

# NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF ANNUAL REPORT

## DECEMBER 2025

The NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as future recommendations or information that will be helpful to you. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member(s) of the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee and/or Antonio Cannavaro, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

### 1. 2025-26 Committee Members.

**Jeremy Benoit, Chair** Term ends: Sept. 2026  
Director of Athletics  
Goldey-Beacom College

**David Lynn** Term ends: Sept. 2028  
Athletics Director/Head Men's Golf Coach  
Oklahoma Christian University

**Joey Marino** Term ends: Sept. 2028  
Head Men's Golf Coach  
Nova Southeastern University

**Troy Halterman** Term ends: Sept. 2029  
Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

### 2. 2026 Championships Dates and Sites.

#### **Ranking Dates:**

- Friday, March 13, 2026
- Friday, March 27, 2026
- Friday, April 10, 2026

#### **Selection Announcement:**

- Sunday, April 26, 2026

#### **Regionals:**

*May 7-9, 2026*

- University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown (East/Atlantic)
  - Sunnehanna Country Club
- California Collegiate Athletic Association/Visit Stockton (West/South Central)
  - The Reserve at Spanos Park
- Ferris State University (Central/Midwest)
  - Katke Golf Course
- Valdosta State University (South/Southeast)
  - Valdosta Country Club

#### **National Championships:**

*May 18-22, 2026*

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas & Las Vegas Events
  - Boulder Creek Golf Club

### 3. 2026 Regional Allocations to Finals Site.

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

### 4. Automatic Qualification.

There will be 21 conferences receiving automatic qualification to Regionals in 2026. The remaining 59 teams will be selected via at-large bids.

### 5. 2027 and 2028 Regionals.

Bids to host a regional in 2027 and 2028 are still open in the East/Atlantic region (2027 and 2028) and the South Central/West (just 2027). If you would like to bid, please reach out to Antonio Cannavaro, immediately. Information for bidding can be located [here](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/sports/golf/d2/men/2027-28D2MGO_RegBidSpecs.pdf) Or type [https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/sports/golf/d2/men/2027-28D2MGO\\_RegBidSpecs.pdf](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/sports/golf/d2/men/2027-28D2MGO_RegBidSpecs.pdf)

### 6. 2028 Final Site Bid.

- Bids close Friday, January 9.
- DII Men's Golf Championship dates:
  - Practice round: Sunday, May 21
  - Competition: Monday, May 22- Friday, May 26

### 7. 2029-31 Championship Bid Cycle Dates

<b>Summer 2026</b>	Bids Open
<b>Fall 2026</b>	Bids Due
<b>Winter 2026</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> round of review completed; finalist identified
<b>Early 2027 (Jan.)</b>	Oversight approval
<b>Early 2027 (Jan./Feb.)</b>	Announcement of bids awarded

### 8. 2027 Championships Dates and Sites.

*Regionals: May 6-8, 2027*

- (East/Atlantic)
  - Still Open to Bid until February 2026.
- (West/South Central)
  - Still Open to Bid until February 2026.
- Grand Valley State University (Central/Midwest)
  - The Meadows Course
- Saint Leo University (South/Southeast)
  - Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club

*Finals: May 17-21, 2027*

- Palm Beach Atlantic University & Palm Beach County Sports Commission  
PGA National Resort – Champion Course

### 9. 2028 Championships Dates and Sites.

*Regionals: May 11-13, 2028*

- (East/Atlantic)
  - Still Open to Bid until February 2026.
- Western New Mexico University (West/South Central)
  - University Golf Course (NMSU)

- Missouri Western University/St. Joseph Missouri Sports Commission (Central/Midwest)
  - St. Joseph Country Club
- University of North Georgia (South/Southeast)
  - Chattahoochee Golf Club

*Finals: May 22-26, 2028*

- Open to bid until January 9, 2026.

#### **10. Submission of Competition Schedules.**

Now in its ninth year, teams will be required to submit their fall and spring competition schedules, and any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament after February 1<sup>st</sup> without reason will incur losses to each team in the field. However, should a tournament be cancelled for reasons beyond the control of the team, no penalties will be incurred.

The policy reads as follows:

*“Teams are required to submit their fall schedules by no later than October 1st and spring schedules by February 1st. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament after the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline 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.”*

#### **11. Championships Format.**

- **Sunday-Wednesday:** 20 teams and 8 individuals play one practice round (Sun.) and three stroke play rounds (Mon.-Wed.). Following the third round of stroke play competition, 12 teams and all individuals will be eliminated. The remaining 8 teams will move into a bracketed team championship, using medal match format, to begin Thursday morning.
- **Thursday:** 8 teams compete in quarterfinal matches in the morning. 4 teams are eliminated following the morning matches. 4 teams compete in semifinal matches in the afternoon. 2 additional teams are eliminated following the afternoon matches.
- **Friday:** 2 teams compete in the morning. Championship concludes by early afternoon.

#### **12. Coaches Connection Program.**

Men’s Golf is in its eighth year with the Division II Coaches Connection program, in an effort to better serve coaches throughout the division. One coach has been appointed from each conference for men’s golf, and monthly

conference calls are held with the coaches’ connector, conference representatives, GCAA and NCAA staff. For more information about the program, contact Fran Reidy at (fran.reidy1@gmail.com).

#### **13. 2026 Annual Meeting.**

The national committee will meet June 22-23, 2026 for their annual meeting. If you wish to add any items to committee’s agenda for discussion, those topics should be sent to a member of the national committee or to the national office staff by June 12.

#### **14. Rules.**

The 2025-26 Hard Card will be posted on the Division II Men’s golf landing page on [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org) in January.

#### **15. Substitutions during Conference Championships.**

The NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees have provided clarification regarding the use of substitutions during conference championships. A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document is also available for additional guidance on what is permissible.

#### **16. Substitutions at Regionals and Championships.**

The committee agreed at regionals and the national championships, substitutes may practice with the team, use the facility and act as a spectator during play. Substitutions may occur up to 10 minutes before rounds and a tiebreaker playoff. For finals, no substitutions are permitted after quarterfinal pairings, except in the event of extenuating circumstances as evaluated and approved by the onsite medical staff and the committee with 10 minutes’ notice.

#### **17. Electronic Scoring at Regionals and Championship.**

Live scoring from Clippd will be used at regionals and the national championship, along with a scoreboard verification. The committee agreed that allowing student-athletes to use their phones as the official scorecard is standard, as it is done throughout the season. At both regionals and national championships, student-athletes will update their scores electronically as the official scorecard, with the physical scorecard serving as the backup. Scorecard verification will still occur at the end of each round. The committee noted hosts should provide electronic scoring rover volunteers who can assist with inputting live scores in the event of any onsite issues.

#### **18. Region access to the regional.**

Legislation was passed per the recommendation of the DII Men’s Golf committee that access for a region with fewer than 16 active members in their region is based on the proportionality of teams in the region to the total teams eligible to make the regional. Due to this starting this year in the East/Atlantic regional 13 teams will be represented

from the Atlantic region and 7 teams will be represented from the East region.

#### 19. Primary Selection Criteria Updated Verbiage

The DII Men's Golf Committee updated the verbiage of the primary selection criteria for at-large teams for the DII Men's Golf Championships. The criteria was not adjusted in anyway but the verbiage was updated for teams to clearly understand what data/criteria RAC committee and national committee are using to make ranking and at-large decisions.

Current Verbiage	Updated Verbiage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional head-to-head competition;</li> <li>- Results versus common opponents;</li> <li>- Scoring average; and</li> <li>- Scoreboard by Clippd indexes.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the men's golf committee will contact the regional advisory committees if its final selections differ from the regional advisory committee rankings. The men's golf committee does not use coaches polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings for selection purposes.</p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head-to-head competition;</li> <li>- Results versus common opponents;</li> <li>- Results vs. in-region opponents;</li> <li>- Scoring average; and</li> <li>- Strength of schedule</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the men's golf committee will contact the regional advisory committees if its final selections differ from the regional advisory committee rankings. The men's golf committee does not use coaches polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings for selection purposes.</p> <p>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.</p>

#### 20. Championship Date and Format Survey

The Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees are seeking your feedback on proposed changes to the championship date formula and medal match play format. Over the past few years, the committees have received feedback from the membership that the current date formula places significant pressure on coaches who oversee both men's and women's golf programs and makes it difficult to secure quality regional bids. In response, the DII Golf committees met in July to review this input and have developed a proposed adjustment to the championship date formula.

- **The survey below is intended to gather your feedback on this proposed change.**
  - **The link to the survey is:**  
<https://on.ncaa.com/rpdra0sl>
- Please complete the survey **only once** and submit your response no later than **11:59 pm Eastern time, on Friday, Dec. 12**, for your feedback to be shared with the DII Golf committees.

#### 21. Pre-Championships Manual.

The 2025-26 NCAA Division II Men's Golf manual will be available on [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) by February 2026.

#### 22. Location of this document on NCAA website.

- Go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).
- Click on membership in righthand corner.
- Click on Division II.
- Click on Championships Administration.
- Click on Division II Men's Golf.