

# NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF ANNUAL REPORT

## DECEMBER 2017

The NCAA Division II Men'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. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member(s) of the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Committee and/or John Baldwin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

### 1. 2017-18 Committee Members.

**Pete Coughlin, chair** Term ends: Sept. 2018  
Head Golf Coach  
California University of Pennsylvania

**Craig Stensgaard** Term ends: Sept. 2020  
Assistant Director of Athletics /  
Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach  
Northwest Nazarene University

**Christian Stryker** Term ends: Sept. 2019  
Associate AD for External Operations  
Coker College

**Joe Vogl** Term ends: Sept. 2021  
Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach  
Saginaw Valley State University

### 2. 2018 Championships Dates and Sites.

#### **Ranking Dates:**

- Friday, April 6, 2018
- Friday, April 13, 2018
- Friday, April 20, 2018

#### **Selection Announcement:**

- Friday, April 27, 2018

#### **Regionals:**

*May 7-9, 2018*

- Mountain East Conference
  - The Resort at Glade Springs; Cobb Course
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
  - Rock Barn Country Club; Jackson Course
- University of Findlay
  - Findlay Country Club
- West Texas A&M University
  - Tascosa Golf Club; La Paloma Course

#### **National Championships:**

*May 21-25, 2018*

- University of North Alabama
  - Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals;  
Fighting Joe Course

### 3. 2018 Regional Allocations to Finals Site.

- South/Southeast 7 teams
- West/South Central 5 teams
- Central/Midwest 5 teams
- East/Atlantic 3 teams

### 4. Automatic Qualification.

There will be 21 conferences receiving automatic qualification in 2018. The remaining 59 teams will be selected via at-large bids.

### 5. Submission of Competition Schedules.

Beginning this academic year, teams are required to submit their season-long competition schedules, and any team that withdraws from a regularly scheduled tournament or cancels a scheduled tournament without reason will incur losses to each team in the field. However, should a tournament be cancelled for reasons beyond the control of the team, no penalties will be incurred.

The policy reads as follows:

*"Teams are required to submit their spring schedules by February 1 each year. 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 reasons beyond the team's control cause a tournament cancellation or team withdrawal, the team will not incur any penalties. Review and approval of these cases will be the responsibility of the Division II Men's Golf Committee."*

### 6. First and Second Round Pairings Adjustment at Regional and Finals Sites.

During their 2016 annual meeting, the committee voted to switch the morning and afternoon waves for the first two days of competition at the regional and championship finals sites. This change went into effect with the 2017 championships and will remain in place for the 2018 championships.

Tee times will remain unchanged for the third round of competition, with leaders teeing off in the afternoon wave.

**7. Practice Round Policy Update.**

Beginning in 2017-18, players will be permitted to hit multiple tee shots during Regional and Finals practice rounds on Par 4s and Par 5s. This change will not impact Par 3s, as players will be permitted to hit only one tee shot on Par 3s. All other practice round policies will remain the same, including pace of play.

**8. Substitution Policy.**

The Division II Men's Golf Committee forwarded a proposal to the Division II Championships Committee to request funding for an additional travel party member for the 20 participating teams at the Finals site. If approved, the committee will allow substitutions to take place during the head-to-head medal play portion of the championships only. If approved, this change would not go into effect until a future year, TBD.

**9. Coaches Connection Program.**

Division II has implemented a Coaches Connection program to better serve coaches throughout the division. One coach has been appointed from each conference for men's golf, and monthly conference calls are held with the coaches' connector, conference representatives, GCAA and NCAA staff. For more information about the program, contact Jimmy Wilson, former Head Golf Coach and current Associate Director of Athletics at Georgia College (jimmy.wilson@gcsu.edu).

**10. Regional Date Formula Adjustment.**

Beginning with the 2019 Regionals, during non-Festival years, the date formula for Regionals will shift back three days, adjusting the current Monday-Wednesday format to a Thursday-Saturday format.

**11. 2019 Championships.**

**Regionals:**

*May 9-11, 2019*

- Henderson State University
  - Hot Springs Country Club; Arlington Course
- Rollins College & Central Florida Sports Commission
  - Mission Inn Resort & Club; El Campeon Course
- Dixie State University
  - Sand Hollow Resort

- East/Atlantic Site TBD

**National Championships:**

*May 20-24, 2019*

- Mountain East Conference
  - The Resort at Glade Springs; Cobb Course

**12. 2020 Championships.**

**Regionals:**

*May 4-6, 2020*

- Kentucky Wesleyan University
  - The Pearl Club
- Christian Brothers University
  - Germantown Country Club
- Western New Mexico University
  - University Golf Club or Redhawk Golf Club
- East/Atlantic Site TBD

**National Championships:**

*May 12-16, 2020*

- Lindenwood University and St. Louis Sports Commission
  - Division II National Championships Festival

**13. 2018 Annual Meeting.**

The national committee will meet June 20-22, 2018 for their annual meeting. If you wish to add any items to committee's agenda for discussion, those topics should be sent to a member of the national committee or to the national office by June 1.

**14. 2017 Top Finishers – Teams.**

Champion – Florida Southern  
Runner-up – Lynn  
Semifinalist – Arkansas Tech  
Semifinalist – West Florida

**15. 2017 Top Finishers – Individuals.**

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|----|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Chandler Blanchet | West Florida       |
| 2. | John Coultas      | Florida Southern   |
| 3. | Niclas Weiland    | Barry              |
| 3. | John Clare        | Le Moyne College   |
| 3. | Trevor Lampson    | California Baptist |
| 6. | Forrest Knight    | North Alabama      |
| 6. | Max O'Hagen       | Florida Tech       |
| 6. | Chad Hall         | CSU – East Bay     |
| 6. | Felix Kvarnstrom  | Lynn               |

