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NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN’S GOLF
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT FOLLOW AND ANY SUCH SPECIFICATIONS IN THE GENERAL BID SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT, THE FORMER SHALL PREVAIL AND GOVERN THE MATTER.
SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

The National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA" and/or "Association") is pleased to provide to member institutions/conferences the opportunity to submit a proposal to host one or more NCAA championships.

The information contained in this document and the accompanying attachments provides the minimum bid specifications for hosting any of these championships, as well as essential information that will provide assistance in the development of a creative, comprehensive and competitive bid proposals. The NCAA awards the privilege of hosting an NCAA championship to institutions several years in advance so those communities may work collaboratively with the NCAA to create positive experiences for its student-athletes, participating institutions, fans and the community.

A member institution or member conference of the NCAA must be designated as the host institution/conference for the championship. The administration of the championship is under the authority of the respective sports committee subject to final authority of the NCAA Competition Oversight Committee. All activities and events associated with the championship are to be approved by the sports committee.
SECTION II: CHAMPIONSHIPS STRUCTURE

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The championship provides for a field of 72 teams and 24 individuals. Eighteen teams and six individuals will play at each of the four regional sites. The top six teams from each regional and top three individuals not on one of the advancing teams from that regional site will advance to the final championships site.

Regional competition is a 54-hole stroke-play tournament. A practice round will be held the day before the start of the regional competition.

A stipend will be awarded to each site selected in the amount of $28,000 to cover all hosting expenses (e.g., lodging for 12 officials and two NCAA site reps (room and tax), facility fee, volunteer apparel (optional), operational items required for running the event, evacuation vans, radios, temporary restrooms and other items needed to successfully operate the regional site.

NOTE: The Division I Women’s Golf Committee is recommending to the Division I Competition Oversight Committee (COC) that regionals be expanded from four to six sites beginning in 2023, with 12 teams and 6 individuals assigned per site. If the request is approved by COC, the women’s stipend would be adjusted to $23,667 and aligned with the stipend that is provided to men’s regional hosts.
SECTION III: GENERAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which went into effect January 26, 1992, requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally disabled. The facility must agree that it will be in compliance with all applicable cities, state or federal regulations concerning access and seating for people with disabilities.

2. The host and facility agree that for regional competition the course must be available from 6 a.m. on the day prior to the practice round through the conclusion of the final round of competition for the purpose of preparing for; practicing for and conducting the three-day tournament that consists of 18 holes each day of stroke play. During that period of time, the facility will be clean and accessible, and playing conditions must be safe and of championships caliber.

(Note: Sunday is the practice round day; and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are competition days.)

3. The NCAA specifically disclaims any responsibility to investigate the safety or code compliance of the facility and parking lots or the component products, equipment, materials, designs and constructions.

4. The course shall be arranged in accordance with the current USGA Rules of Golf as far in advance as possible but no later than 6 a.m. prior to the start of the practice round day, which occurs one day before the start of competition.

5. The facility must have a comprehensive evacuation plan in case of inclement weather conditions or emergencies. Additionally, the host must secure and provide the services of a meteorologist (on-site preferred) to assist with monitoring weather, beginning the day of the practice round through the end of the three days of competition.

6. The NCAA shall be provided exclusive use of meeting space in the clubhouse during the regional competition.

7. Regional competition is a non-ticketed event but at the discretion of the NCAA programs, merchandise and concessions may be sold.

8. The facility must provide the following additional space at its expense with all areas subject to the approval of the NCAA:

   a. A training area for student-athletes with necessary supplies and modalities for all training needs.
b. Media work space for 20 with appropriate lighting, heat, air conditioning and toilet facilities. The space should provide internet access either wireless or hard wired; table and chairs; and a printer.

c. Two areas of private office space, with internet access, one for the use of the NCAA (three people) and one for the use of the officials (12 people).

d. A statistics scoring central area should contain one photocopy machine with capabilities for reproducing statistics and other material on bond paper with a minimum per-copy speed of 75 per minute. The copy machine also shall include a collator and automatic stapler. The facility shall be responsible for the installation, service costs and three different colors of paper for these machines during the regional competitions.

e. The facility shall provide a laser jet printer and computer for the committees use while on site.

f. Two rooms for drug testing, with a waiting area, toilet facilities and a minimum of 500 square feet of space.

g. Interview area shall be set aside to accommodate media requests after each round of competition. The host media coordinator shall oversee this area.

h. Scoring central shall be set up in a separate area to accommodate six people. Internet access should be provided, as well as, complete access to a laser jet printer.

i. Hospitality area shall be reserved for student-athletes and coaches. This area should include tables and chairs and located away from a public area. There should also be hospitality provided for the media area.

9. The facility shall provide, at its expense, tables, chairs, skirting, bunting, pipe-and-drape and platforms for all areas described herein as required by the NCAA.

10. The facility shall provide complimentary parking spaces in prime locations for the participating teams, NCAA representatives, officials, as well as, any other entities identified by the NCAA that are central to the success of the championships.

11. The facility shall be responsible for and pay the costs of the coordination and installation of interior and exterior decorations.

12. The facility shall provide at least one main scoreboard, as well as, a minimum of one on-course leaderboard (manual and/or electronic).
13. The course will supply electric golf carts at no cost to the NCAA for use by competing institutions, the NCAA committee, officials, as well as any other additional requests that the NCAA deems central to putting on the event (approximately 75).

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GOLF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The women’s golf committee’s interest in setting a golf course for the NCAA regionals and finals sites of the championships is to provide a fair, competitive test of golf that rewards excellent play at the appropriate level. All players should have a fair opportunity to demonstrate their skills throughout each day on a course playing as consistently as possible, depending on local weather, course design characteristics and considerations.

The following general observations are for the purpose of producing proper and uniform championships playing conditions. Some points may not be applicable in certain instances due to exceptional local conditions, and, if the course superintendent considers it inadvisable to follow any of them, please communicate to the committee representative in charge of the competition.

**Fairways.** In setting tee locations, we will be looking for prime landing areas that are “fair”, providing firm, tight turf with a premium on accuracy and avoiding areas with fluffy lies or areas where soft and hard spots are next to each other. Prior to the competition, fairways should be cross-cut. During competition, at least the landing areas should be cut daily at the standard height of between one-half and five-eighths inch. In addition to daily cutting during the championships, fairways should be cut at championship level on each of the five days prior to the tournament.

Early morning dew conditions will require a method of whipping or other removal to provide a consistent test for all players.

**Flags.** Flag sticks must be uniform in height (at least seven feet), in color and in diameter (maximum three-fourths inch from a point three inches above the ground to the bottom of the hole). The NCAA will provide 40 hole-by-hole flags for each regional site. They will be printed with the generic golf logo or the NCAA logo, along with the logo from the host institution. Extra flags should be available for event winners and in the event of theft.

Flags should be given to the top six teams and three individuals advancing to the championships.

**Grounds Crew.** Arrange to have the hours of work conform to the starting and finishing times for the competition. No non-emergency work may not be done during play. The head rules official as the committee representative will determine course markings, boundaries, tee settings and hole locations. During the competition, a member of the crew will be assigned, under the direction of the NCAA golf committee, to cut holes the morning prior to play each day. Mowing schedules will be determined with the site Official in Charge.

**Hazards and Boundaries.** Out of bounds should be marked with white stakes wherever possible.
approximately 10-15 yards apart (to 25 yards apart when well away from well-played areas) and should be clearly visible from one to another with the end stake “tied off” to signify the end of a boundary. These boundaries will be reviewed two days prior to competition and additional stakes should be on hand if there are to be any changes necessary at that time. Penalty areas will be defined according to USGA Rules of Golf. No marking should be painted for four weeks before the championships.

An adequate supply of white, red and yellow paint must be provided by the club along with at least three marking guns. Green and blue paint as well as additional stakes also must be available.

Practice Areas. Adequate practice facilities should, besides the balls, include grass space for a minimum of 30 players to hit every shot, including the driver. There should be a separate bunker practice area, at least one putting green and a chipping green. If a pitching green is not available, a suitable target area should be developed. There also should be target and/or distance flags on the practice area the same height as the flag sticks on the course. Practice areas should be roped off and only appropriate credentialed persons shall be admitted to the practice areas.

Professional Staff. It is expected that the golf course will be in exemplary condition to host a regional tournament. These events should be viewed by the host course and grounds crew as a “peak” event highlighting the golf course and talents of the finest amateur golfers in the nation; and should not be preceded immediately by any major competition unless approved by the NCAA.

Putting Greens. Greens should be cut each morning of the competition and each day for at least 10 days prior to the event. Greens should not be cut or rolled to a point where a ball could gain speed in putting down all but the most severe slopes. The speed of greens will be determined during the head regional rules official site visit for the event.

Watering should be adequate to provide a firm but resilient surface but not a slippery one. Greens should not hold easily for a poorly played approach shot, but all well played shots should hold.

Greens must be completely free of all aeration and verticutting marks. The practice putting green should be of the same character and receive the same maintenance as all the greens on the course. It should have the same stipmeter reading as the greens on the course.

For the three days prior to the tournament, hole locations should be in non-championship locations.

Hole In White. The course should have a paint sleeve or hole in white for painting the inside edges of the cup if there is going to be webcast/television coverage at the site.

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Rain Delays. In the event greens become unplayable due to heavy rain, adequate squeegee-rollers, hoses and other equipment should be on site and available for quick water removal by the grounds crew. Twelve to 18 large can air horns must be provided by the hosts to notify players on the course.

Ropes and Stakes. The first and 10th tees and the ninth and 18th greens must be roped off. The scoreboard and any other congestion points also should be roped off. The entrance to the scoring tents also should be roped off. Practice areas shall also be roped off.

Rough. No standard height of cut is recommended because of the varied nature of grass cover. The objective is a uniformly difficult recovery for the player who has made an inaccurate shot. The rough should not be so deep as to make a recovery impossible or to increase prospects of lost balls. Heavy poa annua seed heads should be topped off.

A six-foot intermediate cut of rough should be developed next to the fairway to provide definition and fairness. This cut should be developed early to eliminate need for a large amount of “topping off” at tournament time. In addition, when rough is dense and close to the putting surface it is essential to have adequate collar width mowing of 30 inches.

Sand. Bunkers should have a “lip” to clearly delineate boundaries and eliminate possibilities of putting out, by raking sand away from present lip instead of edging out a new, sharp delineation. Extensive new sand that has not settled should be avoided. Sand should be free of rocks and obstructions and raked daily. The USGA recommendation of placing rakes outside bunkers, and in positions where they will be least likely to affect play, should be observed. One (1) bunker rake per bunker should be adequate, but extremely large bunkers may have more than one (1) bunker rake.

Scoreboard. A surface must be adequate to post a minimum of 24 three-foot-by-two-foot high sheets along with space for summary sheets for competitors. A plastic covering should be available in case of inclement weather.

Tees. Teeing locations including the practice tee should be firm and cut daily at the height determined during the site visit. A single color of tee markers should be used from the first practice day and throughout the duration of the competition.

The golf course staff should work in conjunction with the local governing body and the golf committee in conjunction with the head rules official to ensure that the course is set to championship specifications beginning with the first practice round. The turf on tee locations (white line yardages) selected by the Official In Charge and competition hole locations should be saved for rounds of the competition.
Anthony Travel is responsible for securing hotel accommodations for all participating teams; NCAA site reps (two) and officials (12). Two separate hotel properties should be made available to accommodate the housing needs of the participating institutions as well as for the NCAA site reps/officials. Please note that it would be permissible for the media to be assigned to the same property that will house the NCAA site reps/officials. All hotels shall be in close proximity (ideally no more than 15 minutes) from the golf course. The hotel(s) must be of comparable quality and distance from the golf course. A minimum of five double/double sleeping rooms for each team is required, as well as, a minimum of two to three double/double sleeping rooms for institutions that have individuals selected that are not a member of a team. It is recommended that the room rate include a complimentary hot breakfast, parking and internet access in guest rooms for each day of the practice and competition rounds. Prospective hosts should include suggested properties in the bid response from which Anthony Travel will review and contact the host with questions. Anthony Travel will be responsible for contracting all hotel rooms.

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Note: Some teams may need to stay over an additional night on Wednesday at the conclusion of the competition if flights are not available to depart until the next day.

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SECTION V: NCAA/HOST RESPONSIBILITY

NCAA PROVIDES:

1. An administrative stipend of $28,000 to cover all costs of operating the regional (e.g., lodging for 12 officials and two NCAA site reps (room and tax), facility fee, volunteer apparel (optional), operational items required for running the event, evacuation vans, radios, temporary restrooms and other items needed to successfully operate the regional site).

2. Transportation and per diem for the 12 designated officials.

3. Transportation and per diem for the (two) NCAA site reps (committee members).

4. Scoresheets, scorecards, hole-by-hole flags, designated coaches wristbands/credentials, and range balls.

5. Funding for promotional and marketing efforts.

6. Digitized championships program.
HOST INSTITUTION/CONFERENCE AND/OR SPONSORING AGENCY PROVIDES:

1. Facilities and Meteorologist support (on-site preferred). Additionally, yardage books and greens books should be provided or sold to the participating institutions.

2. Volunteers (forecaddies, shuttle drivers, etc)

3. Committee meeting and work space (fully equipped with laser printer, computer, high level copy machine, as well as, separate meeting space for officials and scoring central.

4. Public relations coordination.

5. First aid/medical services/AED on-site/ambulance on-site.

6. Credentials and bag tags for student-athletes, as determined by the NCAA/host.

7. Championships hospitality.

8. Food/beverage concessions.

9. Public address system.

10. Support personnel/volunteers – media runners, spotters, fore caddies etc.


12. Media room (fully equipped).

13. Media seating/work area with constant refreshments.

14. All computers, printers, photocopy machines, telephone lines, DSL lines, high speed internet and wireless, etc. necessary to administer the championships, and as may be required by the NCAA.

15. Appropriate directional signage within and outside the golf course.

16. Other items as later requested by the NCAA.
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### SECTION VI: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES

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SECTION VII: TRANSPORTATION

Local transportation for the participating teams shall be the responsibility of the participating institutions. The host should ensure that an adequate numbers of 15-passenger vans or large SUV’s are available for teams to rent upon their arrival at the championship site or nearest airport. All efforts should be made to provide some deference to the NCAA’s official corporate partner in the car rental category (should one exist at the time of the bid).

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SECTION VIII: VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Approximately 70 volunteers per day will be needed for assignments including scoreboard operations, scoring control, spotters, hospitality, media and merchandise sales.

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