



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

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Sponsoring Men's and/or Women's Golf.

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SUBJECT: Important Division III tournament and schedule registration information.

This memorandum is being sent on behalf of the Division III Men's and Women's Golf Committees and is intended to clarify deadlines and allowances related to tournament schedules in advance of the 2026-27 academic year.

The [Scoreboard Coach Portal](#) will open for registration beginning on Monday, Aug. 3. At that time, you will be able to log in using the same email and password as last season. If you have changed institutions or do not have login details, please email support@clippd.io.

Upon the opening of the Coach Portal on Aug. 3, we request that you please complete the registration process and update team rosters and team schedules prior to the start of the fall season.

All competitions must be registered in the Coach Portal in order to be used for rankings and selection purposes. If you are planning to host an event this season, it is crucial that you register your event within the Scoreboard Coach Portal in order for others to add these events to their team schedules. Detailed instructions regarding this process will be provided [here](#).

Per NCAA policy, the host institution of a regular season event will be required to submit and publish results from their tournament to Scoreboard by Clippd within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit and publish its results to Scoreboard no later than Thursday.

When hosting a tournament, you must report scores electronically through Scoreboard by Clippd via ScoreboardLive Scoring, manual entry, or via live scoring software that is integrated with Scoreboard's open API. Tournament hosts will be required to enter scores manually if using a live scoring software that does not integrate with Scoreboard via the open API. Fully integrated live scoring partners are listed as options when creating a tournament in the Coach Portal.

All tournaments must meet the following minimum standards:

1. The *Rules of Golf* must be followed. All scores must be actual; no stroke limits are allowed.
2. Countable formats for selections include: six-count-five; six-count-four; five-count-four and match play.
3. To be eligible for at-large berths to the championships, all teams and individuals must play twelve 18-hole rounds, including at least three rounds after Jan. 1 of each year. Both fall and spring schedules will be considered. Institutions that earn their conference's automatic qualifier in the fall are not required to play the three rounds after Jan. 1, but the men's and women's golf committees recommend that a spring schedule is conducted. Waivers will be reviewed by the men's and women's golf committees for teams or individuals that have not met eligibility requirements due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. Waivers must be submitted in writing to the NCAA championship manager before the selection date.
4. An institution may not compete in separate tournaments or enter multiple teams into the same tournament on the same date of competition with the opportunity to count both events towards team selections. Should an institution choose to do this, one team must be declared an "A" team while the other would be designated as a "B" team. The "B" team results will not count towards selections as an at-large team; student-athlete results from "B" team events will count for individual rankings and selections.
5. Disqualification for breach of the *Rules of Golf* applies to only that round.
6. For a competition to count, rounds must be 18 holes. Increments of nine-hole scores can be counted as long as there has been a minimum of 18 holes played for the contest, and the entire field has played the same nine holes. Minimum par and length requirements for a course are as follows:

For Women:

- Par 70 and 71: 5,500 yards
- Par 72: 5,600 yards
- Par 73: 5,700 yards

For Men:

- Par 70 – 6,100 yards
- Par 71 – 6,300 yards
- Par 72 – 6,500 yards

7. 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 tournament rules committee.

For Division III, the Men's and Women's Golf Committees encourage institutions to submit their full Spring schedules in the Scoreboard Coach Portal by February 1, 2027. The committee will not review any additions after this date, and institutions will not be assessed a financial penalty for late submissions.

Access to the Coach Portal, team and tournament registrations, and non-live manual scoring software are all provided free of charge through the NCAA's agreement with Scoreboard by Clippd. If you wish to receive Analytics and Statistics, ScoreboardLive Scoring, or any of the other Scoreboard services, you may sign up for those directly through Scoreboard during the season opening registration process.

The first ranking of the 2026-27 season will be published on Scoreboard in mid-October.

We wish you all the best for a successful 2026-27 season.

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cc: Division III Men's and Women's Golf Committees