

NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S GOLF
ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2018

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 Jerry Bergsma, 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. **2018-19 Committee Members.**

Jerry Bergsma, chair
Head Golf Coach
Calvin College
Term ends: Sept. 2019

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

Brad Duckworth
Director of Athletics
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Term ends: Sept. 2019

Mary Giorgi
Head Women's Golf Coach
St. Catherine University
Term ends: Sept. 2020

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

2. **Sponsorship.** The 2018-19 sponsorship lists are located on the ncaa.org member site.

Division I	267 (-1)
Division II	195 (-1)
Division III	223 (-3)

Total 685 (-5)

+ Indicates the number of institutions that have added women's golf since the 2017-18 academic year.

The Division III pool document is posted online at www.NCAA.org.

3. **2019 Championships Dates and Sites.**

Selection Announcement: Monday, May 6, 2019
National Championships: May 14-17, 2019
Bay Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas – Hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Harris Country-Houston Sports Authority.

4. **Future Sites.**

2020 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 4, 2020
National Championships: May 12-15, 2020
PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – Hosted by Emory University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission (joint championships with Division III Men's Golf).

2021 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

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 Country-Houston Sports Authority.

5. **2018 Top Finishers – Teams**

1. Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
2. Williams
3. George Fox
4. New York University

2018 Top Finishers – Individuals

1. Margaret Loncki – Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
2. Navika Kuchakulla – New York University
3. Jane Hopkinson-Wood – Wittenberg University
4. Johnna Beehner – Methodist University
5. Rachele Miller – DePauw University
6. Mira Yoo – Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
- T7. Jorie Hodapp – Berry College
- T7. Ziyi Wang – Carleton College
- T7. Brooke Klostermann – Wartburg College
- T10. Shiyang Fan – Whitman College
- T10. Iris Kawada – George Fox University
- T10. Holly Davenport – Williams College

6. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division III Championships Committee awarded the following 21* conferences automatic qualification for the 2019 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
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. **Selection Process** The committee will select 131 participants for the championships. Twenty-five teams and six individuals will be selected.

8. **Selection Criteria.** All contests against Division III opponents will be in primary criteria. The following criteria will be used to select the four* at-large teams and six individuals to the championships.

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.

9. **2018-19 Selection Process.** Teams and individuals must play a minimum of twelve 18-hole rounds on a course at least 5,800 yards, including a minimum of three rounds in the spring and register with Golfstat by October 1, 2018, in order to be considered for selection as an at-large 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 twelve 18-hole rounds, three rounds in the spring requirement). A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments by May 5, 2019. 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.

10. **Regional Rankings.** The committee will publish four regional rankings. There will be one ranking in the fall and three rankings in the spring. The fourth published ranking will be at the time of selections. Regional rankings will be published Nov. 8, April 18, May 2 and at the time of selections, May 6.

11. **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.

12. **Rules.** The 2018 Fall Hard Card is posted on the Division III Women's Golf landing page on www.NCAA.org. The 2019 Spring Hard Card will be posted in January.

13. **Annual Meetings.** The 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee annual meeting will be June 24-26, 2019, in Indianapolis. Feel free to submit agenda items in writing to the NCAA championships administrator, Nancy O'Hara.

The 2018 women's golf committee annual meeting report and the January and August 2018 teleconference calls can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-iii-womens-golf>.

14. **Minimum Yardage.** The committee will be adjusting the minimum yardage requirement for the 2019-20 season to:

- PAR 70 = 5,600
- PAR 71 = 5,700
- PAR 72 = 5,800
- PAR 73 = 5,900
- PAR 74 = 6,000

15. **Two Active Coaches.** Two designated coaches from each team will be permitted to give advice during competition at the championships. The two active coaches must be recognized institutional representatives.

16. **Access Ratio.** The men's and women's committees have proposed that the championships committee review and modify NCAA Bylaw 31.3.1.1 to increase the access ratio in women's golf from 1:7 to 1:6.5. The championships committee will review the request during their February 2019 meeting along with other sport budget-impacted requests.

17. **Regional Realignment.** The committee has requested the championships committee review a proposal to align the five regions in an effort to more evenly distribute the institutions across the regions. This would be effective for the 2019-20 academic year.

14. **Pre-Championship Manual.** The 2018-19 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the sport landing page in January.

15. **NCAA Websites.** www.NCAA.org and www.NCAA.com.

