



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE  
JUNE 12-13, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- Field size increase.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee recommends a variable increase in the number of selected individual participants, dependent on the number of selected teams, to eliminate twosomes in the field and to improve scheduling efficiency.
- (2) Effective date. 2024-25 since there are budgetary implications.
- (3) Rationale. Division III men's golf has a large finals site field at 43 teams plus six individuals (221 total participants) competing on two golf courses simultaneously. Participants are currently grouped in threesomes and twosomes. With a field this size, the committee must schedule tee times with morning and afternoon waves to effectively fit 21 or 22 teams onto each 18-hole course, which makes a consistent pace of play critical to the success of the first wave finishing their rounds prior to the second wave teeing off with no delay. Having twosomes in the field negatively impacts the pace of play, since the twosomes will play quicker than the threesomes. Eliminating twosomes would keep the pace of play consistent and help the efficiency of tournament scheduling.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The impact is dependent on sport sponsorship and the field size:
  - Fields with the number of teams divisible by three: no budgetary impact.
  - Fields divisible by three remainder one (current sponsorship): four additional individuals needed, which would equal per diem and travel for eight (one student-athlete plus one coach).
  - Fields divisible by three remainder two: two additional individuals needed, which would equal per diem and travel for four (one student-athlete plus one coach).
- (5) Student-athlete impact. An increase of either two or four individuals to balance the field would allow more student-athletes and institutions access to the championship and more opportunity for them to compete against players outside of their geographical region. Also, if a balanced field helps the logistical efficiency of the tournament regarding pace of play, the quality of the championship will improve.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2022 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2022 annual meeting report as submitted.

2. **2022-23 Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions and information items from the 2022-23 Championship Committee meetings.
3. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship and pool documents.
4. **2023 Championships.**
  - a. **Course.** The committee noted both courses were in good shape. Positive feedback was received from players and coaches during and after the tournament.
  - b. **Hotel.** The committee agreed the hotel was satisfactory and having teams, officials, and NCAA staff in one place was convenient. The committee will be mindful during the next bid cycle to recommend selecting hotels in closer proximity the courses and ones with more dining options nearby. The 2023 hotel was 20 minutes away and had limited options withing walking or short-driving distance.
  - c. **“Block Party” (Banquet).** The committee noted the transition from a formal banquet to a more laid-back celebration is off to a good start. Coordination is needed with the GCAA to make sure their planned awards and recognition can be incorporated into the event. The efficiency of the meal lines and access needs to be considered in future years. The committee noted the team participation at the event was very encouraging.
  - d. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the championship evaluations. The post-championship evaluations mirrored what was stated by participants at the championship. The committee asked if there could be any mechanism for direct follow-up for specific submissions (for example, including the name and institution of the person submitting the comment/suggestion).
  - e. **Awards presentations.** The committee noted the awards presentation went more smoothly than in years past. The script, roles, and distribution of awards was organized. The committee noted they would like to include the GCAA when developing the run of show for the awards presentation. The committee also suggested working with the NCAA photographer to establish a dedicated spot for team and individual photographs.
  - f. **Scoring areas.** The committee noted that scoring areas at both courses were sufficient. The path and flow for scoring at Champion Trace was very efficient. The committee agreed to communicate the routes through scoring during the coaches meeting.
  - g. **Water, ice/snacks on course.** The committee noted there were not enough hydration options on the golf course and the hydration stations available were not replenished sufficiently by the host. The sentiment was mirrored in the evaluations from players and coaches. The committee suggested hydration stations every three holes going forward, especially in 2024 in the hot climate in Las Vegas.
  - h. **Folds of Honor.** The committee noted the starters did a good job with the pre-round announcement and presentation. The committee wants to explore the possibility of every team being assigned a soldier and communicating this information to each institution and team prior to Folds of Honor day going forward. The committee worries the importance of the event doesn't hit its intended mark in a 15-20 minute presentation.

- i. **Starters.** The committee noted the starters were great this year and much better than in 2022 at Mission Inn and when the event was hosted previously in Nicholasville in 2019.
  - j. **Volunteers.** The committee noted that the host did well at organizing enough volunteers. The volunteers were accountable and present.
  - k. **Spectator carts.** The committee noted that no issues were reported regarding spectators being upset about being unable to get carts. This went much better than at Mission Inn in 2022. The committee believes that early communication of the “first come-first served” policy was important, and cart signage prevented spectators from taking carts parked on the course.
  - l. **Tiebreakers.** The committee noted that the 5v5 team tiebreaker took too long. The committee suggests transitioning to a five-hole shotgun format similar to what Division I men's golf used this year and putting that information in the manuals.
  - m. **Committee responsibilities and assignments.** The committee reviewed the championship assignment document and the chair noted that he will take suggestions.
  - n. **GameKast and NCAA.com coverage.** The committee was satisfied that GameKast provided an experience for participants they otherwise wouldn't have enjoyed. Positive moments were captured on camera (i.e., an ace and the two-team playoff for the cut). The committee had concerns with the registration process to access the livestream and the relationship between GameKast and NCAA.com in terms of producing worthwhile content such as recaps. The committee felt as if some services that were agreed upon in the GameKast contract were not fulfilled.
  - o. **Host marketing class.** The committee was very happy with the involvement of the host institution's marketing students to cover the championship. The committee would like to continue this idea in the future and asked if there is a way to have their footage available for NCAA.com to use with coverage.
5. **Review sport sponsorship list and pool document.** The committee received the updated sponsorship and pool document for 2023-24.
6. **Review ranking and selection process.** The committee tabled conversations about how rankings are determined and if any adjustments to primary and secondary criteria are needed because of the change in provider is yet to be finalized. The committee continues to agree with rankings being four weeks prior to the selection date. Members are pleased with the current preselection and selection processes. The committee noted that the selection email was clear and would like to incorporate social media with the host on announcement.
7. **Review of 2022-23 timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2023-24.
8. **2024 Championships.**
- a. **Banquet.** The committee agreed to continue with the “block party” theme and is confident that the host in Las Vegas will be able to deliver a great experience.

- b. Officials.** The committee thought the officials did a good job this year and would prefer the same crew in 2024 if possible.
  - c. Course.** The committee discussed the possibility of switching the secondary course from The Legacy to Boulder City Municipal due to suggestions from coaches and a committee member who toured the courses in December and concerns about the quality of The Legacy course. The committee chair will attend the site visit with the NCAA liaison in mid-July, and a recommendation will be made for the committee to vote on soon after.
  - d. Seedings/Pairings.** The committee will retain the practice times used at the 2023 championships.
  - e. Practice rounds/Tee times.** The committee decided that tee times will start earlier in the morning due to high mid-day temperatures. The committee agreed on 7 a.m. for wave one and 11:15 a.m. for wave two.
  - f. Teams and individuals.** The committee recommended submitting a proposal to the Division III Championships Committee to consider adding individuals to the field in order to maintain a total number of participants that is divisible by three to avoid having twosomes. (See Action Item 2.)
- 9. Governance update.** Representatives from the governance and AMA staffs provided updates on a variety of topics.
- 10. Manuals.** The committee reviewed the committee operations manual, pre-championships manual, host operations manual and the participant manual and will make necessary revisions. The committee recommends “one-pagers” for the manuals that can be easily distributed among coaches and administrators to highlight critical information that may be missed when reviewing the manuals in their entirety.
- 11. Regional proposal.** The committee reviewed a proposal from a Division III men's golf coach to add a regional round to the championship. The committee will request more specific detail from the author before deciding whether the proposal should be submitted to the Division III Championships Committee.
- 12. Event and result reporting.** The committee discussed the need to be proactive with communication in terms of how a team/player meets competition minimums, A v. B team reporting, and how the new scoring provider can play a role in making sure the reporting is accurate. The committee stated the accuracy of event and result reporting has a large impact on the data used for rankings and selections.

*Committee Chair:* Jon King, Alvernia University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee June 13-14, 2023, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brian Bruha, Lake Forest College.	
Jon King, Alvernia University.	
John Sjoberg, Emory University.	
Tristan Durgin, University of New England.	
Tom Koehle, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona.	
William Raleigh, Schreiner University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Dan Wesley, University of Rochester.	
<b>Guests:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff in Attendance:</b>	
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.	
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Ali Spungen, Law, Policy and Governance.	