DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

The NCAA Division I Women'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, please contact Ryan Colton, chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee and/or a member of the committee or Carol A. Reep, NCAA associate director of championships and alliances.

2017-18 Committee Members

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Head Women's Golf Coach  
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West Region  
Term ends: September 2020

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East Region  
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Term ends: September 2019

2018 Championships Dates and Sites

2018 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 25

2018 Regionals Sites: May 7-9
Tallahassee, Florida: Don Veller Seminole Golf Course & Club; Florida State University, host.

Austin, Texas: University of Texas Golf Club; University of Texas at Austin, host.

Madison, Wisconsin: University Ridge Golf Course; University of Wisconsin, host.

San Francisco, California: TPC Harding Park; Stanford University, host.

2018 National Championships: (May 18-23)
Karsten Creek Golf Club, Oklahoma State University, host.

2019 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 24

2019 Regionals Sites: May 6-8
Auburn, Alabama: Auburn University Club; Auburn University, host.

Cle Elum, Washington: Tumble Creek Golf Club; University of Washington, host.

East Lansing, Michigan: Forest Akers Golf Course - West; Michigan State University and Lansing Sports Authority, co-hosts.

Norman, Oklahoma: Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course; University of Oklahoma, host.

2019 National Championships: (May 17-22)
The Blessings Golf Club, University of Arkansas, host.

Future Sites

2020 Selection Announcement: Wednesday, April 29

2020 Regionals Sites: May 11-13
Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Golf Course; University of Georgia, host.

Notre Dame, Indiana: Warren Golf Course; University of Notre Dame, host.

Pullman, Washington: Palouse Ridge Golf Club; Washington State University, host.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Lonnie Poole Golf Course; North Carolina State University, host.

2020 National Championships: (May 22-27)
Grayhawk Golf Club, Arizona State University, host.

Sponsorship

The 2017-18 sponsorship lists are located on the ncaa.org site (Division I/Membership)

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**2021 Selection Announcement:** Wednesday, April 28

**2021 Regionals Sites:** May 10-12

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana:** University Club; Louisiana State University, host

**Columbus, Ohio:** OSU Golf Club – Scarlet Course; The Ohio State University, host

**Louisville, Kentucky:** University of Louisville Golf Club
University of Louisville, host

**Stanford, California:** Stanford Golf Course
Stanford University, host

**2021 National Championships:** (May 21-26)
Grayhawk Golf Club, Arizona State University, host.
(Championship Format: Friday – Wednesday)

**2022 Selection Announcement:** Wednesday, April 27

**2022 Regionals Sites:** May 9-11

**Albuquerque, New Mexico:** The Championship Course at UNM; University of New Mexico, host.

**Ann Arbor, Michigan:** U-M Golf Course; University of Michigan, host.

**Stillwater, Oklahoma:** Karsten Creek Golf Club; Oklahoma State University, host,

**Tallahassee, Florida:** Don Veller Seminole Golf Course & Club; Florida State University, host.

**2022 National Championships:** (May 20-25)
Grayhawk Golf Club, Arizona State University, host.

**Automatic Qualification**

The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee awarded the following 28 conferences automatic qualification for the 2018 championships:

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

**REMINDERS and UPDATES**

**2018 Division I Women’s Golf Championships**

Coaches are encouraged to review the committee reports that are posted on the Division I women's golf page on www.ncaa.org for more detailed information specific to the actions that the committee has taken following the conclusion of the 2017 championships: July 10-12, 2017 annual meeting; August 4, 2017 teleconference and November 10, 2017 teleconference.

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- **Course Access Policy During Regular Season – Finals Site.** Student-athletes and coaches are prohibited from walking, playing or practicing at the championship finals course (i.e., practice facilities and any additional golf course at the venue) beginning August 1 of the championship academic year other than those student-athletes and coaches who are members of the course or who are competing in sanctioned events of the state's amateur or professional golf associations, the USGA, LPGA and PGA. Violations of this policy may result in sanctions listed under NCAA misconduct provisions or disqualification for a team or an individual(s), with no substitution permitted. The host institution will be prohibited from walking, playing or practicing on the championship finals course beginning 10 days prior to the women's championship.

**Regionals/Finals**

- Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, the Division I Women's Golf Committee will adjust accordingly the competition schedule along with the pairings and tee times in order to accommodate a team/individual(s) representing a school that has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons.

Coaches should review the 2018 Participant Manuals for their assigned regionals/finals sites once posted on www.ncaa.org for the specific pairings, tee times and the schedule of events for each site.

- **Course Access After Completion of Practice and Competition Rounds – Regionals/Finals.** As a friendly reminder, student-athletes are not allowed on the course prior to or after their practice round. However, coaches may go back onto the golf course after the practice round but only as a spectator. Furthermore, when coaches and student-athletes return to the course after each competition round to watch play they become spectators at this point and shall follow all spectator rules, including no carts on the course.

It is important to note that with either situation outlined above, coaches and/or student-athletes may not go onto the putting greens or within 20 feet of the putting greens. Coaches who violate this policy will not be permitted to coach the following day and the number of permissible coaches for that team the following day will be reduced by the number of offending coaches.
Championship Format

Teams that qualify via conference automatic qualification (28) and teams that are selected at-large (44) by the committee will comprise each of the four regional tournaments. Each regional tournament will consist of 18 teams and six individuals (not on the selected team).

A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments and have their results submitted to Golfstat by Tuesday, April 24.

REGIONAL COMPETITION. Four, 54-hole competitions will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Eighteen teams and six individuals, not on those teams, will compete at each regional. The low six teams and the low three individuals, not on one of those teams, will advance to the finals. Tie-breakers and playoffs will be used to determine advancement to the finals.

FINALS. All 24 teams and 12 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 teams, as well as the top nine individuals, will be broken by use of the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures. Additionally, ties for the top eight teams will be broken by a sudden-death playoff or, if necessary, by the established non-sudden-death tiebreaking procedures.

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 Women's Golf Committee will determine match play lineups using the same method employed at the President's Cup matches.

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 round.

- President’s Cup Match Play Pairings Process. A link to view an example of the team match play pairings process that will continue to be used during the 2018 women's championships is available on the sport specific page on www.ncaa.org.

- Golf Channel Partnership. The Golf Channel will broadcast the 2018 Division I Women's and Men's Golf Championships that will be conducted during back-to-back weeks at Karsten Creek Golf Club. Additionally, the Golf Channel provides year-round coverage of women's and men's collegiate golf through its multiple platforms, with greater emphasis in the months leading up to the championships, which will include live multiple-day coverage at the finals with tape-delayed rebroadcasts provided each evening of the live coverage.

Selection Criteria

In the interest of developing and promoting women's collegiate golf throughout the country, the best teams and individuals, based on the selection criteria, will be selected. Teams and individuals must play a minimum of 15, 18-hole stroke-play rounds including a minimum of eight stroke play, Division I rounds in the spring in order to be considered for selection to the championships.

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

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility/availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
The Division I Women's Golf Committee will consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams and individuals (not on a selected team) for the women's golf championships in priority order:

Primary Criteria:
• NCAA/Golfstat ranking;
• Head-to-head results;
• Head-to-head stroke differential;
• Results versus common opponents;
• Overall won-loss record;
• Adjusted scoring average; and
• Strength of schedule.

The Women's Golf Committee does not use coaches' polls or any other outside polls or rankings for selection purposes.

2017-18 Selection Process

The committee will select 72 teams based on the selection criteria. Each regional site will be allocated 18 teams and six individuals not on a selected team. Twenty-eight (28) conference champions will receive automatic qualification, with the remaining 44 teams selected on an at-large basis. The committee will select and seed the top 18 teams nationally, based on the selection criteria and place them in an S curve with limited movement (no more than two spots) to maintain the integrity of the draw. The remaining teams would then be selected based on the selection criteria. One of the primary goals will be to keep the strength of each regional field as equitable as possible. The committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns in attempting to attain this goal. If a selected team is hosting a regional site, they will be allowed to compete at their site. Once all 72 teams have been identified then the top 24 individuals (not on a selected team) shall be selected nationally based on the selection criteria. Individuals will be placed on the board and when possible, the committee will be sensitive to geographic proximity and travel concerns when assigning individual participants to a regional site.

REMINDER: Golfstat Tournament Registration and Results Submissions

Golfstat serves as the computer service used by the NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Women's and Men's Golf Championships to process regular-season results for selection purposes for the 2018 NCAA Divisions I, II and III Women's and Men's Golf Championships. Please refer to the memo posted on the sport specific page of www.ncaa.org for information specific to tournament registration and the results submission process.

Regular Season Results Submission Policy. The men's and women's Division I committees require that host institutions of regular season events must submit scores to Golfstat according to the following policy:

"The host institution of a regular season event are required to submit results from their tournament into Golfstat by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time) two days following the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Golfstat by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on Thursday.

Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established timeframe will be assessed a financial penalty of $200 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of $600."

Rules


Pre-championships Manual


Annual Meeting

The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee annual meeting will be held July 9-10, 2018, in Indianapolis. The next NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee meeting will take place January 16, 2018.

NCAA Websites

ncaa.org and ncu.com