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CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS
2016-17 MANUAL**

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-Championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Administrator. The NCAA staff member responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA National Committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the selection process.

Site Selection. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook for additional guidance on concussions online at: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4374-2014-15-ncaa-sports-medicine-handbook.aspx>.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I, Manuals Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal

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shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II, and III Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Division I); 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and III) and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere policy and procedure and fines.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators will be copied on the email and asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes and coaches.

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative GPA of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to NCAA.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athletes and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics

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equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1•2 National Committee

[Reference: Administration and Management in the Division I General Section, and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

The NCAA Men's Golf Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee. **Current members of the golf committee are:**

- Bruce Brockbank**, Brigham Young University
- Mark Hankins**, University of Iowa
- Mike Holder**, Oklahoma State University
- Brad Hurlbut**, Sacred Heart University
- Scott Lieberwirth**, University of Texas at El Paso
- Scott Schroeder**, University of North Florida

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Oct. 1	Tournaments and team rosters to be used for selection purposes must be registered with Golfstat.
Wednesday, April 26	Pre-selection call with national committee – 11 a.m. Eastern time.
Wednesday, May 3	Results from spring competition due to Golfstat.
Thursday, May 4	National committee selection announcement.
Monday-Wednesday, May 15-17	Regionals.
Friday-Wednesday, May 26-31	National Championships at Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove, Illinois (Northern Illinois University, host).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2017 Regionals — May 15-17

- University Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Louisiana State University, host
- The Grove, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Middle Tennessee State University, host
- Kampen Course, West Lafayette, Indiana; Purdue University, host
- Stanford Golf Course, Stanford, California; Stanford University, host
- UT Golf Club, Austin, Texas; University of Texas, Austin, host
- Aldarra Golf Club, Sammamish, Washington; University of Washington, host

2017 Finals — May 26-31

- Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove, Illinois; Northern Illinois University, host

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (6)	11 days before the start of the finals (Monday-Wednesday), effective 2016.
Finals	Fourth Friday in the month of May except when May 1 is a Friday. In that year, the championships will begin on the fifth Friday in the month of May.

FUTURE DATES

2018

Regionals (May 14-16)

Raleigh, North Carolina	Lonnie Poole Golf Course (North Carolina State University, host).
Bryan, Texas	Traditions Club (Texas A&M University, host).
Columbus, Ohio	Scarlet Course/OSU Golf Course (The Ohio State University, host).
Kissimmee, Florida	Reunion Resort (University of Central Florida, host).
Norman, Oklahoma	Jimmie Austin OU Golf Club (University of Oklahoma, host).
Stockton, California	The Reserve at Spanos Park (University of the Pacific, host).
Finals (May 25-30)	TBD.

Section 1•4 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., clubs, balls, shoes, bags, push/pull carts, distance measuring devices, etc.) to be used will be determined by the institution or player, as long as the items conform with the Rules of Golf and the following Local Rules and Conditions that will be in effect.

- List of confirming driver headers – options condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Grooves – the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. Penalty for breach of condition: see decision 4-1/1 (in the Rules of Golf).
- List of confirming golf balls – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Limitation on golf balls ("One-Ball Rule") – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Footwear – shoes with metal or traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited during the stipulated round, penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.
- Transportation – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.
- Distance measuring devices – local rule as prescribed in Appendix I (in the Rules of Golf) is in effect.

Note: coaches are required to wear shoes that conform with the footwear condition (i.e. soft-spikes or flat bottom tennis shoes). Players must use non-motorized push/pull carts but these must be secured by the institution or player. Coaches may use distance measuring devices as long as they conform with the Rules of Golf.

Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf, the NCAA Hard Card, the NCAA Local Rule for Distance Measuring Devices, the NCAA Advice and Pace of Play Conditions (see Appendix D) and the Notice to Players specific to the golf course being played. The NCAA Rule Sheet shall be used during the regionals and the championships.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct (i.e. **profanity, club throwing, acts of defacing the golf course, use of electronic devices including iPods and cellular phones, etc**). During the round, defined as from the time the player makes his first stroke until the scorecard is deemed returned to the golf committee, at the first offense of any act of unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships (regionals and finals), the student-athlete and coach will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning. The offending institution's director of athletics will receive a letter from the NCAA, informing the institution that one of its student-athletes had been warned for unsportsmanlike conduct during the championships. The second offense of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification for that round, and further unsportsmanlike conducts will result in disqualification from the championships. Any unsportsmanlike conduct incurred at the regionals would be carried over to the finals. However, the committee shall have the right, without warning, to disqualify an individual for that round (or championships) for any flagrant act of unsportsmanlike conduct.

In addition to the unsportsmanlike conduct policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes shall be subject to the misconduct policies and penalties in NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10. The golf committee may also impose other penalties deemed appropriate.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition and practice. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of the same color. Slacks or shorts may be worn at the individual's discretion, provided they are of the same color and are considered the team uniform. If a student-athlete wears headgear during competition, it must display only an institutional, conference or NCAA logo, or no logo. If there is no logo, a coach's or team member's headgear must be of an institutional color. A manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or back of the item as long as it conforms to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.5. For television purposes, it is recommended that each institution attempt to wear a uniform that reflects its school colors during the final three days of the championships. Team members are not required to wear the same headgear.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. All participants and coaches should have their shirts tucked in while on the golf course for practice and competition rounds. Please refer to the host institution's pretournament mailing for the definition of appropriate attire at the golf course.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The format for the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships is determined by the golf committee, subject to the approval of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

REGIONALS

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the 30 qualifying teams and six individuals not on those qualifying teams who will compete in the finals.

Thirteen teams and 10 individuals not on those teams will compete at each of three regionals while the other three regionals will have 14 teams and five individuals not on those teams. The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams will advance to the finals. Playoffs and tiebreakers, as set forth in [Appendix A](#), will be used, if necessary, to determine advancement to the finals. The games committee will do everything possible to complete 54 holes within the scheduled three-day period.

If a minimum of 36 holes cannot be completed, the games committee will select the regional's representatives to the finals, taking into consideration 18-hole scores and other selection criteria.

FINALS

Finals. All 30 teams and six individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of competition, the top 15 teams along with the top nine individuals not on an advancing team will advance for one additional day of stroke play to determine the top eight teams for match-play competition and the 72-hole stroke-play individual champion. The top eight teams after 72 holes of play will be placed into a bracket with the No. 1 seed playing the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed playing the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed in match play. Ties for the top 15 and the top nine individuals will be broken by the non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedure set forth in [Appendix A](#). Ties for the top eight teams will be broken by a sudden death playoff, or if necessary, by the established non-sudden death tiebreaking procedure set forth in [Appendix A](#).

A total of five points will be available with one point being awarded for each individual match. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently the finals. The first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match be declared the national champion. Once a team has won three individual matches, any remaining individual matches will be halted at that point with the individual match recorded as it currently stood.

The Division I Men's Golf Committee will determine match-play lineups using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches. The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 72-hole stroke-play portion), "Team 1", will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match #1. The opposing team, "Team 2", will then name its player for Match #1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match #2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match #2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Pairings for the quarterfinals will be determined following the completion of the 72-hole stroke-play competition and the crowning of the individual champion. Pairings for the team semifinals and finals will be determined following the completion of the previous match-play round.

Pairings for both the stroke play and match play portions of the finals can be found at NCAA.org on the NCAA Division I Men's Golf page. Ties for such pairing positions will be broken according to the non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures set forth in [Appendix A](#).

The games committee will do everything possible to complete 72 holes and each match during the match play portion of the championships. However, the committee reserves the right to modify pairings for weather.

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the first four teams and first 15 individuals.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. Please refer to the NCAA Travel Policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses, Travel policies can be found on the [NCAA website](#). Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for the championships and not for the regionals.

Section 2•2 Results

GOLFSTAT

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee will use Golfstat to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Golfstat and register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

1. Instructions and forms have been sent to all institutions from the NCAA national office. All tournaments must be registered with Golfstat not later than Oct. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to have the tournament registered will be assessed a \$200 fine. Complete schedules need to be submitted to Golfstat by Oct. 1.
2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit the results to Golfstat within 2 days of the completion or it may be assessed a \$200 fine.
3. Results for tournaments completed May 2-3 should be sent via email to Golfstat (mail@golfstat.com).
4. If a regular-season tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four out of five, four out of six or five out of six, the tournament director must submit the format to the golf committee not later than Nov. 29. Effective with the 2006-07 year, the format of five players playing together is approved and those results will be used for selection purposes.
5. Match play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, match play should follow the following procedures:
 - The only allowable formats are Team Match Play and Team Medal Match Play.
 - Team Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in straight Match Play. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Team Medal Match Play is defined as one player from opposing teams playing each other in straight match play. Each team may consist of five to nine players.
 - Players may only play by themselves and cannot have a partner within their individual match (e.g., no partners are allowed to play formats such as alternate shot, best ball, scramble, etc.).
 - No JV teams and no individuals' matches that are not part of the team can play or be counted.
 - One team has to win the match. There cannot be a tie. Breaking a tie can either be by playoff or a predetermined method.
 - Matches must have a minimum of five individual matches and a maximum of nine individual matches.
6. Institutions that fail to fully register with Golfstat may be assessed a \$200 fine.
7. For any regular-season competition to be considered for selection purposes, the competition must be conducted on a golf course that meets the following minimum yardage relative to par:
 - Par 70 - 6,100 yards
 - Par 71 - 6,300 yards
 - Par 72 - 6,500 yards

For information about reporting results and tournament registration, contact:

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 Mobile Phone: 317-435-6942
 Fax: 309-829-4792

SCORING

Scorecards shall be kept in strict accordance with Rule 6-6 of the USGA's "Scoring in Stroke Play" and shall be returned promptly upon completion of play.

A daily team score is computed by totaling the lowest scores of four of the five team members. The final team score is determined by totaling each daily score.

For the match play portion of the championships, there will be a total of five points available in each match. The first team to win three points will advance to the next round, or in the case of the final match be declared the national champion. Once a team has won three points, any remaining individual matches shall be halted with the scores being recorded as the match currently stood.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Thirty-one conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2017 regionals:

American Athletic Conference	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Atlantic Sun Conference	Mountain West Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Ohio Valley Conference
Big Sky Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big South Conference	Patriot League
Big Ten Conference	Southeastern Conference
Big 12 Conference	Southern Conference
Big West Conference	Southland Conference
Colonial Athletic Association	Southwestern Athletic Conference
Conference USA	The Summit League
Horizon League	Sun Belt Conference
The Ivy League	West Coast Conference
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Western Athletic Conference
Mid-American Conference	

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall Division I won-lost record of .500 or better.

BYLAW 31.3.3.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

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The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Men's Golf Committee has received approval from the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's golf championships in priority order:

PRIMARY CRITERIA

- NCAA/Golfstat ranking indexes;
- Head-to-head results;
- Stroke differential;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Overall won-lost record; and
- Strength of schedule

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Men's Golf Committee for selection purposes.

The golf committee shall select a total of 81 teams (including automatic qualifiers) and 45 individuals not on those teams for participation at the regionals. Conference individual medalists, if not selected on a participating team, will receive an automatic invitation as an individual. Three regions will have 13 teams and 10 individuals not on those teams while the other three will have 14 teams and five individuals not on those teams.

Any changes to a team's schedule after October 1 need to be approved by the Division I Men's Golf Committee. Any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament will incur losses to each team in the field. However, should a tournament be canceled for reasons beyond the teams control, the team will not incur any penalties.

Also, an institution may not compete in separate tournaments on the same date of competition with both events counting towards selections. Should an institution choose to do this, one team will automatically be declared an "A" team while the other will be a "B" team. The "B" team results will not count towards selections as an at-large team.

The ranking system compiled by Golfstat shall include all conforming tournament results for all Division I teams. It is critical that the results for every tournament be submitted. For junior varsity contests, the institution must inform the host and Golfstat in writing before the tournament that its junior varsity program will participate. Junior varsity team scores should not appear on the tournament results form. Individual results must be reported to Golfstat. Failure to report such information shall result in a \$200 fine and a letter of reprimand.

Regional Selection. The committee will select 81 teams and 45 individuals for regional competition, including automatic qualifiers (31) and at-large teams (50). Three of the six regionals will have 13 teams and 10 individuals while the other three regionals will have 14 teams and five individuals. The primary goal will be to equally weigh each field. The golf committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns in attempting to attain this goal. Five teams and the low individual not on an advancing team from each regional shall advance to the finals.

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Appendix A • Tiebreaking

TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

Team ties shall be broken by a sudden-death playoff counting the low four scores relative to par on each hole. Play shall continue with new scoring on each successive hole until a winner is determined. The games committee will determine the starting holes. If a playoff involves more than two teams, a shotgun format shall be used. The team playoff will be conducted first, with the playoff for individual spots to follow immediately after the conclusion of the team playoff. Once the shotgun sudden-death format is started, that format shall be used until a winner is determined.

SUDDEN-DEATH PLAYOFF PROCEDURES

Teams will draw for positions. For a two-team playoff, the winner of the draw shall have the option of the A or B positions set forth below. For a playoff involving more than two teams, the teams shall assume the drawn letter position (A, B, C, etc.) set forth below.

TWO TEAMS (A & B; TEE OFF ALTERNATELY)

#5A,	#5B,	#4A,	#4B,	#3A	playoff hole #1
#3B,	#2A,	#2B,	#1A,	#1B	playoff hole #1

SHOTGUN FORMAT

THREE TEAMS

A #5	B #5	C #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	playoff hole 1

FOUR TEAMS

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	playoff hole 1

FIVE TEAMS

A #5	B #5	C #5	D #5	E #5	playoff hole 5
A #4	B #4	C #4	D #4	E #4	playoff hole 4
A #3	B #3	C #3	D #3	E #3	playoff hole 3
A #2	B #2	C #2	D #2	E #2	playoff hole 2
A #1	B #1	C #1	D #1	E #1	playoff hole 1

Players will play the numbered position they held at the start of the tournament.

The format in pairings for a playoff of six teams or more shall be consistent with the foregoing format as determined by the games committee.

NON-SUDDEN-DEATH TIEBREAKING PROCEDURE

For the purposes of ranking teams for third- and fourth-round pairings, and to break ties for the top 15 teams and top nine individuals as well as situations in which a sudden-death playoff cannot be completed, the following system shall be used to break ties, except as provided elsewhere when ties need not be broken at the championships:

Teams

1. Cumulative total of the non-counting scores.
2. Highest cumulative individual total.
3. Second-highest cumulative individual total.
4. Third-highest cumulative individual total.
5. Fourth-highest cumulative individual total.
6. Fifth-highest cumulative individual total.
7. Committee decision.

Individuals

1. That round's score.
2. Score from previous round(s).
3. Coin toss.

When a tie exists within a team, the individual with the lowest team position will be given the later tee time.

The foregoing procedure also will be used if a cut becomes necessary at any time after the completion of the second round of play at the championships.

Appendix B • Sport Information

MEMORANDUM TO COACHES

A coach is not considered part of the player's side and therefore is not directly subject to the Rules of Golf; nevertheless, there are certain actions that a coach could take that might result in a penalty — e.g., if a coach's actions were sanctioned tacitly or otherwise by the player, he might be penalized.

Some examples of actions by his coach that could result in a penalty to the player would be: improving a line of play; moving loose impediments or obstructions in violation of the Rules; disregard for the provisions of Rule 14-2, assistance and violation of putting green and flagstick restrictions.

Responsibilities of a competitor in this regard are supported by Decisions 13-2/4, 13-2/33 and 13-2/36 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf.

In the best interest of the competition, and in an effort to minimize any difficult situations, the golf committee trusts that all competitors, coaches and officials respect the principle of obeisance to the Rules, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

Appendix C • Sport Sponsorship

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<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
University of Akron	Akron	OH
Alcorn State University	Alcorn State	MS
Arkansas State University	State University	AR
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Fayetteville	AR
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Little Rock	AR
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	AR
Ball State University	Muncie	IN
Baylor University	Waco	TX
Bowling Green State University	Bowling Green	OH
Bradley University	Peoria	IL
Butler University	Indianapolis	IN
University of Central Arkansas	Conway	AR
Chicago State University	Chicago	IL
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
Cleveland State University	Cleveland	OH
University of Colorado, Boulder	Boulder	CO
Creighton University	Omaha	NE
University of Dayton	Dayton	OH
DePaul University	Chicago	IL
University of Detroit Mercy	Detroit	MI
Drake University	Des Moines	IA
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston	IL
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	KY
Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	MI
University of Evansville	Evansville	IN
University of Houston	Houston	TX
Houston Baptist University	Houston	TX
Illinois State University	Normal	IL
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL
Indiana University, Bloomington	Bloomington	IN
Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	IN
Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN
University of Iowa	Iowa City	IA
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Jackson State University	Jackson	MS
University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS
Kansas State University	Manhattan	KS
Kent State University	Kent	OH
University of Kentucky	Lexington	KY

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<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Lamar University	Beaumont	TX
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	LA
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	LA
University of Louisville	Louisville	KY
Loyola University Chicago	Chicago	IL
Marquette University	Milwaukee	WI
Marshall University	Huntington	WV
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	LA
Miami University (Ohio)	Oxford	OH
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	MI
Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Minneapolis	MN
Missouri State University	Springfield	MO
University of Missouri, Columbia	Columbia	MO
University of Missouri-Kansas City	Kansas City	MO
Morehead State University	Morehead	KY
Murray State University	Murray	KY
University of Nebraska Omaha	Omaha	NE
University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Lincoln	NE
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	LA
North Dakota State University	Fargo	ND
University of North Texas	Denton	TX
University of Northern Colorado	Greeley	CO
Northern Illinois University	De Kalb	IL
University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls	IA
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	KY
Northwestern University	Evanston	IL
University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame	IN
Oakland University	Rochester	MI
The Ohio State University	Columbus	OH
Ohio University	Athens	OH
University of Oklahoma	Norman	OK
Oklahoma State University	Stillwater	OK
Oral Roberts University	Tulsa	OK
Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	TX
Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN
Rice University	Houston	TX
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	TX
University of South Dakota	Vermillion	SD
South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD

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Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	LA
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale	IL
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Edwardsville	IL
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	TX
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	TX
Texas A&M University, College Station	College Station	TX
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	TX
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	TX
Texas Southern University	Houston	TX
Texas State University	San Marcos	TX
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	TX
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	TX
University of Texas at Austin	Austin	TX
University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
University of Toledo	Toledo	OH
Valparaiso University	Valparaiso	IN
West Virginia University	Morgantown	WV
Western Illinois University	Macomb	IL
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY
Wichita State University	Wichita	KS
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Green Bay	WI
University of Wisconsin, Madison	Madison	WI
Wright State University	Dayton	OH
Xavier University	Cincinnati	OH
Youngstown State University	Youngstown	OH

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EAST REGION

<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	AL
Alabama A&M University	Normal	AL
Alabama State University	Montgomery	AL
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	AL
Appalachian State University	Boone	NC
Auburn University	Auburn	AL
Augusta University	Augusta	GA
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	TN
Belmont University	Nashville	TN
Bethune-Cookman University	Daytona Beach	FL

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Binghamton University	Binghamton	NY
Boston College	Chestnut Hill	MA
Brown University	Providence	RI
Bryant University	Smithfield	RI
Bucknell University	Lewisburg	PA
Campbell University	Buies Creek	NC
Canisius College	Buffalo	NY
Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	CT
University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL
College of Charleston (South Carolina)	Charleston	SC
Charleston Southern University	Charleston	SC
Clemson University	Clemson	SC
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	SC
Colgate University	Hamilton	NY
Columbia University-Barnard College	New York	NY
University of Connecticut	Storrs	CT
Cornell University	Ithaca	NY
Dartmouth College	Hanover	NH
Davidson College	Davidson	NC
University of Delaware	Newark	DE
Drexel University	Philadelphia	PA
Duke University	Durham	NC
East Carolina University	Greenville	NC
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	TN
Elon University	Elon	NC
Fairfield University	Fairfield	CT
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	Teaneck	NJ
University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
Florida A&M University	Tallahassee	FL
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
Fordham University	Bronx	NY
Francis Marion University	Florence	SC
Furman University	Greenville	SC
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	NC
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
George Washington University	Washington	DC
Georgetown University	Washington	DC
University of Georgia	Athens	GA

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<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	GA
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	GA
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Hampton University	Hampton	VA
University of Hartford	West Hartford	CT
Harvard University	Boston	MA
High Point University	High Point	NC
Hofstra University	Hempstead	NY
College of the Holy Cross	Worcester	MA
Iona College	New Rochelle	NY
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	AL
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	FL
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	VA
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	GA
La Salle University	Philadelphia	PA
Lafayette College	Easton	PA
Lehigh University	Bethlehem	PA
Liberty University	Lynchburg	VA
Lipscomb University	Nashville	TN
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus	Brooklyn	NY
Longwood University	Farmville	VA
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge	LA
Loyola University Maryland	Baltimore	MD
Manhattan College	Riverdale	NY
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Princess Anne	MD
University of Maryland, College Park	College Park	MD
University of Memphis	Memphis	TN
Mercer University	Macon	GA
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	TN
University of Mississippi	University	MS
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	MS
Monmouth University	West Long Branch	NJ
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	LA
Niagara University	Niagara University	NY
North Carolina Central University	Durham	NC
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Wilmington	NC
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	NC
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	NC
The University of North Carolina at	Greensboro	NC

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Greensboro		
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	FL
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	VA
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	PA
Pennsylvania State University	University Park	PA
Presbyterian College	Clinton	SC
Princeton University	Princeton	NJ
Radford University	Radford	VA
University of Rhode Island	Kingston	RI
University of Richmond	Richmond	VA
Rider University	Lawrenceville	NJ
Robert Morris University	Moon Township	PA
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick	New Brunswick	NJ
Sacred Heart University	Fairfield	CT
Samford University	Birmingham	AL
Savannah State University	Savannah	GA
Seton Hall University	South Orange	NJ
Siena College	Loudonville	NY
University of South Alabama	Mobile	AL
University of South Carolina, Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	MS
St. Bonaventure University	St. Bonaventure	NY
St. Francis College Brooklyn	Brooklyn Heights	NY
Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)	Loretto	PA
St. John's University (New York)	Queens	NY
Saint Joseph's University	Philadelphia	PA
Saint Peter's University	Jersey City	NJ
Stetson University	DeLand	FL
Temple University	Philadelphia	PA
Tennessee State University	Nashville	TN
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	TN
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	TN
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Knoxville	TN
University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin	TN
Towson University	Towson	MD
Troy University	Troy	AL
U.S. Military Academy	West Point	NY
U.S. Naval Academy	Annapolis	MD

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Vanderbilt University	Nashville	TN
Villanova University	Villanova	PA
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	VA
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg	VA
Wagner College	Staten Island	NY
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	NC
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	NC
College of William and Mary	Williamsburg	VA
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	SC
Wofford College	Spartanburg	SC
Yale University	New Haven	CT

Count: 141

WEST REGION

<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ
Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ
Boise State University	Boise	ID
Brigham Young University	Provo	UT
California Polytechnic State University	San Luis Obispo	CA
California State University, Bakersfield	Bakersfield	CA
California State University, Fresno	Fresno	CA
California State University, Fullerton	Fullerton	CA
California State University, Northridge	Northridge	CA
California State University, Sacramento	Sacramento	CA
University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley	CA
University of California, Davis	Davis	CA
University of California, Irvine	Irvine	CA
University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA
University of California, Riverside	Riverside	CA
University of California, Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	CA
Colorado State University	Fort Collins	CO
University of Denver	Denver	CO
Gonzaga University	Spokane	WA
University of Hawaii, Manoa	Honolulu	HI
University of Idaho	Moscow	ID
Long Beach State University	Long Beach	CA

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Loyola Marymount University	Los Angeles	CA
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno	NV
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	NM
University of Oregon	Eugene	OR
Oregon State University	Corvallis	OR
University of the Pacific	Stockton	CA
Pepperdine University	Malibu	CA
University of San Diego	San Diego	CA
San Diego State University	San Diego	CA
University of San Francisco	San Francisco	CA
San Jose State University	San Jose	CA
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara	CA
Seattle University	Seattle	WA
University of Southern California	Los Angeles	CA
Southern Utah University	Cedar City	UT
St. Mary's College of California	Moraga	CA
Stanford University	Stanford	CA
University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	TX
U.S. Air Force Academy	USAF Academy	CO
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
Utah State University	Logan	UT
Utah Valley University	Orem	UT
University of Washington	Seattle	WA
Washington State University	Pullman	WA
Weber State University	Ogden	UT
University of Wyoming	Laramie	WY

Count: 50

<i>School</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND

Count: 1

Total: 297

Appendix D • Local Rules, Conditions and Other Information



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION 2017 NCAA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf govern play. See NCAA Notice to Players and NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the Rules of Golf effective January, 2016. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition - Stroke play – Two strokes, Match play – Loss of hole. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NCAA misconduct, Rule 33-7 or a serious breach of Rule 1-2 in which it is up to the Committee.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills, sod-covered trenching for temporary cables and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill -- see Decision 1-4/10.)

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS – On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS - have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON PUTTING GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed on the USGA's website is in effect.

CONDITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

GROOVES – The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. Penalty for breach of Condition: see Decision 4-1/1.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS (“ONE-BALL RULE”) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

FOOTWEAR – Shoes with metal or traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of Condition: Disqualification.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED – A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round.

TRANSPORTATION – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ADVICE – See separate memorandum to players for persons who may give advice.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in disqualification.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS - Before or between rounds on any day of the Competition or play-off, a player must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is permitted during the practice round only.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS – In addition to Rule 7-1b for stroke play it is a Condition of the Competition to prohibit practice on the competition course on any day of a match play competition. Penalty for breach of this Condition: Disqualification. A player may practice on the designated practice areas. This Condition and Rule 7-1b applies to other practice.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES - Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect for stroke play only (including D-II's stroke play medal/match).

CLOSE OF COMPETITION - The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced” when the Head Rules Official has confirmed the result of the match.

2017 NCAA D-I Men's Championships
Local Rule
Distance-Measuring Devices

Distance-Measuring Devices: During the Championships, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, recommendations on club selection, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 14-3.

In addition, the use of distance-measuring devices by the designated advice coach is also authorized by the NCAA Committee. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8, the Committee has established the following condition with respect to the conduct of these coaches.

If, during a stipulated round, an advice coach uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play, upon discovery of the breach, the advice coach must leave the course for the remainder of that round with no substitution permitted.

If, during a stipulated round, a player asks for these other measured conditions from anyone (including the advice coach) made with a distance-measuring device, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. If, during a stipulated round, a player is given these other measured conditions from anyone (including the advice coach) made with a distance measuring device and fails to take action to stop this irregular procedure, in equity (Rule 1-4), the player incurs the penalty under Rule 14-3.

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Advice Condition

In modification of the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, during a round of team competition each team may appoint up to two persons who may give advice to members of that team. In the case when a player is not participating on a team, each player may have one person who may give him advice, with a maximum of two such persons per institution, provided that:

- a. Such persons are designated by the institution's athletic department to perform coaching duties and who serve in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis; and
- b. They must be identified to the Committee before giving advice; and
- c. They must wear the identification band, when provided.

Note: Such persons are considered outside agencies and not part of their player's side. They should give advice in a private manner and that does not unduly delay play. They should give advice to and receive advice from, only competing members of their team or their other designated coach and not from any other representative of their team, any other team's players or coaches or any other outside agencies. In the case when a player is not participating on a team, the designated person should give advice only to the player himself and not receive advice from any other player or coach or any other outside agencies.

If, during a stipulated round, such persons do not act in accordance with the Note to this Condition their appointment is subject to revocation and they would be required to leave the course for the remainder of the round.

Memorandum to Coaches

A coach is not considered part of the player's side and therefore is not directly subject to the Rules of Golf; nevertheless, there are certain actions that a coach could take that might result in a penalty, e.g. if a coach's action were sanctioned tacitly or otherwise by the player; he might be penalized. Some examples of actions by his coach that could result in a penalty to the player would be: improving the line of play; moving loose impediments or obstructions in violation of the Rules; disregard for the provisions of Rule 14-2 assistance and violation of the putting green and flagstick restrictions. Responsibilities of a competitor in this regard are supported by Decisions 13-2/4, 13-2/33 and 13-2/36 of the Decision on the Rules of Golf. In the best interest of the competition, and in an effort to minimize any difficult situations, the Committee trusts that all competitors and coaches respect the principle of obeisance to the Rule, proper conduct and fair play in the spirit of the game.

2017 D-I Men's Championship Pace of Play Policy-Match Play

Out of Position

FIRST MATCH: The first match to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.

FOLLOWING MATCH: Any following match will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and (b) reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties – Match Play

An out of position match may be monitored and timed. Anytime a match is being monitored and timed, the players will be notified of such timing by a Rules Rover. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a match being timed who takes more than the allotted time (see below) to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1st breach – warning
- 2nd breach – loss of hole
- 3rd breach – second warning
- 4th breach – disqualification

Timing

When a match is being monitored and timed, each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE 1: The committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the committee deems it necessary.

NOTE 2: Players should also be aware that the committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a match that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his match get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

NOTE 3: If the match in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that stipulated round in the event that the match requires additional monitoring.

NOTE 4: The USGA Rules of Golf shall be followed, along with any local rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the golf committee and the golf rules officials will be available for interpretations of the rules and other decisions governing the competition. Penalties based on the Rules of Golf are not subject to appeal.

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
THE CONCESSION GOLF CLUB-MATCH PLAY-FIRST TEE																		
Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	4
Time Allotted	12	14	18	11	14	10	18	13	14	13	10	12	18	11	13	14	18	14
Total Time	0:12	0:26	0:44	0:55	1:09	1:19	1:37	1:50	2:04	2:17	2:27	2:39	2:57	3:08	3:21	3:35	3:53	4:07

PACE OF PLAY TIME CHART																		
THE CONCESSION GOLF CLUB-MATCH PLAY-TENTH TEE																		
Hole #	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Par	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	4	4
Time Allotted	12	10	12	18	11	13	14	18	14	16	14	18	11	14	10	18	13	14
Total Time	0:12	0:22	0:34	0:52	1:03	1:16	1:30	1:48	2:02	2:18	2:32	2:50	3:01	3:15	3:25	3:43	3:56	4:10

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Player Pace of Play Information

In an effort to address slow play, the NCAA has adopted a group pace of play policy for the NCAA D-I Men's Regionals and Championship. This policy monitors each group as they complete each of the four checkpoints. Since adopted several years ago, this group pace of play policy has had a positive result in reducing the length of rounds. The following items are to help you better understand and adapt to the policy.

- Each group will be given a fixed amount of time in which to play 4 or 5 holes within each of the four checkpoints. Times will be reflected on the score cards. Each group will be required to complete each checkpoint hole based on the allocated time or within 14 minutes of the group ahead.
- Checkpoints will normally be located at the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th putting greens. A checkpoint will be considered missed if: The hole is not completed (flagstick in the hole) within the allocated cumulative time and the group has not completed the hole within 14 minutes of the group ahead. If a group misses a checkpoint all players within the group will be informed by the checkpoint official as follows:
 - 1st missed checkpoint – *warning
 - 2nd missed checkpoint – liable to a one stroke penalty
 - 3rd missed checkpoint – liable to a two stroke penalty
 - 4th missed checkpoint – liable to disqualification

* If a group clears the 3rd checkpoint and has not missed any other checkpoints, but is out of position at the 4th checkpoint, each player in the group is liable for a one stroke penalty if in the Committee's view a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final checkpoint. This is to prevent such a group to slow play the last five holes of the round.

- As long as you keep up with the group ahead of you (within 14 minutes) your group will never be in jeopardy of being out of position. Always look ahead – not behind.
- Be aware of the checkpoint holes. In the following situations your group may be in danger of missing the checkpoint:
 - If your group reaches the tee of a par 3 checkpoint hole and the group ahead has finished the hole.
 - If your group fails to clear the tee of a par 4 checkpoint hole prior to the group ahead finishing the hole.
 - If your group reaches the tee of a par 5 checkpoint hole and the group ahead is on the putting green.

This is the time to let your group know the situation and to expedite play of the hole.
- If a group is out of position and may become liable to penalty, a rules official may monitor the group's play. This rules official is looking at each player for the following:
 - How long it takes the player to get to his ball.
 - When it's the players turn to play, how long does it take him to make the stroke.
 - Any other actions the player takes to expedite or delay play.

This information will be critical during a review when determining if a player was delayed by another player or players in the group.
- If a group is liable to penalty, the players in the group may request a review before signing and returning his score card. A review will be successful only if there is evidence the player was:
 - delayed by the Committee
 - delayed because of a circumstance beyond control of the player or group
 - delayed because of another player in the group

And this is what caused the group to miss the checkpoint(s).
- Review and application of the penalty will only occur after the round. Discussion of the situation with the checkpoint official will only cause further delay of the group. If a player is concerned about a non-responsive (slow) player in his group, he should request a rules official to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under this policy.
- Decisions made by the Pace of Play Committee are final and no further review is available.