

NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S GOLF
ANNUAL REPORT
DECEMBER 2017

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 Jerry Bergsma, 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. **2017-18 Committee Members.**

Jerry Bergsma, chair
 Head Golf Coach
 Calvin College
 Term ends: Sept. 2019

Brad Duckworth
 Director of Athletics
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 Term ends: Sept. 2019

Peter Gyscek
 Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach
 Washington and Lee University
 Term ends: Sept. 2021

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

2. **Sponsorship.** The 2017-18 sponsorship lists are located on the ncaa.org member site.

Division I 268 (+4)
 Division II 196 (+3)
 Division III 226 (+14)
 Total 690 (+21))

+ Indicates the number of institutions that have added women's golf since the 2016-17 academic year.

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

3. **2018 Championships Dates and Sites.**

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.

4. **Future Sites.**

2019 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 6, 2019
National Championships: May 14-17, 2019
 Bay Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas – Hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Harris Country-Houston Sports Authority.

2020 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 4, 2020

National Championships: May 12-15, 2020
 PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – Hosted by Emory University and Palm Beach County Sports Commission (joint championships with Division III Men's Golf).

2021 Selection Announcement: Monday, May 3, 2021

National Championships: May 11-14, 2021
 Forest Akers Golf Courses, Lansing, Michigan – Hosted by Olivet College and Greater Lansing Sports Authority

5. **2017 Top Finishers – Teams**

1. Rhodes College
2. George Fox University
3. Wittenberg University
4. Williams College

2017 Top Finishers – Individuals

1. Christina Herbert – Bridgewater College (Virginia)
- T2. Macy Hubbard – Wittenberg University
- T2. Nikki Isaacson – Rhodes College
4. Jane Hopkinson-Wood – Wittenberg University
- T5. Margaret Loncki – Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
- T5. Samantha Haubenstock – Washington University in St. Louis
- T7. Sydney Weaver – Berry College
- T7. Kristin Elich – George Fox University
- T9. Caroline Ordian – University Redlands
- T9. Johnna Beehner – Methodist University

6. **Automatic Qualification.** The Division III Championships Committee awarded the following 19* conferences automatic qualification for the 2018 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 131 participants for the championships. Twenty-five teams and six individuals will be selected. This is an increase of three teams from the 2017 championships.

8. **Selection Criteria.** All contests against Division III opponents will be in primary criteria. The following criteria will be used to select the six* 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. **2017-18 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, 2017, 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 29, 2018. 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. **Regional Rankings.** The committee will publish four regional rankings. There will be one ranking in the fall and three rankings in the spring. The fourth published ranking will be at the time of selections. Regional rankings will be published Nov. 2, April 12, April 26 and at the time of selections, April 30.

11. **Championship Format.** The championships will consist of both team and individual competition conducted concurrently. The tournament is 72 holes. All participants will complete 54 holes of competition. After 54 holes of competition, the field will be cut to the top 15 teams and top six individuals not on one of those teams.

12. **Rules.** The 2017-18 Fall Hard Card is posted on the Division III Women's Golf landing page on www.NCAA.org. The 2017-18 Spring Hard Card will be posted in January.

13. **Annual Meetings.** The 2018 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee annual meeting will be June 25-27, 2018, in Indianapolis. Feel free to submit agenda items in writing to the NCAA championships administrator, Nancy O'Hara.

The 2017 women's golf committee annual meeting report can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-iii-womens-golf>.

14. **Pre-Championship Manual.** The 2017-18 NCAA Division III Women's Golf [Pre-Championships Manual](#) is posted on the sport landing page.

15. **NCAA Websites.** www.NCAA.org and www.NCAA.com.

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