

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 1-2, 2011, Meeting**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. 2012 NCAA Convention Legislation – Professional Sports Organizations Sponsorship of Intercollegiate Competition Events.

- (1) Recommendation. To sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to specify that a professional sports organization:
 - (a) May serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event (e.g., regular season, conference championship, NCAA championship, other postseason competition), provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and,
 - (b) May serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such.
- (2) Effective. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In the fall of 2010, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council adopted legislation to permit the NCAA to enter into a relationship with a professional sports organization or team for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an NCAA championship event, activity or program, provided the professional sports organization or team is not identified as a sponsor of the event, activity or promotion. The legislation does not currently permit similar agreements for regular season competition, conference championships or other postseason competition.

Additionally, the original impetus for the proposal focused solely on marketing and promotional activities and did not fully contemplate other financial arrangements that are typically associated with various contracts used in the overall championships process. For example, elements such as control of concession revenue, operation of suites and assignment of tickets are often negotiated as part of the overall agreement with a stadium or venue and host institution or conference. Inherent to these contractual issues is a mutual agreement between the NCAA, host institution or conference and facility regarding any number of operational and financial considerations that flow in both directions. In some cases, the facility used is owned or controlled by a professional sports organization (e.g., National Football League team, minor league baseball team).

Over the past several months, the national office staff engaged in a deeper examination of the overall championships process, which resulted in the identification of several agreed-on potential outcomes that take into consideration the student-athlete experience, the line of demarcation between professional and intercollegiate athletics and the practical implications associated with the administration of competition events, including regular-season and postseason competition. The potential outcomes served as the basis to draft legislative proposals in all three divisions that address competition administered by institutions, conferences and the NCAA, which may include regular-season contests, conference championships and NCAA championships.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Bylaw 21.3 Association-Wide Committees - Rules Committees without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

(1) Recommendation. To adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.3 to include new stand-alone rules committees for the sports of swimming and diving, track and field and cross country, and wrestling. The new rules committees will consist of nine members (four Division I representatives, two Division II representatives, two Division III representatives and a secretary-rules editor). The modification will create corresponding changes to Bylaws 21.4 and 21.7.5.5.5.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. In response to a request for feedback from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), the committees discussed the creation of separate rules-making committees and identified several positive outcomes, including a more focused effort on the part of divisional representatives to the rules-making process and greater reach among the membership with respect to sport-focused committee composition. In addition, a move to separate rules committees underscores the importance of a rules-making process that addresses the entirety of the competition season. The respective sport committees for Division I and Division III are also in support of this recommendation.

The committees emphasize the need for regular dialogue with the new rules-making committees to allow for meaningful input in the rules-making process, including the development of rules surveys. For the sports of track and field, cross country and swimming and diving, the committees suggest that, as individuals are evaluated in the nominating process, attention be paid to expertise in the various disciplines within the sport (e.g., diving for swimming

and diving; distance running, throws, pole vault, etc. for track and field and cross country).

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. \$30,000 (\$10,000 per committee). The rules committees will conduct one in-person meeting on an annual basis. The expense will be covered through a reallocation within the existing Association-wide budget.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Bylaw 31.2.1.4 (joint-declaration program).

- (1) Recommendation. To adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 31.2.1.4 (joint-declaration program) to mirror NCAA Division III Bylaw 31.2.1.2 as it relates to the date the institution must declare and abide by all other NCAA regulations for all sports, including the length of the playing season. This specifies that for institutions that hold membership in the NCAA and either the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) or National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA), the joint declaration form must be submitted by August 15, and an institution must abide by all other NCAA regulations, including the length of playing season.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the Division II joint-declaration program requirements do not mirror the Division III requirements and are difficult to understand and apply for institutions that belong to the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA. Modeling the Division II legislation after what currently exists in Division III will assist the NAIA and NCCAA in correctly applying the joint-declaration program requirements.

On January 10, 2005, Division III changed the declaration date from mid-September to August 15 and added a provision to permit joint member institutions (e.g. NAIA dual members) to elect to participate in the championship conducted by the other organization (e.g. NAIA) even if that championship occurs after the NCAA championship in that sport.

When adopting proposal NC-2005-26 to amend the joint-declaration program legislation, Division III provided the following additional information regarding the proposed legislative change:

Dual member institutions should have the opportunity to participate in the championship for the other organization, even if that championship extends beyond that last permissible date of competition for the NCAA

(typically the end of the NCAA championship or the last day of the academic year). Institutions that have joint membership in the NCAA and another organization (e.g., NAIA) must declare prior to the start of each academic year if the institution will pursue the championship in either the NCAA or the other organization. Regardless of the championship designation, dual members are subject to NCAA playing and practice season regulations, and, with this recommendation, those institutions still shall be subject to an 18- or 19-week season and applicable contest limits. Therefore, this accommodation will not be used to lengthen the playing and practice season for the affected sports.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Administrative Regulation – Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. To sponsor an administrative regulation to clarify the application of automatic qualification policies and procedures to team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Including the listed sports that are affected within the Division II Manual language will provide further guidelines specific to the variations of team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports in regard to automatic qualification considerations.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Administrative Regulation – Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. To sponsor an administrative regulation to eliminate the exceptions outlined in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 (exception – men’s and women’s tennis) and 31.3.4.2 (exception – men’s golf).

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The current exceptions as listed are no longer applicable to the sports of men’s and women’s tennis and men’s golf; therefore, the language is not current. To remove the language will further streamline the context of automatic qualification within the Division II Manual.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

f. Administrative Regulation – Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. To sponsor an administrative regulation that would place responsibility for notification when a conference is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification with the Division II Championships Committee and not the respective sports committee. Additionally, to specify that notification will occur during the academic year prior to the potential loss of automatic qualification.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. This will further clarify the process related to conference automatic qualification and ensure conference offices are notified of the possible scenarios that may result in a loss of automatic qualification for NCAA championships. The new timeline put in place by the Division II Championships Committee will allow for a year's advanced notice and appropriate notification of all parties affected.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Committee Appointments. Ratify the following committee appointments, effective immediately, due to committee vacancies. [Attachment A]

- Men's Soccer. **Eric Alsop**, head men's soccer coach at Limestone College, to replace Jerry Riggs, who is no longer at Mount Olive College.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of February Meeting Report and March, April and May 2011 Teleconferences. The Championships Committee approved the meeting and teleconference reports as presented. No changes were noted.

2. Championships Committee Roster. This is the last in-person meeting for the following committee members: Jeff Eisen, Butch Raymond and Bill Fusco, chair. The committee

recognized these members for their service which will continue through August 31, 2011. A new roster will be updated prior to the scheduled September in-person meeting.

3. **Championships Committee Duties and Sport Committee Liaison Assignments.** The Division II Championships Committee recommended the committee liaisons review sport assignments to see if any rotation would be necessary with committee member changes beginning September 2011.
4. **NCAA Championships and Alliances Guiding Principles.** Greg Shaheen, NCAA interim executive vice president of championships and alliances, shared with the committee the current update related to the championships staff and analysis of the academic calendar to see if there are ways to work more efficiently. The championships and alliances department is in the process of ensuring the work that is done is completed under one central operating standard. Statistics and playing rules, along with championships marketing, ticketing and corporate broadcast and alliances, are all within this group; and we are reviewing the work flows and processes. By the end of August, a number of changes being done within this internal review will begin to be evident to the membership and communicated accordingly.
5. **Report of April 2011 NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council meetings.** A brief summary of the April meetings was provided, calling attention to the items coming from the Championships Committee; the Legislation Committee's review of non-scholastic summer basketball events; the recommendations related to the strategic growth of the Division II membership; and the Legislation Committee's review related to the ease of burden.
6. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) Report.** The committee received an update on the recent actions of the PROP. Item highlighted included the men's and Women's basketball rules changes that will likely have direct impacts on institutions budgets. PROP provided a one-year delay in the decision to implement a three-foot restricted area arc to be added for the purpose of not allowing a secondary defender to take a charge near the basket. The arc is optional for men's and Women's basketball in the 2011-12 academic year and mandatory for Division II for 2012-13, as PROP decided on a one-year delay in the mandatory decision based on budget planning and dependent on the necessary scheduling that needs to take place for institutions.

Specific to Women's basketball, the three point line will move from its current distance of 19'9" to 20'9" (the current distance in men's basketball) effective in the 2011-12 academic year. The current lines for Women's basketball can remain on the floor at the discretion of schools.

A new Championships Committee liaison will be determined to fill Mr. Fusco's position. This individual, as appointed, will continue to provide updates at future Division II Championships Committee meetings when rule changes are made that affect Division II championships.

7. **Budget Review and the Long Range Projections Task Force.** The committee reviewed the current standing of the Division II championships budget. Additionally, the committee was updated on the work of the Long-Range Projections Taskforce. The budget framework, which was approved by the Division II Presidents Council and Planning and Finance Committee, provides a 2 percent inflationary increase each year to the Division II championships operations budget. As a part of this inflationary increase, the per diem reimbursement will be increased at \$5 every two years, starting with \$85 in 2011-12 and increasing to \$115 in 2023-24. Further, the Presidents Council and the Planning and Finance Committee approved a \$1 million reduction, per the request of the Long-Range Projections Taskforce, to better align Association dollars with the Division II strategic plan and platform. With the current championships surpluses from prior years of \$2 - 2.3 million, the Division II championships budgets can withstand these reductions with little implication.

The Championships Committee also noted that evaluation of new expense requests should come forward as needed and noted that sport committees should provide rationale and various financial options to the committee, as has been done in the past. There is no indication that these budgetary actions prohibit expansions for the future, yet forwarded recommendations to do so will continue to receive the appropriate scrutiny by the Division II Championships Committee, with consideration related to the plans shared by the Long-Range Projections Taskforce.

Finally, the budget framework for the division accounts for membership growth, both in the number of schools and the number of conferences and includes the purchase of additional insurance coverage to better position the division in case something happens to the Division I men's basketball championship.

In September, the committee will review the framework with the sports committee chairs.

8. **Review of 2012-15 Division II Strategic Plan draft.** The committee provided feedback on the draft 2012-15 strategic plans. The action plans and five goals within the strategic plan remain identical and take into consideration the directions and goals of the Long-Range Projections Taskforce and Planning and Finance Committee. However, the recommendation to add or amend actions listed is open for discussion and considerations for the plan are welcome as the document is further developed.

The Championships Committee specifically discussed goal three, “Game Day and Conference and National Championships.” The committee provided the following recommendations:

- Action Step 3.2.1: Consideration for inclusion of Division II sportsmanship should be added, if not already encompassed through the Division II Championships Code of Conduct Policy.
- Action Step 3.2.2: The Spring 2012 and Winter 2013 Division II National Championships Festival should be reflected.
- Action Step 3.5.1: This step should also include Women’s basketball; an overall statement about improving sports officiating was recommended to be added as a whole.

9. Required On-Site Game Administrator. The Championships Committee further discussed from the February committee meeting whether Division II should have more consistency in requiring administrators to attend pre-championships meetings and be on-site at NCAA championships. The committee members were provided an outline of current sport policies related to on-site game administrators, with the committee noting that policies developed should define who would be considered as an on-site administrator (e.g., athletics director, associate athletics director, sports information director, etc.) to provide parameters and outline expectations. Furthermore, an outline of the role of not only the on-site game administrator, but further defined roles held on-site would benefit everyone, including that of the NCAA Championship manager, games committee, and regional advisory and national sport committee members. Protocol and specific legislative language will be provided at the September Championships Committee joint meeting with sport committee chairs to provide additional feedback prior to a final recommendation.

10. Automatic Qualifications.

- a. Baseball. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- b. Men's Basketball. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference and the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- c. Women's Basketball. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Athletic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- d. Men's Golf. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- e. Women's Soccer. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Northeast-10

Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- f. Men's Tennis. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- g. Women's Tennis. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- h. Women's Volleyball. The Championships Committee approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division II Volleyball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- 11. Automatic Qualification (AQ) Form and Process.** In light of the division's review of membership matters and the potential growth of new conferences, the committee recommended several legislative changes and updated the forms and policies related to automatic qualification to ensure consistency and eliminate confusion.

The following recommendations were approved:

- a. Establish a timeline for submission and review of automatic qualification forms, beginning fall 2011, as follows:

Late October	Notice to conference offices with a link to the electronic automatic qualification form for completion
February 1	Automatic qualification forms are due from conferences (two reminder emails will be sent to the conference office – two weeks and one week prior to the deadline)
February-May	Review of automatic qualification forms by Division II sport committees (via an annual in-person meeting or teleconference)
June	NCAA Division II Championships Committee approves recommendations by sports committees for conferences eligible for automatic qualification in the upcoming academic year (may be done as a “consent package”)
August 15	Conference (and institutional) sport sponsorship numbers due through the sports sponsorship and demographic reporting process
September	NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviews sport sponsorship and minimum participation numbers
End of September	Meeting between championship managers and Membership Committee staff liaisons
October	Notification to conferences in jeopardy of losing automatic qualification for not meeting conference membership requirements
- b. To provide one form to conferences to be completed for all sports eligible for automatic qualification.
- c. Establish a \$500 fine for a conference’s failure to submit the automatic qualification form by the established deadline and/or a fine of \$300 if the form is not completed correctly.
- d. Approved the following legislative changes in an effort to clarify regulations related to automatic qualification and to align the legislation with current championships policies and procedures.

- Sponsor an administrative regulation to clarify the application of automatic qualification policies and procedures to team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports.
- Sponsor an administrative regulation to eliminate the exceptions outlined in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 (exception – men’s and Women’s tennis) and 31.3.4.2 (exception – men’s golf).
- Sponsor an administrative regulation that would place responsibility for notification when a conference is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification with the Division II Championships Committee. Additionally, to specify that notification will occur during the academic year prior to the potential loss of automatic qualification.
- Approved an editorial revision that would move the automatic qualification requirement for championship bracket size in Bylaw 31.3.4 to a separate bylaw.
- Approved an editorial revision that would add information regarding the nullification procedures set forth in the Division II Championships Committee policies and procedures to Bylaw 31.3.4.3.
- Approved an editorial revision to reorganize Bylaw 31.3.4 to more clearly outline automatic qualification requirements.
- Approved an editorial revision to specify that if an institution declines to compete in an NCAA championship for reasons related to written religious policies, the conference’s second place team shall receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championship.

12. Rating Percentage Index (RPI). The Championships Committee reviewed the report from each sports committee regarding its decision related to implementation of the RPI. The majority of the sport committees declined the use of RPI after studying the results versus rankings this past year. The Men’s Basketball Committee has indicated an interest in implementing the RPI as tie-breaker criteria. Men’s and Women’s Soccer Committees would like to study for one additional year prior to finalizing a recommendation. The sports of softball and baseball are in the process of examining the use during the spring championships and annual meetings with a final recommendation to be forwarded during the September 2011 Championships Committee meeting.

The Championships Committee noted the process was a good exercise and provided sports committees the opportunity to provide feedback for each of their respective sports. Additionally, there are costs and time associated with implementation and, thus, the Championships Committee asked NCAA staff to go back to those sports tabling decisions

to ask each sport committee to provide its final recommendation by the September 2011 meeting deadline for a decision to be made on RPI for Division II.

13. Selection Competition Deadline. The committee was presented with a selection competition deadline chart to review the viability of instituting selection date deadlines related to scheduled competitions. The Championships Committee outlined the challenges related to the request, which included, but are not limited to; weather, contractual agreements with venues and revenue potential associated with conference championships. The topic was tabled in order to seek feedback from the Conference Commissioners Association (CCA), who was meeting later in June 2011. The committee will continue discussions at its September meeting.

14. Governing Sport Committee Reports. The committee took the following actions on the recommendations from sports committees:

a. Men's Basketball.

- Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011-2012 season and the 2012 championship, the men's basketball selection criteria be modified to include both primary criteria and tiebreaker criteria (in rank priority order). [Attachment B]

Based on feedback from the coaches at the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Convention, they noted that the Division II Men's Basketball Committee should address some sort of penalty within the selection process for teams that lose at home to teams with a below .500 winning percentage. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee also believes that although Division II is based on regionalization principles, it is such that in the sport of men's basketball, most teams don't play very many (if any) games out-of-region. As such, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee would desire to eliminate, as primary criteria, in-region Division II won-lost results and in-region Division II strength-of-schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' average winning percentage) that were included in the 2010-11 selection criteria. This in-region information will still be factored into the Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which if approved, will be viewed as the number one tiebreaker for the 2011-12 season. In addition, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee would like to consider results versus Division II ranked teams (based on a once ranked, always ranked philosophy). This would be a change from the current policy of considering Division II ranked teams only based on the previous week's ranking. Finally, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee would like to change the evaluation of significant wins and losses to a performance indicator that examines all results throughout the season. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee has also added tiebreaker

criteria consisting of the RPI using in-region data; and then the school's record in the last 10 games. These two criteria would be viewed in rank priority order. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee believes that all of these changes will improve the selection process for the 2011-12 academic year.

- Seeding of Regional Tournaments. The Division II Championships Committee denied the request that, effective with the 2012 championship, in instances where the final rankings for selections matches two institutions from the same conference that have played each other three or more times previously during the current season, the Division II Basketball Committee has the authority to re-seed any and all teams ranked two through seven so as to avoid two teams from the same conference playing for the fourth time during the quarterfinal round of the championship (first game for both teams in the regional tournament). If such a policy is applied, please note that seeds one and eight may not be re-seeded and no team shall be moved more than one position (up or down).
- NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship. The Men's Basketball Committee plans to work with the NCAA information technology and statistics staff members to modify the online score reporting program for 2011-12 such that raw data is used in calculating the columns for opponents' average winning percentage (OWP) and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage (OOWP).
- Division II Men's Basketball – Weekly Rankings. Effective with the 2011-12 season, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee made a determination to reduce the number of weekly regional rankings that are publicly released. The first ranking will be released on February 8, which is essentially a mid-season ranking (going into the last month of the season). There will be three additional rankings released on February 15, 22 and 29. There will not be any ranking released the day following selections. This will reduce the number of published rankings from six during the 2010-11 season to four during the 2011-12 season. This move is being made in an attempt to be more efficient and effective as a Division II Men's Basketball Committee and align consistently with the Division II Women's Basketball weekly rankings. The Championships Committee policy states that at a minimum, team sports committees start ranking teams beginning with the second half of the season and as often as practical, but at least the second to last week prior to selections and the week of selections. Those rankings shall be publicized. Please note that the NABC Congress was supportive of having fewer published rankings during the 2011-12 academic year. The Congress contains a representative from each Division II conference that sponsors the sport of men's basketball.
- NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship – Regional Bid Deadline. Due to the fact that the first published ranking will not take place in the 2011-12

season until February 8, 2012, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee determined that the regional bid submission deadline in 2012 should be moved back to February 17.

- Conclusion of Conference Championships – Automatic Qualification. NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.3-(a) in the 2010-11 NCAA Division II Manual states that to be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirement (which is merely one of several other requirements): conference competition conducted in accordance with Constitution 3.3.1 must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application.

The Division II Men's Basketball Championship Handbook has a note that an institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all games (including conference tournament games) before 5 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, March 6 (date listed in the 2011 handbook). If a conference is going to have a conflict with meeting this corresponding deadline in 2012, conference commissioners will need to notify the Division II Men's Basketball Committee and/or the NCAA championship manager. The committee would most likely approve such requests for 2012, and then notify the conference that they would need to rectify the matter and have all games completed in 2013 in ample time prior to selections. The committee noted that the ultimate goal would be to have all games completed in 2013 by midnight local time on the day prior to selections (Saturday, March 2, in 2013).

- Division II Men's Basketball (Elite Eight) Championship – Facility Specifications Review. Per the request of the Division II Championships Committee, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee reviewed the sport-specific facility specifications for the Division II Men's Basketball (Elite Eight) Championship. The following modifications were suggested to the existing bid specifications that were used to select the 2012 and 2013 sites:
 1. The championship structure needs to be changed to also note the possibility in the date formula that the regionals can be conducted on a Friday, Saturday and Monday format. This is typically the case in the West Region, where some of the participating institutions have an institutional policy prohibiting competition on a Sunday.
 2. Each locker room must also be equipped with a clock that is synchronized to the playing clock in the competition venue.

3. Each institution should be able to designate four individuals for admittance to the team locker room and media interview room. The current specifications listed this number at three individuals per institution.
4. A change needs to be made to the personnel allowed at the official scorer's table to eliminate any spaces for the home team scorer and the visiting team scorer.
5. Other changes will need to be made to future bid specifications to accurately reflect any revisions in the master schedule of events.
6. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee would like the prospective host(s) to supplement their bid information with information on the history of other events hosted at the proposed championship site, including attendance figures.

Division II Men's Elite Eight – Quarterfinal-Round Pairings. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee requested the NCAA championship manager and the media coordinator to work together to develop an eight-year rotation for the Men's Elite Eight quarterfinal-round pairings, such that a given region will compete one time each over a seven-year period against all of the other regions. The committee has quarterfinal-round pairings in place from 2010-2014, so the pairings only need to be determined from 2015-2017.

- Division II Men's Basketball Championship – Regional Quarterfinals Game Order. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee noted that the quarterfinal-round games on day one of each respective regional should be contested in the following order:

Game One: Seed six vs. Seed three
Game Two: Seed seven vs. Seed two
Game Three: Seed five vs. Seed four
Game Four: Seed eight vs. Seed one

Please note that the game order for the first session (games one and two) should not be altered. The host institution must play in the second session, and that game can either be played as game three or game four. The only caveat would be that due to possible extenuating circumstances, the national Division II Men's Basketball Committee would still be able to adjust the practice and game order (if necessary).

- Division II Men's Basketball Championship – Pregame Timing Sheets. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee plans to modify the pregame timing sheets for the 2012 championship, so that the timing sheets for the regionals and

the Men's Elite Eight are identical. The committee wants teams to have 30 minutes on the playing floor prior to the playing of the National Anthem and the introduction of the starters for both teams.

- NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship – Regional Credential Types. The Division II Men's Basketball Committee noted that, at a minimum, all regional sites should prepare the following types of credentials: participant; media; game official; medical; all access; and temporary floor or VIP (exact type to be decided at a later date). This information will be added to the regional host operations manual.
- NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Elite Eight Championships – Combined Site. The Men's and Women's Basketball Committees both noted their willingness to further explore the possibility of conducting the men's and Women's basketball championships (Men's and Women's Elite Eight) at a combined site in the future.

b. Women's Basketball.

- Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011-2012 season, the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball selection criteria be modified to remove "Non-Division II contests" from the primary criteria for selection.

A minimum of 22 games against Division II teams must be played during the regular season; a minimum of 18 must be in-region games. As long as schools meet the minimum number of games for selections, the Division II Women's Basketball Committee feels contests against non-Division II opponents is a stand-alone piece of criteria and has no impact on rankings.

- Division II Women's Basketball – Weekly Rankings. Effective with the 2011-12 season, the Division II Women's Basketball Committee made a determination to reduce the number of weekly regional rankings that are publicly released. The rankings will be released on February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. There will be two practice calls on January 18 and 25. This will reduce the number of published rankings from six during the 2010-11 season to five during the 2011-12 season. This move is being made in an attempt to be more efficient and effective as a sport committee. The Championships Committee policy states that at a minimum, team sports committees start ranking teams beginning with the second half of the season and as often as practical, but at least the second to last week prior to selections and the week of selections. Those rankings shall be publicized.

- Conclusion of Conference Championships – Automatic Qualification. NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.3-(a) in the 2010-11 NCAA Division II Manual states that to be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirement (which is merely one of several other requirements): conference competition conducted in accordance with Constitution 3.3.1 must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application.

The 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship Handbook has a note that an institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all games (including conference tournament games) before the final scheduled selection call, Sunday, March 6 (date listed in the 2011 handbook). If a conference is going to have a conflict with meeting this corresponding deadline in 2012, conference commissioners will need to notify the Division II Women's Basketball Committee and/or the NCAA championship manager. The Division II Women's Basketball Committee would most likely approve such requests for 2012, and then notify the conference that they would need to rectify the matter and have all games completed in 2013 in ample time prior to selections. The committee noted that the ultimate goal would be to have all games completed in 2013 by midnight local time on the day prior to selections (Saturday, March 2 in 2013).

- Division II Women's Basketball Championship (Elite Eight) – Facility Specifications Review. Per the request of the Division II Championships Committee, the Division II Women's Basketball Committee reviewed the sport-specific facility specifications for the Division II Women's Basketball (Elite Eight) Championship. No changes were recommended for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 championships.
- NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Championships (Elite Eight) – Combined Site. The Men's and Women's Basketball Committees both noted their willingness to further explore the possibility of conducting the men's and Women's basketball championships (Men's and Women's Elite Eight) at a combined site in the future.

c. **Football.**

- Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011 championship, the following elements of the selection criteria be removed: results against Division II teams greater than .500; and results against Division II teams less than or equal to .500.

Based on feedback from the NCAA statistics staff that these two categories are statistically redundant in comparison to other existing selection criteria, and also based on an effort to reduce the number of factors in the selection criteria, the Division II Football Committee decided to eliminate results against Division II teams greater than .500 and results against Division II teams less than or equal to .500.

- Regionalization Map – 2012-13 Academic Year. Approved that, effective with the 2012 championship, Super Regional Three should be revised to consist of the defined Central and West Regions, while Super Regional Four should be revised to consist of the defined Midwest and South Central Regions.

The current regional alignment consists of Super Regional Three containing the defined regions of the Central and Midwest Regions. Super Regional Four currently consists of the South Central and West Regions. Due to the addition of the Great American Conference as an eligible conference, the anticipated addition of the Great Lakes Valley Conference as an eligible conference for the sport of football in 2012 and with the movement of several conferences (MIAA and RMAC) to different defined regions in 2012-13, if the defined regions are untouched within the Super Regionals that currently exist, here is what we would have:

Super Regional Three (Central and Midwest Regions) - 61 teams. GAC, GLIAC, GLVC, MIAA, NSIC and GAC. Five earned access opportunities for six playoff berths.

Super Regional Four (South Central and West Regions) - 24 teams. GNAC Region Independents, LSC and RMAC. Two earned access opportunities for six playoff berths.

The Division II Football Committee does not want to provide Super Regionals with more or less than six spots in the playoffs, so the Division II Football Committee would not recommend shifting berths to Super Regional Three and away from Super Regional Four. Therefore, the most equitable solution that stays true to geographic principles is the following realignment of Super Regionals, beginning in 2012-2013, that places the Central and West Regions together in Super Regional Three and the Midwest and South Central Regions together in Super Regional Four. Based on this recommended scenario, this is what we would have for 2012-13:

Super Regional Three (Central and West Regions) - 44 teams. GAC, GNAC Region Independents, MIAA and NSIC. Three earned access opportunities for six playoff berths.

Super Regional Four (Midwest and South Central Regions) - 41 teams. GLIAC, GLVC, LSC, and RMAC. Four earned access opportunities for six playoff berths.

This seems to be very fair and adheres strictly to geographic principles while providing proper balance within the super regionals.

- Biennial Budgeting Process – Forthcoming Recommendations. The Division II Football Committee plans to submit a recommendation to the NCAA Division II Championships Committee for the September 2011 meeting to increase the squad size from 54 to 58, while leaving the official travel party at 70. This would be effective for the 2012 championship. The coaches in attendance at the 2011 American Football Coaches Association Convention unanimously supported this proposal.

The Division II Football Committee also plans to submit a budgetary recommendation in September 2011 related to implementing an evaluation of playoff officials through a neutral merit-based evaluation system.

Finally, the Division II Football Committee also plans to submit a budgetary recommendation in September 2011 that both teams participating in the national championship game need to arrive at the finals site on the Wednesday night prior to the championship game (which is conducted on a Saturday based on the championship date formula).

- Division II Football – Instant Replay in the Semifinals. Effective with the 2011 championship, the Division II Football Committee made a determination that even if only one of the two semifinal games are televised, instant replay should be used at that televised game. It should be noted that if the other semifinal game is not televised, instant replay would not be an option at the second semifinal site. Please note that the use of instant replay annually at the semifinals and national championship game is still contingent upon internal NCAA approval and funding.
- Alternate Official – National Championship Game. In September 2009, the Championships Committee approved the use of an alternate official in all playoff games. This rule, effective for the 2010 championship, stated that the supervisor of officials for the host institution in each playoff game provide an alternate official who is both qualified and capable of working any position if one of the assigned officials became incapacitated during the game (e.g., injury, illness, family emergency, etc.). This person would be located on the sideline during the game, and his/her role would be to provide another evaluation of the game officials and also chart penalties during the game. Such an alternate official would only be paid a flat game fee of \$100 per game, and no other

expenses. They would need to arrive on site in time for the officials' pregame planning meeting on game day.

During the 2010 championship game, the Division II Football Committee received a request from the supervisor of officials of the assigned conference that they would like to provide the alternate official from their conference for the national championship game. The committee approved this request, noting that the alternate official was still only provided a flat fee of \$100; however, the conference incurred all other expenses for this official to travel to the championship game. The Division II Football Committee plans to allow any assigned conference for the championship game in the future this same opportunity. If the assigned conference does not want to provide the alternate official, then the alternate official will be provided by the supervisor of officials of the host institution of the national championship game (which would currently be the Gulf South Conference).

- Division II Football Championship – Facility Specifications Review. Per the request of the Championships Committee, the Division II Football Committee reviewed the sport-specific facility specifications for the Division II Football Championship. The following modifications were suggested to the existing bid specifications that were used to select the 2012 and 2013 sites:
 - (1) If the championship game is played on an artificial surface, the host institution needs another comparable artificial surface available for team practices. It is recommended that team practices do not take place on the competition field, as this facility will be freshly painted for the national championship game.
 - (2) There will be more detailed specifications provided related to the press box space required for instant replay officials and their equipment.
 - (3) The minimum number of double/double sleeping rooms required for each team will be increased from 30 to 40 rooms.
 - (4) The Division II Football Committee would like the prospective host(s) to supplement their bid information with information on the history of other events hosted at the proposed championship site, including attendance figures.
- Division II Football Championship – Band Policy. The Division II Football Committee made a few modifications to the championship handbook/preliminary-rounds manual for the 2011 championship to reflect some changes in the policies regarding bands. These changes are such that bands will only be allowed to play during the game when their team has the ball. They will not be allowed to play with less than 25 seconds on the play

clock. Public address music should also not be played with less than 25 seconds on the play clock. The other change is related to halftime. If both bands are present and playing in a given playoff game, then the playing field must be cleared by two minutes before the start of the second half. If only one band is playing at halftime, then the playing field must be cleared by five minutes before the start of the second half. Teams may not take the field during halftime while the band is on the field during their allotted time.

- Division II Football Championship – Cooling Fans. The Division II Football Committee made a modification to the championship handbook for the 2011 championship to require teams to provide a cooling fan during the playoffs for the visiting team sideline if they plan to use a cooling fan on the home team sideline. This would merely extend the current policy that such a requirement is needed regarding the provision of sideline heaters during games played in inclement weather.

d. **Men's Soccer.**

- Administrator at Tournament Games. The Division II Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011 championship, all teams competing in the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship must be accompanied by an administrator without game responsibilities. The Division II Men's Soccer Committee believes it is important that each institution have an administrator without game responsibilities present on site to attend the administrative meeting and all contests.
- Scheduling Requirement. The committee denied a request that, effective with the 2012 season, to be eligible for an at-large selection, all teams must play two (2) in-region out-of-conference contests.

e. **Women's Soccer.**

- Administrator at Tournament Games. The Division II Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011 championship, all teams competing in the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship must be accompanied by an administrator without game responsibilities.
- Scheduling Requirement. The committee denied a request that, effective with the 2012 season, to be eligible for an at-large selection all teams must play two (2) in-region out-of-conference contests.

f. **Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country.**

- Bracket Expansions. The Championships Committee revisited the data and financial recommendation forwarded by the Division II men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field and men's and women's cross country committees per the request from the Planning and Finance Committee. The following bracket expansion proposals and participant number increases have been approved by the Division II Championships Committee:
 - (1) To increase in the number of student-athletes selected to the indoor track and field championships from 200 to 270 student-athletes per gender, effective August 1, 2012.
 - (2) For the 3,000-meter fun be added as an event for the NCAA Division II Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships and the NCAA Division II Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships, pending an approval of the recommendation for an increase in participant numbers for the indoor track and field championships, effective August 1, 2012.
 - (3) To increase the number of student-athletes selected to the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships from 310 to 377 student-athletes per gender, effective August 1, 2012.
 - (4) To increase the number of teams and individuals selected to the NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country Championships and the NCAA Division II Women's Cross Country Championships from 24 to 32 per gender for teams and from 16 to 24 automatic qualifiers per gender for individuals. The top three teams from each regional meet would automatically qualify for the championships. Regions will be allotted one additional berth for each team finishing in the top eight in the previous year's national championships. This is consistent with the current procedures for selecting teams to the cross country championships, with one additional automatic qualifier for each region. The top three individuals from each regional meet who are not part of a selected team will automatically qualify for the championships. In addition, any other individuals who finish in the top five at their regional meet and are not part of a qualifying team are selected to the championships. This is consistent with the current procedures for selecting individuals to the championships, with one additional automatic qualifier for each region. The total number of competitors for each gender would increase from 184 to 248, effective August 1, 2012.

[NOTE: The topic will be forwarded back to Planning and Finance Committee for review.]

g. **Women's Volleyball.**

- Predetermined Finals Site. Approved that the finals site for the Women's volleyball championship be predetermined, effective for the 2012 championship.

Currently, the finals site is determined two weeks in advance of competition and is hosted by one of the competing final eight teams. Selecting the finals host site in advance will help the host, NCAA staff and the committee better plan and prepare for the championship, which will enhance the championship and the student-athlete experience. The additional time to plan for the championship would enhance the relationship among all entities and would enable the host to provide and plan for enhancements to the championship that are currently unavailable due to the timeline, including community engagement opportunities for the participating student-athletes. While the committee understands that moving to a predetermined site could result in a decrease in attendance, they also recognize that the additional time could be used to market locally for the championship and that many communities would embrace and be supportive of the championship. To ensure support of the championship, bid facility documents will require detailed plans on how potential hosts would market and promote the event locally.

A predetermined finals site will also eliminate the competitive advantage that the host of the finals currently has, as there wouldn't necessarily be a home-court advantage. Determining the host prior to the championship would provide hosting opportunities for schools with experience hosting NCAA championships that may not have been eligible to host a regional and/or finals for Women's volleyball in the past. The Division II Women's Volleyball Committee also believes that the competitive fairness and the enhanced championship experience would better benefit the student-athletes.

- Bench Size. Approved that the bench size for Women's volleyball increase to accommodate 25 individuals in the bench area, effective for the 2011-12 season. Players in uniform would remain at 15 and the travel party size would remain at 20.

This would provide additional student-athletes (who are traveling at the cost of the institution) who are on the regular-season roster a place on the bench, enhancing the student-athlete experience throughout the championship. Many teams who have a roster of more than 15 student-athletes are currently bringing their full roster to the championship, but the additional student-athletes are required to sit in the stands during competition. This proposal mirrors the increase in bench size recently approved for Women's lacrosse.

- Preseason Practice – Bylaw 17.25.2.2.2. The Championships Committee denied a request to increase the six-hour limit of activity (physical and non-physical) to seven hours, keeping the five-hour maximum for physical activity, and that the limit on any session involving physical activity be increased from three to four hours to accommodate the additional hour.
- Preseason Practice – Bylaw 17.25.2.2.2. The Championships Committee denied a request to amend the legislation to allow non-physical activity to be conducted during the mandatory 3-hour recovery time in between any sessions involving physical activity.
- Playing Season. The Division II Championships Committee approved that the playing season for women's volleyball be extended one week by moving the date of selections one week later. Selections would take place the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, and regional competition would take place the Thursday through Saturday or Friday through Sunday the week after Thanksgiving. The finals would take place the week after regional competition, on Thursday through Saturday.

The championship formula would change, as noted above, to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday. Currently, selections are conducted two Sundays before Thanksgiving; regional competition is held the Thursday through Saturday or Friday through Sunday prior to Thanksgiving weekend; and the finals are held the Thursday through Saturday the week after Thanksgiving. The formula change would result in a longer time period between selections and regional competition, and a shorter time period between regional competition and the finals.

The Division II Volleyball Committee believes that an additional week at the end of the regular season will help accommodate institutional and conference schedules. The limitations on the number of dates of competitions would not be affected, only the date of selections and the championship formula. The start date of competition would also remain the same, so there will be no financial burden put on the institutions for bringing in student-athletes earlier.

The additional week would give institutions and conferences more flexibility when scheduling. Currently, many conferences, especially those with a large number of schools or those that have a wide geographical composition, have difficulty scheduling all of the necessary conference matches without increasing mid-week travel. By adding an additional week, institutions can schedule at least two of those conference matches on the additional weekend of competition. In addition, institutions that are not currently playing as many conference matches as they would like would be able to schedule competition

on the additional weekend, which encourages/promotes inter-conference and in-region play.

The longer planning time for regionals would be beneficial for hosts and participating teams and could decrease travel expenses. Further, the Championships Committee approved that the final site move to be a pre-determined site, effective with the 2012 championship; therefore, there should not be any concerns about the shorter time period between regional and national competition.

- Seeding Final Eight Teams. The Division II Women's Volleyball Committee discussed the possibility of re-seeding the final eight teams advancing to the final round. While re-seeding the final eight teams could enhance the level of competition at the finals site, the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee recognizes that there is not an ideal method of comparing the teams on a national level so will not move forward with a recommendation to re-seed the final eight teams. They are, however, interested in further discussions regarding a fair method of comparing teams nationally.
- Hosting Requirements. The Division II Women's Volleyball Committee expressed concerns about hosts who do not meet the hosting expectations (e.g. prompt and correct payment of officials). It was determined that an institution not meeting hosting requirements and expectations will be issued a warning letter detailing the concerns and that any future violations may result in restrictions on hosting future rounds of the volleyball championship.

15. 2012 & 2013 Division II National Championships Festival. A review of the bids submitted for the Spring 2012 Division II National Championships Festival was presented by NCAA championship managers as related to venues and sport committee feedback. The Championships Committee approved Louisville, Kentucky, as the host site for the 2012 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival on May 15-19, 2012, including the sports of men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis. The 2013 Festival bids and decisions will be presented at a later date aligned with NCAA championships bid process.

16. September 2011 Joint Committee and Chairs Meeting Topics. In preparation for the September joint meeting, the group discussed topics that would be relevant and provide discussion for roundtables. The Division II Championships Committee recommended the roundtable part of the agenda to remain, as it was effective last year, and asked that championship managers and committee chairs come prepared to discuss issues that were challenges as they relate to their sport and highlight successes within their sport, committee and championship. The committee will plan to discuss these topics in September.

- 17. Women's Basketball – Delta State University.** The Division II Championships Committee reviewed correspondence related to the 2011 Division II Women's Basketball Championship. The Division II Championships Committee asked NCAA staff to afford the opportunity for the site representative to respond to the feedback received by the committee and investigate the issue accordingly. The Division II Championships Committee acknowledges the communication from Delta State to the Vice President of Division II and asks the site representative to review the documents and provide a response prior to the July 7, 2011, scheduled Championships Committee teleconference.
- 18. Regional Tournament Format and Site Selection – Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball and Women's Volleyball.** The NCAA Division II Championships Committee approved to continue the process of allowing regions the opportunity to recommend a different regional tournament format for the current eight-team bracket in men's and Women's basketball and Women's volleyball.

The regional championship site may be determined on a scheduled ranking teleconference prior to selections. Each region will identify which teleconference date (from a predetermined set of dates) it will use to determine the site for the regional tournament, and the sites will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. Even though sites will be determined prior to selections, this does not guarantee that an institution will get in the tournament. If the institution that is chosen on the ranking teleconference to host a regional does not get selected to the championship, the institution will forfeit its hosting opportunity. The approved continuation memo will be sent to NCAA membership and will include the guiding principles document that details the format to notify member institutions.

The information related to women's volleyball is due August 1 and the information from men's and women's basketball is due September 1.

- 19. Nullification.** The Division II Championships Committee reviewed the principles of nullification as a reminder of how eligibility for championships is established. The staff emphasized that, in many instances of nullification cases, institutions are identifying nullification with vacation of wins even though nullification and vacation of wins are different. Nullification is applied prior or during selections. The information regarding the nullification process is available on the NCAA Division II homepage. Schools should note that conferences may have more stringent policies regarding these matters than the NCAA.
- 20. Division II Winter Championships Recap.** The NCAA staff presented the updates related to NCAA Division II Winter Championships. NCAA winter championships were executed and ran well with minimal incidences. The continuation of a few issues is a compliment to the championship managers, member institutions and NCAA student-

athletes. A recap for spring championships will be delivered during the September 2011 meeting.

21. Championships Committee Chair Selection. The Division II Championships Committee approved that Erin Lind, associate commissioner and senior woman administrator of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, serve as chair of the Championship Committee as Bill Fusco, athletics director of Sonoma State University, committee chair's term expires September 2011.

22. Division II Membership Process. The committee was provided an overview of the Division II membership process, information about which schools are in the process and provided information related to any membership issues relevant to championships.

- There are currently 21 institutions in the Division II membership process.

Candidacy One (9 total): Ohio (3), South Dakota (2), California (1), Tennessee (1), Missouri (1) and Illinois (1).

[None: The status change for Lambuth University could reduce this to eight.]

Candidacy Two (7 total): Ohio (2), North Dakota (1), California (1), South Dakota (1), Missouri (1) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1).

Provisional year (5 total): California (2), Ohio (1), Missouri (1) and Arkansas (1).

Totals by state: Ohio (6), California (4), South Dakota (3), North Dakota (1), Missouri (3), Illinois (1), Tennessee (1), Arkansas (1) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1).

It was noted that some institutions in candidacy one and candidacy two are still looking for some sort of conference affiliation but many have a conference affiliation during the provisional year. Also, there are currently 16 applications for membership into Division II with more expected.

23. Candidacy/Provisional/Reclassifying Institutions Selection Criteria Policies. The committee liaisons noted an additional update to the form for candidacy/provisional/reclassifying institutions selections criteria policies document to include institutions leaving Division I and entering Division II. Once an institution has been accepted by the Membership Committee to reclassify its entire athletics program from Division I to Division II, these institutions will be treated in the selection process using the following criteria:

Selection Criteria	
Minimum Number of DII contests for Selection	Count as DII
Overall won/lost	Count
Strength of Schedule	Count as DII
In-Region Strength of Schedule	Count as DII
DII won/lost	Count as DII
In-Region won/lost	Count as DII

This document remains available on the NCAA website. The document is continually updated by NCAA staff.

- 24. Officiating Update.** The committee received an update on officiating programs, noting the improvements that were put in place approximately 18-months ago to improve preliminary and final round officiating programs, which also include training and educational programs. Initial review and evaluations show improvements in content each year. For Division I sports, the Championships and Administration Cabinets have mandated use of the Arbiter program for those sports that have instituted the program for officials (e.g., football, softball, women's soccer, etc.) Beginning in 2011-12, men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's ice hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse will be added. At this time, Divisions II and III have made the Arbiter site optional for officials, but an analysis of mandating will be discussed. The Division II Championships Committee recommended that this topic be added to list of topics for the June CCA meeting and the September joint committee meeting for further follow-up and discussion.
- 25. Future Meetings.** The Championships Committee reviewed future meeting dates, noting that the committee will conduct the joint meeting with sports committee chairs in Indianapolis on September 12-14, 2011. The February meeting dates have changed to February 20 and 21, 2012, to accommodate scheduling conflicts with conference championship tournaments for basketball.

Committee Chair: Bill Fusco, Sonoma State University
Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships
Amy Reis, Championships

2010-11 DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One from each of the Division II men's soccer regions (West, Central, South Central, South, Southeast, Midwest, Atlantic, East).
Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy. Jerry Riggs is no longer at Mount Olive College. Southeast Region (coach or administrator). (Matt Thompson, who was appointed to the committee, is no longer at Lees-McRae.)**

Recommendation: **Eric Alsop.**

Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk

Chair:

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/10-9/11	9/11-9/12	9/12-9/13	9/13-9/14
SoC	C	N/M	John Richard Smith University of the Incarnate Word	Lone Star	Smith	Smith	Smith*	
Cen	FAR	N/M	Charles Shub University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Shub	Shub*		
East	C	N/M	Thomas Lang Southern Connecticut State University	Northeast-10	Lang	Lang	Lang	Lang*
SoE	C	N/M	Jerry Riggs Mount Olive College	Conference Carolinas	Riggs	Riggs	Riggs	Riggs*
West	AD	N/M	Gary Gray Montana State University-Billings	Great Northwest Athletic	Gray	Gray*		
Atl	AD	N/M	Dennis Helsel Chowan University	Independent/Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Helsel	Helsel	Helsel*	
So	AD	N/M	Francis Reidy Saint Leo University)	Gulf South (Sunshine State)	Banks* (Reidy)	(Reidy)	(Reidy)	(Reidy 9/15*)
MidW	Asst. AD (Assoc AD)	N/M (N/M)	Greg Gilbert University of Findlay (Tim Gotto Lewis University)	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic)	Gilbert*	(Gotto)	(Gotto)	(Gotto 9/15*)

*Not eligible for reappointment
5/23/11

Division II Men's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name: Eric Alsop

Job Title: Head Men's Soccer Coach

Gender: M

Ethnic Minority: N

Institution: Limestone College

Conference: Conference Carolinas

Playing conference: Conference Carolinas

Meets 50% requirement: Y

Institution Sponsors sport: Y

Qualification Statement: I have been coaching at the Division II level for 10 years, 8 years as a head coach. I am the head of the men's soccer committee for Conference Carolinas. I am also a newly appointed member of the NCAA Southeast Region Committee, Dec 2010 appointment. I have served on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's (NSCAA) Southeast Region Committee from 2004-2006.

Past Committee Service: NCAA Southeast Region Committee Member: 2010-present

Conference Carolinas Men's Soccer Committee Chairperson: 2010-present

Member of NCAA Blueprint Review Committee at Limestone College: 2007-08

NSCAA Southeast Region Committee Member: 2004-2006

Professional Development participation: NSCAA National Conventions: 2002-present

Premier Diploma Course, NSCAA: 2009; Advanced National Diploma Course, NSCAA: 2007

National Diploma Course, NSCAA: 2005

Employment History: Head Men's Soccer Coach, Limestone College: 2003-present

Head Coach, South Carolina ODP 1991 Boys: 2006-2008

Graduate Assistant Coach, Men's Soccer, UNC Pembroke: 2001-2002

Head Varsity Boys and Girls Coach, Forestview High School, NC: 1998-2001

Head Varsity Boys and Girls Coach, Ashbrook High School, NC: 1996-1998

Education: MaEd in Physical Education Administration: University of North Carolina at Pembroke, 2002

BS in Secondary Education, Math Concentrate: State University of New York at Oswego, 1996

NCAA championship exp: Qualified for the 2006 and 2008 NCAA tournaments, so I have attended regional championship meetings. Also hosted the first round of the Men's Soccer NCAA Tournament on our campus in 2008.

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Athletics Director, Limestone College:

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Nominee has contacted listed references:

Y

Former high school S/A (sports):

Soccer

Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer

Baseball

Former college S/A:

Soccer

Former high school coach (sports):

Men's Volleyball

Former college coach (sports):

Men's Soccer

Regional Advisory Committee exp:

Former member of the NSCAA

Southeast Region Ranking Committee

from 2004-2006.

Conference champs mgt exp:

Hosted several conference tournament matches on our campus, and have participated in a conference finals in 2006. Also hosted the first round of the Men's Soccer NCAA Tournament on our campus in 2008.

Division II Men's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name: Juan Mascaro

Job Title: Head Men's Soccer Coach/Assistant AD

Gender: M

Ethnic Minority: Y

Institution: Brevard College

Conference: South Atlantic Conference

Playing conference: South Atlantic Conference

Meets 50% requirement: Y

Institution Sponsors sport: Y

Qualification Statement:

College soccer coach since 1994

Past Committee Service:

Professional Development participation:

Employment History:

University of Central Florida 1994-2000 Men's Soccer

Campbell University 2004-2006 Women's Soccer

Brevard College 2007-present Men's Soccer/ Assistant AD

Education:

Undergraduate degree in Business Administration, University of Central Florida

Master of Arts in Applied Economics, University Of Central Florida

MBA, Campbell University (in progress 9 hours left to complete)

NCAA championship exp:

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*Patrick Britz, Commisioner SAC patrick@thesac.com

Nominee has contacted listed references:

Y

Former high school S/A (sports):

Former college S/A:

Former high school coach (sports):

Former college coach (sports):

Regional Advisory Committee exp:

Conference champs mgt exp:

Tournament Director for our
conference golf tournament 2009

DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Nominee	Job Title	Institution	Conference	Gender	Ethnicity
Eric Alsop	Head Men's Soccer Coach	Limestone College	Conference Carolinas	M	

RATIONALE

Committee's first choice. Although none of the nominees has regional ranking experience, Mr. Alsop was recently named as a member of the RAC. He is from Conference Carolinas which allows the conference to hold the position since it was newly acquired when Mr. Riggs was appointed to the committee. He has 10 years of coaching experience and is the chair of the Conference Carjolas Men's Soccer Committee.

Juan Mascaro	Head Men's Soccer Coach/Assistant AD	Brevard College	South Atlantic Conference	M	Y
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NOT SELECTED

Nominee	Job Title	Institution	Conference	Gender	Ethnicity
Matt Akins	Head Men's Soccer Coach	Barton College	Conference Carolinas	M	
Jason Smith	Head Men's Soccer Coach	Pfeiffer University	Conference Carolinas	M	

2011-12 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship – Proposed Selection Criteria

The following would be the proposed selection criteria for the 2011-12 academic year, pending approval of the Division II Championships Committee:

Primary Criteria:

1. Overall Division II won-lost results;
2. Overall Division II strength-of-schedule (SOS) (opponents' average winning percentage – OWP);
3. Overall Division II SOS (opponents' opponents' average winning percentage – OOWP);
4. Head-to-head competition;
5. Results versus common opponents;
6. Results versus Division II ranked teams (all regions – once ranked, always ranked); and
7. Performance Indicator (PI).

* See the other two attached documents (Attachments B and C) provided by Rich Sanders of Northwest Nazarene University to explain the PI.

Tiebreaker Criteria (in rank priority order):

1. Rating Percentage Index (RPI) – in-region data; and
2. Record in last 10 games.