, 40 of which must be in-region opponents OR 50% of opponents must be Division II, 40 of which must be in-region opponents.

These requirements for both teams and individuals need to be met by April 24. A total of 80 teams and 32 individuals will be selected for regional competition. There will be four regional sites where two regions will meet and conduct regional tournaments. The regional tournaments will be paired as follows:

- Atlantic and East Regions
- South and Southeast Regions
- Midwest and Central Regions
- South Central and West Regions

REGIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Two individuals and a minimum of three teams from each regional will advance to the finals, while the eight remaining team berths will be allocated based on the regions represented in the prior year's head-to-head medal play portion of the championships. The maximum number of teams from each region will be capped at seven. If that were to occur, the next highest finisher not from that region will receive that spot for their region, with non-sudden death tiebreakers being used, if necessary. Any berth earned for a region based on an institution's finish the prior year will follow that institution should it be realigned into a new region. For the 2026 championships, regional allocations to the finals are as follows:

- South/Southeast: 7 berths
- Midwest/Central: 4 berths
- West/South Central: 6 berths
- Atlantic/East: 3 berths

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Appendix A • Tiebreaking

TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

Team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The games committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.

SUDDEN-DEATH PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

For a two-team playoff only, the higher-seeded team will have the option of the A or B position set forth below. The higher-seeded team shall be the team with the higher ranking at the start of the third round of stroke play during sudden-death tiebreakers at regional tournaments or during the sudden-death tiebreaker to determine the teams advancing to Head-to-Head Medal Play at the national championship. The higher-seeded team during the national championship match will be based on how the teams were seeded when medal match play began (i.e. Seeding 1-8 prior to the quarterfinal-round matches).

TWO TEAMS (A & B; TEE OFF ALTERNATELY)

| | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-----|-----------------|
| #5A, | #5B, | #4A, | #4B, | #3A | playoff hole #1 |
| #3B, | #2A, | #2B, | #1A, | #1B | playoff hole #1 |

SHOTGUN FORMAT

For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

THREE TEAMS

| | | | |
|------|------|------|----------------|
| A #5 | B #5 | C #5 | Playoff hole 5 |
| A #4 | B #4 | C #4 | Playoff hole 4 |
| A #3 | B #3 | C #3 | Playoff hole 3 |
| A #2 | B #2 | C #2 | Playoff hole 2 |
| A #1 | B #1 | C #1 | Playoff hole 1 |

FOUR TEAMS

| | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| A #5 | B #5 | C #5 | D #5 | Playoff hole 5 |
| A #4 | B #4 | C #4 | D #4 | Playoff hole 4 |
| A #3 | B #3 | C #3 | D #3 | Playoff hole 3 |
| A #2 | B #2 | C #2 | D #2 | Playoff hole 2 |
| A #1 | B #1 | C #1 | D #1 | Playoff hole 1 |

FIVE TEAMS

| | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| A #5 | B #5 | C #5 | D #5 | E #5 | Playoff hole 5 |
| A #4 | B #4 | C #4 | D #4 | E #4 | Playoff hole 4 |
| A #3 | B #3 | C #3 | D #3 | E #3 | Playoff hole 3 |
| A #2 | B #2 | C #2 | D #2 | E #2 | Playoff hole 2 |
| A #1 | B #1 | C #1 | D #1 | E #1 | Playoff hole 1 |

For sudden-death playoffs during regional tournaments and to determine teams advancing to Head-to-Head Medal Match Play: Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament.

For sudden-death playoff to determine the national champion: Players will play the numbered position they held at the beginning of the national championship match.

The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.

At regional tournaments, team and individual playoffs will be conducted to determine team and individual champions, plus teams and individuals advancing to the National Championship. No other individual or team ties will be broken by a playoff.

At the National Championship, team playoffs will be conducted to determine teams advancing to Head-to-Head Medal Play and as specified in Head-to-Head Medal Play tiebreaking procedures noted below.

At the National Championship, a playoff will be conducted to determine the individual national champion. No other individual ties will be broken by a playoff.

NON-SUDDEN-DEATH TIEBREAKING PROCEDURE

For the purposes of ranking teams for third-round pairings (at regional tournaments and the National Championship), breaking ties within the top eight at the national championship, and for situations in which a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed (at regional tournaments or in determining the teams advancing to the head-to-head medal play at the National Championship) the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at regional tournaments or the National Championship:

Teams

1. Cumulative total of the noncounting scores.
2. Best individual cumulative total for the team.
3. Second-best cumulative individual total for the team.
4. Third-best cumulative individual total for the team.
5. Fourth-best cumulative individual total for the team.
6. Fifth-best cumulative individual total for the team.
7. Committee Decision.

Individuals

1. Final round total.
2. Score from previous round(s) – second round, then first round.
3. Gross score from last nine holes.
4. Gross score from last six holes.
5. Gross score from last three holes.
6. Gross score from 18th hole, 17th hole, etc.

When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time.

The foregoing procedure will also be used if a cut becomes necessary at any time after the completion of the second round of play at the championships.

TIEBREAK FOR HEAD-TO HEAD MEDAL PLAY (FOR QUARTERFINAL AND SEMIFINAL MATCHES)

1. Total score of all five players.
2. Total score of top four players.
3. Total score of top three players.

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4. Total score of top two players.
5. Total score of top player.
6. Hole-by-hole score starting with the cumulative team total of their 18th hole backward by hole (17-1).

TIEBREAK FOR HEAD-TO HEAD MEDAL PLAY (FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH)

If a tie exists at the completion of the national championship match, a sudden-death playoff will be held. In the event a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed, the following criteria will be followed:

1. Total score of all five players.
2. Total score of top four players.
3. Total score of top three players.
4. Total score of top two players.
5. Total score of top player.
6. Hole-by-hole score starting with the cumulative team total of their 18th hole backward by hole (17-1).

Appendix B • Sports Information

MEMORANDUM TO COACHES

A coach is not considered part of the player's side and therefore is not directly subject to the Rules of Golf; nevertheless, there are certain actions that a coach could take that might result in a penalty – e.g., if a coach's actions were sanctioned tacitly or otherwise by the player, he might be penalized.

Some examples of actions by his coach that could result in a penalty to the player would be: improving a line of play; moving loose impediments or obstructions in violation of the Rules; disregard for the provisions of Rule 13, assistance and violation of putting green and flagstick restrictions.

Responsibilities of a competitor in this regard are supported by Decisions 13-2/4, 13-2/33 and 13-2/36 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf.

In the best interest of the competition, and in an effort to minimize any difficult situations, the golf committee trusts that all competitors, coaches and officials respect the principle of obeisance to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

Appendix C • Sports Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)

Bowie State University
Bluefield State University
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
Johnson C. Smith University

Livingstone College
Virginia State University
Virginia Union University
Winston-Salem State University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Mountain East Conference (9/10*)

University of Charleston (West Virginia)
Concord University
Davis and Elkins College
Fairmont State University
Glennville State College

*Point Park University (eligible in 2028)
West Liberty University
West Virginia State University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wheeling University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (9)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
California University of Pennsylvania
Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Gannon University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
Shepherd University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection.*

CENTRAL REGION

Great American Conference (10)

Arkansas Tech University
 University of Arkansas, Monticello
 East Central University
 Harding University
 Henderson State University

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Southern Arkansas University
 Southern Nazarene University
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (11)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
 University of Central Missouri
 University of Central Oklahoma
 Fort Hays State University
 Missouri Southern State University
 Missouri Western State University

Newman University
 Northeastern State University
 Pittsburg State University
 Rogers State University
 Washburn University of Topeka

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (9/*10)

Augustana University (South Dakota)
 Bemidji State University
 Concordia University, St. Paul
 *University of Jamestown (eligible in 2027)
 University of Mary

Minnesota State University, Mankato
 University of Minnesota, Crookston
 Minot State University
 University of Sioux Falls
 Winona State University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection.*

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (7)

Chestnut Hill College
Dominican University (New York)
Felician University
Goldey-Beacom College

Post University
Thomas Jefferson University
Wilmington University (Delaware)

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Northeast-10 Conference (7)

Adelphi University
American International College
Assumption University
Bentley University

Franklin Pierce University
Saint Anselm College
Southern New Hampshire University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Independent (1)

St. Thomas Aquinas College

MIDWEST REGION

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8/*9)

Davenport University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Northern Michigan University
 Purdue University Northwest

*Roosevelt University (eligible in 2027)
 Saginaw Valley State University
 Wayne State University (Michigan)
 University of Wisconsin-Parkside

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Great Lakes Valley Conference (13)

Drury University
 University of Illinois at Springfield
 University of Indianapolis
 Lewis University
 Lincoln University (Missouri)
 Maryville University of Saint Louis
 McKendree University

Missouri University of Science and Technology
 University of Missouri-St. Louis
 Quincy University
 Rockhurst University
 Upper Iowa University
 William Jewell College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (11)

Ashland University
 Cedarville University
 University of Findlay
 Hillsdale College
 Kentucky Wesleyan College
 Malone University

Northwood University
 Ohio Dominican University
 Tiffin University
 Thomas More University
 Walsh University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection.*

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Lone Star Conference (11/*12)

Cameron University
Dallas Baptist University
Lubbock Christian University
Midwestern State University
Oklahoma Christian University
St. Mary's University (Texas)

Texas A&M International University
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
*University of Texas at Dallas (eligible in 2027)
The University of Texas at Tyler
West Texas A&M University
Western New Mexico University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (7)

Colorado Christian University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University-Pueblo

Fort Lewis College
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Westminster College (Utah)

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection.*

SOUTH REGION

Gulf South Conference (9)

Christian Brothers University
 Delta State University
 Lee University
 Mississippi College
 University of Montevallo

Trevecca Nazarene University
 Union University
 Valdosta State University
 University of West Florida

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)

Central State University
 Kentucky State University
 LeMoyne-Owen College
 Miles College

Morehouse College
 Savannah State University
 Spring Hill College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Sunshine State Conference (10)

Barry University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)
 Florida Southern College
 Lynn University

Nova Southeastern University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Rollins College
 Saint Leo University
 University of Tampa

AQ - Postseason Tournament

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (11*/12)

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Chowan University
Emmanuel University (Georgia)
Erskine College
*Ferrum College (Eligible in 2028)

King University
University of Mount Olive
North Greenville University
Shorter University
Southern Wesleyan University
Young Harris College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Peach Belt Conference (8)

Columbus State University
Flagler College
Georgia College
Georgia Southwestern State University

Lander University
University of North Georgia
University of South Carolina Aiken
University of South Carolina Beaufort

AQ - Postseason Tournament

South Atlantic Conference (11)

Anderson University (South Carolina)
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Coker University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lincoln Memorial University

Mars Hill University
Newberry College
Tusculum University
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Wingate University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection*

WEST REGION

California Collegiate Athletic Association (7)

California State University, Chico
 California State University, Dominguez Hills
 California State University, East Bay
 California State University, Monterey Bay

California State University, San Bernardino
 California State University, San Marcos
 California State University, Stanislaus

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (5)

Montana State University Billings
 Northwest Nazarene University
 Saint Martin's University

Simon Fraser University
 Western Washington University

No AQ

Pacific West Conference (7/*8)

Chaminade University
 Dominican University of California
 University of Hawaii at Hilo
 Hawaii Pacific University

Jessup University
 *Menlo College (eligible in 2028)
 Vanguard University
 Westmont College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Not eligible for postseason selection*