



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-16, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2025 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2025 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **2025-26 Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions and information items from the 2025-26 Championship Committee meetings.
3. **2026 championships.**
 - a. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the championship evaluations, noting that the post-championship evaluations mirrored feedback from participants at the championship. The committee is proud of the preparedness and problem-solving by all stakeholders during weather and other challenges. The evaluations were mostly positive, and it is important to note the increased mentions and requests for a regional round to decrease the number of teams at the finals.
 - b. **Host(s).** The committee applauded Oglethorpe University and the Greater Orlando Sports Commission for their partnership and execution of the championships. GO Sports was organized and prepared, especially the Tournament Director, Lindsey McBride. The committee desired the host institution to play a larger role in the execution of the championship by sending more people to assist.
 - c. **Courses.** The committee emphasized that despite the weather challenges both courses were outstanding, of championship quality and significantly better than previous championships played there. The staff ran a first-class tournament and showed great flexibility with the multiple changes to the schedule due to the weather. They were accommodating, professional and helpful with the student-athletes, coaches and spectators throughout the championship. The committee emphasized the importance of continuing to select sites with a high-quality secondary course if the current two-course format continues.
 - d. **Hotels.** The committee agreed resort-style lodging is best for this tournament in its current format and Mission Resort was outstanding. The post-championship surveys and feedback from players and coaches onsite echoed this. Mission Resort were great partners from initial planning through selections, and they handled the check-in process of 43 teams seamlessly. It was mentioned several times in the post-championship evaluations that breakfast was repetitive and bland, but the committee feels the hotel did a great job accommodating a party of our size (350 players and coaches) and making sure everyone was fed efficiently within the time allotted to travel to the courses, which is most important. The surrounding area also had everything teams would need nearby, and the location between the two

courses was appropriate. The headquarters hotel was nice as well with sufficient local dining and travel time to both golf courses. The glaring issue was that the individual qualifiers had to stay at the Hampton Inn 15 minutes away due to the size of the field taking every available room at the resort. This impact on the student-athlete experience, though minor, is one of the main reasons a proposal for a regional round was previously proposed.

- e. **Rules officials.** The committee commended the expertise and efforts of this year's rules officials, especially Tommy Snell, Jay Hardwick, Clint Parsons and Sam Oglesby for setting up the courses. The committee discussed needed protocols for who makes the final decision on pin placement; the committee or the Head Rules Official. There were instances this year where the committee and HRO disagreed on pin placements and the HRO overruled the committee. Frustrations with those pin placements were stated onsite and in the post-championship surveys. The committee recommends they have the final decision on these matters. The topic will be discussed with the HRO.
- f. **Schedule of events.** The committee voted to alter how late the practice facilities would be available after practice and competition rounds. The committee recommends 120 minutes after the completion of the practice rounds and 60 minutes after the final group completes the competition rounds instead of the current hard stop time. This flexible approach will account for any delays due to weather or slow play. The committee recognizes this approach will be dependent on the course staff being available to provide range balls and access to the practice facilities.
- g. **"Block Party" (Banquet).** The committee noted that the block party was a success but lacked any memorable features. The block party was moved by the host venue from a more inviting and accessible location. There was a limited amount of yard games or activities like years past. The food and dessert options were good. The committee recommends adding an element where the seniors for all teams are recognized.
- h. **Scoring areas.** The committee appreciated the scoring area being stanchioned separately but felt it would have been more acceptable in a different location like where merchandise was being sold. The committee felt that the NCAA and tournament staff sharing the same space with scoring could have jeopardized confidential discussions with student-athletes in and out of the room. The committee recommends separate locations like in years past.
- i. **Special Olympics tee shots.** The committee praised the host and the teams for making the Special Olympian and his family feel special and appreciated. The committee was also encouraged by 100% attendance by student-athletes.
- j. **Starters.** The committee noted the starters were outstanding in terms of voice volume, delivery, crowd control and their efforts to make the student-athletes feel special.
- k. **Folds of Honor.** The committee was pleased with the delivery and attention given to the Folds of Honor Day this year. Teams and individuals receiving their [assigned soldiers](#) via QR code on the back of one of their student-athlete gifts and the QR codes that were available on the digital scoreboard were nice touches the committee would like to see continue.

- l. Volunteers.** The committee noted that the volunteers from GO Sports were very helpful and attentive, especially the “hydration specialist” who performed an essential role for the student-athletes. The committee recommends the host institution send more people to help if they are awarded future championships.
- m. Awards presentations.** The committee noted the awards presentation went very well this year. The script, roles, and distribution of awards were organized. The committee recommends the host be more involved with the awards.
- n. Spectator carts.** The committee praised the championship manager’s process for spectators who needed accommodations receiving priority for cart rentals this year. The committee agreed the process was organized in the best possible manner and should continue at future championships unless it is possible to eliminate spectator carts altogether.
- o. NCAA.com coverage.** The committee was satisfied with the improvement of the recaps produced by NCAA.com and the inclusion of post-round interviews with players and coaches. The committee still recommends Division II and Division III golf explore outside vendors to live stream these events.
- p. Pairings.** The committee unanimously voted to standardize the pairings and tee schedule using the Scoreboard by Clippd rankings. The field will be re-ranked 1-43 and the individual qualifiers will be re-ranked 1-10. Teams 1-23 and 24-43 along with individuals 1-5 and 6-10 will be placed into two groups. Threesome pairings will be randomized within each group with the committee having discretion to separate teams in the same conference or geographic area. The committee believes the change will provide some predictability for when teams can expect to start their first and second round once rankings are finalized on selection night. The change is within the scope of the sport committee and would not need approval by the Division III Championships Committee. The championship participant manual will be updated to reflect this change.
- 4. Review ranking and selection process.** The committee reviewed the last three years of data comparing the selections ranking and where the top-10 teams ultimately finished at the championships. The committee noted that, while there are still concerns with the algorithm and point distribution amongst the membership, for the third year in a row the top-10 finishers at the championships were all ranked in the top 10 of the selections rankings (plus or minus two), which confirms its validity. However, the committee is hesitant to recommend using Clippd as the sole selection criteria unless regionals are approved and/or a survey of the sponsorship returns with an overwhelming desire to do so. The committee recommends a survey this fall dependent on whether a new regional proposal will be submitted to the Division III Championships Committee.
- 5. Division III Championships Committee update.** Laura Peterson-Mlynski and Chad Eisele updated the committee on items the Championships Committee is currently discussing, including the divisional budget decisions, per diem increase and bench size updates.
- 6. Division III Governance and Member Services update.** Corey Berg and Ali Spungen, from the GMS team spoke with the committee about the age-based eligibility model currently being discussed by the Division I Cabinet and its potential impact on Division III. Other topics included current work of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, graduation rates, uniform

logos and the transition to required NCAA ID numbers.

7. **Review sport sponsorship list and pool document.** The committee received the updated sponsorship and pool document for 2026-27. Sport sponsorship has remained consistent. There will be a new automatic qualifying conference in 2026-27, the Midwest Conference, bringing the AQ total to 35 out of 43 teams.
8. **Discuss 2027 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships.**
 - a. **Courses.** The committee reviewed information about the River Course and Woods Course at Kingsmill Resort. Both courses are of high quality. A site visit will be conducted in the fall.
 - b. **Hotels.** The committee is encouraged that all teams, qualifying individuals, NCAA staff and officials will be able to stay onsite in 2027. Kingsmill Resort has the facilities to enhance the championships and provide a memorable experience for the student-athletes. The championship manager will ask the resort to confirm their lodging capabilities this fall using the rooming list from 2026 to ensure that another outside hotel is not needed.
 - c. **Officials.** The committee noted the officials did a great job this year and would prefer the same crew in 2027 if possible.
 - d. **Block Party.** The committee agreed to continue with the "block party" theme and is confident that the host in Williamsburg will be able to deliver a great experience with the variety of space and facilities they have.
 - e. **2025 Division III Women's Golf Championships evaluations.** The committee reviewed evaluations from 2024-25 when Kingsmill hosted the women's championship for awareness of potential situations where the championship can improve this time around.
 - f. **Teams and individuals.** In 2027, the field will consist of 43 teams (35 automatic qualifiers and eight at-large berths) and 10 individuals not from the selected teams.
9. **Championship regionals proposal.** The committee has adjusted the proposal to add a regional round to the championships following feedback from the Division III Championships Committee in February. The Championship Committee noted two sticking points with the proposal: the Division III team sports access ratio and funding. The committee continues to work on the proposal and plans to survey the sponsorship during the August window. The committee also discussed a potential webinar to provide the information using a platform other than paper to help improve understanding.
10. **Future bid cycle.** The committee received an update and tentative timeline for the upcoming bid cycle for the 2029-2031 championships. The championship manager provided a one-page flyer to help solicit bids for the upcoming cycle.
11. **Committee chair.** The committee voted unanimously to elect Andrew Delong from University of Wisconsin-Stout as the new chair of the Division III Men's Golf Committee for 2026-27.

Committee Chair: Tom Koehle, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona
Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Andrew Delong, University of Wisconsin-Stout.	
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University.	
Tom Koehle, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona.	
David Lindholm, Williams College.	
William Raleigh, Schreiner University.	
Tana Thomas, Swarthmore College.	
Ryan Williams, Farmingdale State College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests:	
Chad Eisele, Division III Championships Committee.	
NCAA Staff in Attendance:	
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
Ali Spungen, Law, Policy and Governance.	