

**NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S GOLF**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 2020**

The NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as, future recommendations or information that will be helpful to you. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Mary Giordi, chair of the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee, and/or a member of the committee or Nancy O'Hara, NCAA championships and alliances.

1. **2020-21 Committee Members.**

Jodie Burton Term ends: Sept. 2022  
 SWA/Head Women's Golf Coach  
 Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-  
 Scripps Colleges

Bret Billhardt Term ends: Sept. 2023  
 Senior Associate Director of Athletics  
 Wittenberg University

Thomas Chatfield Term ends: Sept. 2023  
 Head Women's Golf Coach  
 Hood College

Mary Giordi, chair Term ends: Sept. 2024  
 Head Women's Golf Coach  
 St. Catherine University

Peter Gyscek Term ends: Sept. 2021  
 Head Men's and Assistant Women's  
 Golf Coach  
 Washington and Lee University

2. **Sponsorship.** The 2020-21 sponsorship lists are located on the ncaa.org member site.

Division I 261 (-5)  
 Division II 200 (+/- 0)  
Division III 242 (-1)  
 Total 709 (+9)

+/- Indicates the number of institutions that have added women's golf since the 2019-20 academic year.

The Division III pool document is posted online at [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org).

3. **2021 Championships Dates and Sites.**

**Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 3, 2021  
**National Championships:** May 11-14, 2021  
 Forest Akers Golf Courses, Lansing, Michigan – Hosted by Olivet College and Greater Lansing Sports Authority

4. **Future Sites.**

**2022 Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 2, 2022  
**National Championships:** May 10-13, 2022  
 Bay Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas – Hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Harris County-Houston Sports Authority

**2023 Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 1, 2023  
**National Championships:** May 9-12, 2023  
 Mission Inn Resort and Club, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida – Host by Oglethorpe University and Greater Orlando Sports Commission

**2024 Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 13, 2024  
**National Championships:** May 21-24, 2024  
 Keene Trace, Nicholasville, Kentucky – Hosted by Transylvania University

**2025 Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 5, 2025  
**National Championships:** May 13-16, 2025  
 Bay Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas – Hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Harris County-Houston Sports Authority

**2026 Selection Announcement:** Monday, May 11, 2026  
**National Championships:** May 19-22, 2026  
 Desert Willow Golf Resort, Palm Desert, California – Hosted by Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges

5. **Regional Rankings.** The committee will publish four regional rankings in the spring. The rankings will be published April 15, April 22, April 29 and at the time of selections, May 3.

6. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division III Championships Committee awarded the following 22\* conferences automatic qualification for the 2021 championships:

- American Rivers Conference
- American Southwest Conference
- Centennial Conference
- College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
- Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Landmark Conference
- Liberty League
- Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
- Middle Atlantic Conference
- Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- New England Small College Athletic Conference
- North Coast Athletic Conference
- Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
- Northwest Conference
- Ohio Athletic Conference
- Old Dominion Athletic Conference
- Presidents' Athletic Conference
- St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Southern Athletic Association
- Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
- Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

\* Confirmation of AQ's and pool numbers will be determined based on the sport sponsorship information available at the time of championships selections.

7. **2021 Championships Field Size** In September, the Division III Championships Committee recommended and the Division III Management Council approved that brackets and field sizes be maximized at 75 percent for the

2020-21 academic year only. The committee will select 116 participants for the championships inclusive of 22 teams and six individuals.

8. **2020-21 Selection Process.** In May, the Division III Membership Committee reduced the minimum number of contests required for sport sponsorship and championship selection by 33 percent for the 2020-21 academic year only. The Division III Women's Golf Committee has since reduced the number of rounds needed by 33 percent to be considered as an at-large selection. Teams and individuals must play a minimum of eight 18-hole rounds on a course at least 5,800 yards, including a minimum of two rounds in the spring and register with Golfstat, in order to be considered for selection as an at-large berth to the championships. Teams receiving automatic qualification berths (Pool A) must meet minimum sport sponsorship requirements but otherwise will be determined as dictated by the conference (e.g., do NOT need to meet the minimum eight 18-hole rounds, two rounds in the spring requirement). A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments by May 2, 2021. A team may compete with four or five players. Teams or individuals that are not able to meet eligibility requirements due to weather or other extenuating circumstances may submit a written waiver to the NCAA championships manager prior to the selection call for consideration by the women's golf committee.

9. **Selection Criteria.** All contests against Division III opponents will be in primary criteria. If there are at-large teams and individuals selected, the following criteria will be used.

Primary:

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents;
- Division III head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common Division III opponents;
- Adjusted scoring average;
- Score versus par;
- Strength of schedule in Division III;
- Record versus top 25 Division III teams;
- Place finish in contests;
- Average drop score;
- Late-season performance.

Secondary:

- Won-lost percentage against non-division III opponents;
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents;
- Strength of schedule;
- Record versus top 25 non-Division III opponents.

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls are not used as a selection criterion by the women's golf committee for selection purposes.

10. **Championship Format.** The championships will consist of both team and individual competition conducted concurrently. The tournament is 72 holes. All participants will complete 54 holes of competition. After 54 holes of competition, the field will be cut to the top 15 teams and top six individuals not on one of those teams.

11. **Rules.** The 2020-21 Hard Card is posted on the Division III Women's Golf landing page on [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org).

12. **Annual Meetings.** The 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee annual meeting will be June 14-16, 2021, and will be conducted virtually. Feel free to submit agenda items in writing to the NCAA championships administrator, Nancy O'Hara.

The 2020 women's golf committee annual meeting report and other meeting reports can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-iii-womens-golf>.

13. **Minimum Yardage.** The minimum yardage requirement for the 2020-21 season is:  
PAR 70 = 5,600  
PAR 71 = 5,700  
PAR 72 = 5,800  
PAR 73 = 5,900  
PAR 74 = 6,000

14. **Regional Alignment.** The 2020-21 pool document is posted online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-iii-womens-golf>.

15. **Date Formula Change.** The men's and women's committee surveyed the membership and made a proposal to the championships committee to alternate years. Beginning with the 2023 championships, the women's date formula will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in May in odd-numbered years and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May in even-numbered years.

16. **Pre-Championship Manual.** The 2020-21 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Pre-Championships Manual is posted on the sport landing page.

17. **NCAA Websites.** [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org) and [www.NCAA.com](http://www.NCAA.com).

