



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 22-23, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. 2027 East/Atlantic regional site recommendation.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following regional site for the 2027 Division II Men's Golf Championships.

Year	Region	Host/Venue
2027	East/Atlantic	Fairmont State University/Stonewall Resort

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The Division II Men's Golf Committee began accepting regional bids for 2027 in March 2025. In July 2025, the committee was able to make decisions and a recommendation on the South/Southeast and Central/Midwest regional for both 2027 and 2028 because they received at least 1-2 bids for each of those regionals and there was enough quality options within those one to two options. The committee was also able to make a decision on the 2028 South Central/West regional as they felt the bid was from an institution that has hosted the regional many times before and has done an amazing job. However, by July 2025 there were no bids to host the East/Atlantic regional for 2027 or 2028 and no bids to host the 2027 South Central/West regional. Due to this the committee extended the bid deadline to February 2026 for the 2027 East/Atlantic Regional, the 2027 South Central/West Regional, and the 2028 East/Atlantic Regional. The committee did not receive any bids for the East/Atlantic regional for either 2027 or 2028 but did receive two bids for the 2027 South Central/West regional by February 2026. The committee made a decision in March 2026 on the 2027 South Central/West regional but extended the bid deadline for the 2027 and 2028 East/Atlantic regionals until the middle of June to get any bids for the upcoming East/Atlantic regionals. At the conclusion of this year's 2026 championship.

The committee did receive two bids to host for the 2027 East/Atlantic regional. The committee felt that these two options would be the best options for the 2027 East/Atlantic Regional as since August there has been a heavy push with coaches/ hosts being reminded of the host opportunity by committee members, a mention at the GCAA convention, mentions during the Coaches Connection call, and a note within the DII

newsletter. The committee also felt that both options would be good hosts for the regionals as both courses are challenging to those competing and have either hosted this regional previously or have hosted major tournaments before.

The committee is recommending the Stonewall Resort as the budget expenditures were slightly more cost effective while offering better amenities. The committee also felt that the lodging options on-site seem to be slightly better at the Stonewall Resort compared to the other bid.

Since there were no bids for the East/ Atlantic regional in 2028, the committee will continue to push the East and Atlantic region teams to bid for the 2028 East/Atlantic regional. The committee will extend the East/Atlantic regional bid deadline to the end of December so those bids can be reviewed in the new year. The committee will alert the coaches/hosts in East and Atlantic regions of the availability to bid via email, DII Championships newsletter, at the coaches convention, and on coaches connection calls like they did for the 2027 regionals.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. The budget expenditure is expected at \$41,000. For reference, budget expenditures for regionals have usually been between \$39,000 and \$52,000
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Fairmont State University and the Stonewall Resort will provide quality student-athlete experiences during the 2027 East/Atlantic regional.

b. Region access to the regionals.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve a policy stating that if a region has fewer than 20 institutions, the access of that region to their regional is based on the proportionality to the total teams eligible to make the regional (with the region at jeopardy of losing bids getting the benefit of the round-up).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Last September, this committee recommended to the Championships Committee that when a region falls below 16 institutions, the access of the region to their regional should be based on the proportionally to the total teams eligible to make the regional. This became a point of emphasis to the men's golf committee as entering the 2025-26 season, the East Region had 15 institutions sponsoring men's golf while the Atlantic Region had 27 institutions sponsoring the sport. Under the previous policy, both regions had 10 teams qualifying for the East/Atlantic Regional, which gave the East Region teams an advantage to make the regional.

The Championships Committee approved the golf committee's recommendation, as it agreed that the issue with the East/Atlantic Region had to be justified. However the Championships Committee felt the 16-institution threshold was arbitrary and asked the golf committee to further consider this rule applying to all four regionals and not just

the East/Atlantic Region.

The golf committee considered the matter thoroughly and evaluated several ways to ensure all regions had equal access while also maintaining the ability for the best teams to qualify for the national championship. In short, the committee felt that eight regions that feed into four regionals for Division II men's golf helps to provide equal representation and opportunity to each and every region and golf program. The committee also felt that the standard 10 teams per region into a regional offers that same equal opportunity among the regions. The only time that this representation and opportunity could be questioned is when a region falls below 20 teams because at that point a region would have more than 50 percent access to the 10 available bids. The committee agreed that while fewer than 16 teams was a more arbitrary number, fewer than 20 is a number more set in fact when the access can begin to become unfair in having region teams having more than a 50 percent chance to make the regional.

Under this proposed policy the East/Atlantic and South Central/West Regionals would be impacted. If this recommendation is approved, for the 2026-27 academic year, the East Region would have seven teams (33 percent of the field) and the Atlantic Region would have 13 teams (67 percent of the field). The South Central Region and West Region would both have 10 teams each, as while the West Region is slightly under 20 teams (19 institutions are sponsoring men's golf in 2026-27), they still hold 48 percent of the field among the respective regional and the region at jeopardy of losing the bid should get the benefit of the round-up.

Region	Institutions sponsoring men's golf in 2026-27	Number of bids to Regional
East	14	7
Atlantic	28	13
Central	31	10
Midwest	35	10
South	25	10
Southeast	32	10
South Central	20	10
West	19	10

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The proposal ensures equitable access to the regional for student-athletes and helps ensure if student-athletes from one region have more than 50 percent access to the 10 available bids, their access is determined solely on proportionally and they are not offered any benefit over the other region that feeds into their regional.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda and annual meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the 2026 annual meeting schedule and agenda.
2. **Approval of 2025 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2025 committee meeting report as presented.
3. **National and regional advisory committees.** The committee reviewed the regional advisory committee rosters and noted anticipated changes for the upcoming academic year.
4. **Sports sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the current sponsorship list and noted adjustments in sponsorship and conference membership in Division II men's golf.
5. **2027 regional bid review.** The committee reviewed bids for the East/Atlantic Regional for the 2027 championship and recommended a host/site as noted in Action Item 2-a. The 2028 East/Atlantic Regional received no bids so the committee will reopen the bid process until November for that regional.
6. **Review of 2026 championships.** The committee reviewed the 2026 championships and noted the following:
 - a. **Regionals.** The committee reviewed survey responses and noted the experience of each of the regionals. The committee discussed possibly asking for additional NCAA patches to be sent to regionals so the substitute can also receive a patch. The committee was very happy with having the student-athletes live score at all four regionals. While the Central/Midwest Regional has had this policy in place for the last four years, the committee was very impressed with how the other three regionals were able to implement this for the first time this year. The committee noted recommending to future hosts a host spot being used in the areas where snacks are put to help with the live scoring process, which is what Valdosta State did at the South/Southeast Regional this year and it proved helpful to get scores to populate quickly. Overall, the committee was satisfied with how the regionals were conducted but will continue to discuss with rules officials, host tournament directors, and NCAA staff to make sure regionals continue to be a positive experience for all those involved. The committee also talked about crowning co-champions at regionals if ties exist. The committee will continue to talk about this in future meetings and with the women's committee and may propose this as a part of the next triannual budget cycle in two years.
 - b. **Finals.** The committee expressed its gratitude to UNLV, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and the Boulder Creek Golf Club for all their hard work putting on a successful championship. The committee reviewed comments from participants, hosts and officials, along with their own respective debriefs of the championship. The committee would have preferred to have stayed at the same hotel as the teams did, as while the HQ hotel was good they felt it would have been nice for everyone to have been under one roof even if that meant driving a little extra every day. In general the committee stated a preference when possible to have the whole championship be housed in one hotel. The

committee also wants to explore options for team hotels to offer laundry services. Even if the teams need to use the laundry facilities (as opposed to hotel staff doing it) this would help alleviate some pain points that teams encounter as they advance later into the championship. The committee also expressed wanting to add signage to each hole to remind student-athletes that they should be entering scores every hole. Overall, the committee was extremely satisfied in how the championship was conducted.

- c. **Regional advisory committees.** The committee will look to update their training courses regarding regional advisory committees in the upcoming year. The committee will look to meet with their RAC committees earlier in the new year to go over ground rules and help provide more education of the roles of RACs, how to use the criteria to make ranking and selection decisions, and the importance of confidentiality within the RACs.
- d. **Championship coverage.** The committee was once again pleased with the coverage of the event on social media this year. The committee thought it was a huge success for a second photographer being on site and all photos being shared with all teams. The fact that photos were able to be taken of all teams and their student-athletes was a huge success in the committee's eyes. The committee is still interested in increasing social media coverage of the event with additional aspects such as a video created for each team with at least one interview of each team during the competition that could be sent to each institution. They also would like to see current video recaps that are posted on ncaa.com be posted on NCAA socials as those videos are rarely viewed.
- e. **One Tee start.** The committee noted that if the championship returns to Las Vegas, tee times should begin at 6:30 a.m. opposed to 7:30 am due to the sunrise being earlier on the West Coast.
- f. **Rules officials.** The committee greatly appreciated the hard work of all the rules officials during regionals and the finals. The committee talked at length about the checkpoint system/pace of play and how it is used at regionals and the national championship. The committee will talk in the fall with Head Rules Official Mike Peluso on the checkpoint system/pace of play at the national championship.
- g. **Finals banquet.** The committee was very pleased with a breakfast buffet prior to the practice round serving as the de facto banquet at the national championship. Survey results from the teams at the national championship echoed the comments of the committee that the breakfast is the perfect banquet fit for golf as it allows teams the opportunity to be guaranteed a hearty breakfast prior to the practice round and allows teams to have more time to rest and relax prior to the first day of competition. The committee also noted the food served during the breakfast this year was truly amazing for what is usually received during golf championships. The committee will plan to continue the breakfast buffet as the de facto banquet going forward.

7. 2027 championships action plan.

- a. **Championship experience.** The committee discussed additional ways to enhance the

experience both at the regionals and finals. The committee will continue discussing with NCAA staff about how the experience at all four regionals can continue to be elevated. At the finals site, the committee spoke about adjustments to the Titleist gift that is given to all participating teams/individuals.

- b. **Committee responsibilities.** The committee reviewed and approved its responsibilities document for regionals and the finals. While responsibilities may change once the committee is on site, the documents provide a good basepoint for the committee members to understand their role.
- c. **Tee times.** Similar to last year, the committee talked at length about possibly adjusting tee times for the regionals and the national championship. The committee will continue considering throughout the year whether an adjustment is necessary for regionals. However, the committee did adjust the tee times at the national championship for a two-tee start on Day 3 of competition to allow for the awards ceremony/pairings party to begin earlier and allow more rest for the teams that qualify for the medal match play rounds of the national championship.
- d. **Regional allocations for the 2027 championship.** The number of regional berths to the 2027 championship will be as follows: South/Southeast – 7; Atlantic/East – 3; Midwest/Central – 4; and South Central/West – 6.
- 8. **Finals bid process.** Staff informed the committee that the bid process for the 2029-2031 finals will open later this summer and will close in late fall. Bids will be reviewed in late 2026 and early 2027.
- 9. **Manuals.** The committee discussed the updates needed in the golf manuals. The committee discussed possibly adding more prescribed penalties for certain championship policies. The committee will talk with NCAA staff on what latitude they have to prescribe certain penalties and will work as a group as to what the prescribed penalties should be (if necessary) in coming months.
- 10. **Golf Statistics.** The committee discussed the Professor Broadie rankings that are posted on Clippd outside of the national committee ranking dates. The committee will continue discussing the rankings that are posted on Clippd throughout the fall and spring.
- 11. **Policy review.**

 - a. **Regional access to the regional.** Per direction from the Championships Committee, the committee revisited its discussion regarding how access to a regional is based and agreed to recommend a new policy for regions with fewer than 20 teams. (See Action Item 2-b.)
 - b. **Tournament schedule submission deadline.** The committee noted the beginning of the fall season as the registration deadline and Feb. 1 as the tournament submission deadline.
 - c. **Regional allocations to the finals.** Currently 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 is capped at seven and if that were to occur, the next highest finisher not from that region will receive that spot for their region, with the non-sudden death tiebreaker being used if necessary. The caveat to this policy was that allocations would return to five per region every four years with the reset aligning with the current schedule of the National Championships Festival. With last year's decision to sunset the festival, the committee considered possibly adjusting this policy but ultimately decided to keep this policy intact so that regional allocations would return to five per region every four years beginning with the 2028 championship (retaining the alignment as if the festivals had continued). The committee felt that while the policy might have originally been put into place to allow equal opportunities for regionals to attend the national championship festival there is still a need to ensure equal access to the national championship every four years. This policy levels the playing field every four years for each regional to earn additional bids as opposed to not resetting the bid allocations every four years, which would annually create an increased opportunity for certain regionals to earn extra bids.

- d. **Spectator golf carts.** The committee agreed that the spectator cart policy at regionals and the national championship should remain the same as years previous.
- e. **Student-athletes as advice-givers.** The committee notes this policy should remain in place. Student-athletes may not serve as advice-givers.
- f. **Substitutions at regionals and finals.** The committee agreed the substitution policy at regionals and the national championships shall remain the same as previous years.
- g. **Medal match play vs. match play.** The committee agreed that medal match play will remain the policy going forward at the national championship.
- h. **Electronic scoring at regionals and finals.** The committee agreed that live scoring from Clipd will be used at regionals and the national championship. The committee agreed that the policy shall remain the same as it was in 2026 in that at both regionals and the national championship, 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 continue providing electronic scoring over volunteers who can help input live scores in the event of any on-site issues.
- i. **Tiebreaking procedures.** The committee reviewed and agreed to retain the current tiebreaking procedures except for making a slight change for the quarterfinal and semifinal medal match play rounds during the national championship. The committee will look to implement a sudden-death playoff (playing out all tie matches) as opposed to the non-sudden death tiebreaker currently in place. The committee will discuss this more in the fall/early spring to formally adjust the policy prior to manuals being released.

12. Discussion with Division II Women's Golf Committee. The men's and women's committees discussed a variety of topics to help align operations.

- a. **Championships committee updates.** The committees reviewed the most recent actions taken by the Division II Championships Committee as information.
- b. **Coaches Connection update.** The committees received updates from the Coaches Connection liaison, Fran Reidy.
- c. **Governance updates.** The committees received updates from the Division II governance staff regarding the division's strategic priorities and initiatives. The committee also discussed marketing and social media for Division II golf championships.
- d. **Professor Mark Broadie.** The committees reviewed factors to consider developing a Division II regional golf ranking ahead of the 2026-27 season. In the fall, the committees will review preliminary data provided by Mr. Broadie before considering next steps.
- e. **Consistency across genders.**
 - i. **2026-27 proposed men's and women's golf rules modifications.** The committees discussed one rules modification proposals recently received from the membership and took no action on any of the proposals.
 - ii. **Substitution policy.** The committees agreed to maintain the current substitution policy.
 - iii. **Student-athletes as advice-givers.** The committees agreed that student-athletes should not serve as advice-givers.
 - iv. **Student-athletes electronic scoring at regionals and finals.** The committees 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 committees also encouraged hosts to provide electronic scoring rover volunteers who can assist with inputting live scores in the event of any onsite issues.
 - v. **Practice facility/course access.** The committees agree to keep the same practice facility/course access policies.
 - vi. **Medal play vs. match play.** The committees discussed the feedback received from the membership survey based on medal match play vs. match play at the national championships. The committee supports continuing the medal match play format at the championships, as it ensures every hole directly contributes to the overall team

result. This format emphasizes strategy, accountability and sustained performance, requiring student-athletes to compete through all 18 holes without conceding opportunities. By combining elements of stroke play and match play, it more effectively identifies the most complete team performance while maintain a high level of competitiveness and student-athlete experience.

- vii. **Standard bearers at finals site.** The committees agreed that standard bearers will no longer be one of the volunteer positions in the championships because incorrect scores were displayed during the competition this past year and previous championships years.
- viii. **Tiebreaking procedures.** The committees reviewed their tiebreaking procedures and noted some slight differences. The women's committee will keep its procedures, and the men's committee will reference the women's tiebreaking procedures and make some updates in their manuals.
- ix. **Student-athlete welcome reception.** The committees discussed the transition from championship banquets to student-athlete welcome receptions held before the practice round and expressed strong support for this year's receptions. The committee noted that the revised format allows teams to spend the evening before competition begins together and supports continuing the welcome reception format for this championship season.
- x. **Annual joint meeting.** The committees agreed June 21-22 will be the dates for the 2027 joint virtual annual meeting.
- xi. **Regionals/final site allocations.** The men's committee updated the women's committee on discussions regarding allocations to regionals and to the finals site. The men's committee will follow up with the women's committee after the Championships Committee considers the men's committee's proposals for regional and finals site allocations. The women's committee also separately reviewed regional bid allocation concepts for further consideration at a later date.
- xii. **Allow one or more rounds of "fewer than 18 holes" to factor into the regional results.** Both committees support continuing 18-hole stipulated rounds to ensure individual and team advancements are based on a complete round of golf.

13. Review of the committee calendar. The committee discussed the committee calendar for the 2026-27 season.

14. Regional rankings. The committee noted that the timeline for the 2026-27 regional rankings would remain the same as last year with rankings taking place on Fridays. The 2026-27 regional ranking dates are: March 12, 2027; March 26, 2027; and April 9, 2027.

15. Committee roster. The committee reviewed the 2026-27 roster, noting that a new member will be added on Sept. 1 to replace Jeremy Benoit, whose four-year term ends Aug. 31. The

committee thanked Jeremy for his four years of amazing service to Division II Men's Golf including serving two years as chair.

16. 2026-27 Division II Men's Golf Committee chair appointment. The committee appointed David Lynn as chair for the 2026-27 season.

17. Annual meeting. The committee will hold its next annual meeting June 21-22, 2027. It will be a virtual meeting.

Committee Chair: *Jeremy Benoit, Goldey-Beacom College; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *Antonio Cannavaro, Championships and Alliances*

Division II Men's Golf Committee June 22-23, 2026, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Jeremy Benoit, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Troy Halterman, University of Missouri-St. Louis.	
David Lynn, Oklahoma Christian University.	
Joey Marino, Nova Southeastern University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Ben Greenberg, Colorado State University Pueblo.	
Dominic Guarnieri, University of Findlay.	
Travis Muncy, Lincoln Memorial University.	
Fran Reidy, Coaches Connection.	
Alex Schmitz, Minnesota State University, Mankato.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.	
Mariah Martin, Championships and Alliances.	
Katie Mucci, Division II Governance.	