

NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S GOLF
ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2016

The NCAA Division III 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 Deb Steward, chair of the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee, and/or a member of the committee or Nancy O'Hara, NCAA championships and alliances.

1. **2016-17 Committee Members.**

Jerry Bergsma Head Golf Coach Calvin College	Term ends: Sept. 2019
Brad Duckworth Director of Athletics University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Term ends: Sept. 2019
Skip Molitor Assistant Athletic Director/Head Golf Coach Whitman College	Term ends: Sept. 2018
Eric Sieger Women's Golf Coach Carleton College	Term ends: Sept. 2020
Deb Steward, chair Director of Athletics William Smith College	Term ends: Sept. 2017

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

Division I	264 (+3)
Division II	193 (-3)
Division III	212 (+7)
Total	669 (+7)

+ Indicates the number of institutions that have added women's golf since the 2015-16 academic year.

The Division III pool document is posted online at www.NCAA.org.

3. **2017 Championships Dates and Sites.**

Selection Announcement: Monday, May 1, 2017

National Championships: May 9-12, 2017

Bay Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas

Hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Harris County-Houston Sports Authority Commission.

4. **Future Sites.**

2018 Selection Announcement: Monday, April 30, 2018

National Championships: May 8-11, 2018

Mission Inn Resort & Club, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida – Hosted by Oglethorpe University and the Central Florida Sports Commission.

2019 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 6, 2019

National Championships: May 14-17, 2019

5. **2016 Top Finishers – Teams**

1. Rhodes College
2. The University of Texas at Tyler
- T3. George Fox University
- T3. Wittenberg University

2016 Top Finishers – Individuals

1. Caroline Ordian – University Redlands
2. Macy Hubbard – Wittenberg University
- T3. Emily Thui – University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)
- T3. Mackenzie Cohen – Rhodes College
- T5. Sarahanne Vaughan – Rhodes College
- T5. Stephanie Tutt – The University of Texas at Tyler
7. Britni Gielow – Hope College
8. Iris Kawada – George Fox University
- T9. Cordelia Chan – Williams College
- T9. Phoebe Nguyen – Whitman College

6. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division III Championships Committee awarded the following 19* conferences automatic qualification for the 2017 championships:

- American Southwest Conference
- Centennial Conference
- College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
- Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Liberty League
- Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
- Middle Atlantic Conference
- Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- North Coast Athletic Conference
- Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
- Northwest Conference
- Ohio Athletic Conference
- Old Dominion Athletic Conference
- Presidents' Athletic Conference
- Southern Athletic Association
- Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
- Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

* Confirmation of AQ's and pool numbers will be determined based on the sport sponsorship information available at the time of championships selections.

7. **Selection Process** The committee will select 116 participants for the championships. Twenty-two teams and six individuals will be selected.

8. **Selection Criteria.** All contests against Division III opponents will be in primary criteria. The following criteria

will be used to select three* at-large teams and six individuals to the championships.

Primary:

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents;
- Division III head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common Division III opponents;
- Adjusted scoring average;
- Score versus par;
- Strength of schedule in Division III;
- Record versus top 25 Division III teams;
- Place finish in contests;
- Average drop score;
- Late-season performance.

Secondary:

- Won-lost percentage against non-division III opponents;
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents;
- Strength of schedule;
- Record versus top 25 non-Division III opponents.

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

9. **2016-17 Selection Process.** Teams and individuals must play a minimum of twelve 18-hole rounds on a course at least 5,800 yards, including a minimum of three rounds in the spring, and register with Golfstat by October 1, 2016, in order to be considered for selection as an at-large to the championships. Teams receiving automatic qualification berths (Pool A) must meet minimum sport sponsorship requirements but otherwise will be determined as dictated by the conference (e.g., do NOT need to meet the minimum twelve 18-hole rounds, three rounds in the spring requirement). A team or individual desiring to participate in the championships must complete all tournaments by April 30, 2017. A team may compete with four or five players. Teams or individuals that are not able to meet eligibility requirements due to weather or other extenuating circumstances may submit a written waiver to the NCAA championships manager prior to the selection call for consideration by the women's golf committee.
10. **Legislation.** Legislation was passed at the 2016 convention that reduces the minimum number of participants for sports

sponsorship from five to four beginning with this (2016-17) academic year.

11. **Match Play.** Match play was approved for regular-season events beginning with last year's (2015-16) academic year. The results are used for selections. The only allowable formats will be team match play and team medal match play.
12. **Regional Rankings.** The committee will publish four regional rankings. There will be one ranking in the fall and two rankings in the spring prior to selections. New this year is a fourth published ranking at the time of selections. Regional rankings will be published November 17, April 13, April 27 and May 1.
13. **Championship Format.** The championships committee approved a recommendation from the women's golf committee that after 54 holes, the championship field will be cut to 15 teams and six individuals. This will be in effect for the 2017 championships. The women's golf committee annual meeting report can be found at www.NCAA.org/championship/division-iii-womens-golf and the championships committee meeting report can be found at www.NCAA.org/governance/committees/division-iii-championships-committee.
14. **Rules.** The 2016-17 Hard Card is posted on the Division III Women's Golf landing page on www.NCAA.org.
15. **Annual Meetings.** The 2017 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee annual meeting will be June 27-29, 2017, in Indianapolis. Feel free to submit agenda items in writing to the NCAA championships administrator, Nancy O'Hara.
16. **Pre-Championship Manual.** The 2016-17 NCAA Division III Women's Golf [Pre-Championships Manual](#) will be posted on the sport landing page by the end of December.
17. **NCAA Websites.** www.NCAA.org and www.NCAA.com.

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