



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JULY 15-16, 2024, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Clippd.** At the forefront for a successful sophomore year with the provider, the committee will have multiple discussions with the provider in the fall to make sure the committee portal and the Clippd indexes continue to be revamped to fit Division II specifically. (See Informational Item 8.)
2. **Policy review.** The committee outlined the regional allocations for the 2025 championship, and noted that policy procedures will remain the same regarding student-athlete advice givers, substitutions, and practices. The Midwest/Central regional will serve as a test region again for student-athletes live scoring. The committee discussed a concept to increase the maximum dates of competition. (See Informational Item 10.)
3. **Important dates for 2024-25.** The committee noted the beginning of the fall season as the registration deadline and February 1 as the deadline to have schedules submitted to Clippd. (See Informational Item 11.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- **2025 and 2026 regional site recommendations.**

1. Recommendation. Approve the following regional sites for the 2025 and 2026 Division II Men's Golf Championships.

Year	Region	Host/Venue
2025	South/Southeast	Greater Orlando Sports Commission and Rollins College/Mission Resort + Club
2026	South/Southeast	University of North Georgia /Chattahoochee Golf Club

2. Effective date. Immediate.

3. Rationale. The Division II Men's Golf Committee has been accepting regional bids since September 2022 and has extended the bid deadline multiple times to secure enough

bids to provide a recommendation. The committee was able to provide a recommendation for the Midwest/Central Regional after its annual meeting in July 2023 after having received sufficient bids from that region for both 2025 and 2026. The committee then was able to make recommendations for the East/Atlantic for 2025 and for the South Central/West for 2025 and 2026 in February 2024 after securing enough quality bids. In February, however, there were no bids for the South/Southeast in 2025 and only one bid for 2026, so the committee opted to not make a recommendation until there were sufficient bids to ensure a quality experience. The committee since February has extended the bid deadline continuously due to the lack of bids for the South/Southeast and East/Atlantic Regions. Over the last several months, the committee has contacted the golf membership through multiple channels (Coaches Connection, NCAA Newsletter, coaches association convention, etc.) to garner enough bids to make a recommendation. At this time, the committee is still deferring on making a recommendation for the 2026 East/Atlantic Regional until securing enough bids to compare with the current pool. The committee received only one bid for the South/Southeast in 2025 and three bids for 2026. The committee feels confident it is recommending quality sites despite the lack of choices. Both recommended sites have hosted multiple NCAA golf championships (particularly Division II golf championships) at the courses being recommended. The staff at both recommended sites have also hosted multiple NCAA golf national and regional championships.

4. Estimated budget impact. For the 2025 South/Southeast Regional, the budget expenditures are expected at \$39,466. For the 2026 South/Southeast Regional the budget expenditures are expected at \$31,200. For reference, budget expenditures for regionals have usually been between \$32,000 and \$38,000 with an outlier in recent years of \$43,000.
5. Student-athlete impact. The venues and host institutions selected will provide quality student-athlete experiences during the championships.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the agenda and schedule for the meeting.
2. **Approval of 2023 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2023 meeting report as presented.
3. **Manuals review.** The committee reviewed the pre-championships, host operations, and participant manuals for any necessary changes. The committee made editorial changes to the participant manuals to clarify the tiebreaking policy for ease of reference.

4. **Sports sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the current sponsorship list and noted adjustments in sponsorship and conference membership in Division II men's golf. In particular, the committee noted that the GNAC no longer will have an AQ, the effect of the closure at College of Saint Rose, and the status of Clayton State's golf program. The committee also talked at length about the golf programs in the East Region and what that means for the most deserving teams advancing to the regional. The committee talked through possible creative ways to combine the super regionals so that the best 20 teams are in the regionals. The committee will have further discussion about this in future years especially given the Championships Committee's current discussions regarding regionalization principles.
5. **National and regional advisory committees.** The committee reviewed the regional advisory committee rosters and noted anticipated changes for the upcoming academic year. The committee also noted the high number of members representing the West Region whose terms are expiring.
6. **Review of the 2024 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2024 championship and noted the following:
 - a. **Regional review.** The committee reviewed comments from participants, hosts and officials, along with their own respective debriefs of the regionals they attended. In all regions, the committee members were pleased with how the events were administered. The committee noted the success of student-athlete electronic scoring in the Central/Midwest Regional and will have that region continue as a test regional again this upcoming year. The committee also noted the weather issues at both the South/Southeast and East/Atlantic Regionals and how the hosts of those regionals were able to work with those on site to still make the event a success. The committee discussed the weather-related challenges, and improvements that can be made at regionals when weather is an issue.
 - b. **Finals site review.** The committee reviewed comments from participants, hosts and officials, along with their own respective debriefs of the championship at Orange County National Golf Center. They noted that if drug testing occurs at any part of the championship (regional or national championship), the committee should be involved in the process to make sure that the head coach understands where their player has gone after their day of play. The committee also talked through the necessity to come in two days prior to the practice day (as opposed to one day as they did this year), as they felt the process of review the day before the practice day was rushed. The committee also reviewed the report from Head Official Mike Peluso and noted there were no major challenges in 2024. The committee was extremely happy with the rules officials and appreciated their hard work and effort. Lastly, the committee was thankful and appreciative of the hard work and diligence of Rollins College and the Greater Orlando Sports Commission in putting on a great championship.

- c. **Administrative meetings.** The committee was pleased with the adjustment in the schedule to add a coaches' meeting prior to the practice round. While the committee felt the administrative meeting is helpful the week before the championship, a quick meeting with coaches prior to the practice round is necessary to remind them of key aspects of the championship, particularly the rules of the practice round. The committee felt both meetings were very successful and will continue conducting in the same cadence (a week prior to the championship and the day of the practice round) next year.
- d. **Merchandise sales.** The committee reviewed the merchandise sales reports from the championship as information.
- e. **Championship coverage.** The committee was once again pleased with the coverage of the event on social media this year. While last year was great, members felt this year was truly amazing. The committee is interested in increasing social media coverage of the event and will commit more budget dollars to having multiple tournament staffers covering social media throughout the championship. The committee agreed that they prefer to have social media coverage be the focal coverage of the event as opposed to allocating dollars toward live streaming of the event.
- f. **Email feedback.** The committee reviewed multiple emails from different coaches with feedback about the championship, regionals, and about Division II men's golf overall. The committee discussed when pin placement sheets will be distributed each day, medal-match play and match play, and additional awards, among other topics. The committee will continue to discuss these topics but feels at this time the current policies are adequate.

7. 2025 championships action plan.

- a. **Championship experience.** The committee discussed additional ways to enhance the experience both at the regionals and finals. The committee will invest budget dollars to a ball marker/divot repair tool as opposed to the bag tags that were given out this year. The committee also will work diligently with the Palm Beach Sports Commission to find a unique and exciting option for the banquet at the national championship this year.
- b. **Coaches communication.** The committee discussed the use of the Event Direct application during the championship next year and whether the application could allow communication between coaches/administrators and the committee (instead of just the committee being able to message coaches/administrators and not coaches/administrators being able to message back). The committee feels the two-way communication is necessary if the app is to be used during the championship.
- c. **Committee responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the committee responsibilities document created after last year's championship and felt it helped knowing each member's

role during the championship. The committee will continue using this document for next year's championship.

8. **Clippd.** The committee debriefed using the new statistics partner Clippd in this first year and is excited to see the progress that will be made in the second year. At the forefront for a successful sophomore year with the provider, the committee will have multiple discussions with the provider in the fall to make sure the committee portal and the Clippd indexes continue to be revamped to fit Division II specifically. The committee was able to initiate these discussions with Clippd representatives during the joint meeting with the women's committee.
9. **Discussion with Division II Women's Golf Committee.** The men's and women's committees discussed a variety of topics to help align championships operations for both genders.
 - a. **Coaches Connection update.** The committees received updates from Coaches Connection liaison Fran Reidy.
 - b. **Governance updates.** The committees received updates from Ryan Jones, director of Division II, who reviewed the division's strategic priorities and initiatives. The committees also discussed marketing for Division II golf and a desire to have an enhanced social media presence during the championship.
 - c. **Academic and membership affairs update.** Jeremy Christoffels, assistant director in AMA, updated the committees regarding sport sponsorship and transfer legislation.
 - d. **Consistency across genders.**
 - i. Spectator golf carts. The committees agreed that the spectator golf cart process should be managed by the host or course staff. The staff liaisons mentioned there would be more information once feedback is received from the office of inclusion.
 - ii. Substitutions. The committees agreed on the current substitution policy.
 - iii. Course access. The committees differed on their course access policy with the women allowing the practice facility to be used within the 10-day window. The men would like to continue restricting access to the practice facilities during the window.
 - iv. Tiebreaking procedures. The committees reviewed their tiebreaking procedures and noted some slight differences. The committees agreed to keep their procedures as they currently stand and review later if needed.
 - e. **2025 annual meeting.** The committees will determine the 2025 joint meeting date later.

10. Policy review.

- a. **Golf carts.** The golf cart policy and policy for spectator carts will remain the same for 2025. As noted above in 11-d, the committee believes that the host or course staff should be managing the spectator golf cart process. More information may be available on this matter once feedback is received from the office of inclusion.
- b. **Regional allocations for the 2025 championship.** The number of regional berths to the 2025 championship will be as follows: South/Southeast – 7; Atlantic/East – 3; Midwest/Central – 4; and South Central/West – 6.
- c. **Medal match play and match play.** The committee discussed the opinions from coaches and administrators on this policy and agreed to review it annually.
- d. **Student-athlete advice givers.** The committee noted that this policy will stay the same going forward. Student-athletes are not allowed to serve as advice-givers.
- e. **Student-athletes electronic scoring at regionals and finals.** The committee discussed having student-athletes electronic scoring at all regionals and finals. The committee wants to discuss this with the regional and finals site head rules officials before making it a uniform policy, so it will revisit this discussion next year. The committee does plan to use the Midwest/Central Regional to serve as a test region once again in 2025 to garner more opinions on this topic, especially with a new live scoring platform being used.
- f. **Individual tee times/finals site pairings.** The committee reviewed the tee times and pairings from this past championship and will keep the same times next year.
- g. **Substitution policy.** The committee was pleased with the policy this year and will retain it for next year.
- h. **Practice procedures.** The committee discussed its 10-day restriction from course and practice facility access that is being used for both the regional and finals site. Despite the policy being different from the women's, the committee felt strongly about keeping it the same for next year.
- i. **Current minimum and maximum dates of competition.** Committee members discussed a concept brought to their attention by the committee chair of the Division II Women's Golf Committee, Michael Bond. The concept would leave the minimum dates unchanged but increase the maximum from 21 to 24 dates of competition with a cap of 10 regular-season events. Due to increasing number of three-day events, it would allow an institution to play in two to three three-day events without losing a tournament. The committee discussed this concept in detail and voted unanimously to support the women's committee in a joint proposal. However, due to this being a legislative amendment, it will require additional discussion and extensive feedback before the proposal can be formally submitted.

- 11. Important Dates for 2024-25.** The committee noted the beginning of the fall season as the registration deadline and February 1 as the deadline to have schedules submitted to Clippd. The committee wants to stress the importance of making sure schedules are submitted to Clippd prior to February 1 to avoid penalties.
- 12. Regional rankings.** The committee noted that the timeline for the 2024-25 regional rankings would remain the same as last year with rankings taking place on Fridays. The 2024-25 regional ranking dates are: March 14, 2025; March 28, 2025; and April 11, 2025.
- 13. Future championship dates.** The committee talked at length about the current date formula for Division II men's golf. The committee is concerned about the overlap between the men's and women's regionals. Currently, the men's regional practice day is the same as the final day of the women's regionals. With the amount of dual head coaches in the membership, the committee is concerned about the student-athlete experience being diminished by not having their head coach with them from start to finish, the stress placed on dual gender coaches to manage the overlap, and how the date formula currently makes it extremely difficult to attract quality bids. The committee has also heard these same concerns from the Coaches Connection group. The committee will further discuss the date formula this upcoming year and consider innovative ways to adjust the date formula if possible. The committee will work with the women's committee in this endeavor and will consider the Coaches Connection group for additional guidance.
- 14. Committee chair.** The committee elected Jeremy Benoit from Goldey-Beacom College as chair for the 2024-25 season.
- 15. Committee composition.** The committee noted that Sara Higley and Renee Yuen will be finishing their terms in August 2024. Ms. Higley will be replaced by Chris Deibel of Ohio Dominican University and Ms. Yuen will be replaced by David Lynn of Oklahoma Christian University on September 1, 2024. The committee thanked the two members for their four years of amazing service.
- 16. 2025 and 2026 regional bid review and confirmation.** The committee received one bid to host the South/Southeast Regional in 2025 and three bids to host regionals in 2026. At this time, the committee is still deferring on making a recommendation for the 2026 East/Atlantic regional as the committee believes more time is needed to possibly garner other bids to compare with what they currently have to offer the best experience for the men's golf programs in the East/Atlantic regions. The committee is working with NCAA staff to secure enough bids in the East/Atlantic region to make a recommendation later this fall. The 2027 and 2028 regional bid process will begin later this fall as well. (See Action Item 2.)
- 17. 2027 finals site bid review and confirmation.** The committee reviewed five bids to host the Division II Men's Golf Championships in 2027.

18. Review of committee timeline. The committee discussed and modified the timeline for the upcoming year as necessary.

19. 2025 annual meeting. The committee will hold its next annual meeting on July 21-22, 2025. The Division II Women's Golf Committee was notified of these dates after the meeting and agreed to the same annual meeting dates to facilitate the joint discussion next year.

Committee Chair: Sara Higley, Ferris State University
Staff Liaison(s): Antonio Cannavaro, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Jeremy Benoit, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Sara Higley, Ferris State University.	
Jimmy Wilson, Georgia College.	
Renee Yuen, Chaminade University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Ben Greenberg, Colorado State University, Pueblo.	
Fran Reidy, Coaches Connection.	
Suzanne Strudwick, Carson Newman University.	
Clippd Staff.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jermey Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP					
Championship:	Division II Men's Golf				
Year:	2024				
Champ Manager:	Antonio Cannavaro				
RANKINGS (if applicable)					
Overall Rankings went well in execution. In the fall, we had to switch Ranking Services providers due to our orginal provider (Spikemark) being hacked and the system in essence blowing up. This caused a massive domino effect cauing major delays for the new provider (Clippd) to create our committee portal. The delay caused confusion and RAC members/committee members to have to learn the portal as they were ranking. The portal also will have to be redesigned to be better used by the RAC/Committee. Besides the hiccups with ranking services provider, all else went smoothly!					
SELECTIONS					
DATE:	April 25-26	BRACKET/FIELD SIZE:	80 Teams / 32 Ind.	# of AQ's:	22 AQS/58 at larges. 32 Ind. Made up of 4 SAs from each region not on a qualifying team.
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS					
HOSTS	University of North Georgia, Southern Nazarene University, Western New Mexico University, West Liberty University				
FACILITIES	Chattahoochee Golf Club, KickingBird Golf, New Mexico State University Golf Course, Oglebay Golf Resort				
EQUIPMENT	Equipment ordered though Premier Golf Services as well as items shipped from the DC. No issues				
TEAM TRAVEL	No Issues.				
HOTELS	No Issues.				
COMPETITION	In the South/Southeast region, we had a student-athlete use the practice facilites unknowingly during the 10-day dead period. As soon as his coach notified him that this was not allowed he immediately stopped play and got off the course. He only played a couple of holes. The committee issued a warning to the player, coach, and instituion and that santicons could follow if this occurred again in future years. In the East/Atlantic and South/Southeast there were weather that caused delays. The South/Southeast had to postpone a whole day of play on Thursday. That regional played 36 holes on Friday and Saturday they finished with the usual 18 holes. In the East/Atlaticn they were almost able to play a full day on Thursday but weather caused the last couple of groups to have to finish on Friday morning. Weather coutinued to cause havoc on Saturday, causing delays however they were able to have everyone play on Friday just before darkness came. Saturday also brought severe weather so a shotgun start was needed to be utilized. There were delays throughout the day and at the last delay of the day, some teams decided to forfeit their last round. The regional was able to get all play in on Saturday as they had just enough sun lights and the weather was able to be held off (but it was very helpful that they utilized a shotgun start)				
OFFICIATING	No issues. We have amazing crews.				
MEDIA	No Issues.				
SITE REPS	No issues. (We utlized Jared Purvis in the Midwest/Central and Todd Garzarelli in the East/Atlantic)				
OTHER	N/A				
FUTURE ACTIONS	The committee will look into the lanaguage for the 10 day dead period of using the practice facilities. They will look at it to line up with the women's policy (currently the men do not let any use of the practice facilities within 10 days but Women allow the use of facilites except for playing the course). The committee will also look through how exceptions can be asked for this policy and adjusting the language.				
FINALS					
HOSTS	Rollins College and the Greater Orlando Sports Commision				
FACILITIES	Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge				
EQUIPMENT	Equipment ordered though Premier Golf Services a well as items shipped from the DC. No issues				
TEAM TRAVEL	There were no issues.				
HOTELS	Teams complained about the distance the hotels were from the course however with it bring a festival year it was something to be expected and really it was only a handful of coaches.				
BANQUET	It was a great event! What an experience it was for the Student-Athletes to get a police escort and experience something of that like.				
COMPETITION	All 5 days were smooth. In the future we just have to be cognizent of having an awards ceremony outside when play has not finished yet. There was one coach who didn't appreciate that there was a ceremony going when their players are on the 18th trying to earn a spot to advance.				
OFFICIATING	As usual our officals crew was amazing.				
MEDIA/PRESS	The assinged SID was not there on Practice day which would have been very helpful to have. However the rest of the week he was tremdnous!				
S-A MEMENTOS	I think the SA loved all the items that they got including the Birdie Boxes! I think they loved that they got the gifts on site.				
BRANDING/SIGNAGE	The signage all looked so amazing! Cart Signs was a new touch that should be utlized in future championships. A lot of the signage for this year gives me ideas for the future!				
FAN FEST (if applicable)	N/A				
ATTENDANCE	There was amazing attendance from North Georgia. A good amount of parents attended from the other insituutions involed also. We had a couple of school admin present at times also.				
SAFETY AND SECURITY	Nothing really to report on this front.				
OTHER HIGHLIGHTS	Spectator Carts was an issue. We had a policy in place that they needed to be requested by the Sunday before the championship and they would be put on a list however we received so many requests once we were on-site. This seem very much abnormal than what we have experinecd in the past. It is something we have to monitor and think through for future championships. We need to make sure that the course is on the same page of the policy with the spectator carts so that we are not questioned by spectators.				
FUTURE ACTIONS	Review 10-day practice dead period rule and spectator cart policies				
COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES					
FUTURE PRIORITIES	Enhancing the experience at the regionals by offering either an event or more than just a bag tag as a student-athlete gift; Updating date formula to assist in getting better bids and providing coaches that coach both genders the ability to not have to miss any days of the men's golf championship; Increasing maximum dates of competition				
POTENTIAL BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2027-30 TRIENNIAL CYCLE	Enhanced Student-Athlete gifts or banquet for each regional.				