REPORT OF THE
DIVISION II WOMEN’S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 22-23, 2016, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   a. Committee chair appointment.
      (1) **Recommendation.** That Val Verhunce, head men’s and women’s golf coach at Sonoma State University, be appointed chair of the committee. The term for Chad Markuson, current chair of the committee, expires August 31, 2016.
      (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.
      (3) **Rationale.** Mr. Verhunce is a three-year veteran on the committee and has served the committee and the membership well during his tenure. His experience positions him well for this role during the upcoming academic year.
      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.
      (5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.
   b. Automatic qualification.
      (1) **Recommendation.** That automatic qualification be implemented for the 2018 Division II Women’s Golf Championships.
      (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2018.
      (3) **Rationale.** The committee believes adding AQ will make women’s golf more competitive as well as exciting regionally and will reward teams that win their conference championships. With the growth of the sport, AQ fits and mirrors other sports that offer AQ.
(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Student-athletes will benefit from the additional access to the NCAA championships, as well as from the incentive AQ provides to win conference championships.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Expansion of participants selected for championship.** The committee plans to propose expanding the number of teams and individuals that advance from the super regionals to the finals. The committee will submit a detailed proposal in the next triennial budget process.

2. **Match play.** Based on whether the expansion is granted, the committee would like to make the move to match play at the championship. The expansion is key to making the match play concept work at the championship. Match play is used at the Divisions I and III championships and has proven to be beneficial to the student-athlete experience.

3. **Review of 2015 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2015 meeting report as presented.

4. **Review of Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions from recent Championships Committee meetings.

5. **2016 super regional evaluations.** The committee noted that student-athletes and coaches appreciated the team and individual champion trophies that were awarded for the first time. Feedback also indicated support for the new horseshoe format for pairings that provides equity for team and individual participants. For 2017, the committee is considering adding split tee times at the four sites.

   The committee agreed to require all student-athletes to attend the super regional meeting on site with their coach. This is critical, since the head rules official, tournament director and site representative provide useful information at this meeting.

6. **2016 championships review.** The golf committee reviewed the 2016 championships and addressed the following issues.

   a. **Schedule of events.** The committee discussed the schedule of events for the championships and did not make any changes for the 2017 championships.

   b. **Championship evaluations.** The committee discussed participant survey responses from the national championships, which were hosted by Metropolitan State University as part of the Division II Festival, noting that the overall experience seemed to be very positive.
Committee members also noted the positive impact that the Folds of Honor initiative had on participating student-athletes and coaches and would like to see the community engagement events for women’s golf be expanded.

The committee felt that the course was well maintained but could have been tougher. Members did note, however, that late snow accumulation in April stunted the rough’s growth. The committee agreed that the practice and range area was adequate this year and was well marked by Executive Sports. Members also noted that participants received a T-shirt at last year’s championships and that a different item should be distributed next year.

c. Practice round. The committee discussed the practice round at the championship site and will continue to have teams begin their practice rounds off both the Nos. 1 and 10 tees during the morning prior to the first round of the championships.

d. Rules officials. The committee was pleased with the rules officials at the 2016 championships.

In addition, the committee spoke via teleconference with the official in charge of the women’s golf championships. Members addressed several items related to the championships, including pace of play policies; hole and tee placements; rules committee and golf committee roles and responsibilities; and plans for the 2017 championships. The committee would like to keep the best practice of having a committee member work with the officials staff for course setup at the championship.

e. Pairings. The committee is working on a document to forecast the pairings for the next four years to vary the regional tee times and order. The committee will continue to have the individuals play in the middle group between the teams during the final round.

f. Pace of play. The 2016 championship was the first for checkpoints. The rules officials worked diligently to educate participants on the checkpoints, and the time par used was accurate for the course. In 2017, the committee suggested that a time par of four hours and 50 minutes be used at the Findlay Country Club because of the course’s design.

g. Executive Sports. Executive Sports did a great job marking the course, providing team flags to line the path to No. 1 tee, and the practice area had the names of all teams and individuals.

h. Web streaming. The committee appreciated the updates to the web stream coverage, including the daily video recaps posted online.

7. Golfstat. The committee met via teleconference with Mark Laesch from Golfstat and discussed selection criteria, results reporting, and how to improve the webinar, among other topics.
8. **Future sites and bid specifications.** The 2017 championships will be held in Findlay, Ohio, at the Findlay Country Club. The committee discussed the upcoming bid cycle for the 2019-22 championships.

9. **Pre-championships manual/host operations manual/participant manual.** Staff asked the committee to submit revisions for the manuals as necessary.

10. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the most recent sponsorship report and noted anticipated changes for 2016-17.

8. **National committee/regional advisory committee replacements.** The committee discussed national and regional advisory committees and made note of projected changes.

9. **Communication with member institutions.** The committee discussed the importance of updating and educating institutions about women’s golf and will include information on the 10-day rule in the fall memo to the membership. Staff noted the monthly newsletter as a valuable resource and encouraged committee members to spread the word about its availability.

10. **Division II governance update.** Terri Stee-Gronau, vice president of Division II, and Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II, met with the committee to discuss the priorities of the division, the National Championship Festival and the Make It Yours brand enhancement.

11. **Legislative items.** The committee met a representative from the academic and membership affairs staff as well as the Men’s Golf committee to discuss the non-championship segment for golf.

12. **2017 annual meeting dates.** The annual meeting will be June 21-22, 2017.

13. **Other business.** The committee met with the Division II Men’s Golf Committee to discuss a variety of topics, including: automatic qualification, overlapping regional dates of competition, regional host sites, and match play.

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**Wrestling Committee Chair:** Chad Markusan, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference  
**Staff Liaison:** Ali Teopas, NCAA Championships and Alliances
### Division II Women’s Golf Committee

**June 22-23, 2016, Meeting**

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<td>Harold Watson, Armstrong State University; Peach Belt Conference.</td>
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<td>Rebecca Mailloux, Grand Valley State University; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.</td>
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<td>Val Verhunce, Sonoma State University; California Collegiate Athletic Association.</td>
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<td>Lisa Sweany, Armstrong State University; Division II Championships Liaison (via teleconference).</td>
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