



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-17, 2020, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Regional ranking dates.** The committee recommends a one-time adjustment to the regional ranking dates for 2020-21 (see Action Item 2).
- 2. Committee chair appointment.** The committee appointed Jared Purvis, head men's golf coach at Valdosta State University, as chair of the committee for the 2020-21 academic year (see Informational Item 15).

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- Regional ranking dates.

- (1) Recommendation. That the 2020-21 regional ranking dates be adjusted to account for the schedule changes that will occur for many institutions during the upcoming academic year. This is a one-time recommendation, with the prior ranking schedule to be reimplemented in 2021-22. The 2021 ranking dates would be:

Friday, March 12, 2021 – first ranking call;
Friday, March 26, 2021 – second ranking call;
Friday, April 9, 2021 – third ranking call; and
Friday, April 23, 2021 – selection call.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. Adjusting the regional ranking dates for 2020-21 will appropriately account for institutions and conferences that will not be competing during the fall season due to COVID-19. This adjusted schedule moves the first ranking from February to March.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the men's golf strategic plan.
2. **Approval of 2019 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2019 meeting report as presented.
3. **Review of Championships Committee actions from past year.** The committee reviewed and discussed relevant Championships Committee actions from the past year.
4. **Policy review.** The committee discussed the allocation policy and noted that the number of regional berths to the 2021 national championship year will be five per region, as was planned for the 2020 championships that were cancelled. This allows for a regional allocation reset between the 2016 and 2024 championships.

The committee also discussed the schedule submission deadline and will make no changes to the policy in 2020-21. The committee will adjust the deadline from February 1 each year to the first Friday in February, in order to keep the submission deadline on a specific day of the week.

5. **Regional rankings.** The committee made a one-time recommendation to adjust the scheduled regional ranking dates for 2020-21 (see Action Item 2).
6. **Selection criteria.** The committee discussed selection criteria, including division-wide modifications for the 2020-21 academic year, and the impact of those modifications for golf. The committee noted that in-region competition will continue to be valuable for rankings and selections, despite the removal of in-region requirements for the upcoming year.
7. **2021 championships preparation.** The committee discussed the 2021 championships, to be conducted at PGA National Resort in West Palm Beach, Florida. The committee was joined for a portion of the call by members of the host staffs for the upcoming championships, including Jared Fleet from the Palm Beach County Sports Commission and Courtney Lovely, TJ Budd and Michael Brown from Palm Beach Atlantic University. The group discussed takeaways from the 2019 Division II Women's Golf Championships at the same site and discussed a few differences to expect in 2021.

The committee also discussed regional sites for 2021 and staff will continue planning discussions with regional hosts in the coming weeks.

8. **Future dates and sites.** The committee reviewed the upcoming championship dates and sites, including previously awarded regional and finals sites.

The committee reviewed bids that were submitted as part of the 2022-26 site selection process. The committee discussed the merits of each bid and made recommendations for the host sites for the 2023-26 golf championships. Those site recommendations will move forward as part of the site selection process.

9. **Golfstat.** The committee met with Marcus El, Brian Laesch and Ali Szafranski from Golfstat and discussed the schedule submission deadline, possible future improvements to the schedule submission process and the modernization of scoring, among other items.
10. **Rules officials.** The committee briefly discussed the rules officials for the championship and noted no anticipated changes during the 2020-21 academic year.
11. **Division II legislation update.** The committee met with Jordan Lysiak, assistant director of academic and membership affairs, and discussed several topics including modified minimum and maximum contests for the 2020-21 academic year, schedule exemptions, and recent actions taken by the Academic Requirements Committee.
12. **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 those related to the division's response to COVID-19 and the subsequent impacts for the 2020-21 academic year.
13. **Automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed the automatic qualification applications and noted that there will be 22 automatic berths into the 2021 championships.
14. **Sport sponsorship lists.** The committee reviewed sport sponsorship lists and noted changes that will go into effect in the 2020-21 academic year, including several institutions that dropped men's golf in recent months.
15. **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 have two new members during the 2020-21 academic year due to the expiration of Craig Stensgaard's term on the committee and Joe Vogl's retirement.

The committee also voted Jared Purvis, head men's golf coach at Valdosta State University, as chair of the committee for the 2020-21 academic year.

16. **Manual review.** The committee agreed to review and recommend necessary updates to the committee operations, participant and pre-championships manuals.

17. 2021 annual meeting dates. The committee agreed to meet virtually June 9-10.

18. Other business. The committee met jointly with the Division II Women's Golf Committee to discuss several topics including regional ranking dates, regional host sites, 2023-26 finals site recommendations and the schedule submission deadline.

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 June 15-17, 2020, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Jared Purvis, Valdosta State University.	
Craig Stensgaard, Northwest Nazarene University.	
Samantha Traver, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.	
Joe Vogl, Saginaw Valley State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Michael Brown, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
TJ Budd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Marcus El, Golfstat.	
Jared Fleet, Palm Beach County Sports Commission.	
Brian Laesch, Golfstat.	
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Ali Szafranski, 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:	
Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Maritza Jones, Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Governance.	