



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
JUNE 27-28, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 33 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2018 Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

Pool allocation projections are as follows:

Pool A – 33
Pool B – 2
Pool C – 7

- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification eligibility. The Landmark Conference will receive automatic qualification for the first time in 2017-18. The New England Collegiate Conference will not receive automatic qualification in 2017-18 because it now has six golf schools, with only three being

core members. Of the remaining three schools, one is provisional and two are affiliate.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Division III Men's Golf Committee chair selection.

(1) Recommendation. That William Gorman, associate athletics director at Wentworth Institute of Technology, be re-appointed as chair of the Division III Men's Golf Committee for the second consecutive academic year in 2017-18.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2017.

(3) Rationale. Mr. Gorman's service and knowledge of the sport will be beneficial to the committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Committee term extension.

(1) Recommendation. That William Gorman's term be extended by one year to better stagger committee composition. Mr. Gorman's term, along with two other committee members, is set to expire August 31, 2018, and the recommendation is that his term expire August 31, 2019.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. Three of the committee's six members are currently set to rotate off on August 31, 2018. The committee believes spacing the rotation would benefit continuity. If the recommendation is approved, no more than two committee members would rotate off in a single year. If Mr. Gorman is approved to serve as chair in 2017-18 and this recommendation is approved, he would step aside as chair for his final year on the committee, thus allowing another committee member to obtain that experience.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Two active coaches at the championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That two designated coaches from each team be permitted to give advice during competition. The current coaching policy states that all institutional personnel, except for the one designated coach, are considered spectators. The two active coaches must be recognized institutional representatives. Neither of the two designated coaches may be a current student-athlete or a parent who is not also employed by the institution. A single cart will be assigned to each institution's designated coaches and individuals during practice and competition rounds. The cart is to be used by the designated coaches only and should not be used to transport spectators, team personnel, athletics administrators, student-athletes, golf clubs or golf bags during competition rounds.
- (2) Effective date. 2018 championships.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes that allowing two active coaches at the championship would create a better championship atmosphere for teams and individuals and enhance the student-athlete experience. Having an assistant coach, who may already be on site, provides an additional opportunity to give advice and coach student-athletes. The committee recognizes that some teams may have a competitive advantage over others because they can send an assistant coach. However, 67 percent of the 387 men's and women's golf coaches, directors of athletics and senior woman administrators who responded to a survey in December 2015 supported a second active coach at the championship. This recommendation is consistent with the Divisions I and II golf championships, and the definition of an assistant coach will be consistent with the wording in the Divisions I and II championship participant manuals.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None. The schools would be responsible for this expense.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This would create a greater championship experience for the student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2016-17 Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed and discussed relevant action and informational items from the 2016-17 academic year.
- 2. Review of 2016-17 Golf Coaches Association of America annual report.** The committee noted that the report is a great summary of relevant information for golf coaches. Committee members asked staff to explore having this report shared on the GCAA website as well as the men's golf landing page on NCAA.org.

3. 2017 championships review.

- a. Evaluations. The committee reviewed evaluations from the national championships and noted positive feedback overall.
- b. Schedule of events. The committee is satisfied with the current schedule of events for the championships.
- c. Awards presentation. The committee was pleased with the improvements from the previous year's awards presentation, especially having Special Olympics athletes help distribute the awards. The committee noted the benefit of starting the awards presentation even sooner after the completion of the championships. The committee also was pleased with presenting the Golf Coaches Association of America awards before the NCAA awards, thus emphasizing the NCAA awards as being the most significant.
- d. Rules officials. The committee noted its continued satisfaction with the head rules official Kurt Faxon and his rules committee for their performance during the championships. Committee members noted that rules officials were very active and visible and were quick to respond to needs as they arose, creating a positive effect on the event. The committee did note that the course markings could be slightly improved for next year. The committee also agreed to continue meeting with the rules officials and host staff after the second and third rounds to make any necessary improvements or adjustments.
- e. Scoring areas. The committee was pleased with the scoring area locations and noted that they can be adjusted annually depending on the host course logistics.
- f. Player entry live scoring. The committee was pleased with how player entry live scoring operated this year and would like to continue using it at future championships. The committee noted that it would like to assign teams before the championship that will perform live scoring during each round and make teams aware of the assignments during the participant call. Reminders of assignments will also be given during the administrative meeting on site.
- g. Water/ice and snacks on course. The committee noted that there is always a need for the host to have plenty of water and snacks on the course, and that water and ice should continually be replenished due to hot temperatures and the many players on the course, especially during practice days.
- h. Folds of Honor. The committee was happy with how the Folds of Honor program was conducted this year. In the 2018 championships, the Folds of Honor program will take place on day two of competition so that every team can participate. Teams will be informed the night of the banquet which fallen soldier they are assigned to honor.

- i. Volunteers. The committee discussed having improved on-course training for spotters to properly signal players. The improved training would help alleviate confusion of signals and improve pace of play. The committee emphasized the need to have professional and proficient starters at the championship with previous experience. Either the rules officials or the host tournament director should provide an orientation session for starters without previous experience.
 - j. NCAA banquet. The committee was content with the championship banquet. The committee noted some improvements for next year, including shortening the banquet and assigning seating for teams.
 - k. Executive Sports. The committee discussed the role of Executive Sports at the championship site and noted the enhanced look and feel of the championships because of the company's tournament operations management services. The committee suggested a few operational improvements for the Executive Sports staff for future years.
 - l. Special Olympics. The committee was pleased with the Special Olympics ceremonial first tee shot, noting its positive effect on the Special Olympics athletes and the NCAA student-athletes. The committee recommended additional ideas for initiatives and would like to see similar initiatives every year depending on host capabilities.
 - m. Committee championship responsibilities and assignments. Committee members were satisfied with their responsibilities and assignments throughout the championships and noted they will continue to be the eyes and ears throughout the championship to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible.
 - n. Pairings selections. The committee discussed ideas to make the tee time selection process more efficient for future years.
 - o. NCAA.com coverage. The committee was pleased with the daily recap videos produced on NCAA.com and would like to see these capabilities grow annually to enhance the championships.
- 4. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship list and regional alignment from the 2016-17 academic year.
- 5. Ranking and selection process.**
- a. Selection criteria. The committee reviewed the selection criteria for rankings and selection purposes.
 - b. Number of rankings. The committee was satisfied with the number of published rankings.

- c. RAC ranking calls. The committee approved ranking eight teams in each region for the sake of consistency. The committee was pleased with the process used for the RAC rankings calls. In addition, committee members noted that they prefer their regional advisory committee members serving on the men's golf regional advisory committee only during the season.
- d. Balloting and selection documents. The committee noted that regional advisory committee members continue to support the balloting system.
- e. Pre-selection and selection calls. The committee was satisfied with the pre-selection and selection calls and noted the timing worked well. The committee noted the importance of the pre-selection call as preparation for the selection call.

6. 2018 championships.

- a. 2017-18 timeline. The committee reviewed the 2017-18 timeline and made necessary updates.
- b. Evaluations of regions and pool breakdown. The committee discussed the evaluation of regions and anticipated pool breakdown for 2018 and noted that the Pool C allocations will stay the same.
- c. Non sudden-death tiebreaking procedure review. The committee is pleased with the current non sudden-death tiebreaking policies. The committee noted it will add the following sentence to clarify the non sudden-death tiebreaking procedures if they must be used: "Teams finishing with four players only instead of five will be held to the same tiebreaking standards."
- d. Tee time selections and pairings. The committee discussed the 2018 tee time selections and pairings based on evaluations of 2017 championships tee times and pairings and suggested areas of improvement.
- e. Rules officials. The committee discussed rules officials and, as noted previously, was pleased with their work at the championships.
- f. Pace of play. The committee was satisfied with the pace of play at the 2017 championships and is confident in the ability to enforce a similar pace of play in 2018.
- g. 36-hole cut. The committee was very pleased with the change to the 18-team and six-individual cut. The committee will determine specific playoff holes in the fall, following a site visit to the championship course.

7. **Golfstat.** The committee met with Golfstat representatives and discussed a variety of topics to assist with future rankings and the selection process.
8. **Governance updates.** Representatives from the governance staff provided updates on a variety of topics.
9. **Manual review.** The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, and finals participant manual.
10. **2018 annual meeting dates.** The committee will meet June 19-20 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: William Gorman, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Commonwealth Coast Conference
Staff Liaison(s): John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Bob Alpers, St. John's University (Minnesota); Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Jeffrey Burns, Randolph-Macon College; Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
William Gorman, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Commonwealth Coast Conference.
Dwayne Hanberry, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Robert Simms, St. John Fisher College; Empire 8.
Brian Rose, Bethany College (West Virginia); Presidents' Athletic Conference.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Brian Laesch, Golfstat.
Marcus El, Golfstat.
Ali Arends, Golfstat.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jay Jones, Division III Governance.
Jori-Anne Jasper, Division III Governance.