

## REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE JANUARY 27, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

## ACTION ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative items.
  - None.
- 2. Nonlegislative items.
  - Additional officials at regionals.
    - (1) Recommendation. Add one rules official to each of the four regional sites in the championship.
    - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
    - (3) <u>Rationale</u>. The Division II women's golf regional field sizes have historically been smaller than the men's, but with all four regional sites expanding to 96 participants, it is important to add one official per region. This adjustment increases each regional officiating crew from four to five members, aligning the number of officials at both the men's and women's regional sites. For example, the Central Region field size is doubling from nine to 18 teams, and adding a fifth official will help ensure effective management of the larger field.
    - (4) Estimated budget impact. Annually, \$7,000.
    - (5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. This aligns Division II women's golf with already established precedent in Division II men's golf to ensure gender equity across the two championships and a quality student-athlete experience at both.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and review of agenda. Division II Women's Golf Committee Chair Michael Bond welcomed the group and previewed key agenda items.
- **2. 2025 schedule submission deadline in Clippd.** Staff noted the regular-season competition schedules are due by Saturday, February 1. After that date, changes to the schedules are not allowed without approval from the Division II Women's Golf Committee.
- 3. Postseason schedule review. Staff reviewed feedback from the Division II Golf Coaches Connection's December 19, 2024, teleconference to examine the date formula for the postseason. Proposed adjustments include shifting regional and championship dates. The committee agreed to continue discussions at a future meeting following the Division II Men's Golf Committee review and draft a membership survey to gather feedback.
- **4. Recap of regional host calls.** Staff updated the committee on topics discussed in each of the four regional host calls, including weather contingency plans and paperless scoring. The committee supports each regional host collaborating with their staff, officials and site representative to develop tailored contingency plans that address the specific needs of the host course, without including a formal contingency plan in the regional participant manual. The

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committee agreed that is up to each regional host site to determine the official scoring method used, either paperless or physical scorecards, as long as the scorecard verification happens at the end of each round.

- **5. Regional advisory committee updates.** Staff updated the committee on the RAC roster for the 2025 championship.
- **6. Regional bid review for 2027 and 2028.** Staff updated the committee on bid specs to review for 2027 and 2028.
- 7. Electronic devices FAQ. Staff reviewed the electronic devices FAQ document used for Division I women's golf that was provided by the Women's Golf Coaches Association. The committee would like further clarification on the language before considering drafting a Division II version.
- 8. Committee timeline. Staff reviewed the committee schedule for February-July 2025.

Committee Chair: Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma; Mid-America Athletic Conference

Staff Liaisons: Mariah Martin, Championships and Alliances

| Division II Women's Golf Committee<br>January 27, 2025, Videoconference |
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| Attendees:  |
| Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma.                           |
| Ben Greenberg, Colorado State University, Pueblo.                       |
| Dom Guarnieri, University of Findlay.                                   |
| Suzanne Strudwick, Carson-Newman University.                            |
| Absentees:  |
| None.   |
| Guests in Attendance:   |
| None.   |
| NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:                                      |
| Mariah Martin.  |

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.