



MEDIA GUIDE



NCCGA Nationals Heads to Oklahoma

Thackerville, OK - The best club golfers from around the country will converge in Oklahoma for Fall 2019 NCCGA Nationals **November 15th-17th**. Players from 56 different colleges make up the 356 payer field for the National Championship and National Invitational.

The WinStar Golf Club at the WinStar World Casino & Resort will host the National Championship on its Scissortail and Redbud golf courses. The golf experience at WinStar is unique and will present different challenges than past Championships. Dornick Hills Country Club in Ardmore, a previous PGA and LPGA Tour stop in the 1950's, will host the Invitational.



"I'm excited to bring our players to a new state for Fall 2019 Nationals," says NCCGA Commissioner Matt Weinberger. "We have never hosted a championship in Oklahoma and are excited about the unique experience that these college players will have."

Clemson University comes in as the #1 ranked team and will try to defend the Championship title they earned last semester in Indiana. The gap is small though with teams like Florida, Michigan and Grand Canyon all playing great entering the tournament. Payte Owen from the University of Oklahoma came in 2nd individually in last semester's Championship and would love to slip on the Red Jacket in his home state. He'll be challenged by many great players including Patrick Gillespie from Michigan State, who averaged 69.5 strokes per round this season.

Along with the tournament, the NCCGA is hosting the 3rd annual Careers in Golf networking event on Friday, November 15, from 2-5pm at the WinStar Golf Club driving range and golf academy. The PGA of America, Billy Casper Golf, Golf Channel, Topgolf, and the USGA and will be among the organizations in attendance. "Anyone interested in golf jobs is encourage to attend the event in person or send in their resume for consideration. It's in our DNA to be helping college students off the course, just as much as on the course," says Sr. Director of Nextgengolf Kris Hart

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP *Qualified Teams*

Spring Champions: Clemson

Spring Invitational: Xavier

Zone 1: Providence

Zone 1: Wisconsin

Zone 1: New Hampshire

Zone 2: Michigan State

Zone 2: Michigan

Zone 2: Nebraska

Zone 3: Robert Morris

Zone 3: Miami (OH)

Zone 3: Notre Dame

Zone 3: Colorado

Zone 3: Colorado State

Zone 4: Virginia

Zone 4: Oklahoma State

Zone 4: James Madison

Zone 5: Texas A&M

Zone 5: Grand Canyon

Zone 5: Arizona State

Zone 5: Florida

Wildcard: Grand Valley State

Wildcard: Wake Forest

Wildcard: Auburn

Wildcard: Alabama

Wildcard: Virginia Tech

Wildcard: South Carolina

Wildcard: California

Wildcard: Georgia

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National Championship Schedule

FRIDAY, November 15TH

All players arrive in Oklahoma. Tournament registration, gift bag pick up, and Careers in Golf networking event will all take place at the WinStar driving range from **2pm-5pm**

SATURDAY, November 16TH

8:00 am - Driving range and putting greens open for participants

9:00 am - Shotguns start on Scissortail followed by Redbud

Post-Round - Round 2 tee times released after round based on scores

SUNDAY, November 17TH

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9:00 am - Shotgun start on the Scissortail followed by Redbud

Post-Round - Award ceremony to begin immediately following scoring

AWARD CEREMONY

Winning Team - NCCGA National Championship traveling trophy, 1st place trophy and course pin flags

2nd Place Team - 2nd place trophy

3rd Place Team - 3rd place trophy

Medalist - NCCGA Red Jacket, Medalist trophy, year's supply of Srixon golf balls (if playing a Srixon)

Top 16 Individuals - Course pin flags

National Championship History

Date	Site	Winning Team
Spring 2019.....	Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex.....	Clemson University
Fall 2018.....	Barefoot Resort.....	GAA-Myrtle Beach
Spring 2018.....	Norwood Hills Country Club.....	Grand Canyon
Fall 2017.....	Paiute Golf Resort.....	Arizona State / Minnesota
Spring 2017.....	Hot Springs Country Club.....	Georgia
Fall 2016.....	Walt Disney World.....	Georgia
Spring 2016.....	Resort at Glade Springs.....	South Carolina
Fall 2015.....	TPC San Antonio.....	Texas-Austin
Spring 2015.....	Bryan Park.....	Florida
Fall 2014.....	Dancing Rabbit.....	Clemson / Missouri
Spring 2014.....	Crystal Springs.....	Baylor
Fall 2013.....	Barefoot Resort.....	Michigan
Spring 2013.....	Kampen at Purdue.....	E Tennessee St
Fall 2012.....	Sea Island.....	East Carolina
Spring 2012.....	The Homestead.....	E Tennessee St
Fall 2011.....	Pinehurst #5.....	East Carolina
Spring 2011.....	Firestone CC.....	East Carolina

Lowest Team Score, Overall

GAA-Myrtle Beach - 741 (2018)

Lowest Team Score, Single Round

Arizona State - 356 (2017)

Lowest Individual 36-Hole Score

Matt Smith, ETSU - 139 (2012)

Lowest Individual 18-Hole Score

Zac Lewis, NC State - 66 (2016)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Qualified Individuals

Payte Owen, Oklahoma
Bunker Funderburgh, Texas Tech.
Jay Lopresti, Plymouth State
Landon Perry, West Virginia
Hayden Brogdon, State Fair CC
Daniel Hennessey, Providence
Chris Buscanera, Fitchburg State
Jonathan Paulson, Florida State
Dalton Shettle, Baylor
Hayden Hunneke, Tennessee

MAJOR STORYLINES

- **Largest Golf Tournament:** The 350+ player field from the National Championship and NIT will make this event the largest college golf tourney in the country
- **Coast to Coast:** Over 55 schools will be represented, from NH to AZ
- **Making Their Debut:** 6 teams will be making their Nationals debut: Wake Forest, Grand Valley State, Western Washington, Furman, Miami (FL) and Tampa
- **Sooner than later:** Oklahoma's Payte Owen has had a chance for the Red Jacket multiple times including a runner-up finish last semester. Can he finally win in his home state?
- **Too close to call:** 26 players in the NCCGA this season had average differentials of +1 or better, meaning the medalist title is truly up for grabs
- **Can Clemson repeat?:** The Tigers come in as the favorite and #1 ranked team in the country. Can they win for a second straight semester?
- **The Great Lake State:** Both Michigan and Michigan State enter the Championship in the top 5, giving the state a great chance to take home the trophy
- **Wind Warriors:** The forecast looks windy in Southern Oklahoma. Whichever team can handle the gusts the best could come out on top

**The NCCGA started in 2006, but central records were not kept until 2010. Therefore, they have been omitted for all record purposes. Team scores are calculated by combining the top 5 of 8 individual player scores.*



National Invitational Tournament

"The National Invitational will showcase 124 collegiate club golfers from 25 schools across the country with a very high level of talent. Dornick Hills and its famed 'Cliff Hole' will be a fun venue to host our Invitational and will be a great test for the players." - Connor Brown, NCCGA Manager.

Texas, Cincinnati, Baylor and Missouri State all have a great chance to win, but if we've learned anything from the National Invitational in its first few years is the unpredictability.

National Invitational History

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Winning Team</u>
Spring 2019.....	The Trophy Club.....	Xavier
Fall 2018.....	Barefoot Resort.....	Nebraska
Spring 2018.....	Bogey Hills Country Club.....	Miami (OH)
Fall 2017.....	Paiute Golf Resort.....	Clemson

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AWARD CEREMONY

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Top 16 Individuals - Course pin flags

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Zone 1: Niagara

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Zone 2: Fairfield

Zone 3: Missouri State

Zone 3: Maryland

Zone 3: Kansas

Zone 4: Furman

Zone 4: Arkansas

Zone 5: Miami (FL)

Wildcard: Dayton

Wildcard: Texas

Wildcard: Cincinnati

Wildcard: Baylor

Wildcard: Bowling Green

Wildcard: Tampa

Wildcard: Penn State

Wildcard: Stanford

NATIONAL INVITATIONAL Qualified Individuals

Travis Jones, Abilene Christian

Colin Kenney, Bentley

Zach Nibert, West Virginia

Alex Whitmore, Providence

Casey Leonard, Stonehill

West Shaw, Texas Christian

Hayes Esposito, CU - Boulder