



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JULY 11-12, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Regional site change of venue.** The committee recommends changing the golf course at the South Regional from Achasta Golf Club to Chattahoochee Golf Club. (See Action Item 2-a.)
2. **Regional ranking dates.** The committee recommends adjusting regional ranking dates to begin in March and to move from Thursday to Friday. (See Action Item 2-b.)
3. **Regular-season competition format.** The committee recommends six-count-five and six-count-four formats for ranking and selections. (See Action Item 2-c.)
4. **Replacement policy for championships.** The committee would like to establish a replacement policy for any team or individual that has to withdraw from regional competition for any reason (see Action Item 2-d.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

a. **2023 South Regional site change.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the South Regional competition site for 2023 move from Achasta Golf Club in Dahlonega, Georgia, to Chattahoochee Golf Club in nearby Gainesville, Georgia.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. Host institution University of North Georgia is recommending changing golf courses to provide the best experience for student-athletes and ensuring championship-level course conditions. The new course is in close proximity and will not negatively impact the logistics already secured.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. **2023 regional ranking dates for 2023.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the 2022-23 regional ranking dates be adjusted to begin in March and to move from Thursday to Friday. The 2023 ranking dates would be:

Friday, March 17, 2023 – first ranking call;
Friday, March 31, 2023 – second ranking call;
Friday, April 14, 2023 – third ranking call; and
Monday, May 1, 2023 – selection call.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2022.

- (3) Rationale. Moving the first ranking call to mid-March will provide more data for the regional advisory committees and national committee to evaluate a team's performance. Additionally, moving the calls from Thursday to Friday will allow the regional advisory committees to conduct their calls on Thursday instead of Wednesday, which has been problematic due to travel schedules, returning from tournaments.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Regular-season competition format.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following competition formats be included as allowable options for purposes of rankings and selections: six-count-five and six-count-four.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2022.

- (3) Rationale. While both the six-count-five and six-count-four formats are currently allowable for all three divisions of men's golf, neither is currently allowable for women's golf competitions, as women's golf currently allows only five-count-five and five-count-four formats as countable competition to be used toward rankings and selections.

All three divisions' women's golf committees believe that the six count-five and six-count-four formats should be allowable for women's competitions to provide them some flexibility in tournament format offerings as are currently available in men's golf. The committee believes that aligning men's and women's golf is in the best interests of college golf.

Additionally, the committee believes that the allowance for formats using a sixth player will encourage the growth of the sport by creating additional participation opportunities for student-athletes to compete as a counting member of the team.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The allowance of these two additional formats would afford women's golf student-athletes with increased participation opportunities as a counting member of the team.

d. Replacement policy for championships.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee would like to establish a policy stating that a team or individual that has been selected and has to withdraw from regional competition can be replaced as long as the committee receives notification within 48 hours from the start of regional competition.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2022.
- (3) Rationale. Currently there is no official replacement policy in place. The committee feels that this policy is reasonable to be able to get a student-athlete to the regional competition and fill any spots that become available for any reason (e.g., discipline, injury or illness).
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None. NCAA does not pay for regional travel so it would have no impact.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This would be a significant positive impact on the student-athletes as it would allow a student-athlete to be able to participate in the regional championships if someone had to withdraw due to reasons such as injury or illness.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of 2022 annual meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the 2022 annual meeting schedule.
- 2. Discuss Division II women's golf strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and adjusted the short-term and long-term goals.
- 3. Division II legislative update.** The committee was updated on the notification of transfer legislation, updates to the transfer portal and the no participation opportunity waiver.
- 4. NCAA Division II Championships Committee updates.** The committee began initial discussions and considerations for the upcoming budget cycle. The Women's Golf Committee will need to have recommendations finalized for the Championships Committee review in February 2022 as part of the 2024-27 triennial budget process.

5. **Division II governance update.** The committee was provided an update on the 2021-22 Division II priorities, including the work of the Division II Implementation Committee. The committee noted the increased social media presence at all Division II championships as a positive enhancement.
6. **Review of 2022 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2022 championship and noted the following:
- a. Championship evaluations. The committee reviewed participant survey results, as well as those submitted by rules officials, site representatives and host tournament directors, and noted very few minor issues. The positive feedback from surveys indicated that the championship was very successful. The committee noted a job well done by the University of North Georgia and all of the regional hosts.
 - b. Disabled spectators. The committee noted that process for golf cart requests for disabled spectators worked well and will continue for next year.
 - c. Folds of Honor. The committee was pleased with how the Folds of Honor program was conducted this year. The host provided a large American Flag displayed from a fire truck that was very well received.
 - d. Tee times. The committee reviewed the tee times and noted minimal pace of play issues, both at regionals and the championship, during the 2022 championships.
 - e. Videoboard at the national championship. The committee noted that this was the first year that a videoboard with a live leaderboard was provided at the championship. It increased the championship experience for participants and fans. The committee would like for a videoboard to be provided at every finals site moving forward.
7. **Policy review.** The committee discussed policies for the championship and noted the following:
- a. Allocation policy for access to the championship. The committee noted that the number of regional berths to the 2023 national championship will be: Central – 9; East – 15; South – 12 and West – 12. There will be six individuals at each regional, which remains unchanged from previous years.

The distribution of berths to the finals site will be as follows for the 2023 championship: Central – 3; East – 6; South – 5 and West – 4. Two individuals from each region will advance to the finals site.
 - b. The committee also discussed the schedule submission deadline. For 2022-23, fall schedules are due September 1, 2022 and spring schedules are due February 1, 2023.

- c. The committee discussed the important of practice opportunities for the sixth player at the national championship and decided that as soon as all teams have cleared the practice areas, the sixth player will have the opportunity to use those facilities during the championship.
 - d. The committee confirmed that student-athletes are not permitted to serve as advice-givers during regionals and finals.
 - e. The committee discussed student-athletes entering their scores electronically, which is common practice during the regular season. The committee will allow one regional site to use this technology as the unofficial score, and re-evaluate the issue next year. Participants' official scores will still be collected on a hard copy score card in the scoring tent.
 - f. The committee reviewed the timing of hole location sheets to be provided to participants and decided to make them available the evening prior to the round of competition. For the first day of stroke play, the hole location sheets will be provided at the conclusion of the practice round. For the second day of stroke play, the sheets will be available at the conclusion of the first day of stroke play.
 - g. The committee confirmed the course access policy as being 10 days prior to the practice round at regionals and finals, unless it is the home course of the host institution.
 - h. The committee decided to continue with the policy to allow fivesome formats to be counted for selection requirements.
8. **Ranking calls.** The committee discussed the number of ranking calls and the RAC balloting and noted that process went well this year. The dates for 2022 were one ranking a month starting in February (to reflect a team's fall performance), March and April. The regional advisory committees and national committee felt the February call was not productive due to limited data and proposed ranking calls begin in mid-March (see Action item 2-b above). Calls will be conducted every other week until mid-April. The selection date for 2023 is Monday, May 1.
9. **Sport sponsorship requirements.** The committee confirmed that for the 2022-23 academic year institutions must meet sport sponsorship per NCAA Bylaw 20 prior to selections for a team or individual to be considered. Teams and individuals must play a minimum of 15 18-hole rounds, including a minimum of six rounds in the institution's championship segment. This will remain the unchanged from the 2021-22 academic year.
10. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed selection criteria and confirmed the order will remain the same for the 2022-23 academic year:
- Head-to-head competition, followed by (in no particular order):

- Results vs. common opponents;
 - Results vs. in-region opponents;
 - Stroke differential;
 - Spring results compared to fall results;
 - Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and 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.
- 11. Selection date.** The committee discussed the date of selection call. The committee will consider moving the selection date to allow more time between the date of selections and the first day of competition at regionals.
- 12. Automatic qualifier applications.** The committee will confirm the automatic qualifier applications once sport sponsorship reports for 2022-23 are available in August.
- 13. Review of committee timeline.** The committee discussed the timeline and made necessary updates for the 2023 season.
- 14. Golfstat review.** Marcus El from Golfstat joined the meeting and discussed results reporting and updating the database on current eligible schools. The committee was pleased with the 2022 championship and requested that Golfstat add total strokes to the site during head-to-head medal play for the 2023 championship.
- 15. Rules official update.** The committee selected Brad Wiesley as the head rules official for the 2023 championship. Mr. Wiesley has served on the rules official team for the Division II Women's Golf Championships for several years, and as head rules official for the West Regional during this time.
- 16. 2025 and 2026 regional host opportunity.** Regional bids for 2025 and 2026 will be available from September 1 through March 3, 2023. The Men's and Women's Golf Committees will review bids and select sites next spring.
- 17. Sponsorship report.** Committee members noted schools changing conference affiliation for 2022-23. NCAA staff will ensure that all teams are in the appropriate region based on conference affiliation once the membership report comes out in August. The committee also noted the institutions that are on track to complete the membership process and become active Division II members this September.
- 18. Manuals review.** The committee reviewed the pre-championships manual, host operations manual and participant manuals and will provide approval prior to the manuals being published for the 2023 championship.

19. 2023 annual meeting dates. The committee will hold its next annual meeting next summer in conjunction with the Division II Men's Golf Committee. Dates are to be determined.

20. Other business. The committee met jointly with the Division II Men's Golf Committee on July 12 to discuss several topics, including regional ranking dates, schedule submission deadline and the requests for the upcoming triennial budget cycle.

Committee Chair: Brent Nicoson, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Randy Loggins, Converse College.	
Brent Nicoson, University of Indianapolis.	
Melanie Robotham, Lone Star Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Marcus El, Golfstat.	
Samantha Goettman, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.	
Sara Higley, Ferris State University.	
Jared Purvis, Valdosta State University.	
Suzanne Strudwick, Carson-Newman University.	
Renee Yuen, Chaminade University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances.	
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	
Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs.	