

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE JUNE 25-26, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. 2024 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2024 annual meeting report as submitted.
- 2. 2024-25 Division III Championships Committee update. The committee reviewed the 2024-25 Championships Committee actions and informational items related to women's golf. Members also noted the upcoming inclusion of the Colonial Women's Golf Conference, starting in the 2027-28 academic year. Championships Committee liaisons Laura Peterson-Mlynski and JP Williams provided an update on additional action items the committee has implemented this year.
- **3. 2024 WGCA report.** The committee reviewed the 2024 report presented at the WGCA convention. The committee provided additional information to include and ensure it is disseminated to the membership.
- **4. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed its strategic plan and agreed to continue evaluating how it serves the best interests of Division III women's golf and aligns with the men's championship.
- **5. Hard cards.** The committee reviewed the Fall and Spring hard cards. The committee voted to remove the One Ball Rule from the Fall hard card.
- **6. Selection process and documents.** The committee reviewed the selection process and related documents, making only minor language adjustments for future communications.
- **7. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship and pool documents. The committee agreed to maintain a field size of 34 teams, following the 2024-25 five-team increase. The committee also made note of potential future regional changes.
- **8. Review of 2025 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2025 championship and noted the following:
 - **a. Pre-championships conference call.** The committee discussed the agenda for the call and noted items to mention on future calls and emails to participating teams and individuals.

- **b. Team registration**. The committee was pleased with the structure and execution of team registration. The committee felt that Christopher Newport and Kingsmill Resort were well-prepared and appreciated the addition of merchandise offered at registration.
- **c. Onsite coaches meeting.** The committee was pleased with the room setup for the meeting. Members reviewed the coaches' meeting information and added information to be presented at future meetings.
- **d.** Championship welcome event. The committee discussed the need for more food lines to improve accessibility and create additional space to fit the full field size in the same room. The committee is interested in exploring a combined banquet with the WGCA.
- **e. Courses**. The committee appreciates the flexibility Kingsmill showed during the weather-related challenges. The committee felt the golf course staff worked hard to keep the courses in shape for the championship field.
- f. Special Olympics. The committee was satisfied with how the Special Olympics tee shot and clinic were organized and conducted. Members believe these events offered a valuable experience for the student-athletes who volunteered.
- g. Folds of Honor. The committee would like to increase efforts to have military personnel on site for Folds of Honor given the proximity to military instillations. Members appreciated the Folds of Honor displays on the videoboard and felt the Folds of Honor boards added a great touch. The committee was pleased with how they were spaced throughout each course.
- **h. Rules officials**. The committee appreciates the efforts and work of the rules officials. The committee agreed that additional rules officials are needed for the two courses.
- i. Weather. The committee noted that the weather created challenges in holding the championship. Members considered better communication methods with participants during the event and during weather delays. Additionally, the committee reviewed logistical notes and strategies to enable quicker responses at future championships.
- **j. Facilities**. The committee was pleased with the facilities offered by Kingsmill Resort and felt they were very accommodating to the needs of the championship participants.
- **k. Volunteers**. The committee expressed sincere gratitude to all volunteers who assisted during the championships. The committee highlighted the need for more volunteers throughout the event to help on competition days.
- 1. **Surveys**. The committee reviewed participant survey results, as well as those submitted by rules officials and the host tournament director. The committee acknowledged that weather

was a challenge and understands that transparency would be helpful moving forward. The committee also considered the banquet adjustments requested for future championships.

9. 2026 championships.

- **a. Welcome banquet.** Representatives from the 2026 host, Claremont Mudd-Scripps, discussed the banquet setup with the committee and shared current ideas for the banquet format. The committee expressed interest in combining the WGCA banquet with the NCAA banquet.
- **b. Courses**. CMS expressed excitement about hosting at Desert Willow Golf Resort on the Firecliff and Mountain View courses. Firecliff will be the championship course.
- c. Championships yardage. The committee reviewed membership feedback regarding the current minimum yardage and decided to maintain the championship yardage at a minimum of 5,800 yards and encouraged teams to practice on longer courses to prepare for the event.
- **10. EventDirect app.** The committee noted the challenges coaches faced with EventDirect and is exploring alternative options to improve access in the future. Overall, the committee felt the app performed better this year than in previous years.
- 11. Clippd meeting. The committee met with Clippd representatives Marcus El and Carolyn Kupchik who received feedback from the members about this year's experience with the Scoreboard by Clippd system. They also provided updates on plans for the upcoming year.
- **12. Division III governance update.** Division III governance liaison Malik Henry updated the committee on various grants and programs launching this academic year to encourage member engagement. The committee offered feedback on adding a variety of trainings throughout the year.
- **13. 2025-26 committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the championship travel and monthly teleconference dates and approved the 2025-26 committee calendar.
- **14. Committee chair.** The committee agreed to re-appoint Adele Burk, associate director for championships and compliance at the New England Small College Athletic Conference, as chair for the 2025-26 academic year.
- **15. 2026 annual meeting dates.** The committee agreed to hold its 2026 annual meeting June 24-25 in Indianapolis.

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Committee Chair: Adele Burk, New England Small College Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Demetria Young, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee June 25-26, 2025, Meeting

Attendees:

Adele Burk, New England Small College Athletic Conference.

DeeDee Jarman, Methodist University.

Matthew Kluck, Washington & Jefferson College.

Paulette Pera, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ali Wilson, American Rivers Conference.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

Trent Lindsey, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges.

Randy Town, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges.

NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:

Demetria Young, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Corey Berg, Malik Henry, Laura Peterson-Mlynski and JP Williams.