

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
September 12-14, 2011**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. 2013 NCAA Convention Legislation—Women’s Bowling - Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition – October 1.**

- (1) Recommendation. To sponsor legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention that specifies that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1.
- (2) Effective. August 1, 2013.
- (3) Rationale. This recommendation would standardize the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and it would minimize the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. This change may reduce the length of the preseason practice period.

**b. Modification of Wording—Football—Earned Access.**

- (1) Recommendation. To adopt a modification of wording to modify Bylaw 31.3.4.8 to specify that six active member institutions of the conference are required to sponsor the sport for a conference to gain earned access opportunities specific to the sport of football.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the legislation does not specifically state that six active member institutions of the conference are required to sponsor the sport of football to be eligible for earned access. In review of the proposal from 2004, the intent and rationale state the requirement to have six active member schools from the conference and that application has been current practice. This proposal will clarify the language in the manual.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. The student-athlete is affected in championships participation if the conference falls below the six institution requirement for sponsorship of the sport of football.

## **2. Nonlegislative Items.**

### **a. Football - Officials' Evaluators.**

- (1) Recommendation. To approve Division II football's use of independent neutral evaluators in evaluating football officials during all rounds of the Division II championship, effective for the 2011 championship.
- (2) Rationale. Currently, evaluations are completed by the respective head coaches and the NCAA site rep in attendance at the site. The Division II Football Committee currently uses merit performance as part of the advancement for officials during the championship. The Football Committee believes that an independent neutral evaluator is necessary to assist in the process and provide evaluations of officials for advancement in the championship.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. \$200 per game per evaluator, for a total of \$4,600 over the championship. These costs currently can be absorbed within the championship budget for Division II Football.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. Minimal, other than having the best officials work during the championships.

*[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee for review.]*

### **b. Women's Rowing - Awards.**

- (1) Recommendation. To approve that individual boat awards be given to the second-place finishers of both the Eight boat event and the Four boat event, resulting in 14 extra individual awards, effective for the 2012 championship.
- (2) Rationale. Currently, only the winners of the two events receive individual awards. The Women's Rowing Committee feels that, with the increased competitiveness of the field, it is appropriate for the second-place finisher in each event to receive an award. In both Divisions I and III, the top three finishers receive awards.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. \$825 (14 x \$55). These costs currently can be absorbed within the championship budget for Division II Women's Rowing.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. It would have a significant impact as it would fairly reward the student-athletes who had tremendous performances at the finals site.

*[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee for review.]*

**c. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving—Field Size Cap Limit Adjustment—Male Swimmers.**

- (1) Recommendation. To approve that, effective with the 2012 Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, the current field size limit for invited male swimmers be increased by 15 participants (142 to 157), which would result in an overall championships field size increase from 365 to 380 (male and female).
- (2) Rationale. The Division II Championships and the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committees reviewed data provided by USA Swimming regarding the selection process for the 2011 championships, and the first year effects of implementation of an overall cap and field size limits per gender. Overall, the committees felt that the field size limits established for female participants were appropriate (205 participants—183 swimmers/22 divers), as well as, the limits established for male divers. However, the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee expressed concern that the current field size limits established for invited male swimmers (160 participants—142 swimmers/18 divers) did not maintain the same degree of field integrity as provided for female participants and male divers. It was noted that, given the current field size limit of 142 invited male swimmers, when the selection process was conducted, only the top 10 male swimmers per event were extended an invitation to the national championships. This process resulted in minimal competition during morning preliminary round events, which led to advancement to the evening finals where points are awarded for determining individual event and team champions.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. Total budget impact would be \$31,000, which would be inclusive of the following estimated costs for transportation (\$15,354), per diem (\$13,225) and game expenses (\$2,382) (See Attachment). These costs currently can be absorbed within the championship budget for Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.
- (4) Student-Athlete Impact. By inviting an additional 15 male swimmers to the championships, deserving top male swimming student-athletes would be allowed to compete for a national championship, resulting in a more competitive meet and a higher degree of integrity for the field.

*[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Planning and Finance Committee for review.]*

**d. Men's and Women's Tennis—Officials Fees.**

- (1) Recommendation. To approve that the tennis officials' budget be increased from \$5,100 to \$6,500 beginning with the 2012 Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.
- (2) Rationale. The tennis championships will be held at two separate sites in 2012, thereby requiring the appointment of a designated head referee at both sites, as opposed to only having one head referee at a singular championship site. In addition, the additional site will alter the break and rotation schedules of on-site officials, as only one substitute official will be available to rotate at any given time, rather than the traditional rotation of two officials. Moreover, the officials' budget has been at the current allotment of \$5,100 since at least the 2001-02 championship season.
- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. This would result in a championship budget increase of \$1,400. These costs currently can be absorbed within the championship budget for Division II Men's and Women's Tennis.
- (4) Student Athlete Impact. Student-athletes would certainly benefit from improved officiating, as the necessary amount of break and recovery time for on-site officials would allow for them to be more alert and aware when officiating matches on the courts.

*[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Planning and Finance Committee for review.]*

**e. Men's and Women's Tennis - Host Allowance.**

- (1) Recommendation. To approve that, in the event a regional competition is forced indoors due to inclement weather as stated in the NCAA and ITA rulebooks, the host institution shall be reimbursed \$150 per affected dual match to help offset these additional expenses, effective starting the 2012 championship.
- (2) Rationale. Currently, hosts are provided only an allowance of \$250 when hosting one additional team or \$500 when hosting two to four additional teams. These funds are allocated to the host institution to cover officials' fees, travel and per diem, in addition to any necessary participant refreshments and/or other championship needs. The current allowances very rarely cover all of the championship expenses when weather is desirable, and certainly do not cover the additional expenses currently associated with indoor court rentals. As a result, many potential host institutions in the northern regions of the country do not typically submit bids to host the championships, and the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee is often times forced to recruit host institutions

to serve as host sites for the regional rounds. While this additional weather-related allowance will not completely offset the expenses incurred when moving matches indoors, it would certainly help to alleviate some of those financial burdens placed on host institutions and would likely serve as a positive recruiting tool when soliciting host sites for regional competition.

- (3) Estimated Budget Impact. This would result in an estimated budget impact of \$600-\$1,200 annually. These costs currently can be absorbed within the championship budget for Division II Men's and Women's Tennis. In addition, the budget impact felt at the national office would help to offset the additional costs at the institutional level, specifically those in the northern regions of the country.

- (4) Student Athlete Impact. None.

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### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of June Meeting Report and July and August 2011 Teleconferences.** The Championships Committee approved the meeting and teleconference reports as presented.
2. **Championships Committee Roster.** The Championships Committee welcomed new members Francis Reidy, Rich Sanders and Bren Stevens to the committee. The Championships Committee also noted that Erin Lind was presiding over her first meeting as chair. The roster reflected all the above updates.
3. **Championships Committee Liaison Assignments.** A new NCAA Division II Championships Committee liaison assignment chart was shared, noting new committee appointments to specific sport committees.
4. **NCAA Staff Assignments.** The committee reviewed an updated version of the NCAA staff assignments for championships administration. Additionally, it was noted that championship managers will now be referenced as championship point person(s).
5. **Parliamentary Procedure.** A booklet on parliamentary procedure was shared as reference material for the new committee members as they proceed in their work and as a quick refresher for veteran members.

6. **Report of July 2011 NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council Meetings.** A brief summary of the July meetings was provided, calling attention to: 1) the items coming from the Championships Committee, specifically the feedback and actions around the volleyball proposal; 2) the Legislation Committee's review of ease of burden legislation and recruiting regulations; 3) the Membership Committee's work on strategic growth, their outlined goals and current membership status report; and 4) proposals for the 2012 NCAA Convention, including the sickle cell solubility test.
7. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) Report.** The committee received an update on the recent actions of the PROP. The committee noted that Erin Lind will be joining the committee for representation on behalf of the Championships Committee. Erin highlighted one change related to facilities, specifically for softball, included padding shall be required on wood, cement or brick backstops by the 2016 season, with a strong recommendation that fences constructed of wood, cement or brick be padded. Also, the Championships Committee noted that PROP approved an experimental rule to allow the use of instant replay during the 2012 Men's College World Series and awaits feedback related to its use.
8. **Budget Review and Committee Budget Requests.** The Championships Committee reviewed the 2010-11 fiscal report for the Division II championships budget. The NCAA associate director of accounting commented that overall budgets were looking exceptionally well for the 2011-12 year, following review of the 2011-12 budget. The Planning and Finance Committee had approved a recommendation by the Championships Committee related to the Division II Track and Field bracket expansion. A reiteration of work related to the Planning and Finance Committee's responsibilities was shared, with comments specific to championships and the Division's overall ability to be budget conscious. The Championships Committee was also informed of the Association's plans to move toward a three-year budget cycle.

NCAA associate director of travel and insurance noted that a review of per diem at NCAA championships and regionals is being undertaken by staff within each division and will be shared with the Championships Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

The Division II Championships Committee reviewed the budget requests for sport committees via their supplements. The Championships Committee took deliberate actions and thorough analysis of the sport committee requests. Items that could be absorbed into current sport budgets and were approved by the championships committee were recommended to the Management Council and Planning and Finance Committee for action. Other items will be reviewed (and action may be taken) during the 2012 February meeting.

Budget approvals by the Division II Championships Committee are noted within the action section of this report, while those tabled are listed below and will be considered at the Championships Committee no later than the February 2012 meeting for action:

- a. **Baseball—Bracket Expansion.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that, effective with the 2013 championship, the baseball championship bracket be expanded to 64 teams. The bracket would be comprised of eight, eight-team regionals, which is an increase of two teams per region.
- b. **Football—Teams' Arrival at the National Championship Game Site.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that, effective with the 2011 championship, both teams participating in the national championship game need to arrive at the finals site on Wednesday night prior to the championship game (which is conducted on a Saturday based on the championship date formula). As such, the teams would arrive at the national championship site three days prior to the game.
- c. **Men's Golf—Travel Party.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that the travel party be increased from six to seven, effective with the 2013 season. It is the Division II Men's Golf Committee's belief that more programs have added assistant coaches over the past few years. At both the regionals and finals sites, those assistant coaches are considered spectators, as the men's golf committee has not adopted the United States Golf Association's (USGA) decision that allows a second coach to give advice. The Men's Golf Committee has not previously adopted the decision, as it believes it provides for an unfair competitive advantage for those programs that have the funds to send a second coach. However, the Men's Golf Committee would allow the decision to provide for a second coach if the travel party were increased from six to seven to allow an assistant coach to travel with the team. The Men's Golf Committee also believes that a travel party of six can be a safety issue as well. With fewer large passenger vans available, there have been instances in which institutions allow a student-athlete to drive a second vehicle.
- d. **Men's Golf—Rules Officials.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that the number of rules officials at the regional sites be increased from five to seven, effective with the 2013 championships. Currently, there are five rules officials who are reimbursed for per diem, lodging and ground transportation at regional sites. With 108 players, it becomes very difficult for five rules officials to provide rulings on the golf course and assist with pace of play. Rules officials work continuously each day from the first tee time (7:30 a.m.) until the last putt is holed out (approximately 6:30 p.m.) while eating lunch on the go. With two more officials, rulings will be handled in a timelier manner, as well as provide for a better student-athlete experience.
- e. **Women's Golf—Increase in Travel Party Size.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that the official travel party size be increased from six to seven, effective for the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships. In recommending an increase to the official travel party size for the sport of women's golf, the committee noted that it is common place during the regular season for both the head coach and assistant coach to travel with their team to tournaments. Furthermore, the committee noted that, with the rule change a year ago allowing two coaches to provide advice to players during competition, the current NCAA travel party size limits no longer include the full coaching staff (head coach and assistant coach) for reimbursement.

- f. Men's Lacrosse—Tournament Format.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that the semifinals be changed to coincide with the Division I quarterfinals at predetermined sites, effective in the 2012-13 academic year. To aid in the exposure of Division II men's lacrosse, increase revenues, decrease operating expenses and enhance the student-athlete experience, the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee believes combining the Division II semifinals with the Division I quarterfinals is a strategic move, which will accomplish all of the aforementioned goals. With the bracket expansion, the Division II membership will still have the opportunity to host a first round game on four campuses, but then will join their peers in Division I for contests at a predetermined site. The move also allows for potential television coverage in the future.
- g. Women's Rowing—Additional Travel Party Member.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that for the two At-Large Eight boats, the squad size be increased from 11 to 12 and the travel party increased from 14 to 15. An Eight boat is made up of eight rowers and a coxswain. In addition, teams typically bring a spare rower who rows starboard and one who rows port so that if there are any sicknesses or health issues to anyone in the boat, they will have a replacement. However, the committee would like to ask that the increase be made to include the ability to bring an extra coxswain in case there needs to be a replacement due to injury or illness. The coxswain is a very unique position and, due to the weight restrictions, it is not feasible to replace a coxswain with a rower. In addition to the nine in the boat and the requested three additional student-athletes, most teams have a head coach, an assistant coach and an administrator for a total of 15.
- h. Men's Soccer—Additional Official at Final Site.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that, effective with the 2012 championship, the number of officials onsite at the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship be increased from six to seven. The Division II Men's Soccer Committee believes that the addition of one official provides flexibility in selecting the best available officials while maintaining neutrality in assignments, since teams are not determined until 11 days prior to semifinal competition.
- i. Men's Soccer—Bracket Expansion.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that, effective with the 2012 championship, the men's soccer championship bracket be expanded to 48 teams. Currently, among all championships with 32-team brackets or larger, men's soccer has the highest bracket access ratio of all Division II team sports (see chart below). In 2011-12, Division II men's soccer sponsorship will be 200 with a bracket access ratio of 6.25. By comparison, the other eight sports listed below have an average bracket access ratio of 4.8.
- j. Women's Soccer—Additional Official at Final Site.** The committee tabled action on the recommendation that, effective with the 2012 championship, the number of officials on site at the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship be increased from six to seven. The Women's Soccer Committee believes that the addition of one official provides flexibility in selecting the best available officials while maintaining neutrality in assignments, since teams are not determined until 11 days prior to semifinal competition.



9. **Rating Percentage Index (RPI).** A full sport analysis of implementation of RPI was provided from each sport committee following the 2010-11 academic year. The majority of committees have not sought to implement, while a few (e.g., men's and women's soccer, men's lacrosse, baseball and softball) would like to further study the RPI results during the 2011-12 championships. The Championships Committee commented that each sport committee should have the autonomy to provide recommendations for implementation as it sees best for its sport. The Championships Committee will further review recommendations for usage of the RPI on a sport-by-sport basis. During the 2011-12 year, the sport of men's basketball will be the only championship to implement a type of RPI yet only use this criteria for a tie-breaker.
10. **Nullification.** The Championships Committee received the updated 2011-12 academic year nullification chart. This information is available to the NCAA membership on [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) on the Division II page under the tab "National Championships".
11. **Division II Spring Championships Recap.** Staff presented the updates related to Division II Spring Championships. NCAA spring 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 fall championships will be delivered during the February 2012 meeting.
12. **Sport Committee Compositions and Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Process.** Staff shared an update on the RAC process that went into place during the February meeting; communication is sent to conference commissioners in April of each year to fill and make the necessary RAC appointments no later than August 1 to the national office. The staff commented that each conference completed the forms correctly and by the deadline of August 1. A comprehensive listing of the RAC rosters for the 2011-12 year will be posted on [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) on the membership side, specifically located on the Division II page under the tab "National Championships."
13. **Membership Fund Selection Committee Appointment.** The Championships Committee approved Rich Sanders, director of athletics at Northwest Nazarene University, to serve on behalf of the committee on the Division II Membership Fund Selection Committee.
14. **Candidacy/Provisional/Reclassifying Selection Criteria Chart.** An updated chart was shared with the committee. The committee confirmed the following addition to the chart:

**Institutions Leaving Division I and Entering Division II.**

Once an institution has been accepted by the NCAA Division II 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 Division II contests for selection	Count as Division II
Overall won/lost	Count
Strength of schedule	Count as Division II
In-region strength of schedule	Count as Division II
Division II won/lost	Count as Division II
In-region won/lost	Count as Division II

Also, this chart is accessible via [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) on the Division II page.

- 15. Championships Dates and Sites Chart.** The Championships Committee reviewed the current Division II championships dates and sites chart. The Championships Committee also requested that any changes be communicated to membership and, specifically, conference offices due to the impact on scheduling.
- 16. Regionalization Consultant.** The Championships Committee approved that the staff move forward in developing a regionalization consultant request for proposal (RFP) to determine if applicable services or businesses could assist on a retainer basis during foreseen regionalization changes and provide unbiased recommendations for the process. The staff will provide an update on the responses related to the RFP during the 2012 February meeting to determine if an interest or need lies in using these types of services.
- 17. AQ Process Update.** Staff is working to implement the AQ timeline approved during the 2011 February Championships Committee meeting. The online form has been updated to assist conference commissioners in the form completion, including auto-populated areas for information submitted previously; a comprehensive landing page indicating eligible AQ forms via information the membership database; and an ability to save and return to complete at a later date and time. Additionally, email correspondence will be sent one and two weeks prior to the February 1 deadline as a reminder to conference offices to complete the forms.
- 18. Legislative Review of NCAA Division II Manual.** Maritza Jones presented the Championships Committee with an update on the legislative review of the NCAA Division II Manual. The three main goals of the review were aimed to ease the burden on NCAA compliance staff and coaches, assist athletic administrators and coaches with better time management and provide cost savings. The review of the Division II Manual is the central focus, specifically with recruiting and financial aid. A review of areas which are

nonlegislative (e.g., policy or procedural) is also going to be taken into consideration. Further feedback is welcome and can be emailed to Maritza directly.

**19. Governing Sport Committee Reports.** The Championships Committee took the following actions on the recommendations from sports committees:

a. **Baseball.**

- Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2011-2012 season, the NCAA Division II Baseball Championship selection criteria be modified in the following ways: (1) to redefine that a record of 0.500 or above be based only on Division II contests; (2) that “results versus ranked opponents” be modified to “results versus ranked opponents and all teams with a winning percentage of 0.650 and above;” and (3) that “regular season conference standing” be removed from the primary criteria for selection.

The updated criteria would read as follows:

The following criteria, as outlined in NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3 of the NCAA Division II Manual, shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule;
- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; and
- Nullification.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championship Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II baseball championship (not necessarily in priority order):

**Primary Criteria**

- In-region Division II won-lost results;
- In-region Division II strength of schedule (opponents’ average winning percentage and opponents’ opponents’ average winning percentage);
- Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests);
- Results versus common opponents;
- Results against Division II teams .500 or better;
- Results against Division II teams out of conference .500 or better;
- Road results;
- **Results versus teams ranked in the previous regional ranking and all teams with a winning percentage of 0.650 and above; and**
- **Regular season conference standing.**

**Tie Breaking Criteria**

- Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests); and
  - Results versus common opponents.
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- Bracket Allocation. The Championships Committee tabled action that, effective with the 2012-13 championship, six teams will be selected for each of the eight regionals. Currently, six regionals select six teams, the West region selects four teams and the South region selects eight teams. Prior to any action, the Championships Committee wants to ensure there is communication and feedback with the membership about the possible change.
  - Squad Size. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 championship, the squad size be increased from 24 to 25 student-athletes, while keeping the travel party of 30 unchanged. The number of student-athletes currently being carried by institutions exceeds the current squad size of 24. The average squad size across Division II baseball teams in 2010 was 35.3, which was an increase of 4.5 from 2000. Additionally, with the possibility of playing six games in four days at the regional sites, the additional player will provide flexibility for those institutions wishing to carry one additional pitcher.
  - Committee Chair Appointment. The committee approved that Jim Givens, associate athletics director at the University of Findlay, be appointed committee chair, replacing Jeff Schaly, Lynn University, effective September 1, 2011.

**b. Women's Bowling.**

- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition—October 1. The Championships Committee agreed to recommend legislation that would specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1. This recommendation would standardize the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and it would minimize the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.

**c. Men's Golf.**

- Regionalization. The Championships Committee approved that the following regions be combined for regional play effective with the 2013 Division II men's golf championships: East/Atlantic, South/Southeast, Midwest/Central and South Central/West.

The Men's Golf Committee believes that pairing the aforementioned regions together is in the best interest of men's golf as it relates to geography. With the addition of the Great American Conference and the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to the Central region and with the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference moving from the Central to the South Central region, the committee believes that pairing the Midwest/Central regions and the South Central/West regions together makes more sense from a geographical standpoint. This alignment should keep institutions closer to home and prevent having to travel as great a distance for regional competition.

- Sports Festival Date Change. The Championships Committee approved that the date formula for the 2012 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival be adjusted to the second full week of May with competition to be conducted Tuesday to Saturday.
- Committee Chair Appointment. The committee approved that Steve Card, Western Washington University, be named as chair, replacing Brett Esely, Missouri Western State University, effective September 1, 2011.

d. **Women's Golf.**

- 2012 East Regional Site Selection. The Championships Committee approved that Findlay, Ohio, be designated as the site for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship East regional. University of Findlay will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Findlay Country Club.
- 2012 Central Regional Site Selection. The Championships Committee approved that Elephant Butte, New Mexico, be designated as the site for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship central regional. Western New Mexico University will serve as the host for the competition, to be conducted at Sierra del Rio Golf Course.
- 2012 West Regional Site Selection. The Championships Committee approved that Findlay, Ohio, be designated as the site for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship east regional. University of Findlay will serve as the host for the competition, to be conducted at Findlay Country Club. The committee approved that Litchfield Park, Arizona, be designated as the site for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship west regional. Grand Canyon University will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Wigwam Resort.

e. **Men's Lacrosse.**

- Appointment of Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Mike Cerino, vice president of athletics of Limestone College, be named chair of the Division II men's lacrosse committee.
- Formation of New Regions. The Championships Committee approved the recommendation from the committee that the regions be divided into a North and South region, effective in the 2012-13 academic year. To support the recent eight-team bracket expansion, the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee evaluated a number of potential models, ultimately selecting a two-region model, whereby the top four teams ranked within each region at season's end will play each enroute to the championship, which will remain with the Division I and III Championships Memorial Day Weekend. This model provides the fewest disruptions to the current regional alignment, groups institutions by geographic proximity to the extent possible and provides a strategic roadmap for future growth into a probable four-region model.
- Current Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that the current selection criteria be modified, as noted below, effective immediately. The current secondary criterion of "results against common opponents" is redundant and, therefore, should be eliminated from consideration.

**Primary Criteria. (Not in priority order)**

- Overall won-lost record;
- In-region won-lost record;
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage);
- Head-to-head competition; and
- Results against common opponents.

**Secondary Criteria.**

- Results against Division II out-of-region competition.
- ~~Results against common opponents.~~
- Results against teams already selected.
- Future Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee approved that the selection criteria be modified, as noted below, to support the Division II strategic platform, men's lacrosse regional alignment and Division II tournament format, beginning with the 2012-13 academic year. The Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee worked to identify criteria that encourage principles consistent with regionalization and an approach that is congruent with the strategic plan and positioning of Division II.

**Primary Criteria. (Not in priority order)**

- A. In-region RPI (50% OWP; 25% in-region win/loss percentage; 25% OOWP).
- B. In-region winning percentage.
- C. Overall RPI (50% OWP; 25% win/loss percentage; 25% OOWP).
- D. Common opponents.
- E. In-region head to head competition.

**Secondary Criteria.**

- A. Head to head (only considering two teams being considered).\*
- B. Overall record.
- C. Quality wins. (In-region results against team with RPI of 1-4).

\* In the event the head-to-head data produces a result, criterion B and C are not considered. If the head-to-head data does not produce a result, then both B and C must be considered.

**f. Women's Lacrosse.**

- Adjustment of 2012 Championships Date Formula. The Championships Committee approved that the dates for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship be changed to Thursday and Saturday, May 17 and 19, to align with the Division II Festival. The current 2012 championship dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20; however, the festival's closing ceremonies are Saturday, May 19. In addition, since the dates are earlier than normal, moving the semifinals to Thursday will give the student-athletes a chance to rest between competitions and a chance to watch the other sports participating in the festival.
- Appointment of Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Michelle Gober, associate director of athletics and compliance at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, be appointed to serve as the 2011-12 chair.

**g. Women's Soccer.**

- Scheduling Requirement. The Championships Committee denied that effective with the 2012 season, all teams must play one (1) in-region, out-of-conference contest to be eligible for an at-large selection. With the current regionalization format, most regions have three conferences vying for postseason bids. Without some interconference play, the comparison of institutions from different conferences is extremely difficult. With the recent reduction of contests, the committee needs more interconference games to best evaluate at-large candidates across the respective regions. This scheduling requirement has existed for Division II men's soccer for the last several seasons and the Division II Women's Soccer Committee felt the requirement would increase the

consistency between the sports. The Championships Committee felt the overall discussion the committee is having related to nonconference, in-region play may encompass this decision at a later date and wanted to fully vet the topic as a part of the overall conversation, rather than approve at this time on a per-sport basis.

**h. Softball.**

- Division II National Championships Festival—Championship Date Formula Change. The Championships Committee approved that the date formula for the 2012 NCAA Division II Softball Championship be adjusted to the second full week of May, with competition to be conducted Tuesday to Saturday.

**i. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.**

- Championships Entry Limits. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, individual event entries will be limited to a maximum of five events per individual competitor.

The committee determined through a review of the use of the USA Swimming Online Meet Entry (OME) System during the 2010-11 season that the current practice of allowing institutions unlimited individual event entries could negatively impact the selection of deserving individual participants to the championships.

Therefore, the committee determined that in order to maintain the integrity of the field selected, a maximum number of entries prior to selections should be established at five events per individual competitor. It was noted that the entry limit of five events per individual competitor still allows an institution some flexibility when submitting its entries, as the overall event limit permits a student-athlete to compete in a maximum of seven events, of which, not more than four may be individual events remains.

- Championships Relay Entries. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, a relay time shall be owned by the individual team members who achieved that time together in bona fide competition.

In recommending a change to relay entry time submissions, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee discussed the philosophy of whether the institution or the four individuals who were members of the relay team that actually swam the relay times should own the qualifying time that is submitted to USA Swimming. Additionally, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reviewed the current practice of allowing aggregate relay times to meet the relay qualifying standards, since these times



are not an actual time that has been achieved by the four swimmers swimming together as a team in a specific relay event. Thus, it was determined that a relay time should be owned by the individual team members who actually swam the relay. In conjunction with that determination, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee noted that an institution will have the opportunity to select from its eligible qualifying relay times, which would mean that an institution is not required to use its fastest qualifying relay times. Aggregate relay times will no longer be accepted for relay entry.

- Selection Process for Swimming and Diving. The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, the selection process for participation at the finals site should be adjusted so preference is given to times achieved through swimming individual events, rather than for times achieved as a member of a relay team. Furthermore, alternates will be selected to the 2012 championships by row and percentage of the current "A" cut qualifying standard in the respective event(s), rather than by the Division II championships record by percentage.

The Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee feels that the recommended adjustments to the selection process continues the committee's practice of selecting yearly the best swimmers and divers to the national championships field. With these additions the selection process should read as follows:

**Number of Participants.** The number of participants in the 2012 Division II championships cannot exceed the following limits: Men – 160 participants; and women – 205 participants. All swimmers and divers that are invited to the meet will be counted toward the 365 total number of participants allowed. (Note: The number of male participants indicated above and total number of overall participants would be adjusted to reflect the 15 additional invited male swimmers if approved by the Division II Championships Committee during the September 2011 meeting).

**Selection of Participants.**

- Step 1: A total of up to 18 divers for men and up to 22 divers for women will be entered in to the championships.
- Step 2: All individual swimmers and all relays that have achieved "A" time standards will be entered into the meet.
- Step 3: All events will be filled by having one entry added to each individual swimming event and each relay event in event order until there are a

total of **six** entries in each event. Any event with **six** or more "A" cut qualifiers will not have any additional entries added at this time.

- Step 4: One entry will be added to each individual swimming event in event order.
- Step 5: Another entry will be added to each individual swimming event in event order.
- Step 6: One entry will be added to each relay swimming event in event order. (Note: Steps 4, 5 and 6 will be repeated in order as long as each individual or relay event in the entire order of events can receive an additional entry, and the number of total competitors will remain below the overall cap (160 for the men's meet and 205 for the women's meet).
- Step 7: At some point, the addition of one entry per event to the entire order of individual or relay events will cause the individual subcap to be exceeded. At this point, the remaining spaces will be filled by comparing student-athlete's individual event times or a school's relay times to the Division II championships "A" cut by percentage (Division II championships "A" cut time for that event divided by entry time). The competitor or relay whose percentage is closest to the percentage of the "A" cut will be taken first until the subcap is reached. An alternate list of qualifiers will be created from the percentages. In the rare instances of a tie for the last entry to the championships, both individuals tied for last place will be allowed to participate in the championships. If an additional relay causes the subcap to be exceeded, individuals will be used to fill the subcap instead using the process described in this step.
- Step 8: Enter optional entries for those individuals who are invited to the meet.
- Step 9: Relay-only swimmers will be added to only those individual events for which they have met the "B" time standard.
- Step 10: No team may have more than 18 competitors.

### **Diving Qualification Meet.**

Qualifying diving competition will take place Tuesday, prior to the start of the championships at the finals site. In order to participate in the qualifying meet and the national championships on 1-meter and/or 3-meter boards, a diver must have achieved the minimum point totals indicated on the current qualifying

standards along with the established 12.5 minimum degree of difficulty on the six optional dives within the qualifying period in bona fide competition. Divers who achieve the qualifying standard on one board may compete on both boards in the qualifying meet.

### **Selection of Diving Participants.**

A maximum of 18 divers will be selected for the men's championships and a maximum of 22 divers will be selected for the women's championships.

- Step 1: The top 9 male and top 11 female divers on each of the two boards will qualify for the national meet.
- Step 2: If there are divers who qualify on both boards, then additional divers will be added one at a time, alternating boards, beginning with 1-meter until a total of 18 male and 22 female positions are filled.
- Step 3: All of the diving qualifiers will compete on both boards at the national meet provided they successfully complete the prequalifying rounds on both boards. If a diver does not enter, scratches, or is disqualified from one of the boards during the prequalifying round they will advance only on the qualifying board.
- Appointment of Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Ben Brownlee, associate commissioner for internal operations at the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, serve as chair of the committee for the 2011-12 academic year.
  - Scratch process for selected athletes. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reviewed the scratch process and determined that, effective for the 2012 DII Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, an athlete who is no longer enrolled at an institution should be removed from the USA Swimming database by the institution prior to the end of the qualifying period so that times achieved will not receive consideration for selection to the national championships. Furthermore, teams are required to designate a maximum of 18 competitors prior to the entry deadline, inclusive of divers, as outlined in the current championships handbook under Squad Size.
  - Championships qualification meets. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee agreed that, effective with the 2011-12 season, the certification process for qualification meets be eliminated and Division II institutions choosing to participate in such meets are subject to the 16 maximum allowable dates of competition, per Bylaw 17 playing seasons regulations. Furthermore, all countable contests must be conducted per established bona fide competition rules, as outlined in the current NCAA Swimming and Diving

Rules Book; and all meet results must be submitted to USA Swimming within 72 hours of completion of the competition and prior to the end of the established qualifying period in the respective season.

- On-line regular season entry procedures and reporting of times. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee agreed that, beginning with the 2011-12 regular season, all competing teams will be allowed to submit their meet results from competitions that they attend during the regular season and conference championships so that institutions do not solely have to rely on the institutions that are hosting the meet to submit the final results on their behalf to USA Swimming. Additionally, it was agreed that the current 48 hour submission deadline be extended to 72 hours after the completion of a meet. It was noted that any results submitted after the 72 hour submission window to USA Swimming would be referred back to the DII Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee for review and approval for acceptance.
- Prequalification and championships diving judges. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reviewed and recommended that a maximum of 10 stipends of up to a maximum of \$250 each be provided to individuals who serve as members of the neutral diving judging panels during the prequalification meet and the national championships. The \$2,500 funds for this request can be absorbed through existing dollars that are in the current budget, without needing to request additional funding. Previously, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee has relied on volunteers to serve in these positions, but have had a hard time this past year securing all the individuals needed and feels that the stipends will assist with these recruiting efforts. The committee noted that it remains committed to providing a competitive environment for diving student-athletes that maintains a high level of fairness to all competitors and allows head coaches of the competing student-athletes the opportunity to focus on the performances of their competitors, rather than having the additional burden of serving as judges during their respective competition.
- Hy-Tek meet manager database specialist. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee reviewed and recommended that funding be provided from the current budget to secure a permanent Hy-Tek Meet Manager Database Specialist to run the meet results, entries, reports and to coordinate all timing features of the program with the host timing system throughout the national championships. Currently, the championships have relied on the host institution each year to secure a highly qualified individual to serve in this role, but the individuals provided by the hosts have not always been able to handle the needs and demands of the position in a consistent and professional manner. Furthermore, it was noted that Division I and Division III have Hy-Tek Meet Manager Database Specialists that they hire and reimburse for their services during their respective national championships competition. The funding for

this request can be absorbed through existing dollars that are in the current budget, without needing to request additional funding. Total budget impact would be \$3,825, which is inclusive of airfare (\$600), hotel (\$170x7=\$1,190), per diem (\$45x7=\$315), baggage fees (\$120) and \$1600 fee.

- National championships banquet—attendance by non-qualifying prequalification meet divers. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee noted that due to the fact that the prequalification diving meet ends late Tuesday afternoon and the national championships banquet is held that evening, coaches are, on occasion, bringing their non-qualifying student-athletes to the banquet so that they are in compliance with their institution's supervisory requirements. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee has recommended that, given the timing of these two Tuesday events, non-qualifying prequalification meet divers be allowed to attend the banquet if their institutions are willing to be billed the \$30 per person banquet costs for their attendance.

j. **Men's and Women's Tennis.**

- 2012 Selection/Championships Preliminary Round Date Change. The Championships Committee denied the recommendation that preliminary rounds be held one week later than the date formula suggests for the 2012 championships only, as a result of the Division II Spring Festival. The Men's and Women's Tennis Committee proposed this adjustment would allow for a shortened period of time between competition during the regional rounds and the final site of the championship. This would allow for the student-athletes and coaches advancing to the finals site to remain sharp, as opposed to having an extended break in between championship rounds. The current date formula for men's and women's tennis designates that the regional competition be held on the Saturday-Tuesday two weeks prior to the championship finals. During all non-Festival years, tennis student-athletes compete within this condensed championship schedule.

The Division II Championships Committee noted the timing related to the request for conference schedules does not permit ample opportunity to make schedule changes.

- Date Formula Change. The Championships Committee approved that the date formula be changed for the preliminary rounds so they may begin two Saturdays prior to the finals (Saturday-Tuesday), rather than two Sundays prior to the finals (Sunday-Tuesday) effective for 2012 championship. This change would allow institutions an additional optional day during the weekend to travel and/or compete in regional competition. While it would shrink the window between the selection date and the regional competition by one day, many coaches expressed a desire to have the additional weekend day as an option for competition—but not a requirement—so that their teams would not miss extra class time, especially during

the end of the semester. The committee felt that this rationale was valid and was in concert with the ideals of the Life in the Balance initiatives.

- Appointment of Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Pamela Arpe, assistant director of athletics and head women's tennis coach, be named chair of the Division II men's and women's tennis committee.
- Men's Tennis—Automatic Qualification. The Championships Committee approved that the following 16 conferences be recommended for automatic qualification for the 2012 men's tennis championships: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; 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.
- Women's Tennis—Automatic Qualification. The Championships Committee approved that the following 20 conferences be recommended for automatic qualification for the 2012 women's tennis championships: 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 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; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

k. **Women's Volleyball.**

- Playing Season for Women's Volleyball. At its June meeting, the Championships Committee reaffirmed its decision to amend the championship date formula for women's volleyball. After communicating the modification to the membership, concerns were expressed by select individuals; therefore, the Management Council asked the Championships Committee to gather more extensive feedback and revisit the proposal.

The proposal was discussed at the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) meetings in December and additional feedback was gathered by

coaches, athletics directors and conference commissioners through a recent survey from the NCAA research department.

The Championships Committee noted the following in its determination:

- This change will be effective starting with the 2012 championship.
- The format of the tournament will also change so that there will be no competition on Thanksgiving weekend. Selections will take place Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, and regional competition will take place Thursday through Saturday or Friday through Sunday the week after Thanksgiving. The finals will take place the week after regional competition, Thursday through Saturday.
- At the June Championships Committee meeting, a recommendation was approved to move to a predetermined site for the finals of the championship beginning with the 2012 championship, therefore alleviating the concern for the shortened time between regional competition and finals.
- The maximum number of dates of competition was not changed (i.e., 26 dates of competition). The permissible start date for practice and competition remains the same.
- The additional week at the end of the regular season will help to accommodate institutional and conference schedules. The additional week would give institutions and conferences more flexibility when scheduling. It has been noted that for the last several years, 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 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 more in-region/non-conference play.

Some important information from the survey results and comments include the following:

- 56.1 percent of all surveyors strongly agree or agree with the recommendation and 32.8 percent disagree or strongly disagree.
- 93.3 percent of respondents would not refrain from sending their teams to regional competition if the recommendation was approved.

- The majority of the supporters of the date formula change emphasized that the additional week would help decrease in-week travel, which should reduce missed class time for student-athletes and help with travel schedules.
- It is also noted that the date formula change would allow conferences to schedule conference tournaments that are currently unable to conduct conference championships without increasing time away from campus for those student-athletes.
- Supporters of the recommendation note that the extension would give institutions more opportunities to schedule in-region/out-of-conference matches.
- Many of the concerns of those who disagree with the recommendation were based on the scheduling conflicts for facilities and staff. While the Championship Committee understands the scheduling concerns, the committee reviewed the recommendation based on what is in the best interest for the sport of volleyball.

**20. Priorities for Championships.** The Championships Committee began an initial analysis of prioritizing expenditures within championships if the need were ever to arise where the full operating budget were to be reduced. The focus of the committee was on reduction of championship expenditures, reduction of per diem, adjustment of regional sites and enhancement monies with a last option of size reduction in brackets to occur. Further analysis of the overall priorities will continue at upcoming meetings to outline more specifically the actions if they need to be implemented.

**21. Timelines for Sport Committee Recommendations.** In reviewing the recommendations that come forth to the Championships Committee, the committee has begun the task of developing a timeline for sport committee recommendations and providing estimated timelines for action to be approved (e.g., bracket expansions, budget requests, travel party sizes, etc.) The Championships Committee is aiming to create a global calendar and timeline for requests to sport committees and will include the topic in the agenda for the February 2012 Championships Committee meeting.

**22. Regional Tournament and Site Selection—Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball and Volleyball.** The Championships Committee approved continuing the regional tournament and site selection policy for two additional years through the 2013-14 academic year.

This policy continues 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 the 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.

It was noted that no region elected to change its formula or date selection for 2011-12.

- 23. Site Representatives, On-Site Administrators and Code of Conduct.** This topic was reviewed and discussed in-depth during the meeting. For on-site representatives, the committee wants NCAA staff to begin developing training consistent by sport and indicate the roles and responsibilities of the individuals who are assigned this role at championship sites. NCAA staff will provide further follow-up during the February meeting for the Division II Championships Committee to review.

The Championships Committee discussed the application of similar expectations across all Division II championships for on-site administrators. The Championships Committee approved that, effective in the 2012-13 academic year, all team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship and that it may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. If no one is sent or identified, the site coordinator is to notify the NCAA championship point persons and Division II Championships Committee liaisons to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioners, university president/chancellor, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and the compliance director. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site attend all events that are mandated for team (e.g., travel from institution to championship site, conference calls, pre-administrator meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable). The Championships Committee also approved that the Championships Committee staff liaisons administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution. The Championships Committee will share this new protocol with the Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA) and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) for communication of the new policy.

The Division II Championships Committee also approved the same parameters on policy for the Division II code of conduct forms, if not completed prior to a championship. Effective during the 2012-13 academic year, any institution who fails to submit an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct form will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioners, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and the compliance director. The Championships Committee noted that further ease of completing the form should be examined and asked NCAA staff to conduct an analysis of a video with online form submission. The staff will provide the analysis of the video format to the Championships Committee at its 2012 February meeting.

- 24. Review of In-Region/Non-Conference Competition.** The Championships Committee discussed their charge to review selection criteria to determine methods that would encourage schools to schedule in-region, non-conference competition and to discourage school from scheduling contests that will not aid the sports committees in the selection of teams for the national championships. The committee is looking at policy changes, an incentive plan and/or a penalty structure to encourage cross competition among conferences. The Championships Committee garnered feedback from the sport committee chairs during the joint meeting and decided to develop a subcommittee to further contact individual sport committees, the Division II Athletics Directors Association and Division II Conference Commissioners Association. The subcommittee members are Erin Lind, J.R. Smith, David Sharp and Francis Reidy. The subcommittee will work to gather feedback and develop a white paper on the topic. A report will be provided during upcoming Championships Committee teleconferences, with continued action on the topic to occur at the 2012 February Championships Committee meeting.
- 25. NCAA Locker Room Program.** NCAA staff provided an update to the Championships Committee, noting that the championships and alliances staff is further expanding the current NCAA Locker Room Program at NCAA championships and will provide a championship t-shirt and hat to each team sport travel party member, effective during the 2011-12 academic year. Historically, the only Division II championships to participate in the program were men's and women's basketball, football and men's lacrosse.
- 26. NCAA Division II Championships Committee SAAC Representative.** The Championships Committee discussed the list of skill sets they would like to see from the next SAAC representative per the request of the SAAC liaisons for the next appointment. Staff will forward the Championships Committee information on to the Division II SAAC president and staff liaison.

- 27. Credentials.** The Championships Committee discussed the issue and challenges related to credentials and the credentialing system at each NCAA championship. The committee has asked staff to provide a comprehensive listing of the types of credentials by each sport to determine and analyze whether a universal credentialing system could be put in place by the division. Further discussion will take place on credentials in February.
- 28. Future Meetings.** The Championships Committee noted that the committee will conduct monthly teleconferences on the first Thursday of every month in November, December and January. The Championships Committee will meet in-person February 20-21, 2012, in Indianapolis; travel will be Sunday, February 19.

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