



REPORT OF THE
DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 21-23, 2017, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review 2016 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2016 meeting report as presented.
2. **Review of championships committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions from the championships committee meetings from the past year.
3. **Review of 2017 regionals.** The committee reviewed participant survey responses and discussed the 2017 regionals, which were hosted at four separate sites. The committee noted that participants seemed pleased overall with the regionals. Committee members noted that there was some negative feedback about the geographic locations of the regional events and the breakfast offerings at some hotels. The committee reiterated its desire to see more institutions bid to host regional events in future years.
4. **Review of 2017 championships.** The committee reviewed participant survey responses and discussed the 2017 championships, which were hosted by the Sunshine State Conference and Central Florida Sports Commission in Kissimmee, Florida. The committee felt that the championships were successful. Committee members noted positive feedback regarding the Folds of Honor recognition and other operational aspects of the championships. Conversely, the committee noted that future improvements are recommended with regard to communication with the host hotel and the timing of breakfast.

The committee also noted that there was positive feedback regarding the timing of the players and coaches meeting immediately prior to the championship banquet, the work done by rules officials and pace of play. Committee members noted the need for improvements with the on-site leaderboards and radios used at the championships.

5. **Policy review.** The committee discussed a number of policies that are currently part of the championships.

The committee voted on a minor adjustment to the morning wave during the final day of competition at the regional and finals sites during the championships to allow for a greater amount of time before the afternoon wave of tee times begins.

The committee continues to be pleased with the structure of the championships allocations. For the 2018 championships, the regional allocations will be as follows: East/Atlantic Regional: three berths; Central/Midwest Regional: five berths; West/South Central Regional: five berths; South/Southeast Regional: seven berths.

The committee discussed the use of motorized carts for disabled spectators and recommended more outreach to participating teams to help with these requests in future years.

The committee voted to adjust the reference to the format for the final two days of competition. The final two days will be referred to as “head-to-head medal play” beginning in 2017-18, rather than “medal/match play,” which has led to confusion for spectators and participants in prior years.

The committee discussed substitutions during the head-to-head medal play portion of the championships and affirmed its support for a previously submitted proposal to request funding for an additional travel party member for the 20 participating teams at the championship finals. The committee, however, does not support allowing substitutions if funding for the initiative is not approved.

The committee discussed the possibility of inclement weather during the championships and deliberated various scenarios that could be implemented if certain situations were to occur in future years.

The committee discussed practice-round policies and will allow multiple tee shots from each student-athlete during the official practice round beginning in 2018, with the exception of par threes. All other practice-round policies will remain the same, including pace of play.

The committee also discussed the February 1, 2018, submission deadline for spring 2018 schedules and will work with Golfstat on reporting functions for this initiative.

6. **Selections.** The committee was pleased with the selection process during the past year and felt that rankings and selections went well.
7. **Officials.** The committee was pleased with the work of the rules officials for the championships. The committee met with official in charge Mike Peluso and rules official Rich Gleason to review the 2017 championships and begin preparations for future championship sites. The committee also discussed regular-season scoring procedures with Mr. Peluso and will provide a best practices document to the membership for the 2017-18 season.

The committee noted its desire for additional on-site officials during the regional rounds of the championships and will prioritize that budget request in the future.

- 8. 2018 championships preparation.** The committee began planning for the 2018 championships to be hosted in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, via feedback submitted from the 2017 South/Southeast regional, which was conducted at the same site. The committee noted that the following areas will need to be emphasized during the 2018 championships: volunteers; pace of play; golf course condition, including bunkers; meeting space; breakfast timing and variety of food options; and communication with host hotel.
- 9. Misconducts.** The committee discussed one instance of misconduct that occurred during the championships and will be following up with correspondence to the institution.
- 10. Golfstat.** Committee members met via teleconference with Brian Laesch from Golfstat and noted their overall satisfaction with Golfstat's work during the 2016-17 academic year. Discussions also included regional advisory committee reports and minimum number of opponents.
- 11. Division II legislation.** The committee met with Amanda Conklin, associate director of academic and membership affairs, to discuss legislation specific to Division II. The committee and Ms. Conklin discussed the nonchampionship segment for golf, the trend of expensive regular-season tournaments, and upcoming proposals within the division.

The committee noted its opposition to teams hosting regular-season events as fundraisers for their programs and voiced support for host transparency with event budgets and expenses.
- 12. Future host sites.** The committee discussed future regional and finals sites, highlighting site-specific items to cover with certain hosts during championship preparations, including hotels, breakfasts and volunteer needs. The committee also discussed the 2019 and 2020 regionals, which will be available for bidding later this summer.
- 13. Automatic qualification.** The committee noted that there will be 22 automatic qualifying conferences in 2018, with addition of the AQ for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference for the first time.
- 14. Sport sponsorship lists.** The committee reviewed the most recent sponsorship report and noted anticipated changes for 2017-18.
- 15. National and regional advisory committees.** The committee discussed national and regional advisory committees and made note of anticipated changes.
- 16. Manual reviews.** The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, and regional and finals participant manual templates.

17. Committee chair election. The committee voted that Pete Coughlin, head men’s and women’s golf coach at California University of Pennsylvania, be appointed chair of the committee. The term for Ken Badylak, current chair of the committee, expires August 31, 2017.

18. 2018 committee meeting dates. The committee determined that the dates for the 2018 annual meeting will be June 20-22.

19. Other business. The committee met with the Division II Women’s Golf Committee to discuss a number of topics, including regional host sites and officials.

Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II, met with the committees to discuss a handful of items specific to the division, including the online coaches education program, the 2018 membership census, the Make it Yours brand enhancement, the Division II regular-season media agreement, and social media coverage at championships.

Committee Chair: Ken Badylak, St. Joseph’s College (Indiana), Great Lakes Valley Conference
Staff Liaison: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances

Division II Men’s Golf Committee June 21-23, 2017, Meeting
Attendees:
Ken Badylak, St. Joseph’s College (Indiana); Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Pete Coughlin, California University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Craig Stensgaard, Northwest Nazarene University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
Christian Stryker, Coker College; South Atlantic Conference.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Rich Gleason, Rules Official (via teleconference).
Brian Laesch, Golfstat (via teleconference).
Mike Peluso, Official in Charge (via teleconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.
Nancy O’Hara, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.