



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEES  
AUGUST 6, 2020, ELECTRONIC MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- Allowable format for tournament pairings.

(1) Recommendation. That student-athletes from the same institution be permitted to be paired as a fivesome during countable competition throughout regular-season play, at the discretion of tournament hosts.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Allowing student-athletes from the same institution to be paired together during regular-season events will greatly reduce the number of potential touchpoints and contacts among participating institutions, while still maintaining the competitive nature of the events themselves. Given the health and safety concerns today the committees believe this is an appropriate and thoughtful allowance that can be made without compromising the integrity of the competitions themselves.

This pairings format has been allowable during countable competition in Division I for several years and is used at some of the division's most elite events.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The committees view this recommendation as a positive for student-athletes by allowing a pairings format that greatly reduces contact with student-athletes and coaches from other participating institutions, ultimately allowing for a competitive environment that is much safer than one using a traditional pairings format.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- None

*Committee Chairs: Jodie Burton, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
(women's committee)*

*Staff Liaisons:*                      *Bob Simms, St. John Fisher College (men's committee)*  
    *John Kuzio, Championships and Alliances*  
    *Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Golf Committees August 6, 2020, Electronic Mail Correspondence	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Penny Allen-Cook, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Bret Billhardt, Wittenberg University.	
Jeff Burns, Randolph-Macon College.	
Jodie Burton, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd Scripps Colleges.	
Thomas Chatfield, Hood College.	
Butch Edge, University of Texas at Dallas.	
Mary Giorgi, St. Catherine University.	
Peter Gyscek, Washington and Lee University.	
Jim Ott, Illinois Wesleyan University.	
Louis Parente, Johnson & Wales University (Providence).	
Bob Simms, St. John Fisher College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>	
John Kuzio Championships and Alliances.	
Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	