



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 18-19, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 32 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2020 Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

Pool allocation projections for 43 teams are as follows:

Pool A – 32
Pool B – 2
Pool C – 9

- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification eligibility. The Commonwealth Coast Conference from the Northeast region is in year two of a two-year grace period as they have six schools sponsoring men's golf.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Division III Men's Golf Committee chair selection.

(1) Recommendation. That Bob Simms, head men's and women's golf coach at St. John Fisher College, serve a second year as chair of the Division III Men's Golf Committee for 2019-20.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. Mr. Simms's service and knowledge of the sport continues to be beneficial to the committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of 2018 meeting report. The committee approved the 2018 annual meeting report.

2. 2018-19 Championships Committee actions. The committee reviewed and discussed relevant action and informational items from the 2018-19 academic year.

3. Review of 2018-19 Golf Coaches Association of America annual report. The committee noted that the report is a great summary of relevant information for golf coaches. The committee would like to work with the Golf Coaches Association ahead of the convention to create a more formalized agenda to improve collaboration between coaches and the committee.

4. 2019 championships review.

a. Evaluations. The committee reviewed evaluations from the national championships and noted both positive and negative feedback. Committee members discussed wanting to receive more feedback onsite from coaches before and during the practice rounds regarding course setup to ensure a successful championship.

b. Schedule of events. The committee is satisfied with the current schedule of events for the championships.

c. Hotels. The committee was very pleased with the team and committee hotels used during the championships.

- d. Awards presentation. The committee was pleased with the awards ceremony and noted the benefit of starting the presentation as soon as possible after the completion of the championships. The committee also was pleased with presenting the Golf Coaches Association of America awards before the NCAA awards, thus emphasizing the NCAA awards as being the most significant.
- e. Rules officials. The committee noted its continued satisfaction with Head Rules Official Kurt Faxon and his rules committee for their work during the championships. The committee also agreed to continue meeting with the rules officials and host staff after the second and third rounds to make any necessary adjustments to course setup. The committee noted feedback from the 2019 championships hosts regarding rules officials and will distribute that information to the head rules official.
- f. Scoring areas. The committee was pleased with the scoring area locations and noted they should be adjusted annually depending on the host course facility layout.
- g. Player entry live scoring. The committee was pleased with how player entry live scoring operated this year and would like to continue using it at future championships. The committee agreed to continue assigning teams before the championships that will perform live scoring during each round. Notification of assignments will continue to be given during the administrative meeting onsite.
- h. Folds of Honor. The committee was happy with how the Folds of Honor program was conducted this year. Teams will continue to be informed the night of the banquet which fallen soldier they are assigned to honor.
- i. Volunteers. The committee was very happy with the volunteers at the championships. The 2019 hosts did a great job securing volunteers.
- j. NCAA banquet. The committee was very pleased with the championships banquet and would like to see similar banquets in future years. The committee noted the suggestions for improvement in the evaluations.
- k. Courses. The committee noted the feedback in the evaluations regarding the rough height, lack of first cut and conditions of the greens. Standards will be reiterated to future hosts.
- l. Special Olympics. The committee was pleased with the Special Olympics ceremonial first tee shot, noting its positive effect on the Special Olympics athletes and the NCAA student-athletes. The committee recommended additional ideas and would like to see similar initiatives every year depending on host capabilities.
- m. Committee championship responsibilities and assignments. Committee members were satisfied with their responsibilities and assignments throughout the championships and

noted they will continue to be the eyes and ears throughout the championship to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

- n. Pairings selections. The committee was pleased with the pairing selection process.
- o. NCAA.com coverage. The committee appreciated the daily recap videos on NCAA.com and would like to see these capabilities grow annually to enhance the championships.
- p. Two active coaches. The committee continues to be pleased with the addition of a second active coach. The committee will hand out coaches' wristbands at the starting tees in coming years to ensure the correct coaches are receiving them.
- q. Practice rounds. The committee noted that coaches should not be transporting golf bags or participants in their carts during the practice rounds. Also, all participants should be playing only one ball tee to green during the practice round. The committee will be more diligent enforcing these rules at future championships.

5. Sport sponsorship. The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship list and regional alignment from the 2018-19 academic year and is looking forward to having an additional team selected for the 2020 championships.

6. Ranking and selection process.

- a. Selection criteria. The committee reviewed the selection criteria for rankings and selection purposes.
- b. RAC ranking calls. The committee is content with the process used for the RAC ranking calls.
- c. Pre-selection and selection calls. The committee was satisfied with the pre-selection and selection calls and noted the timing worked well. The committee noted the importance of the pre-selection call as preparation for the selection call.

7. 2020 championships.

- a. 2019-20 timeline. The committee reviewed the 2018-19 timeline and made necessary updates.
- b. Evaluations of regions and pool breakdown. The committee discussed the evaluation of regions and anticipated pool breakdown for 2020 and noted that Pool A allocations will stay the same, Pool B allocations will decrease by one and Pool C allocations will increase by two (see Action Item 2-a).

- c. Tee time selections and pairings. The committee discussed the 2020 tee time selections and pairings based on evaluations of 2019 championships tee times and pairings and suggested areas of improvement.
 - d. Rules officials. The committee discussed rules officials and, as noted previously, was pleased with their work at the championships. The committee will continue to have open conversation with the rules officials about areas of improvement.
 - e. 36-hole cut. The committee continues to be pleased with the change to the 18-team and six-individual cut.
 - f. NCAA banquet. For future NCAA banquets, the dress code minimum will be collared shirts, shoes and slacks or dress pants. No shorts or flip flops will be permitted.
 - g. Players substitutions. The committee briefly discussed whether to allow player substitutions throughout the championships and would like to get more feedback from the membership on this topic before drafting a proposal.
- 8. 2023-26 bid cycle.** The committee discussed the bid cycle timeline and reviewed the current golf bid specifications.
- 9. Men's and women's committees joint teleconference.** The men's and women's golf committees discussed a variety of topics, including but not limited to 2020 joint championship planning, two active coaches, 2023-26 bid cycle, future course setup and substitutions.
- 10. Championship date formula change proposal.** The committee reviewed and discussed the date formula change proposal they worked on jointly with the women's committee.
- 11. Regional realignment feedback.** Committee members reviewed the information they presented to the Championships Committee and will continue to provide feedback when it is requested.
- 12. Golfstat.** The committee met with Golfstat representatives and discussed a variety of topics and made suggestions to assist with future rankings and the selection process. The committee asked Golfstat to provide additional detailed reports for selecting teams and individuals and asked if the live scoring passwords could be printed on the scorecards for player reference.
- 13. Governance updates.** A representative from the governance staff provided updates on a variety of topics.
- 14. Academic and Membership Affairs updates.** A representative from the AMA staff provided updates on a variety of topics. The committee discussed with the AMA representative exactly who is permitted by the NCAA bylaws to serve as a coach and why.

15. Manual review. The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, and finals participant manual.

16. 2020 annual meeting dates. The committee will meet June 23-24 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Robert Simms, St. John Fisher College
Staff Liaison(s): John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances

| NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee June 18-19, 2019, Meeting | |
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| Attendees: | |
| Jeff Burns, Randolph-Macon College. | |
| William Gorman, Wentworth Institute of Technology. | |
| Butch Edge, University of Texas at Dallas. | |
| Jim Ott, Illinois Wesleyan University. | |
| Penny Allen-Cook, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. | |
| Robert Simms, St. John Fisher College. | |
| Absentees: | |
| None. | |
| Guests in Attendance: | |
| Ali Arends, Golfstat. | |
| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: | |
| John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| Louise McCleary, Division III Governance. | |
| Bill Regan, Academic & Membership Affairs. | |
| Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances. | |