The NCAA Division III 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. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, contact Bill Gorman, chair of the NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Committee, and/or a member of the committee or John Kuzio, NCAA championships and alliances.

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2. Sponsorship. The 2016-17 sponsorship lists are located on the NCAA.org member site.

   Division I  297 (+3)
   Division II  234 (+0)
   Division III  294 (+6)
   Total  825 (+9)

   The sponsorship and pool document is posted online on the DIII Men’s Golf landing page.

3. 2017 Championships Dates and Site.

   Selection Announcement: Monday, May 8, 2017
   National Championships: May 16-19, 2017
   Oglethorpe University and Central Florida Sports Commission, hosts.


   2018 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 7, 2018
   National Championships: May 15-18, 2018

5. 2019 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 6, 2019
   National Championships: May 14-17, 2019
   Location and Hosts to Be Determined.

6. Automatic Qualification. The Division III Championships Committee awarded the following 33* conferences automatic qualification into the 2017 championships:

   *Allegeny Mountain Collegiate Conference*
   *American Southwest Conference*
   *Capital Athletic Conference*
   *Centennial Conference*
   *College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin*
   *Colonial States Athletic Conference*
   *Commonwealth 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 Coast Athletic Conference*
   *Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference*
   *Northwest Conference*
   *North Atlantic Conference*
   *North Eastern Athletic Conference*
   *Ohio Athletic Conference*
   *Old Dominion Athletic Conference*
   *Presidents’ Athletic Conference*
   *Skyline Conference*
   *Southern California Intercollegiate*
7. Selection Process. The committee will select 215 participants for the championships. Forty-two teams and five individuals will be selected.

8. Selection Criteria. The men’s golf committee has received approval from the Division III Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men’s golf championships (not necessarily in priority order): The primary criteria emphasize regional competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed.

Primary:
- In-division head-to-head competition;
- In-division results versus common opponents;
- In-division won-lost results;
- In-division Division III strength of schedule
- Place/finish in all competitions;
- Stroke differential;
- Individual stroke averages;
- Adjusted scoring average;
- Golfstat indexes;
- Nullification (Bylaw 31.02.4)

Secondary:
- Overall head-to-head competition;
- Overall results versus common opponents;
- Overall won-lost results;
- Overall strength of schedule;
- Late-season performance, defined as an institution’s last three tournaments, which may include the conference championship.

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

9. 2016-17 Selection Process. Both fall and spring schedules will be considered. A team or individual must compete in a minimum of four contests (minimum of 18 holes) after Jan. 1 of each year. The institutions that earned their conferences’ automatic qualifier in the fall are not required to play in four contests after the first of the year, but the men’s golf committee recommends that a spring schedule is conducted. For junior varsity contests, the respective school must inform the host institution that its junior varsity program will participate and that its team score should not appear on the tournament results form; however, individual scores may be reported. Waivers will be accepted by the men’s golf committee for teams or individuals that have not met extenuating circumstances. Waivers must be submitted in writing to the NCAA sport manager before the selection date.

To be considered during the selection process either as an automatic berth (Pool A) or an at-large berth (Pool B and Pool C), an institution must play at least 25 percent of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

10. Published Rankings. Regional rankings will be published on NCAA.com April 13, 20 and 27. New for 2016-17, a fourth regional ranking will be published after the selection announcement on May 8.

11. Legislation. Legislation was passed at the 2016 convention that reduces the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship from five to four beginning with this (2016-17) academic year. Additional information can be found here.

12. Championships Format. The championships committee approved a recommendation from the men’s golf committee that after 36 holes of competition, the field will be cut to the top 18 teams and six individuals. This will be in effect for the 2017 championships. The men’s golf committee annual report can be found online on the DIII Men’s Golf landing page and the championships committee meeting report can be found on the DIII Championships Committee landing page.


15. NCAA Websites. NCAA.org and NCAA.com.