The NCAA Division II Men’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. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member(s) of the NCAA Division II Men’s Golf Committee and/or John Baldwin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

1. **2015-16 Committee Members.**

Ken Badylak  
SID/Head Golf Coach  
Saint Joseph’s College (Indiana)  
Term ends: Sept. 2017

Pete Coughlin  
Head Golf Coach  
California University of Pennsylvania  
Term ends: Sept. 2018

Todd Ohlmeyer, chair  
Head Men’s Golf Coach  
St. Edward’s University  
Term ends: Sept. 2016

Christian Stryker  
Associate AD for External Operations  
Coker College  
Term ends: Sept. 2019

2. **2016 Championships Dates and Sites.**

**Ranking Dates:**  
- Friday, April 1, 2016  
- Friday, April 8, 2016  
- Friday, April 15, 2016

**Selection Announcement:**  
- Friday, April 22, 2016

**Regionals:**  
*May 2-4, 2016*  
- Le Moyne College – Timber Banks GC  
- Grand Valley State University – The Meadows GC  
- Sunshine State Conference – Mission Inn Resort  
- Western New Mexico – NMSU Golf Club

**National Championships:**  
*May 17-21, 2016*  
- Metro State University – Green Valley Ranch GC  
  (*Division II National Championships Festival)*

3. **2016 Regional Allocations to Finals Site.**  
- South/Southeast  
  5 teams  
- West/South Central  
  5 teams  
- Central/Midwest  
  5 teams  
- East/Atlantic  
  5 teams

4. **2015 Top Finishers – Teams.**  
Champion – Nova Southeastern  
Runner-up – Lynn  
Semifinalist – Central Missouri  
Semifinalist – Saint Leo

5. **2015 Top Finishers – Individuals.**  
1. Sam Migdal  
   Central Missouri  
2. Mateo Gomez  
   Lynn  
3. Ryan Gendron  
   Saint Leo  
4. John Coultas  
   Florida Southern  
4. Forrest Knight  
   North Alabama  
4. Michael Hearne  
   Southern Nazarene  
4. Joey Savoie  
   Saint Leo

6. **Selection Criteria Adjustment.**  
During the 2015 annual meeting, the national committee made the following adjustment to the requirements for at-large selection into the championship field (*bold* represents new language; *strikethrough* represents language removed):

“To be considered during the at-large selection process, both teams and individuals must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of seven contests, of which four are in the *spring* institution’s championship segment.
- A minimum of 12 rounds, of which six must be in the *spring* institution’s championship segment.”

7. **Final Round Pairings Adjustment at Regional and Finals Sites.**  
The committee made one minor adjustment to the pairings at regional and championship finals sites, adopting the “reverse horseshoe” format for the afternoon tee times during the third day of competition. Under this format, teams seeded 7-9 after two rounds will begin play at noon local time on the third day of competition, and teams seeded 10-12 will begin play at 12:50 p.m.

8. **Automatic Qualification.**  
There will be 21 conferences receiving automatic qualification in 2016, with addition of AQs for the Great Midwest Athletic Conference and Mountain East Conference for the first time.
During their annual meeting, the national committee also discussed the AQ awarded to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the desire for continued conversation with the conference to ensure that minimum sport-sponsorship requirements are properly tracked and met throughout the academic year.

The national committee will meet June 22-24, 2016 for their annual meeting. If you wish to add any items to committee’s agenda for discussion, those topics should be sent to a member of the national committee or to the national office by June 3.

10. Division II Legislative Review – Non-Championship Segment.
The Division II Legislative Committee will be undergoing a comprehensive review in March 2016 of all Division II non-championship playing seasons. This review will be inclusive of all Division II sports.

While the Legislative Committee recognizes that tennis and golf are different than most team sports, it has been noted that sport-specific legislation will be difficult to adopt. As such, individuals are encouraged to think division-wide, rather than sport-specific, when attempting to address issues related to the non-championship segment.

Please send any proposed concepts, ideas, or suggestions for improvement to the non-championship playing segment to John Baldwin at the national office.

The NCAA will conduct a formal bid cycle during the 2016 calendar year, which will include golf championship finals sites for the 2019-22 seasons. Member institutions can expect bid specifications to be made available during the first quarter of 2016, with bids being accepted throughout the summer months.

Note that the 2020 national championships will be bid out as part of the Division II National Championships Festival.

The USGA rule regarding club anchoring will go into effect January 1, 2016. All NCAA competition should be conducted under the rules of golf, which includes the anchoring ban.

Beginning with the 2014 Divisions I, II and III Men’s and Women’s Golf Championships, the Groove and Punch Mark Specifications which were included in the USGA Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010, were adopted as a Condition of Competition. This will remain the case for the 2015 championships, as well. The details of this Condition can be found in Decision 4-1/1 of the 2012-2015 Decisions on the rules of Golf. The NCAA will also recommend that all regular season tournaments and conference championships adopt this Condition beginning January 1, 2014. This January 1 timeline is recommended by the United States Golf Association for the highest level of amateur golf. The adoption of this Condition for all NCAA Divisions, at one time, will promote consistency among the college ranks.

The Rules of Golf require that all new models of clubs manufactured on or after January 1, 2010 must conform to the new groove specifications. Among other things, these specifications reduce the maximum volume of the grooves on irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods. The specifications also place a limitation on the sharpness of groove edges on irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods with 25 degrees of loft or higher. This was done in order to reduce the spin applied to the ball under certain situations, primarily when a player is playing from the rough. The major professional tours have used this Condition since it was available, in 2010.

A player in doubt as to whether their clubs conform to this Condition may go online to www.usga.org, Equipment, Conforming Club and Ball List, and Informational Club Database. This database lists models of clubs that were available prior to 2010 (including some models that changed their grooves specifications for 2010) and the result of the USGA testing. For newer models or clubs not found on the list, the player should contact USGA Equipment Standards for further information at 908/234-2300. The list is available at: http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html