



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JULY 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2021 Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers Conference; American Southwest 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.

[Note: Confirmation of AQs will be determined based on sport sponsorship information available at the time of championship selections. The committee will propose pool B and C numbers following a review of sport sponsorship in August 2020.]

- (2) Effective date. 2020-21 championship season.
- (3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification eligibility. The Capital Athletic Conference immediately lost its automatic qualification for dropping below four core members.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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

(1) Recommendation. That Jim Ott, head men's golf coach at Illinois Wesleyan University, serve as chair of the Division III Men's Golf Committee for the 2020-21 academic year.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

(3) Rationale. Mr. Ott's prior service on the committee and wealth of knowledge of the sport will be beneficial to the committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of 2019 meeting report. The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report.

2. 2019-20 Championships Committee actions. The committee reviewed and discussed relevant action and informational items from the 2019-20 academic year.

3. Strategic plan. The committee adopted a strategic plan to use with future decision making.

4. Review of 2019-20 Golf Coaches Association of America annual report. The committee noted that the report is a great summary of relevant information for golf coaches.

5. Sport sponsorship. The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship list and regional alignment for the 2019-20 academic year.

6. Ranking and selection process.

a. Selection criteria. The committee reviewed the selection criteria for rankings and selection purposes.

b. Regional Advisory Committee ranking calls. The committee is content with the process used for the Regional Advisory Committee ranking calls. Members noted that when the new regional alignment begins in 2021-22, they would prefer that at least eight teams be ranked in each region.

- c. Pre-selection and selection calls. The committee is satisfied with the pre-selection and selection calls and noted the importance of the pre-selection call as preparation for the selection call.
- 7. 2021 championships.**
 - a. 2020-21 timeline. The committee reviewed the 2019-20 timeline and made necessary updates for the upcoming academic year.
 - b. Evaluations of regions and pool breakdown. The committee discussed the evaluation of regions and anticipated pool breakdown for 2021 and agreed to propose pools for Championships Committee consideration after final sport sponsorship numbers become available in August.
 - c. Tee time selections and pairings. The committee discussed the 2021 tee time selections and pairings based on evaluations of 2019 championships tee times and pairings and suggested areas of improvement.
- 8. 2023-26 bid cycle.** The committee reviewed the bids for the 2023-26 cycle and recommended host sites for the Division III Championships Committee to review this summer and fall.
- 9. Contest minimums.** The committee reviewed the contest minimum requirements for teams and individuals to be eligible for at-large selections and decided to make no adjustments for years following 2020-21. The committee did note the reduction to contest minimum requirements for sport sponsorship and championship selections in 2020-21 the Division III Administrative Committee recently approved.
- 10. 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.
- 11. National committee/regional advisory committee replacements.** The committee discussed regional advisory committees and noted anticipated roster changes. The committee recognized and thanked Bob Simms, head men's and women's golf coach at St. John Fisher College, and Jeff Burns, director of athletics at Randolph-Macon College, for their outstanding contributions to the committee over the last four years.
- 12. Governance updates.** A representative from the governance staff provided updates on a variety of topics.
- 13. NCAA golf rules book.** The committee discussed the idea of a separate NCAA golf rules book but will not pursue the topic with other golf committees. The committee noted that exceptions to the USGA Rules of Golf can be made to the local rules at the NCAA golf championships.

14. 2021 annual meeting dates. The committee will meet via videoconference June 22-23, 2021.

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

NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee July 8, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
	Penny Allen-Cook, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
	Jeff Burns, Randolph-Macon College.
	Butch Edge, University of Texas at Dallas.
	Jim Ott, Illinois Wesleyan University.
	Lou Parente, Johnson & Wales University (Providence).
	Robert Simms, St. John Fisher College.
Absentees:	
	None.
Guests in Attendance:	
	Marcus El, Golfstat.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.
	Heidi Wurster, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Louise McCleary, Division III Governance.