



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 17-19, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Minimum yardage.

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust the minimum yardage requirement for competition to count beginning with the 2019-20 season. Currently, the minimum yardage for women's golf in all divisions is 5,800 yards. The course can be set at any PAR as long as it is at least 5,800 yards. Men's golf yardage is set relative to PAR (PAR 70 – 6,100; PAR 71 – 6,300; PAR 72 – 6,500). The women's committee will require that for Division II, the yardage be set relative to PAR as follows:

PAR 70 = 5,600
PAR 71 = 5,700
PAR 72 = 5,800
PAR 73 = 5,900

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Division II women's golf is improving and growing, and the Women's Golf Committee believes this recommendation will help the brand and entice more participation and ultimately more players into Division II. Lower scoring averages will help improve the brand. Relating a specific PAR to a specific yardage will provide continuity in the sport. Tournaments will play by the same PAR and yardages when setting up a golf course versus arbitrary association of PAR versus yardage (i.e., 5,800 for a PAR 72, 73 or 74). This opens opportunity and flexibility when setting a tournament course. The yardage and PAR recommendations are 89 to 92 percent of the men's yardages.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Golfers will benefit from this recommendation through lower scoring averages and a more accurate comparison of their performance relative to a specific PAR and yardage.

b. Ranking dates for 2020.

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust the ranking call dates to once a month beginning in February and concluding with the selection call in April. The dates for 2020 should be:

Thursday, February 6, 2020 – first ranking call;
Thursday, March 26, 2020 – second ranking call;
Thursday, April 16, 2020 – third ranking call; and
Monday, April 27, 2020 – selection call.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Moving the first ranking call to early February will reflect teams' performance in the fall season. March will capture early spring performance and late April will more accurately reflect the entire season.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of annual meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the 2019 annual meeting schedule.
- 2. 2018 annual meeting minutes.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2018 annual meeting report as written.
- 3. Review of Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions from the Division II Championships Committee meetings.
- 4. Review of 2019 regionals.** Overall, the committee was pleased with how the regional rounds of the championships were administered; however, the committee noted that one of the regional sites did not meet expectations. NCAA staff will work with that host site to ensure they are prepared to host future NCAA events.
- 5. 2019 championships.** The committee reviewed the 2019 championships and noted the following:
 - a. Championships evaluations. The committee reviewed surveys from the 2019 championships and noted various minor issues. The surveys indicated that the golf

- course was an excellent site for the national championships. The committee noted positive feedback regarding course setup, and a job well done by the host.
- b. Disabled spectators. The committee noted that the process for golf cart requests for disabled spectators moving forward needs to include the committee chair for approval. The host approved all requests this year and there was a noticeable increase in golf carts on the course throughout the championships.
 - c. Banquet. The committee was pleased with the championships banquet. The committee liked adding the WGCA recognition announcements during the banquet.
 - d. Folds of Honor. The committee was pleased with how the Folds of Honor program was conducted this year.
 - e. Tee times. The committee noted there was a wait at the turn this year and considered adjusting tee times to avoid the delay in play. The committee decided to observe tee times and pace of play at the 2020 championships. If tee time adjustments are needed, the committee will make those for the 2021 championships.
 - f. Head-to-Head Medal Play. The committee was pleased with the first year of head-to-head medal play. The format for the pairings party and the process for quarterfinals, semifinals and the championship went well.
 - g. Web streaming. The committee appreciates the updates to the web stream coverage, including the daily video recaps posted online.
6. **Ranking calls**. The committee discussed the number of ranking calls and the RAC balloting and noted that the process went very well again this year. The committee was very pleased with the team sheets used to assist with the ranking and selection process. The committee believed that pairing veteran committee members with incoming committee members assisted in the process and will do this again in years with larger numbers of incoming committee members.
 7. **Committee chair**. The committee selected Brad Fleetwood, head men's and women's golf coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, to serve as chair of the Division II Women's Golf Committee for the 2019-20 academic year.
 8. **Sport sponsorship requirements**. At the June 2018 committee meeting, the committee recommended an adjustment to qualifying standards for the Division II Women's Golf Championships. The recommendation was approved by the Division II Championships Committee effective for the 2018-19 academic year. The committee confirmed that for the 2019-20 academic year that 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.

9. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed selection criteria and confirmed the order of the criteria will remain the same for the 2019-20 academic year. The criteria, in order, is listed below.
 - Head-to-head competition;
 - 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.
10. **Selection date.** The committee discussed the date of the selection call. In future years, the committee would like to consider moving the selection date to allow more time between the date of selections and the first day of competition at regionals.
11. **Preliminary discussions for next budget cycle.** The committee discussed items it will consider for the next budget cycle, including:
 - Adding teams at regional sites and adjusting regional alignment.
 - Adding a student-athlete to the travel party to accommodate substitutions.
 - Increasing fees for head rules officials at regional and finals.
12. **2020 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival update.** John Baldwin from the NCAA championships and alliances staff joined the meeting to provide an update on the festival next spring. The Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships will be conducted at the same golf course. NCAA staff will work with the men's and women's committees to plan the championship and schedule of events.
13. **Legislative items.** Michael Bazemore and Karen Wolf from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff joined the meeting to review academic requirements and legislative proposals for the 2020 NCAA Convention. They indicated that a coaches connector will continue for Division II women's golf this coming year. They also provided an update on regional rules seminars, with the focus being on sport sponsorship and modules being developed for the Division II University educational platform.
14. **Golfstat review.** Ali Szafranski from Golfstat joined the meeting and discussed results reporting and updating the database on current eligible schools. The committee requested that all holes completed be reflected on the site, similar to what is done for men's golf.

- 15. Rules officials update.** Warren Whitted, head rules official, joined the meeting via teleconference to review the 2019 regionals and championships. The committee noted that the new format worked well. Feedback from regionals and finals was complimentary of the course setup as tough but fair. With the 2019 championships being the last tournament for the head rules official, the committee thanked Mr. Whitted for his 15 years of service to the Division II Women's Golf Championships.
- 16. Automatic qualifier applications.** The committee will review the automatic qualifier applications once sport sponsorship reports are available in August. The committee will meet via teleconference in September to submit the recommended automatic qualifiers to the Championships Committee.
- 17. Sponsorship report.** Committee members noted schools changing conference affiliation for 2019-20, as well as the elimination of the Heartland Conference. 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. National committee/regional advisory committee rosters.** The committee discussed national and regional advisory committees and noted projected changes.
- 19. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the most recent sport sponsorship report and noted anticipated changes for 2019-20.
- 20. Future sites.** The 2020 championships will be held at the Country Club of St. Albans as part of the Division II National Championships Festival. The 2021 championships will be held at the TPC Michigan in Detroit Michigan. The 2022 championships will be held at The Members Club at Woodcreek in Elgin, South Carolina.
- 21. Manuals review.** Staff asked the committee to review the pre-championships, host operations and committee operations manuals and recommend changes for the 2019-20 season.
- 22. 2020 annual meeting.** The committee will meet June 15-17 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Sandee Mott, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison: Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances

**NCAA Division II Women's Golf Committee
June 17-19, 2019, Meeting**

Attendees:

Brad Fleetwood, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Nick Moeller, Gulf South Conference.

Sandee Mott, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Sue Vail, Wheeling Jesuit University.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

Ali Szafranski, Golfstat.

Warren Whitted, Head Rules Official (via teleconference).

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.

Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs.

Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.