



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE  
JUNE 19-20, 2018, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Automatic qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 32 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2019 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; 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 – 32  
Pool B – 4  
Pool C – 6

- (2) Effective date. Immediately.

- (3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification eligibility. The Midwest Conference from the Central region will not receive automatic qualification in 2018-19 as they have not met criteria after a two-year grace period. The Commonwealth Coast Conference from the Northeast region has started year one of a two-year grace period as they now have six schools sponsoring men's golf.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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

(1) Recommendation. That Bob Simms, head men's and women's golf coach at St. John Fisher College, be appointed as chair of the Division III Men's Golf Committee for 2018-19.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.

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

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Review of 2017 meeting report.** The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting report.

**2. 2017-18 Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed and discussed relevant action and informational items from the 2017-18 academic year.

**3. Review of 2017-18 Golf Coaches Association of America annual report.** The committee noted that the report is a great summary of relevant information for golf coaches. The committee would like to work with the Golf Coaches Association ahead of the convention to create a more formalized agenda to improve collaboration between coaches and the committee.

**4. 2018 championships review.**

a. Evaluations. The committee reviewed evaluations from the national championships and noted feedback both positive and negative.

b. Schedule of events. The committee is satisfied with the current schedule of events for the championships. The committee would like the range to be available longer for players after the practice rounds depending on course availability.

c. Inclement weather. The committee discussed the inclement weather and schedule changes at this year's championship. The committee noted how round one was cut short due to

lightning in the area and was completed the morning before round two. The second round began after the completion of round one and was adjusted to a two-course, shotgun start of all players. The committee noted the importance of having plans in place in case inclement weather occurs again in future championships.

- d. Hotels. The committee was very pleased with the team and committee hotels used during the championship.
- e. Awards presentation. The committee was pleased with the awards ceremony and noted the benefit of starting the presentation as soon as possible 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.
- f. Rules officials. The committee noted its continued satisfaction with Head Rules Official Kurt Faxon and his rules committee for their work during the championships. The committee also agreed to continue meeting with the rules officials and host staff after the second and third rounds to make any necessary adjustments.
- g. Scoring areas. The committee was pleased with the scoring area locations and noted they should be adjusted annually depending on the host course logistics.
- h. 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 will continue 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 continue to be given during the administrative meeting on site.
- i. Water/ice and snacks on course. The committee noted that there is always a need for the host to have plenty of water and a variety of 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.
- j. Folds of Honor. The committee was happy with how the Folds of Honor program was conducted this year even though it had to be moved to Thursday due to inclement weather on Wednesday. In the 2019 championships, the Folds of Honor program is scheduled 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.
- k. Volunteers. The committee was very happy with the volunteers at the championship. Inclement weather put a strain on the volunteers throughout the event and the host staff and volunteers handled it well.

- l. NCAA banquet. The committee was very pleased with the championship banquet and would like to see similar banquets in future years.
  - m. Courses. The committee noted the feedback in the evaluations regarding the condition of the greens and fairways.
  - n. 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 and would like to see similar initiatives every year depending on host capabilities.
  - o. 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.
  - p. Pairings selections. The committee was pleased with the pairing selection process.
  - q. NCAA.com coverage. The committee appreciated the daily recap videos on NCAA.com and would like to see these capabilities grow annually to enhance the championships.
  - r. Two active coaches. The committee was pleased with the addition of a second active coach this year for all teams and individuals. The committee noted that teams and individuals are permitted to use two coaches through the green.
- 5. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sport sponsorship list and regional alignment from the 2017-18 academic year. Due to increased sport sponsorship, the men's golf championship field is set to increase based on the legislated access ratio for individual team sports. The committee plans to submit a proposal to increase the field during the next budget cycle.
- 6. Ranking and selection process.**
- a. Selection criteria. The committee reviewed the selection criteria for rankings and selection purposes.
  - b. RAC ranking calls. The committee was pleased with ranking eight teams in each region for the sake of consistency. The committee was also content with the process used for the RAC rankings calls.

- c. 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.

**7. 2019 championships.**

- a. 2018-19 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 2019 and noted that Pool A allocations will decrease by one, Pool B allocations will increase by two and Pool C allocations will decrease by one.
- c. Tee time selections and pairings. The committee discussed the 2019 tee time selections and pairings based on evaluations of 2018 championships tee times and pairings and suggested areas of improvement.
- d. Rules officials. The committee discussed rules officials and, as noted previously, was pleased with their work at the championships.
- e. Pace of play. The committee was satisfied with the pace of play at the 2018 championships and is confident in the ability to enforce a similar pace of play in 2019.
- f. 36-hole cut. The committee continues to be 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.

**8. Golfstat.** The committee met with Golfstat representatives and discussed a variety of topics and made suggestions to assist with future rankings and the selection process. The committee asked Golfstat to provide a report showing rounds in which a play six, count four format is used, which is different than the traditional play five, count four format.

**9. Governance updates.** Representatives from the governance staff provided updates on a variety of topics.

**10. Manual review.** The committee reviewed and made applicable adjustments to the pre-championships manual, committee operations manual, host operations manual, and finals participant manual.

**11. 2019 annual meeting dates.** The committee will meet June 18-19 in Indianapolis.

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

<b>NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee June 19-20, 2018, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Brian Laesch, Golfstat.	
Marcus El, Golfstat.	
Ali Arends, Golfstat.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance.	
Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances.	