



# PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26 MANUAL

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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## Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men’s championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women’s championships, eight are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

### Section 1•1 Definitions

**Prechampionship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

**Appendices.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

**Championship Manager.** The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

**Games Committee.** The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

**NCAA National Committee.** The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Non-predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

**Site Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes’ optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

## **Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies**

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### **MISCONDUCT**

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

### **FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

## **Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy**

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Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETES**

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

### **POSTSEASON**

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

### **HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES**

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

## **Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey**

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During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

## Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

## Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [ncaa.com/travel](#) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [Health, Safety & Performance website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

## Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

## Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

## Section 10 • Division II

### Section 10•1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the constitution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate. Division II members abide by the following principles that help define and distinguish the division: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution's educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution's budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a "partial scholarship" model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This "Life in the Balance" emphasis facilitates learning through: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(1) **Academics.** Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(2) **Athletics.** Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division's 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA's three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(3) **Community Engagement.** Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(4) **Postgraduation Success.** Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a "game environment" initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division's governance structure. (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

## Section 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

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### CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, institutional chancellor/president, institutional athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

### MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: "... any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics."

### EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship(s) packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship(s) events.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the championship(s).
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship competition.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel traveling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in a honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship(s) site.
- Abide by federal, state and local laws and regulations and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

## POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, enroute to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancelation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the chancellor/president of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

## Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

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All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, prechampionship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

This policy applies to the following sports: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball.

## Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

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Division II promotes a game environment that is respectful and engaging for everyone through the Make Game Day Yours initiative. The initiative aims to create a positive game environment at Division II contests and promotes excellent customer service among hosts to both teams' fans, student-athletes, coaches and game officials.

Championship hosts should keep in mind the importance of safety, responsiveness and dignity in order to achieve a positive experience. We ask that each participant and fan be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Make Game Day Yours.

## Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

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*[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]*

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete Sunday if required by the schedule).

# Division II Women's Golf

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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**Travis Muncy**, Lincoln Memorial University

**Ben Greenberg**, Colorado State University, Pueblo

## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

Sports committees shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective districts or regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season.

### **CENTRAL**

<b>Alex Schmitz, chair</b>	<b>Minnesota St.</b>
Rachael Page	Neb.-Kearney
David Salley	Henderson St.
Derrick Taylor	Southern Nazarene
Chris Port	Central Mo.
Allison Meadows	Concordia-St. Paul

### **EAST**

<b>Dom Guarnieri, chair</b>	<b>Findlay</b>
Christina Paone	Walsh
Hayley Treadway	Wis.-Parkside
Larry Hamilton	Wayne St. (MI)
Brian Moeller	Rockhurst
Andy Serketich	ULindy
Chuck McGill	MEC
Cami Roberts	West Va. Wesleyan
Sagemarie George	Saint Anselm
Kristen Shine	Adelphi
Scott Stano	Gannon
Kyle Bennett	California (PA)

## DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF

### SOUTH

Travis Muncy, chair	Lincoln Memorial
Hunter Chandley	Tusculum
Madison Freeman	Erskine
Morgan Sheehan	UNC Pembroke
Kenny Bizot	Mississippi Col.
Kristen Dorsey	West Florida
Mary Rob Plunkett	North Georgia
Santiago Cavanagh	Flagler
Amanda Green	Eckerd
Lyndsey Bevill	Saint Leo

### WEST

Ben Greenberg, chair	CSU Pueblo
Denise Larson	Westminster (UT)
Carol Rivera	CCAA
Greg Hutton	Cal St. San Marcos
Kali Barber	Seattle Pacific
Josh Ault	Dominican (CA)
Hanna Lantz	Tex. A&M-Kingsville
Connor McCarthy	St. Mary's
Robert Ruiz	Westmont
Fred Sutton	Northwest Nazarene

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### EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting before the start of the championship with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet, and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament), or when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship ceremonies.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

## POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 18.02.4, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one, or a combination of, the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the championship event. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved and/or banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individuals involved;
- Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;
- Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships; and/or
- Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year's championship experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

## **Section 1•5 Important Dates**

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<b>Oct. 1</b>	Deadline for team rosters to be registered with Scoreboard by Clippd.
<b>Feb. 1</b>	Deadline to finalize schedules with Scoreboard by Clippd.
<b>March 13</b>	Regional Ranking No. 1.
<b>March 27</b>	Regional Ranking No. 2.
<b>April 10</b>	Regional Ranking No. 3.
<b>April 24</b>	Results due to Scoreboard by Clippd.
<b>April 26</b>	Selections for regional competition.
<b>May 4-6</b>	Regional competition (St. Joseph, Missouri; Findlay, Ohio; Cleveland, Tennessee; and Pueblo, Colorado).
<b>May 12-16</b>	NCAA Division II National Championships – PGA National Resort; Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Palm Beach Atlantic University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission, hosts.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

#### **2026 Regionals – May 4-6**

<b>Central Regional</b>	St. Joseph Country Club, St. Joseph, Missouri; Missouri Western State University and St. Joseph, MO Sports Commission, hosts.
<b>East Regional</b>	Findlay Country Club, Findlay, Ohio; University of Findlay, host.
<b>South Regional</b>	Cleveland Country Club, Cleveland, Tennessee; Lee University, host.
<b>West Regional</b>	Pueblo Country Club, Pueblo, Colorado; Colorado State University Pueblo, hosts.

#### **2026 Finals – May 12-16**

PGA National Resort; Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; Palm Beach Atlantic University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission, hosts.

### **DATE FORMULA**

<b>Regionals</b>	One week before finals (Monday-Wednesday).
<b>Finals</b>	Second full week in May (Tuesday-Saturday).

### **FUTURE DATES**

#### **2027 Regionals – May 3-5**

<b>Central Regional</b>	Meadowlark Hill Golf Course, Kearney, Nebraska; University of Nebraska Kearney, host.
<b>East Regional</b>	Nemacolin, Farmington, Pennsylvania; University of Findlay, host.
<b>South Regional</b>	Chattahoochee Golf Club, Gainesville, Georgia; University of North Georgia, host.
<b>West Regional</b>	Victoria Club, Riverside, California; California State University San Marcos, host.

#### **2027 Finals – May 11-15**

Mission Resort + Club; Orlando, Florida; Rollins College and Greater Orlando Sports Commission, hosts.

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## **Section 1•6 Equipment**

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The type of equipment (i.e., balls, clubs) to be used shall be determined by the individual team and must be acceptable under the Rules of Golf. The one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. Golf bags must have the name or logo of the school on them.

Players and coaches will be required to use spikeless shoes during regional and championships competition. This includes all practice rounds. Penalty for breach of this condition is two strokes per hole with a maximum of four strokes. As soon as a breach has been discovered, the player must immediately make the appropriate changes to conform to the policy. Rule 4.3 by Model Local Rule 6.7 is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear shoes with:

- Traditional spikes—that is, spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic or other materials); or
- Spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal may come in contact with the course Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3

Electronic communication (e.g., telephones, two-way radios) may be used by coaches in a private manner that does not disrupt play or practice. Violations will be considered misconduct. Exception: Electronic devices may be used by the coaching staff to monitor live scoring of that event only. Earphones are not permitted to be used when monitoring live scoring.

## Section 1.7 Rules

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Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports where the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules of Golf with the conditions listed below. Decisions regarding the Rules of Golf shall be final and cannot be appealed.

The following rules apply to championships competition.

1. **Advice.** 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, or 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.*

2. **Misconduct.** In addition to the following policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes should understand the misconduct policies described in Section 1.4 and NCAA Bylaws 18.02.4. Unsportsmanlike conduct – a player (or coach, if coach violation) will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning for unsporting conduct (e.g., willful acts of defacing the golf course; misuse of electronic devices, including MP3 players and cellphones, etc.; club throwing or breaking; abusive language; or violation of the tobacco policy).

The NCAA Division II Women's Golf Committee is responsible for assessing all penalties.

- Second occurrence in the same day – the player (or coach, if coach violation) will be disqualified for that round.
- Third occurrence during the championships – will result in disqualification from the championships.

3. **Pace of Play.** Rule 5.6 states, in part: A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes and thereafter recommends a Committee Pace of Play Policy including application of penalties. In order to prevent any such penalties, it is suggested that the following Committee Pace of Play Policy be carefully reviewed:
  - **Pace of Play Matrix** – The Rules Committee will establish a pace of play matrix for each Regional and the National Championship specifying the amount of time allowed for each hole, the turn and the full round. The time matrix will be published as a separate document for each Regional and the National Championship.
  - **Player Responsibilities** – The first group must play within the allotted time. All subsequent groups must play within the allotted time OR the last player to finish each hole must do so within 15 minutes of when the last player in the group immediately ahead finished that same hole.
  - **Out of Position/Timing** – A group is out of position if the players do not meet the responsibilities listed above. A group that is out of position will be advised that they are out of position, are subject to timing and will be assisted in returning to position. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. Timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is their turn to play and they are able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. A player does not receive any additional time when a coach is present.
4. **Slow Play.** Rule 5.6 states, in part: If a player is observed by a Referee to take more than 120 seconds to play a stroke, they will be notified of the excessive shot time and may be timed, even if the group is in position. This is a breach of Rule 5.6 Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play. After notification, the player is liable to penalty (Section 5) for shots exceeding 40 seconds.
  - **Penalties** – Players are liable for penalties for breach of this Local Rule. Penalties in Rule 5.6 are modified as:
    - First Bad Time: Verbal warning.
    - Second Bad Time: One-stroke penalty.
    - Third Bad Time: General penalty (in addition to penalty above).
    - Fourth Bad Time: Disqualification for that round.

*Any penalty appeals will be heard in scoring at the conclusion of the round, before the scorecard is officially returned.*

The Rules of Golf shall be followed along with any local rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the respective golf committees and the golf rules officials will be available for interpretations of the rules and other decisions governing the competition. Penalties based on the Rules of Golf are not subject to appeal.

## Section 1•8 Uniforms

Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of similar color. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear slacks or shorts at the individual's discretion, provided they are of similar color and are considered the team uniform.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. Please refer to the participant manual for the definition of appropriate attire at each specific golf course.

### LOGOS

**Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.** Logo guidelines apply to both the regular season and championships competition.

As authorized by the institution or conference, an additional commemorative or memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes) to be worn by a team is allowed as long as no safety hazard is created. The patch shall be contained within a four-sided geometrical space (i.e., rectangle) with an area that does not exceed 4 square inches and must be placed on the front or sleeve of the jersey and may not interfere with any required markings. While not all team members are required to wear the patch, the patch must be identical for those who choose to wear the patch.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championships Format

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The format for the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships is determined by the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Committee subject to the approval of the Association's Division II Championships Committee.

At the finals, all 18 teams and 8 individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of stroke play, an individual champion will be declared along with finishers 2-10 based on cumulative total score and any applicable tiebreakers. The top eight teams after 54 holes of play will be placed into a bracket and seeded based on 54-hole scores. The pairings for the quarterfinals will be Seed No. 1 versus Seed No. 8, Seed No. 2 versus Seed No. 7, Seed No. 3 versus Seed No. 6 and Seed No. 4 versus Seed No. 5, competing in medal play aka medal match play (stroke play over 18 holes and low score wins).

Lineups will be determined using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches. The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 54-hole stroke-play portion) will be designated "Team 1" and will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match No. 1. The opposing team, "Team 2," will then name its player for Match No. 1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match No. 2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match No. 2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Pairings for both the stroke play and medal play aka medal match play portion of the finals can be found at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) on the Division II Women's Golf page.

The Women's Golf Committee has the ability to institute an administrative cut after 36 holes. The administrative cut will only occur after all other options to complete 54 holes of play by all 98 participants have been exhausted.

**Regionals.** Regional advisory committees will recommend regional selections to the Division II Women's Golf Committee. Four, 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Eighteen (18) teams in the east, central, south and west regions; along with six individuals, not on those teams, will compete at regionals. The low five (5) teams in the east and west regionals and the low four (4) teams in the central and south regional; along with the low two (2) individuals, not on those teams, will advance to the finals. Tiebreakers and playoffs will be used to determine team and individual champions and advancement to the finals. Regional tournaments are considered preliminary rounds of NCAA championships competition and all national championships policies will apply. [See Appendix A for regional tiebreaking procedures.](#)

**Finals.** The championships will consist of team and individual competition conducted concurrently. The maximum number of participants allowed at the finals is 98 (18 teams and 8 individuals). All participants will compete throughout the entire 54 holes of stroke play, an individual champion will be declared along with finishers 2-10 based on cumulative total score and any applicable tiebreakers. In the team competition, the top 8 teams after 54 holes of play will be placed into a bracket and seeded based on 54-hole scores. The pairings for the quarterfinals will be Seed #1 versus Seed #8; Seed #2 versus Seed #7; Seed #3 versus Seed #6 and Seed #4 versus Seed #5, competing in medal play aka medal match play (stroke play over 18 holes and low score wins). Each team match will consist of five points, with one point being awarded for each individual match, or in the case of a tied matched, two half-points. Winning teams will advance to semifinals and subsequently, the finals. Each individual match will be played to its completion and the first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match, be declared the national champion. In the event that a team match is tied after all five individual matches, the total strokes of the five players from each team will be calculated with the winning team having the fewest strokes. [See Appendix B for finals tiebreaking procedures.](#)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>April 26</b>	Selections for regional competition.
<b>May 4-6</b>	Regional competition.
<b>May 12-16</b>	NCAA Division II Women's Golf National Championships – PGA National Resort; Palm Beach Atlantic University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission, hosts.

**PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES**

Pairings and tee times for competition will be determined following selections for each of the four regional sites, and after completion of regional competition for the finals site. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules. Tee times for individuals from the same team will be adjusted so that they are not competing with their teammates. Practice rounds at regionals and finals will be a shotgun format.

**TRAVEL PARTY**

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. For regionals, travel party size for teams is five (5) student-athletes and two (2) coaches; for individuals one (1) student-athlete and one (1) coach. For finals, travel party size for teams is six (6) student-athletes and two (2) coaches; for individuals one (1) student-athlete and one (1) coach. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding travel party size, transportation and per diem expenses.

[Travel policies](http://ncaa.org) can be found online at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

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**Section 2•2 Results**

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**SCOREBOARD BY CLIPPED**

The committee will use Scoreboard by Clippd to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Scoreboard by Clippd and register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

1. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit results from its tournament into Scoreboard by Clippd no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, two days following the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Scoreboard by Clippd not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday. Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established time frame will be assessed a financial penalty of \$200 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$600.
2. Last day for results to be considered for selection purposes will be April 24.
3. If a regular-season tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four out of five, four out of six or five out of six scoring, the tournament director must submit the format to the committee not later than Oct. 1.
4. Institutions that fail to fully register with Scoreboard by Clippd may be assessed a monetary fine.
5. For any regular-season competition to be considered for selection purposes, the competition must be conducted on a golf course that meets a minimum of 5,600 yards.
6. Medal play aka medal match play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, medal play should follow the following procedures.

**5-Player Format**

- One point for each individual match (tiebreak not mandatory on individual matches).
- Two-, four-, eight- or 16-team event.
- Team tiebreak should be determined as indicated in [Appendix A for regionals](#) and [Appendix B for finals](#).

## REGISTERED TOURNAMENT STANDARDS

All tournaments and competition must meet specified minimum standards and be registered with the computer center. The host coach is responsible for ensuring these standards are upheld. These standards include:

1. Effective with the 2019-20 season, the Division II Women's Golf Committee approved that the minimum yardage be set relative to par.
  - Par 70 – 5,600
  - Par 71 – 5,700
  - Par 72 – 5,800
  - Par 73 – 5,900
2. The USGA's Rules of Golf will be followed.
3. If a regular-tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four of five, four out of six or five out of six, the tournament director must submit the format to the committee not later than Oct. 1.
4. Disqualification for breach of the rules of golf applies only to that round.
5. If, due to injury or illness, a player is unable to start or finish a round, that player is eligible to play in subsequent rounds with the approval of the rules committee.
6. Players must carry their own bags or use nonmotorized pull carts. Players may ride in golf carts for shuttle purposes only. The only exception to this is if a player is permanently disabled.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### AT-LARGE SELECTION

The Division II philosophy assures there is representation from each region (Reference: Regionalization statements in the Division II General Section). The best teams and individuals will be selected at-large from those regions.

### IN-REGION COMPETITION

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.

### QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Seven contests posting an official score and 12 rounds (six of which must occur in the championship segment).

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Nineteen conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2026 regionals:

California Collegiate Athletic Association	Mountain East Conference
Conference Carolinas	Northeast 10 Conference
Great American Conference	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Pacific West Conference
Great Lakes Valley Conference	Peach Belt Conference
Great Midwest Athletic Conference	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Gulf South Conference	South Atlantic Conference
Lone Star Conference	Sunshine State Conference
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

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In addition to Bylaw 18.4.3, the Women's Golf Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the women's golf championships:

- Head-to-Head competition;
- Results vs. common opponents;
- Results vs. in-region opponents;
- Spring results compared to fall results;
- Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and head-to-head-to-head grid vs. par);
- Strength of schedule (number of teams in tournaments, rounds of competition and overall strength-of-tournament fields); and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

*NOTE: The criteria will be prioritized in the above order if a decision cannot be reached.*

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## Appendix A • Tiebreaking Procedures (Regionals)

### TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

#### (TEAMS MUST BE DETERMINED BEFORE INDIVIDUALS)

If conditions and time permit, ties shall be broken during a sudden-victory playoff counting all five scores (relative to par). The committee will determine the sequence of holes. Time limitations may dictate a shotgun start as determined by the committee. The team playoff will be conducted first.

**At regionals, concurrent playoffs may be conducted at the sole discretion of the committee based on factors, including:**

- The number of playoffs required.
- The amount of daylight available.
- The committee's ability to conduct multiple playoffs based on staffing and logistics capabilities.

This will typically involve having an individual playoff at the same time as a team playoff as it is not logistically feasible to conduct two different team playoffs concurrently. If the committee determines that concurrent playoffs are feasible and necessary, individual playoffs may be held (on different holes) at the same time as a team playoff, provided all players involved in the individual playoff are not members of any team that is (or will be) in any team playoff.

**For all playoffs, the following procedure will be used:**

- All five scores against par on each hole until a winner is determined.
- Substitutions may be made up to 10 minutes before the start of the playoff.

#### Team Tiebreakers.

##### Team tiebreakers where two or three teams play in groups of five:

- Team positions A and B or A, B and C will be determined by lot or coin toss. After the draw for team position, coaches will determine which players will be in each group.

##### Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

A	B	A	B	A
B	A	B	A	B

##### Three teams

A	B	C	A	B
C	A	B	C	A
B	C	A	B	C

##### Team tiebreakers using shotgun format:

- Teams will be assigned to position A, B, C and so on based upon the team ranking position at the start of the regional with the highest ranked team being A and so on.
- Player positions one through five will be assigned based on the player position submitted by the team prior to the start of Round 1 of the regional. If a sub is used, that sub will take the position of the player that the sub is replacing in the line up.

### SHOTGUN FORMAT

#### Two teams

A #5	B #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	playoff hole 1

**Three teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	playoff hole 1

**Four teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1

**Five teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	E #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	E #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	E #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	E #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	E #1	playoff hole 1

At regionals, ties will be broken for purposes of advancement and for regional team trophy champions.

## INDIVIDUAL TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

### Individuals

At regionals, individual ties will be broken during a sudden-victory playoff for the individual regional champion and for individual advancement. The committee will determine the individual playoff hole(s).

Individual order to start the playoffs is based upon the final round start:

- The player with the earliest starting time will play first.
- Players with the same starting time in a “two-tee” start, the player that started on the lowest numbered hole (typically hole #1) will play first.
- Players in the same group, the player that started first in the group will play first.

All players will play in the same group, unless the group size is so large that the committee determines that the playoff should be split into multiple groups.

## INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES WHEN CONDITIONS OR TIME DO NOT PERMIT A PLAYOFF

The following procedure will be used to break ties:

### Team

1. Cumulative total of the three lowest individual scores.
2. Cumulative total of the two lowest individual scores.
3. Best individual cumulative score.
4. Committee decision.

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### Individuals

1. In all stroke play events, ties will be broken using the USGA-recommended method. The following holes will be compared in order: holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, No. 1 handicap hole, the No. 2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken.
2. For breaking ties with multiple rounds of stroke play, comparisons will begin with the most recent round. If the tie remains, earlier rounds will be reviewed one at a time in reverse order until the tie is broken: holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, No. 1 handicap hole, No. 2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken.

## TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES FOR PAIRING PURPOSES

### Team

1. Cumulative total of all five players' scores from all previous rounds.
2. Highest individual cumulative total.
3. Second-highest individual cumulative total.
4. Third-highest individual cumulative total.
5. Fourth-highest individual cumulative total.
6. Lowest cumulative total.
7. Committee decision.

### Individuals (within a team)

1. When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time.
2. That round's score.
3. Score from previous round(s).
4. Pairing that day will be used.

### Individuals

1. Low score of most recent round.
2. Low scores next previous round.
3. Pairings that day.
4. Most recent scorecard backwards.

## Appendix B • Tiebreaking Procedures (Finals)

### TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

If conditions and time permit, ties shall be broken during a sudden-victory playoff counting all five scores (relative to par). The committee will determine the sequence of holes. Time limitations may dictate a shotgun start as determined by the committee. At the conclusion of the stroke play rounds at the finals, if playoffs are required for both team advancement and the individual champion, the committee may elect to conduct both playoffs concurrently (on different holes) provided that none of the individual playoff participants are members of any team involved in the team playoffs.

**For all playoffs, the following procedures will be used:**

- All five scores against par on each hole until a winner is determined.
- Substitutions may be made up to 10 minutes before the start of the playoff.

#### Team Tiebreakers.

##### Team tiebreakers where two or three teams play in groups of five:

- Team positions A and B or A, B and C will be determined by lot or coin toss. After the draw for team position, coaches will determine which players will be in each group.

##### Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

A	B	A	B	A
B	A	B	A	B

##### Three teams

A	B	C	A	B
C	A	B	C	A
B	C	A	B	C

##### Team tiebreakers using shotgun format:

- Teams will be assigned to position A, B, C and so on based upon the team ranking position at the start of the finals with the highest ranked team being A and so on.
- Player positions one through five will be assigned based on the player position submitted by the team prior to the start of Round 1 of the final. If a sub is used, that sub will take the position of the player that the sub is replacing in the line up.

### SHOTGUN FORMAT

##### Two teams

A #5	B #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	playoff hole 1

##### Three teams

A #5	B #5	C #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	playoff hole 1

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### Four teams

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1

### Five teams

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	E #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	E #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	E #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	E #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	E #1	playoff hole 1

## TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES ADVANCING TO MEDAL MATCH PLAY

### Team Tiebreakers.

#### Team tiebreakers where two or three teams play in groups of five:

- Team positions A and B or A, B and C will be determined by lot or coin toss. After the draw for team position, coaches will determine which players will be in each group.

#### Two teams (A & B; tee off alternately)

A	B	A	B	A
B	A	B	A	B

#### Three teams

A	B	C	A	B
C	A	B	C	A
B	C	A	B	C

#### Team tiebreakers using shotgun format:

- Teams will be assigned to position A, B, C and so on based upon the team ranking position at the start of the finals with the highest ranked team being A and so on.
- Player positions one through five will be assigned based on the player position submitted by the team prior to the start of Round 1 of the final. If a sub is used, that sub will take the position of the player that the sub is replacing in the line up.

#### Two teams

A #5	B #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	playoff hole 1

**Three teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	playoff hole 1

**Four teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1

**Five teams**

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	E #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	E #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	E #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	E #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	E #1	playoff hole 1

**During medal match play in the quarterfinals and semifinals, ties will be determined by the following:**

1. After all five individual medal match play scores have been reported, in the event that the team medal match score is tied (e.g., 2.5 to 2.5) all individual matches that were tied at the completion of 18 holes will resume, on hole(s) to be determined by the committee. Each match will continue for as many extra holes as needed to resolve the individual match tie with an identified medal match winner. Should multiple matches continue past 18 holes, all remaining unresolved matches shall end when one team has advanced to the next round by scoring three or more points.
2. Cumulative total of all five players, with the lowest cumulative team score advancing.
3. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, as determined by the committee (e.g., weather), the committee may use cumulative total as the first tiebreaking criterion.

**During medal match play in the championship match, ties will be determined by the following:**

Sudden-victory playoff holes for all five (5) players; counting all five scores (relative to par). All five players will play one hole, in two groups, following the Two Team A & B tie breaker guideline. The hole(s) to be played will be assigned by the committee with play continuing for as many holes as required until a winner is determined.

**INDIVIDUAL TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES****Individuals**

At finals, individual ties will be broken during a sudden-victory playoff for the individual national champion. The committee will determine the individual playoff hole(s).

Individual order to start the playoffs is based upon the final round start:

- The player with the earliest starting time will play first.
- Players with the same starting time in a “two-tee” start, the player that started on the lowest numbered hole (typically hole #1) will play first.
- Players in the same group, the player that started first in the group will play first.

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All players will play in the same group, unless the group size is so large that the committee determines that the playoff should be split into multiple groups.

### INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES WHEN CONDITIONS OR TIME DO NOT PERMIT A PLAYOFF

The following procedure will be used to break ties:

#### Team

1. Cumulative total of the three lowest individual scores.
2. Cumulative total of the two lowest individual scores.
3. Best individual cumulative score.
4. Committee decision.

#### Individuals

1. In all stroke play events, ties will be broken using the USGA-recommended method. The following holes will be compared in order: holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, No. 1 handicap hole, the No. 2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken.
2. For breaking ties with multiple rounds of stroke play, comparisons will begin with the most recent round. If the tie remains, earlier rounds will be reviewed one at a time in reverse order until the tie is broken: holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, No. 1 handicap hole, No. 2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken.

### TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES FOR PAIRING PURPOSES

#### Team

1. Cumulative total of all five players' scores from all previous rounds.
2. Highest individual cumulative total.
3. Second-highest individual cumulative total.
4. Third-highest individual cumulative total.
5. Fourth-highest individual cumulative total.
6. Lowest cumulative total.
7. Committee decision.

#### Individuals (within a team)

1. When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time.
2. That round's score.
3. Score from previous round(s).
4. Pairing that day will be used.

#### Individuals

1. Low score of most recent round.
2. Low scores next previous round.
3. Pairings that day.
4. Most recent scorecard backwards.

## Appendix C • Sports Information

### MEMORANDUM TO COACHES

A coach is not considered part of the player's side and therefore is not directly subject to the Rules of Golf; nevertheless, there are certain actions that a coach could take that might result in a penalty – e.g., if a coach's actions were sanctioned tacitly or otherwise by the player, he might be penalized.

Some examples of actions by his coach that could result in a penalty to the player would be: improving a line of play; moving loose impediments or obstructions in violation of the Rules; or standing in the Restricted Area defined in Rule 1.3(c)1.

Responsibilities of a competitor in this regard are supported by Decisions 1.3(c)1/1 and 10.2a/2 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf.

In the best interest of the competition, and in an effort to minimize any difficult situations, the golf committee trusts that all competitors, coaches and officials uphold the principles of adherence with respect to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

## Appendix D • Sport Sponsorship

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Great American Conference (11)

Arkansas Tech University  
University of Arkansas, Monticello  
East Central University  
Harding University  
Henderson State University  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Baptist University  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Southern Arkansas University  
Southern Nazarene University  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

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#### Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (13)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith  
University of Central Missouri  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Fort Hays State University  
Missouri Southern State University  
Missouri Western State University  
Newman University

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Northeastern State University  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Pittsburg State University  
Rogers State University  
Washburn University

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#### Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (13)

Augustana University (South Dakota)  
Bemidji State University  
Concordia University, St. Paul  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Minnesota State University, Moorhead  
Minot State University  
Northern State University

Southwest Minnesota State University  
St. Cloud State University  
University of Mary  
University of Jamestown  
Wayne State College (Nebraska)  
Winona State University

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### EAST REGION

#### Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Davenport University  
Ferris State University  
Grand Valley State University  
Northern Michigan University

Purdue University Northwest  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Wayne State University (Michigan)  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

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#### Great Lakes Valley Conference (13)

Drury University  
University of Illinois at Springfield  
University of Indianapolis  
Lewis University  
Lincoln University (Missouri)  
Maryville University of Saint Louis  
McKendree University

University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Quincy University  
Rockhurst University  
Truman State University  
Upper Iowa University  
William Jewell College

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**Great Midwest Athletic Conference (11)**

Ashland University  
 Cedarville University  
 University of Findlay  
 Kentucky Wesleyan College  
 Malone University  
 Northwood University

Ohio Dominican University  
 Thomas More University  
 Tiffin University  
 Ursuline College  
 Walsh University

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**Mountain East Conference (8/\*9)**

University of Charleston (West Virginia)  
 Concord University  
 Davis & Elkins College  
 Fairmont State University  
 Glenville State University

\*Point Park University (eligible in 2028)  
 West Liberty University  
 West Virginia Wesleyan College  
 Wheeling University

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**Northeast 10 Conference (6)**

Adelphi University  
 Assumption University  
 Bentley University

Franklin Pierce University  
 Saint Anselm College  
 Thomas Jefferson University

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**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (12)**

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania  
 Gannon University  
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
 Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania  
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Western University, California  
 Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion  
 Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro  
 Seton Hill University  
 Shepherd University  
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Independent (3)**

Bluefield State University  
 Chestnut Hill College

Post University

*\*Not eligible for postseason selection.*

**SOUTH REGION****Conference Carolinas (12/\*13)**

Barton College  
 Belmont Abbey College  
 Converse University  
 Emmanuel University (Georgia)  
 Erskine College  
 \*Ferrum College (eligible in 2028)  
 King University

University of Mount Olive  
 University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
 North Greenville University  
 Shorter University  
 Southern Wesleyan University  
 Young Harris College

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### Gulf South Conference (9)

Auburn University at Montgomery  
Christian Brothers University  
Lee University  
Mississippi College  
University of Montevallo

Spring Hill College  
Trevecca Nazarene University  
Union University  
University of West Florida

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### Peach Belt Conference (7)

Columbus State University  
Edward Waters University  
Flagler College  
Lander University

University of North Georgia  
Savannah State University  
University of South Carolina Beaufort

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### South Atlantic Conference (11)

Anderson University (South Carolina)  
Carson-Newman University  
Catawba College  
Coker University  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Lincoln Memorial University

Mars Hill University  
Newberry College  
Tusculum University  
The University of Virginia's College at Wise  
Wingate University

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### Sunshine State Conference (10)

Barry University  
Eckerd College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)  
Florida Southern College  
Lynn University

Nova Southeastern University  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Rollins College  
Saint Leo University  
University of Tampa

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*\*Not eligible for postseason selection.*

## WEST REGION

### California Collegiate Athletic Conference (5)

California State University, Chico  
California State University, East Bay  
California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Monterey Bay  
California State University, San Marcos

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### Great Northwest Athletic Conference (6)

Montana State University Billings  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Saint Martin's University

Seattle Pacific University  
Simon Fraser University  
Western Washington University

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**Lone Star Conference (12/\*13)**

Angelo State University  
 Cameron University  
 Dallas Baptist University  
 Lubbock Christian University  
 Midwestern State University  
 St. Mary's University (Texas)  
 Texas A&M International University

Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
 \*University of Texas at Dallas (eligible in 2027)  
 The University of Texas at Tyler  
 University of Texas Permian Basin  
 West Texas A&M University  
 Western New Mexico University

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**Pacific West Conference (6/\*8)**

Dominican University of California  
 University of Hawaii at Hilo  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Jessup University

\*Menlo College (eligible in 2027)  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 \*Vanguard University (eligible in 2027)  
 Westmont College

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**Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (10)**

Adams State University  
 Black Hills State University  
 Chadron State College  
 Colorado Christian University  
 Colorado Mesa University

Colorado State University Pueblo  
 Fort Lewis College  
 Metropolitan State University of Denver  
 South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
 Westminster University (Utah)

AQ - Postseason Tournament

*\*Not eligible for postseason selection.*