



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JULY 15-16, 2024, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- **Items for future discussion.** The committee will continue discussion on a number of topics that may have a budget impact in future meetings for preparation for the next triennial budget cycle. (See Informational Items 4-c, 9 and 10.)

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Annual Meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the 2024 annual meeting schedule.
2. **Committee roster.** The committee reviewed the 2024-25 roster, noting incoming committee member Dominic Guarnieri from the University of Findlay.
3. **2024-25 automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed the current sponsorship list and noted adjustments in sponsorship and conference membership.
4. **Review of 2024 championships.** The committee reviewed the 2024 championships and noted the following:
 - a. **Regionals.** The committee noted an overall positive experience with the 2024 regional sites. The committee discussed hotels at the regional sites and noted that it was acceptable to have officials and teams stay in the same hotel. The committee also discussed some confusion with the pairings across the regions and how they differed. The committee noted that the pairings were different due to the different field sizes, but this would not be an issue in 2024-25 since all regions will have the same field size. The committee noted a desire for there to be language in the participant manuals that pairings can be adjusted based on weather or course factors as determined by the games committee. The committee suggested that the individuals should be placed in the middle for all rounds, and the head rules official agreed
 - b. **Championships.** The committee noted that the Greater Orlando Sports Commission and Rollins College did a great job. There were some issues with the arrival of the hydration order, which the hosts corrected quickly. The committee noted wanting to ensure the officials have a “rest” area in the future where they can step away from the action if needed.
 - c. **Championships survey results.** The committee noted some low marks on the championship survey regarding travel for regionals. During the next Division II budget

cycle, the committee will explore options for reimbursing travel costs for teams participating in the regionals.

- d. **Championship format.** Committee members discussed the current championship format, noting that they are pleased with the format but that the terminology sometimes causes confusion. The term “head-to-head medal match play” does not correctly describe the format used for Division II women’s golf. The correct term to use is “head-to-head medal play.”
 - e. **Administrative meeting.** The committee noted the administrative meeting should occur before the practice round for all regions.
 - f. **Practice Round.** The committee noted that substitutes can compete in the practice round.
 - g. **One tee start/split tee start.** The committee noted the championship should be a one-tee start due to the field size and the should mirror the 2024 championships format, noting that changes to this could be made based on course layout.
 - h. **Rules officials.** The committee noted a positive experience in working with the head rules officials and the officials crew.
5. **Upcoming championships dates.** The committee reviewed a list of upcoming championship dates, locations and hosts.
6. **2025 championships preview.**
- a. **Important dates.** The committee reviewed the timeline for the 2024-25 season.
 - b. **Selections.** The selection call will take place on April 28, 2025. The committee noted updated that need to be made to the selection criteria section of the pre-championships manual.
 - c. **Regional sites.** The committee noted that the 2025 regionals will be at the following sites:
 - i. Central – University of Central Oklahoma, Kickingbird Golf Club.
 - ii. East – Grand Valley State University, The Meadows Golf Course.
 - iii. South – University of North Georgia, Chattahoochee Golf Club.
 - iv. West – West Texas A&M University, La Paloma Golf Club.

- d. **Finals site.** The committee noted that the finals site berths for 2024-25 will be: Central- 4 teams; South 4- teams; East- 5 teams; and West- 5 teams. The baseline berths for the championship is four across regions due to the increase in field size, the two regionals represented in the previous year's medal play receiving the additional berths for the next year.

The committee asked staff to add an example of head-to-head medal play scoring to the pre-championships manual, and to ensure language used to describe this round be updated to "medal play" to help eliminate confusion.

- e. **Site visits.** Site visits for the head rules official have already been scheduled. The NCAA liaison has contacted the 2025 host to schedule a site visit with the chair. The chair provided his availability for the site visit.
- 7. **Head rules official review.** The committee was extremely pleased with the work of Head Rules Official Brad Wiesley throughout the championship and looks forward to working with him next year. Mr. Wiesley provided some recommendations to assist with the logistics of the championship, which the committee supported.
 - 8. **Clippd update.** The committee received an update from Clippd, and the committee was able to ask questions. The committee would like to have further discussion with Clippd and would like someone from Clippd to join the next Coaches Connection call.
 - 9. **Current minimum and maximum dates of competition.** The committee discussed an idea from committee chair Michael Bond about increasing the maximum dates of competition. The concept would leave the minimum dates unchanged but increase the maximum from 21 to 24, with a cap of 10 regular-season events. Due to increasing number of three-day events, it would allow an institution to play in two to three three-day events without losing a tournament. As this would involve a legislative amendment, additional discussion and extensive feedback are needed before the proposal could be formally submitted.
 - 10. **Additional individual qualifiers from regionals to nationals.** The committee noted a desire to allow an additional individual to qualify for the national championship. Currently eight individuals qualify and adding one would allow for three groups of threesomes and mitigate pace of play concerns. Because this would have a budget impact, the committee will discuss this further in advance of the next Division II budget cycle.
 - 11. **Postseason selections proposal from membership.** The committee reviewed a postseason selection proposal from a Division II coach that would reconfigure how postseason selections are distributed across regions. The formula resembles that currently applied in Division I women's golf. The committee discussed the proposal but noted that it does not align with Division II regionalization principles and would result in a financial impact of distributing selections across regions. The committee agreed to send a formal response to the coach.

12. Policy review.

- a. **Golf carts.** The committee noted a strong desire to eliminate decisions regarding golf carts coming from the NCAA committee or staff. Golf cart reservations and requests should go directly to the host or course staff.
- b. **Substitutions and practice opportunity for substitutes.** The committee noted positive feedback regarding the substitution policy and will keep it in place for 2025. Substitutes can practice with their team during the practice round and use the practice facility when their team is out on the course. If the substitute is out on the course during play they should assume the role of a spectator.
- c. **Student-athletes as advice-givers.** The committee notes this policy should stay the same. Student-athletes are not allowed to serve as advice-givers.
- d. **Timing of playoffs.** The committee noted this policy should stay the same. In the event of a playoff, both teams must be ready when called upon to play.
- e. **Tournament schedule submission deadline.** The committee note this policy should stay the same with tournament deadline submission occurring in February.
- f. **Order of tee times.** The committee noted that the order of tee times will be uniform across regions. Each region should have a one tee start. Any changes due to weather or course conditions should be dictated by head rules official and games committee
- g. **Electronic scoring at regionals and finals.** The committee agreed that live scoring from Clippd will be used at regionals, along with a scorecard verification. If a region has enough volunteers to do the live scoring so that the students-athletes do not need to, that is fine as well. The committee noted that having the student-athletes do live scoring on their phones is standard as they do it all season. The committee emphasized the scorecard verification at the end of each round.
- h. **Replacement policy for selections (individual and team withdrawal).** Committee members decided that if a replacement is needed, they would replace the current team with the next team in the selections process. The committee added that a team has 48 hours to withdraw so the replacement can be notified and have time to make travel arrangements. Further, the committee noted that if there was an instance that a team needed to withdraw after qualifying for nationals, the next highest ranked team in that region would have the opportunity to compete at nationals.
- i. **Course access policy (10 days).** The committee agreed to retain the current course access policy. Teams are not allowed to play the course 10 days prior to the competition unless the course is their designated home course. This excludes the practice facilities.

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

- a. **Coaches connection update.** The committees received updates from the coaches connection liaison, Fran Reidy.
- b. **Governance updates.** The committees received updates from the Division II governance staff regarding the divisions strategic priorities and initiatives. The committee also discussed marketing for Division II golf and a desire to have an enhanced social media presence during the championships.
- c. **Academic and membership affairs update.** An updated was provided to committees regarding sport sponsorship and transfer legislation.
- d. **Consistency across genders.**
 - i. **Spectator golf carts.** The committees agreed that the spectator golf cart process should be managed by the host or course staff.
 - ii. **Substitutions.** The committees agreed on the current substitution policy.
 - iii. **Course access.** The committees differed on their course access policy, with the women allowing the practice facility to be used within the 10-day window. The men would like to continue restricting access to practice facilities during this time period.
 - iv. **Tie breaking procedures.** The committees reviewed their tie breaking procedures and noted some slight differences. The committees agreed that no changes would be made at this time, but they would review at a later date if needed.
 - v. **2025 annual meeting.** Staff will work with the committees to determine their 2025 joint meeting date.

14. Championships committee updates. The committee reviewed the most recent actions taken by championships committee as informational only.

15. Roles and responsibilities for regional and finals championships administration. The committee was satisfied with the roles and responsibilities at the championship. The committee also noted that if a scenario emerges in which the two coaches on the committee are competing at the finals site they will select a RAC member from the coaches' regions to serve on the committee during the championship.

16. Review of committee timeline. The committee discussed the timeline and made necessary updates for the 2024-25 season.

17. Manuals review. The committee reviewed and provided edits to the pre-championships manual and regional participant's manual template. They further agreed to review additional manuals at a later date.

18. 2025 annual meeting dates. The committee will hold its next annual meeting between July 14-21, 2025. Specific dates will be determined in conjunction with the men's golf committee.

Committee Chair: Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Staff Liaison(s): Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:	
Michael Bond, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Suzanne Strudwick, Carson-Newman University.	
Ben Greenberg, Colorado State University, Pueblo.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jeremy Benoit, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Sara Higley, Ferris State University.	
Fran Reidy, Coaches Connection.	
Braid Wiesley, Head Rules Official.	
Jimmy Wilson, Georgia College.	
Renee Yuen, Chaminade University.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Antonio Cannavaro, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	
Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs.	