



NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF FAQ AND QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

2024 REGIONAL HOST SITES: (May 6-8)

- East Regional: Prairie View GC, Carmel, IN (University of Indianapolis)
- South Regional: Cleveland CC, Cleveland, TN (Lee University)
- West Regional: Brookside CC, Stockton, CA (Stockton)
- Central Regional: Hillcrest CC, Bartlesville, OK (Rogers State University)

2024 REGIONAL QUALIFIERS:

- East Regional: 15 teams + 6 individuals
- South Regional: 12 teams + 6 individuals
- West Regional: 12 teams + 6 individuals
- Central Regional: 9 teams + 6 individuals

2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: (May 21-25) **festival year

- Orange County National (Panther Lake Course), Winter Garden, FL

2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD/QUALIFIERS (18 teams + 8 individuals)

**6 individuals will be the top 2 from each regional not on a qualifying team*

- West region: 5, East region: 5, Central region: 3, South region: 5

The number of teams is selected is based on each region's guaranteed qualifying spots (based on region access ratio, East 5, West 4, South 4, Central 3) and the two at-large teams will be awarded to the region of the teams in the national championship final. (Dallas Baptist and Nova Southeastern)

2023-24 NCAA NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma.
- Brent Nicoson, University of Indianapolis.
- Suzanne Strudwick, Carson-Newman University.
- Ben Greenberg, Colorado State University – Pueblo.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 4th day of class/September 7 is first day of allowable practice.
- October 1: Roster submission to Clippd .
- December 4-6: WGCA / GCAA Joint National Convention in Las Vegas, NV.
- Schedule Submission Deadline Coming Soon.

POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must play 7 tournaments with a posted team score, 12 rounds, 6 of which must be in the championship segment.
- Must play 50 Division II opponents, 40 of which must be in region opponents **OR** 50% of opponents must be Division II, 40 of which must be in region opponents.
- Individuals – Same post season requirements as teams.

NEW FORMAT RECOGNITION: (new in 2023-24)

- Division II now permits competitions using play six count five and play six count four formats as countable for selections

COMMUNICATION AT THE 2024 NCAA SPRING SPORTS FESTIVAL:

- Please note, the NCAA will be using **Event Direct** as the official mobile communication platform for the 2024 DII Festival. **All participating coaches will be required to download the app this spring.** GroupMe will still be used for golf specific info and questions during the tournament.

POST SEASON AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

- Coaches **MUST** be a member of the WGCA for players on his/her team to be eligible for WGCA post season awards including All-Region, All-American, Freshman of the Year, Player of the Year Coach of the Year www.wgcagolf.com

MAXIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION / JV TEAM ENTRY:

- Maximum: 21 dates of competition (post season does not count, 36-hole days count as only 1 date used)
- Players may participate as a member of a JV team entered in a tournament however, each individual is only allowed to play in 21 dates of competition, regardless if JV or varsity. A player **CANNOT EXCEED** 21 dates of competition.
- If the JV team is a **separate and distinct** team from the varsity team, each team will have 21 dates of competition to use. However, if any player floats and participates at any time on both teams, the player can only use 21 dates of competition between the two teams.
- A second team or individuals playing in a separate tournament but **ON THE SAME DAY** as the varsity team is playing, does **NOT** trigger another date of competition used.

REGIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Head-to-head competition.
- Results vs. common opponents.
- Results vs. in-region opponents.
- Spring results compared to fall results.
- Strength of schedule.
- Scoring average.
- Eligibility and availability of student athletes.

GREEN READING MATERIAL:

- Allowed through the 2023-24 season, the topic will be re-visited for 2024-25 season

SUBSTITUTION POLICY: (new in 2023-24)

- Teams will now be allowed to use substitutes at the NCAA Regional and National Championship between any round of stroke play or between any matches. The substitution can be submitted to the committee up until 10 minutes prior to the tee time in stroke play and 10 minutes prior to the selection of matches for the head to head competition. If a player is taken out of the lineup in the stroke play portion of the championship, the individual will incur official head-to-head losses to all players in the field who complete the 54 holes of stroke play.

COACHES ALLOWABLE ACTIONS IN TOURNAMENTS:

- Rules for Coaches Rule 24 covers Team Competitions and is crucial to the actions that can be taken by coaches (termed Advice Givers in the Rules) when giving or receiving advice from other members of the team, including players and, if allowed, another coach.
- Individual Players in Regionals or Championships may only have one Advice Giver.
- Teams are limited to two Advice Givers.
- Advice Givers may not be a current athlete or a parent who is not employed by the institution.
- Beyond the limitations in their role of coaching players, coaches generally have the same restrictions under the rules of golf that a caddie would be subject to, although coaches are not caddies and may not perform routine caddie duties. Rule 10.2b(2) limits assistance that anyone, including an Advice Giver can give to the player regarding the Line of Play or other Directional Information. Rule 10.2b(4) has been interpreted by the USGA as also applying to Advice Givers. The Rules have established a “Restricted Area” where the caddie or coach may not stand on an extension of the line of play behind the player.
- Coaches should be particularly careful with assisting a player with their clubs or moving the player’s bag or pushcart, as this is a primary duty of a Caddie, performing this task puts the coach in jeopardy of being classified as a Caddie, which is prohibited. Cell Phones (Electronic Communication Devices): The use of cellular phones and other electronic devices can be distracting to other players and their use is discouraged, except to input scores for live scoring, use electronic yardage books (where permitted), call for rules assistance, or call for an emergency. Repeated use of a cell phone during a tournament may be considered a serious breach of etiquette. Electronic yardage books can be an issue with compliance with the respective Rule. The ability to zoom or enlarge an image on the screen of a phone could violate the size limits on green reading materials set by the USGA.

FROM HEAD RULES OFFICIAL REAGARINDG NCAA HARD CARD:

(SPECIAL ATTENTION from coaches who coach both genders)

- During a comparison of the Spring 2023 NCAA Hard Card for DII Men and DII Women, the following difference were noted:

(these differences will be reviewed at a later time in a continued effort to align both genders)

- Bunkers – exposed liners
 - Women: relief is automatic for bunker liners for lie and swing but not stance
 - Men: relief “may be given” depending on a Committee decision
- Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green (MLR F-5)
 - Women: is in effect
 - Men: is not in effect
- One Ball Rule (MLR G-4)
 - Women: is not in effect
 - Men: is in effect
- Transportation (MLR G-6)
 - Women: allowed transportation is
 - playing under stroke and distance
 - using a restroom
 - for medical assistance
 - Men: allowed transportation is for playing under stroke and distance
- Replacing a Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged
 - Women: is not in effect
 - Men: is in effect
- Other than the items noted above, the hard cards have the same intent and rules; some wording is different, but the results do not change.

ADVICE GIVERS:

- In accordance with Rule 24.4 (except that a team member playing in the competition or current student athlete may not be an Advice Giver), and in modification to Model Local Rule H-2, each team may appoint up to two persons who may give advice to member of that team provided that:
 - a. Such persons are designated by the institution’s athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serve in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis; and
 - b. They must not be a current student-athlete; and
 - c. They must be identified to the committee before giving advice; and
 - d. They must wear the identification band, when provided.
 - In addition, if a competitor asks or allows the Advice Giver to violate a Rule on her behalf, of if she does not take steps to stop such an action by the Advice Giver, the player will be subject to penalty for the violation in question.

Note: Such persons are considered outside influences and not part of their player’s side. They should give advice in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. They should give advice to, and receive advice from, only competing members of their team or their other designated coach and not from any other representative of their team, any other team’s players or coaches or any other outside influences. If, during a round, such persons do not act in accordance with the Note to this Condition, their appointment is subject to revocation and they would be required to leave the course for the remainder of the round

- A coaching staff may only utilize 1 golf cart during tournament play.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY at NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: (change for 2023-24)

- The checkpoint system will be eliminated from NCAA Championships. Pace of play monitoring and rule administration will be handled by the Head Rules Official and his/her team and handled on a case by case basis.

COACHES CADDYING FOR CURRENT PLAYERS:

- Coaches in NCAA Division II are **NOT** allowed to caddy for their current players or recruits in summer/outside tournaments with the following exceptions: United States national championships (US Amateur, US Open – qualifiers NOT included).

WHERE CAN COACHES FIND A MASTER LIST OF TOURNAMENTS TO POSSIBLY ENTER:

- Scoreboard powered by Clippd will post scheduled tournaments with teams who have entered under a “upcoming tournaments” tab. Current and previous tournaments will also be listed under different tabs at [SCOREBOARD - Upcoming Tournaments \(clippd.com\)](http://SCOREBOARD - Upcoming Tournaments (clippd.com))

REGIONAL / NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BID SUBMISSION:

- Bid information: www.ncaa.org/bids (Final Site)
- [Regional Bid Process](#)
- We encourage coaches from all regions solicit bids at championship caliber facilities for upcoming years for both regional and national tournaments.

BID INFORMATION

- If interested in submitting bids for the currently bid cycles. Please review some best practices below -
 - Utilize the “upload feature to attach any materials or documents that speak directly to your interest or any unique details/plans for hosting the championship.
 - Identify a budget that aligns with the 3year average expenditures –

Expenditures Three-Year Average (REGIONALS)	
Total Expenses	\$19,704.51
Promotion	\$550.28
Facility	\$13,369.86
Personnel	\$2,137.591
Entertainment	\$1,071.30
Equipment	\$355.25
Officiating Expenses	\$2,200.22
Tickets	n/a

- When reviewing and considering sites the committee will be interested in detail about the course and course history, hotels in the area, staff and support plans, and what type of experience the student athletes and coaches can expect to have.

CONTACT INFORMATION FROM CLIPPD

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