ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

   - Access ratio.
     
     (1) **Recommendation.** That the access ratio for men’s golf be modified from 1:7 to 1:6.5. This proposal refers to Bylaw 31.3.1.1.

     (2) **Effective date.** 2018 championships.

     (3) **Rationale.** The NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Committee believes that the access ratio should be modified to provide more access to deserving Pool C teams. The committee understands the rationale with regard to the current 1:7 ratio for golf; however, only five true individuals are selected to the championships, which accounts for less than 3 percent of the total participants at the championships. Team sports access ratios are 1:6.5. The at-large percentage for team sports is between 25 percent and 40 percent of the field. Currently, 21 percent of the men’s golf team field size is at-large. If the access ratio for men’s golf were adjusted to 1:6.5, the field would expand from 42 teams to 45 teams. The percentage of at-large teams would then increase to 27 percent of the field. This percentage is more in line with team sports that have automatic qualifiers. In addition, the committee acknowledges that the Championships Committee has principles of increasing bracket size to even numbers but feels this does not have to be the case for golf. The tournament can be conducted fairly and efficiently with an odd-numbered team field size. The women’s golf committee will also be requesting a change in the access ratio.

     (4) **Estimated budget impact.** $27,000.

        - Transportation $15,084; per diem $10,414; game expense $1,104.

     (5) **Student-athlete impact.** The proposal will provide more teams the opportunity to compete at the championships. For the additional teams at the championships, there is potential for more missed class time. However, the academic year is already complete for a number of institutions during the time in which the championships are conducted.

2. Nonlegislative items.
a. Automatic qualification.

(1) **Recommendation.** That the following 33 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2017 Division III Men’s Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

Pool allocation projections are as follows:

- Pool A – 33
- Pool B – 2
- Pool C – 7

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification (AQ) eligibility.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

b. Division III Men’s Golf Committee chair selection.

(1) **Recommendation.** That William Gorman, associate athletics director at Wentworth Institute of Technology, be appointed as chair of the Division III Men’s Golf Committee for the 2016-17 academic year.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.
(3) **Rationale.** Mr. Gorman’s previous service and knowledge of the sport will be beneficial to the committee.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

c. **Number of individuals selected into the championship.**

   (1) **Recommendation.** That the number of individuals selected into the championship not on a team range from five to seven based on the selected number of teams each year. This would produce an even number of threesome pairings. The current Division III Men’s Golf Championships field size is 42 teams and five individuals. This proposal would thus increase the field size to 42 teams and six individuals in order to have an even number of threesomes.

   (2) **Effective date.** 2017 championships.

   (3) **Rationale.** The committee determined that having 42 teams and six individuals for a total of 216 players would create an even 72 threesomes in the pairings. This would be advantageous to the organization and structure of the tournament as a whole and increase fairness to all players. The current 42 teams and five individuals makes for a total of 215 players, which does not result in even threesome pairings. Rather, this field consists of 71 threesomes and one twosome, therefore changing the experience for two student-athletes. The committee understands it will need to educate coaches about the change, and that the number of individuals selected each year could vary based on sport sponsorship and access ratio. The chart below displays a breakdown of the number of individuals needed to create even pairings based on the number of teams that may access the championship.

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(4) **Estimated budget impact.** $3,000 per additional individual student-athlete. It is presumed the student-athlete will be traveling with one non-athlete.

- Transportation $1,503; per diem $1,157; game expense $123.
(5) **Student-athlete impact.** This would have a positive impact on the student-athletes who would be able to experience a national championship. It should be noted that these individual student-athletes are top-tier golfers within the division.

d. **18-team and six-individual cut.**

(1) **Recommendation.** That after 36 holes the field will be cut to 18 teams and six individuals not on one of those teams, rather than 15 teams and six individuals not on one of those teams.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** The committee believes that increasing the cut to 18 teams and six individuals will provide a greater championship experience for additional student-athletes involved. More teams will have the chance of playing an additional two days of competition and could possibly advance to the top four in the final two days. In addition, the selected field has grown since the 15-team, six-individual cut was implemented in the 2010 championships when 40 teams made the field. Cutting the field to 18 teams and six individuals will still provide for only one wave of play, which allows for greater flexibility in terms of dealing with weather. With only one wave of players for the final two days, it will continue to make the event efficient to operate, as only one shift of volunteers will be needed. The volunteers are instrumental to the success of the championships and the student-athlete experience.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None. Currently, all teams book travel round trip, assuming they make it through the entire length of the championship. If a team gets cut, the NCAA will pay the $200 change fee to let teams go home early, but if there is any fare increase, teams have to pay this additional fee themselves. Teams do, however, continue to get the full per diem of six days per person, and if teams want to use that per diem to offset the fare increase, they have that option.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** This would create a greater championship experience for the additional student-athletes who will have the opportunity to earn a trophy and play an extra two days of competition.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of recent reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2015 annual meeting report and the February 2016 meeting report as written.
2. **2015-16 Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed and discussed relevant action and informational items from the 2015-16 academic year.

3. **Review of 2015-16 Golf Coaches Association of America annual report.** The committee noted that the report is a great summary of relevant information for golf coaches. Committee members also noted they would like to add their email addresses to the report to facilitate more regular communication between coaches and the committee.

4. **2016 championships review.**
   
a. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed evaluations from the national championships, noting that the overall experience seemed to be very positive. The committee noted some negative feedback regarding the driving range at the secondary course, the driving distance between the two courses, and the fact that not every team was able to stay at the main hotel where the majority of teams stayed.

b. **Schedule of events.** The committee is satisfied with the current schedule of events for the championships.

c. **Awards presentation.** The committee was pleased with the improvements from the previous year’s awards presentation. The committee noted that starting the awards presentation even sooner after the completion of the championships would make the presentation more of a positive experience. The committee would also like to present the Golf Coaches Association of America awards before the NCAA awards to put more emphasis on the NCAA awards as the final awards.

d. **Rules officials.** The committee noted its continued satisfaction with head rules official Kurt Faxon and his rules committee for their performance during the championships. Committee members noted that rules officials were very active and visible this year and were quick to respond to needs as they arose, creating a positive effect on the event as a whole. The committee also noted it would like to hold a meeting after the second and third rounds with the rules officials and host staff to make any necessary improvements or adjustments.

e. **NCAA banquet.** The committee was satisfied with the championship banquet, noting its detailed run of show. The committee noted some negative feedback from the evaluations regarding the layout of the room and space limitations.

f. **Executive Sports.** The committee discussed the role of Executive Sports at the championship site and noted the enhanced look and feel of the championships as a result of their tournament operations management services. The committee suggested a few operational improvements for the Executive Sports staff for future years.
g. **Special Olympics initiative.** The committee was pleased with the Special Olympics initiative, noting its positive effect on the Special Olympics athletes and student-athletes. The committee recommended additional ideas for initiatives and would like to see similar initiatives every year depending on host capabilities.

h. **Committee championship responsibilities.** Committee members were satisfied with their responsibilities and assignments throughout the championships and noted they will continue to be the eyes and ears throughout the championship to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

i. **Tee time selections and pairings.** The committee discussed the tee time selection process and discussed various ways of making it more efficient for future years.

j. **Web stream.** The committee was pleased with the daily recap videos produced on NCAA.com and would like to see these capabilities grow annually to enhance the championships.

5. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship list and regional alignment from the 2015-16 academic year.

6. **Ranking and selection process.**

   a. **Minimum number of opponents.** The committee discussed the Golfstat reports, noting the number of opponents for each institution.

   b. **Number of rankings.** The committee was satisfied with the number of published rankings.

   c. **RAC ranking calls.** The committee was pleased with the process of their RAC rankings calls.

   d. **Balloting and selection documents.** The committee noted that the balloting system continues to be well received by national and regional advisory committee members.

   e. **Pre-selection and selection call.** The committee was satisfied with the pre-selection and selection calls and noted the timing of the calls worked well. The committee noted the importance of having the pre-selection call to be better prepared for the selection call.

7. **2017 championships.**

   a. **2016-17 timeline.** The committee reviewed the 2016-17 timeline and made necessary updates.
b. **Evaluations of regions and pool breakdown.** The committee discussed the evaluation of regions and anticipated pool breakdown for 2017 and noted that the Pool C allocations will increase with the addition of one team to the field size.

c. **Tee time selections and pairings.** The committee discussed the 2017 tee time selections and pairings based on their evaluations of 2016 championships tee times and pairings and suggested areas of improvement. The committee is proposing to add one individual to help the organization and structure of the event overall.

d. **Rules officials.** The committee discussed rules officials and, as noted previously, was pleased with their work at the championships.

e. **Pace of play.** The committee was satisfied with the pace of play at the 2016 championships and is confident in the ability to enforce a similar pace of play in 2017 despite some challenges with the course layouts.

f. **36-hole cut.** The committee discussed the 36-hole cut at the championships and will determine specific playoff procedures in the fall, following a site visit to the championship courses.

g. **Match play and two active coaches.** The committee reviewed the membership surveys from January and concluded that there was not enough support for or against match play and/or two active coaches at the championship site from both coaches and administrators. Committee members noted that they may revisit these items at a future meeting.

8. **Golfstat.** The committee met with a Golfstat representative and discussed a variety of topics to assist with future ranking, the selection processes and live scoring at the finals site. The committee discussed the idea of live scoring to be conducted by the players at the championship and decided live scoring will continue to be conducted by volunteers. The committee noted that live scoring is an essential part of the championship experience, and it is the host’s responsibility to provide an adequate number of volunteers to conduct proper live scoring.

9. **Future site selection.** The committee reviewed the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 NCAA selection process timeline and evaluation priorities.

10. **Governance and legislative updates.** Representatives from the governance and academic and membership affairs staffs provided updates on a variety of topics within their respective departments.
11. **Manual review.** The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, and finals participant manual templates.

12. **2017 annual meeting dates.** The committee will meet June 27-28 in Indianapolis.

13. **Other business.** The committee discussed a proposal to incorporate a regional format into the championships but took no action at this time. The committee understands the various challenges inherent with integrating this type of format and decided further research needs to be done to better inform a decision.

*Committee Chair:* Anthony Berich, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances

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