



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE
AUGUST, 2018, ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Access ratio.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the access ratio for men's golf be modified from 1:7 to 1:6.5. This proposal refers to NCAA Bylaw 31.3.1.1.
 - (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
 - (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee believes that the access ratio should be modified to provide more access to deserving Pool C teams. The committee understands the rationale regarding the current 1:7 ratio for golf; however, only six true individuals are selected to the championships, which accounts for less than 3 percent of the total participants at the championships. Team sports access ratios are 1:6.5. The at-large percentage for team sports is between 25 percent and 40 percent of the field. Currently, 24 percent of the men's golf team field size is at-large. If the access ratio for men's golf were adjusted to 1:6.5, the field would expand from 42 teams to 45 teams. The percentage of at-large teams would then increase to 29 percent of the field. This percentage is more in line with team sports that have automatic qualifiers. While the Championships Committee has indicated a preference for bracket expansion to even-numbered fields, an odd or even field size is irrelevant in golf. Thus, the committee recommends increasing the field size as prescribed by the access ratio. The women's golf committee is also requesting this change.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. \$25,000.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposal will provide more teams the opportunity to compete at the championships. For the additional teams at the championships, there is potential for more missed class time. However, the academic year is already complete for a number of institutions during the time in which the championships are conducted.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

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:	
Jeff Burns, Randolph-Macon College.	
William Gorman, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Dwayne Hanberry, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.	
Jim Ott, Illinois Wesleyan University.	
Brian Rose, Bethany College (West Virginia).	
Robert Simms, St. John Fisher College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	