



REPORT OF THE
DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 20-22, 2018, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review 2017 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2017 meeting report as presented.
2. **Review of Division II Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the relevant actions from the Championships Committee meetings from the past year.
3. **Review of 2018 regionals.** The committee reviewed participant survey responses and discussed the 2018 regionals, which were hosted at four separate sites. Committee members noted some negative feedback regarding the course conditions at two sites and the need for better preparation by hosts and host hotel properties. While the regional feedback overall was adequate, the committee noted its desire for the regionals to have more of a championship feel in future years.

The committee noted a lack of bids received during the two most recent regional bid cycles and reiterated its desire to see more institutions bid to host regional events in future years.

4. **Review of 2018 championships.** The committee reviewed participant survey responses and discussed the 2018 championships, which were hosted by the University of North Alabama in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The committee noted that feedback from the championship was positive, as was feedback regarding the host course. Committee members noted continued support regarding the Folds of Honor recognition and other operational aspects of the championships, including signage and the overall look and feel of the event.

The committee also noted positive feedback regarding the timing and structure of the players and coaches meeting and championship barbeque. Committee members and staff noted the need for improvements with radios used at the championships. The committee was pleased with the pace of play at the 2018 championships.

The committee will make minor adjustments to the schedule of events for the 2019 championships given the specifics of the championships site and on-site lodging for participating teams.

5. **Championship format review.** The committee continues to be pleased with the format of the championships. The committee met with the Division II Women's Golf Committee to discuss head-to-head medal play and traditional match play, as the women's championship will move to a new format beginning in 2018-19.
6. **Policy review.** The committee discussed several policies that are currently part of the championships.

The committee discussed but took no action on various pairings options for the regionals and championship finals. The committee will continue these discussions moving forward.

The committee continues to be pleased with the structure of the championships allocations. For the 2019 championships, the regional allocations will be as follows: East/Atlantic Regional: three berths; Central/Midwest Regional: six berths; West/South Central Regional: four berths; South/Southeast Regional: seven berths.

The committee continues to recommend outreach to participating teams to assist with disabled spectator requests for the use of motorized carts.

The committee discussed substitutions during the head-to-head medal play portion of the championships and will continue to work to finalize this policy for implementation at the 2019 championships.

The committee also discussed the February 1 submission deadline for spring schedule adjustments and noted that the policy was effective during the 2018 season. The committee noted the need to more clearly define this deadline as part of the Golfstat registration memorandum sent during the fall season.

The committee briefly discussed weather delays and will continue to exercise flexibility during the championships to ensure the best possible outcomes.

The committee remains pleased with the regional pairing format for individuals. Committee members noted the need to add language to the participant manual to allow a pairings adjustment to be made should individual participants from the same institution be paired in the same group.

7. **Selection criteria.** The committee had lengthy discussions regarding the current selection criteria and expressed a desire to see more in-region competition as part of the selection requirements. The committee understands that the regionalization working group recently discussed in-region selection criteria. The committee looks forward to continuing discussions on this topic in advance of the next opportunity to recommend adjustments to the current selection criteria.

- 8. Rules officials.** The committee was pleased with the work of the rules officials for the championships. The committee continues to be pleased with the official in charge, Mike Peluso, and his rules committee for the championships. The committee also discussed a couple of upcoming changes to the makeup of the regional rules committees.

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

- 9. 2019 championships preparation.** The committee began planning for the 2019 championships to be hosted in Daniels, West Virginia, and met via conference call with tournament director Reid Amos. The committee and Mr. Amos noted that the following areas will need to be emphasized during the 2019 championships: volunteer coordination; golf course condition, including bunkers; team and operational meeting spaces; and communication between the host lodging liaison and participating teams.

- 10. Future dates and sites.** The committee discussed future regional and finals sites, including the need for East/Atlantic Regional host sites in 2019 and 2020. The committee also discussed the 2020 championships as part of the Division II National Championships Festival.

The committee plans to open the 2021 and 2022 regional sites for bidding during the summer of 2019.

The committee also discussed selection and regional date formulas and will survey the coaches connection group in the fall regarding potential future adjustments.

- 11. Misconducts.** The committee discussed one instance of misconduct that occurred during the championships and is working with the institution to resolve the issue.

- 12. Golfstat.** Committee members met with representatives from Golfstat, including Marcus El, Brian Laesch, Jordan Laesch, and Ali Szafranski. The committee noted its overall satisfaction with Golfstat's work during the 2017-18 academic year. Discussions also included the tournament withdrawal deadline, results reporting, and live scoring displays during regionals and finals competition.

- 13. Division II legislation update.** 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 sport sponsorship legislation and selection criteria, including the desire for more consistency between the selection criteria for men's and women's golf. The men's and women's golf committees and staff liaisons will work together to ensure consistency in future years.

The committee and Ms. Conklin also discussed the online coaches education program and potential NCAA convention legislation.

14. Division II governance update. The committee met with Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II, to discuss results from the recent Division II census and the most recent championships.

15. Automatic qualification. The committee noted that there will be 23 automatic qualifying conferences in 2018-19, with addition of the AQ for two conferences: Great Northwest Athletic Conference and Lone Star Conference. These Aqs have been previously approved by the Division II Championships Committee.

16. Sport sponsorship lists. The committee reviewed the most recent sponsorship report and noted anticipated changes within the membership.

17. National and regional advisory committees. The committee discussed national and regional advisory committees and made note of anticipated changes, including two new members on the national committee in 2018-19.

18. Manual reviews. The committee discussed and made applicable suggestions to update to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, and regional and finals participant manual templates.

19. Committee chair election. The committee voted that Craig Stensgaard, associate athletics director and head men's and women's golf coach at Northwest Nazarene University, be appointed chair of the committee. The term for Pete Coughlin, current chair of the committee, expires August 31, 2018.

20. 2018 committee meeting dates. The committee determined that the dates for the 2019 annual meeting will be June 19-21.

21. Other business. The committee discussed various topics for upcoming coaches connection calls and coaches association meetings. The committee also discussed its desire to send a season-opening correspondence to the membership in fall 2018.

Committee Chair: Pete Coughlin, California University of Pennsylvania

Staff Liaison: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:

Pete Coughlin, California University of Pennsylvania.
Craig Stensgaard, Northwest Nazarene University.
Joe Vogl, Saginaw Valley State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference (via teleconference).
Marcus El, Golfstat.
Brian Laesch, Golfstat.
Jordan Laesch, Golfstat.
Ali Szafranski, Golfstat.
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.