



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JULY 8-9, 2019, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Regional ranking dates.** The committee recommends adjusting the regional ranking dates to occur monthly from February through April (see Action Item 2-a).
- 2. Increase minimum number in-region opponents for selections.** The committee recommends increasing the minimum number of in-region opponents as part of the championship selection criteria (see Action Item 2-b).

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Regional ranking dates.

- (1) Recommendation. That the regional ranking dates be adjusted to occur once a month beginning in February and concluding with the selection call in late April. The 2020 ranking dates would be:

Friday, February 7, 2020 – first ranking call;
Friday, March 27, 2020 – second ranking call;
Friday, April 10, 2020 – third ranking call; and
Friday, April 24, 2020 – selection call.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (3) Rationale. Adjusting the regional ranking dates will begin the spring season by reflecting the results and performance from the fall season which, for men's golf, count toward selections with equal weight to spring results. The March and April rankings will capture the additional performance and results from early and late spring, respectively.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Regional ranking dates.

- (1) Recommendation. That the selection criteria for team at-large selection be adjusted to reflect a minimum of 50 in-region opponents, beginning with the 2021 championships. This is an increase from the current minimum requirement of 40 in-region opponents.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Increasing the required minimum number of in-region opponents will assist the regional advisory and national committees during the ranking and selection processes, as it will afford both groups additional data points to compare and select teams within a given region. Most teams under consideration for selection are well above both the current and proposed minimums, while some teams annually finish just above the current minimum. Increasing the required number of in-region opponents would encourage those teams to compete in one additional in-region tournament during the season; this measure would help the committee evaluate teams through the acquisition of additional in-region data while theoretically providing cost- and time-savings to member institutions, as well.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of 2018 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2018 meeting report as presented.
- 2. Review of Championships Committee actions from past year.** The committee noted relevant Championships Committee actions from the past year.
- 3. Review of 2019 regionals.** The committee discussed the 2019 regionals and reviewed participant survey responses from the four host sites. The committee noted a few themes to focus on at future regionals, including fair hole locations, more collaboration between committee members and rules officials regarding course setup, and the quality of lodging options and timing of breakfast.
- 4. Review of 2019 championship finals.** The committee discussed the 2019 championships hosted by the Mountain East Conference and reviewed participant, host, and committee survey responses from the championships. The committee noted that the championships went very well overall. The committee appreciated the organization of the host staff, golf course

personnel and volunteers, as well as the quality of the golf course and overall hospitality at the championship site.

Committee members noted that they would like to see improvements made for future championships at this site, if awarded. Most notably, the committee and staff would like to see improvements with the venue lodging liaisons, as there were unnecessary issues that arose during the championships that negatively impacted the experience of a few teams. Additionally, the committee and staff agreed with survey feedback that improvements should be made to the quality of the meals provided on site as part of the daily package.

The committee was pleased with the schedule of events at the championships and the timing of the players and coaches meeting prior to the practice round. Committee members noted that Sunday night would work well for potential community engagement initiatives in future non-Festival years.

- 5. Policy review.** The committee discussed and continues to be pleased with the regional allocation policy. The committee noted that five teams and two individuals will advance from each regional in 2020, as it is a Festival year. The committee also continues to be pleased with the substitution policy and tournament withdrawal deadline. The committee and staff will work closely with Golfstat to improve the reporting process with the tournament withdrawal deadline in 2019-20.

The committee also discussed the policy regarding carts for disabled spectators and noted the continued need for those individuals to provide medical documentation in order to be granted cart privileges. The committee asked staff to work through the coaches connection program to gather more information on coaches and spectator carts.

- 6. Regional ranking dates.** The committee discussed and made a recommendation to adjust the regional ranking dates (see Action Item 2-a).
- 7. Selection criteria.** The committee discussed selection criteria and made a recommendation to adjust the minimum number of in-region opponents for selection consideration (see Action Item 2-b).
- 8. Rules officials.** The committee continues to be pleased with the team of rules officials for the regionals and championship finals but noted a few important areas for NCAA staff to discuss with officials moving forward, including the desire for host staff, site representatives, committee members and rules officials to work more collaboratively during situations when inclement weather alters course conditions at the regional or finals site.
- 9. 2020 championships preparation.** The committee discussed the 2020 championships, which will be conducted as part of the Division II National Championships Festival. The committee

discussed the timing of the players and coaches meeting and schedule for the practice round day at the championships and noted that adjustments may be necessary depending on the timing of the Festival Opening Ceremonies.

The committee also noted that pairings for the 2020 championships will not be made until after qualifiers have advanced. If possible, finals site pairings will be made so that a team with men's and women's golf qualifiers will have staggered tee times during the first two rounds of competition.

Additionally, the committee determined that, beginning with the 2020 championships, the highest-seeded team for the head-to-head medal play portion of the championships will be given the opportunity to select the starting time and starting hole for their quarterfinal match.

The committee also discussed regional sites for 2020 and noted that a site has not yet been determined for the East/Atlantic regional. Additionally, the South/Southeast regional site will be moved from Germantown Country Club, which was recently sold and is no longer available to host. Site recommendations for those two regionals will be determined soon.

Lastly, the committee discussed the remaining regional sites and will follow up with hosts to address specific concerns and priorities for the 2020 championships.

10. Future dates and sites. The committee reviewed the upcoming championship dates and sites, including future championships that will be open for bid beginning in August with the upcoming championships bid cycle. Additionally, the committee noted that regional bids for men's and women's golf for 2021 and 2022 will open in July, with sites to be announced in late 2019.

Committee members also reviewed and suggested modifications to the regionals and finals site championship bid specifications and made appropriate updates where applicable.

The committee also discussed the regional date formulas and selection date for men's and women's golf but did not recommend any adjustments for men's golf at this time, though members will continue to evaluate the regional date formula in the coming years. The committee is pleased with the current selection date and additional time afforded to selected teams to book travel.

11. Misconducts. The committee reviewed two instances in which student-athletes were issued warnings during regional competition and noted that no misconducts were issued as part of the championships.

12. Golfstat. The committee met with Marcus El from Golfstat and discussed schedule submission, the tournament withdrawal deadline, custom team and individual comparisons,

and the proper reporting of scores for an institution's A team and B team. NCAA staff will work closely with Golfstat on these initiatives during the 2019-20 academic year.

13. Division II legislation update. The committee met with Amanda Conklin, associate director of academic and membership affairs, and discussed 2020 NCAA Convention legislation, including two separate tryout proposals for golf.

14. Division II governance update. The committee met with Maritza Jones, managing director of Division II governance, and Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II governance, and received updates on several topics, including Division II priorities and strategic planning, Division II University, health and safety initiatives, and student-athlete advisory committee initiatives.

15. Automatic qualification. The committee reviewed the automatic qualification applications and noted that there will be 22 automatic berths into the 2020 championships with the Heartland and Lone Star Conferences merging in the 2019-20 academic year.

16. Sport sponsorship lists. The committee reviewed sport sponsorship lists and noted a handful of institutions moving to new conferences in the 2019-20 academic year.

17. National and regional advisory committees. The committee reviewed the regional advisory committee rosters and noted anticipated changes for the upcoming academic year.

Additionally, the committee noted that the national committee will remain intact through the end of the 2019-20 academic year, at which time there will be two vacancies to fill due to the expiration of Craig Stensgaard's term on the committee and Joe Vogl's retirement.

18. Manual review. The committee reviewed and made appropriate updates to the committee operations, participant and pre-championships manuals.

19. 2020 annual meeting dates. The committee agreed to meet June 15-17.

20. Other business. The committee discussed the upcoming triennial budget cycle and expects to forward at least two requests, including increasing the number of officials at regional sites and an increase in funding for regionals that are now being conducted on Thursday-Saturday, which are traditionally more difficult to acquire at both public and private golf courses.

Committee Chair: Craig Stensgaard, Northwest Nazarene University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee

July 8-9, 2019, Meeting
Attendees:
Jared Purvis, Valdosta State University.
Craig Stensgaard, Northwest Nazarene University (via teleconference).
Samantha Traver, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
Joe Vogl, Saginaw Valley State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Marcus El, Golfstat.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.
Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Maritza Jones, Governance.
Ryan Jones, Governance.