

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
AND SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

ACTION ITEMS.

Committee Appointments. That the NCAA Division II Management Council ratify the following committee appointments and reappointments effective immediately. For each committee, a chart is attached that sets forth the current committee vacancy and the nominees the committee considered.

- a. **NCAA Division II Men's Basketball.** That Eric Schoh, athletics director, Wayne State College (Nebraska), replace Steve Kirkham, athletics director, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; and that Ken Tyler, athletics director, West Virginia Wesleyan College, replace Claudie Mackey, faculty athletics representative, Elizabeth City State University.
- b. **NCAA Division II Women's Basketball.** That Wendee Saintsing, head coach, Barton College, replace Dean Walsh, head coach, Carson-Newman College; and that the committee solicit additional nominees to replace Sharon Turner-Dean, head coach, California State University, Stanislaus.
- c. **NCAA Division II Women's Field Hockey.** That Stacy Gaudette, head coach, Mercyhurst College, replace Betty Wesner, head coach, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.
- d. **NCAA Division II Men's Football.** That Tom Kirinovic, athletics director, Ferris State University, be reappointed; and that Brad Edwards, athletics director, Newberry College, replace Timothy Clifton, head coach, Mars Hill College.
- e. **NCAA Division II Division II Men's Golf.** That Reid Amos, head coach, West Liberty State College be reappointed.
- f. **NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse.** That Tom Emberley, assistant commissioner/director of championships, East Coast Conference, replace Tom Campolettano, head coach, Molloy College.
- g. **NCAA Division II Men's Soccer.** That Thomas Lang, head coach, Southern Connecticut State University, be reappointed; and that Jerry Riggs, head coach, Mount Olive College, replace Van Taylor, head coach, Lander University.

- h. NCAA Division II Softball.** That Laura Liesman not be reappointed. Ms. Liesman is in her fourth year of serving on the committee. The nominating committee will review the recommendation and resubmit a nomination and that Beth Watson, head coach, Cameron University, replace Kevin Blaskowski, head coach, West Texas A & M University.
- i. NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis.** That John Black, head coach, Grand Valley State University be reappointed; and that the committee solicits additional nominees to replace Jared Mosley, athletics director, Abilene Christian University.
- j. NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field.** That Shelana Poindexter, associate director of athletics/compliance/student-athlete welfare, Georgian Court University, replace Adam Siepiola, head coach, Adelphi University; and that the committee solicit additional nominees to replace Sylvia Barnier, senior woman administrator, Minnesota State University, Moorhead.
- k. NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball.** That Stephanie Dragan, head coach/senior woman administrator, Franklin Pierce University, replace Robin Salters, head coach, University of New Haven; and that the committee solicit additional nominees to replace Melissa Wolter, head coach, University of West Florida.
- l. NCAA Division II Men's Wrestling.** That Marc Bauer, head coach, University of Nebraska at Kearney, replace Dan Lewis, associate athletics director, Colorado School of Mines.
- m. NCAA Division II Men's Baseball Rules Committee.** That Greg Weisenstein, president, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, replace Jerry Hughes, athletics director, Central Missouri State University.
- n. NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** That Tom Shirley, head coach/athletics director, Philadelphia University, replace Lynn Griffin, associate athletics director, University of Indianapolis.
- o. NCAA Division II Men's Football Rules Committee.** That Keith Allen, head coach, Southwest Baptist University, replace William (Rocky) Rees, head coach, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2013 NCAA National Championships Festival Dates.** The committee voted that the 2013 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival shall be conducted March 6-9, 2013. The participating sports include wrestling, men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's and women's indoor track and field. The championship date is one week earlier than the original date formula for wrestling and men's and women's swimming and diving. The committee noted student-athlete well-being as a concern if the indoor track and field season were to overlap with the outdoor season more than it currently does. The same coaches are used to coach both indoor and outdoor track and field. The greater overlap would require less oversight of the outdoor track and field student-athletes which could lead to injury and loss opportunities to qualify for the outdoor championship.
2. **Selection Shows.** The committee approved that all Division II championship sports conduct a selection show; sport committees may request that the championships committee make exceptions. The committee approved the following guidelines that all sports must follow: (a) each sport must set a start time for the selection show and make this time known to the membership (by posting online and through e-mail) at least one week prior to selections beginning winter 2010. (b) Selection shows must begin before 10 p.m. Eastern time; (c) all completed regions will be announced at the time advertised. If there are regions that have not been completed, they will be released and added to the Web site on completion.
3. **Selection Criteria.** The committee reviewed the selection criteria for all sports. In 2007 Division II established basic guidelines for selection criteria. Since then several sport committees have submitted changes for their respective sports. At the September meeting, the championships committee voted to table all requests for selection criteria in order to conduct a thorough evaluation of the current policies.

During the February meeting Jim Wright, NCAA Director of Statistics, discussed the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) with the committee and how it could potentially work for Division II. Jim explained that the RPI could be set up to include criteria specific for Division II. The committee directed the staff to conduct research on Division II championships in the spring, using a RPI system to assist with rankings and selections and compare the data to the current score reporting system.

A subcommittee was formed to review both selection criteria and implementation of a RPI. All sport committee proposals involving selection criteria were tabled until the full review is complete.

4. **Regionalization.** The committee reviewed information provided by the membership at an education session at the 2010 NCAA Convention regarding regionalization. The membership was asked what, if anything, needed to change within the current regionalization model. After reviewing the comments, the committee directed staff to explore the possibility of providing flexibility (regional autonomy) to each region to determine how teams are selected to the national championship. It was agreed that establishing minimum guidelines for each region was necessary. A subcommittee of the Championships Committee was formed to continue the committee's review of regionalization and continue discussions related to regional autonomy. The subcommittee will explore this concept and provide feedback to the full Championships Committee at its June in-person meeting.
5. **Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed the seven priorities it was assigned oversight responsibility for and created action steps to achieve the priorities and goals of the strategic plan. This information will be shared with the Division II Planning and Finance Committee for its review.
6. **National Committee Representative on Selection Calls.** The committee approved that the national committee representative shall remain on the selection call while their team is being discussed and they may participate in the discussion. However, another member of the regional advisory committee from another conference must be on the call during this time. After the meeting the staff identified NCAA Bylaws 31.3.3.5 and 31.3.3.5.1 and this action was deemed unnecessary due to the waiver process already established. The committee will further discuss the issue at its June in person meeting with the intention of sponsoring legislation to amend the rule for clarification.
7. **Governing Sports Committee Reports.** The committee took the following actions on the recommendations from sports committees:
 - a. **Men's Golf.**
 - (1) That Princeton, West Virginia, be designated as the site for the 2010 East/Atlantic super regional with the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Concord University serving as co-hosts for the competition to be conducted at the Resort at Glade Springs.
 - (2) That Duncan, Oklahoma, be designated as the site for the 2010 Midwest/South Central super regional with Cameron University serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at The Territory Golf Club.
 - (3) That Florence, Alabama, be designated as the site for the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships with the University of North

Alabama serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals.

- (4) That Las Cruces, New Mexico, be designated as the site for the 2011 Central/West super regional with Western New Mexico University serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at the New Mexico State University Golf Course.
- (5) That Georgetown, Kentucky, be designated as the site for the 2011 Midwest/South Central super regional with Northern Kentucky University serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at Cherry Blossom Golf Club.
- (6) That Deland, Florida, be designated as the site for the 2011 South/Southeast super regional with the Sunshine State Conference and the Central Florida Sports Commission serving as co-hosts for the competition to be conducted at the Victoria Hills Golf Club.

b. Women's Lacrosse. That Garden City, New York, be designated as the site for the 2011 NCAA Divisions II and III Women's Lacrosse Championships. Adelphi University will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Adelphi's Outdoor Sports Complex.

c. Men's and Women's Cross Country. That the following sites and hosts be designated for the 2010 cross country regional meets;

Region	Host Institution	City/State
East	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	Lowell, MA
Midwest	Bellarmino University	Louisville, KY
South	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville, AL
South Central	University of Central Missouri	Warrensburg, MO
Southeast	Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
West	Western Washington University	Bellingham, WA

The Central region was sent back to the sport committee for more information and the Championships Committee directed the championships group to research the health and safety implications of running in regions of high altitude.

d. Men's and Women's Track and Field. That Turlock, California, be designated as the site for the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and

Field Championships. California State University, Stanislaus, will serve as the host of the competition to be conducted at Al Brenda Track Facility.

e. **Swimming and Diving.** That a cap be set for men's and women's swimming and diving.

- (1) **Field Size Cap Limits.** The overall field size cap of 365 participants be established, effective with the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. All swimmers and divers who are invited to the meet will be counted toward the total number of participants allowed, not to exceed the following limits: men – 160 participants; and women – 205 participants.

The Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee looked at sport sponsorship numbers for the past four year's (2005-2009) for the sports of men's and women's swimming and diving, and the overall participation ratios for Division II individual/team sports and determined that a ratio of 1:7 should be used to determine specific gender participant opportunities within the established overall cap of 365. In recommending the overall and gender-specific final field size limits, the committee felt that it was able to successfully balance the directive from the Division II Championships Committee to establish participation limits that would continue to be aligned with previous championship year's, and establish an "A" cut time for the 1000 event.

- (2). **Establish "A" Cut Time for 1000 Event.** An "A" cut time be established for the 1000 event, effective with the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

The Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee determined that as part of its work to establish a field size cap limit for the championships, that it was also an appropriate time to request an "A" cut time for the 1000 event be added to the championships schedule of events. The 1000 event is currently contested during dual meets throughout the regular season and at all conference championship meets. The 1000 event was initially added to the NCAA Division II championships meet schedule in 2001, and has been swum every year since that time at the championships. Currently, the field for the 1000 event is filled by participants who have achieved an "A" cut time in another qualifying event, and then gained entrance into the 1000 by achieving a "B" cut time. The committee noted that when making its overall field size limit recommendation of 365 student-athletes, it accounted for the three to five

additional student-athletes who would gain access to the meet through achieving an "A" cut time for the 1000.

8. **Charter Protocol.** Per the request of the Division II Management Council, the committee continued its discussions on whether institutions should be charged for additional people on charter flights outside the official travel party. The committee asked staff to create a list of mandatory individuals responsible for attending championships to determine if the official travel party size should be increased to accommodate additional individuals. At this time, the committee agreed that amendments to the official travel party size would not include an increase in the number of student-athletes permitted.
9. **Phase II Life in the Balance.** The committee reviewed Phase I of Life in the Balance and the proposals that were adopted at the 2010 NCAA Convention, and began discussions on Phase II of the initiative. The committee again confirmed that there would be no changes to the championships selection criteria for the 10 sports that received reductions to the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in Phase I of the initiative. However, the committee did request that volleyball discuss and make a recommendation for a minimum number of contests required for selections because volleyball currently has no requirement. The committee noted that there have been no recommendations from the championships managers or sports committees requesting a change to the selection criteria. In addition, the committee noted the following in regard to the four areas of discussion in Phase II:
 - a. **Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition for Sports That Were Not Modified in Phase I.** In an attempt to confirm that the division is building its own identity, the committee directed staff to develop a chart comparing the maximum contests and dates of competition with the maximums legislated in Division III. The committee also discussed the maximum contests and dates of competition in football and tennis, since those sports will be the focus of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee in March 2010. The committee noted that many institutions play "guarantee" football games on Thursday nights, which, if eliminated, could have a significant impact on revenue. In addition, the committee noted that a change to Thursday night football games could have unintended consequences for the Division II television package. Finally, the committee recommended that if Thursday night football contests are an issue, the Legislation Committee may want to explore limiting the number of Thursday night contests during the championship segment, rather than eliminating that scheduling opportunity.
 - b. **List of Annual and Discretionary Exemptions (e.g., Alumni Meet, Conference Championships, Scrimmages).** The committee discussed the current list of annual and discretionary exemptions and noted a number of issues for the

Legislation Committee to discuss at its next in-person meeting. First, the committee noted that the foreign tour legislation should be preserved since it provides a positive educational experience for student-athletes. The committee questioned the importance of the conference challenge event in basketball and wondered if the exemption was necessary. Some members mentioned that there are too many exemptions in the preseason, which impacts student-athlete well-being. Finally, the committee commented on a concept that would provide flexibility to institutions and conferences in determining how to count contests and exemptions during the championship segment. The committee agreed that this concept deserved more discussion. However, if this concept goes forward in the process, the committee recognized that there may be a need to address championships selection criteria to encourage in-region, non-conference games.

- c. **Nonchampionship Segment (e.g., 24 practice or Contest/Dates of Competition in 45-day Consecutive Calendar Day Period).** The committee had a broad discussion on the nonchampionship segment by focusing on start dates, the length of the segment, competition opportunities and education for the membership. The committee agreed that the start dates for winter sports need to be addressed in Phase II. The season is considered to be too long for winter sport student-athletes in that they can begin the nonchampionship segment on the first day of classes or September 7, whichever is earlier, and they conclude in the middle to end of the spring term/quarter. The committee also recommended that the Legislation Committee discuss whether 2010 NCAA Convention Proposal No. 2010-13 (playing and practice seasons – out-of-season and nonchampionship segment athletically related activities – nonchampionship segment activities – 60-day consecutive calendar day period) should be applied to all sports. Finally, the committee noted that an education initiative should occur regarding how hours are counted during and outside of the 24 practice or competition days in the 45 consecutive day period.
 - d. **20/8-hour Rule, Skill Instruction and Counting Contests.** The committee primarily focused on skill instruction during its discussion of this area. The committee noted that Phase II needs to address the appropriate number of student-athletes per group during skill instruction outside of the playing season to help with the work/life balance of coaches. Some committee members agreed that further discussion should occur in regard to allowing full team practice during skill instruction hours.
10. **Cross Country Championship.** The committee discussed changing the format of the cross country championship from an all-comers meet to setting a cap and qualifying standards. The Championships Committee charged the Division II Track and Field Committee with exploring this concept further and to identify possible formats for the

cross-country championship. The committee noted there may be a need for travel and/or per diem reimbursement depending on the format determined.

11. **Misconduct.** The committee discussed the issue of misconduct and how staff needs to monitor correspondence from the membership specifically around selections. Staff identified an increase in correspondence from the membership they felt could be considered misconduct.
12. **Championship Expenses.** Several airlines have either established new or raised their current baggage fees. The committee requested that staff monitor baggage fees associated with airline travel and Division II championships and report back to the committee its findings at a future meeting. Steve Brown, Director of Championships reported on travel trends and indicated the total number of flights are comparable to last year although charter flights have increased.
13. **Officials.** Historical data was reviewed surrounding official's fees. The committee reviewed the number of officials, per diem, assignor fees and how the fees differ from regionals to the championship. The committee asked staff provide historical data on official's fees and look into the per diem for men's and women's golf and come back with a further explanation on how the number was determined.

The committee asked the volleyball committee to review the timeline of how officials are selected to see if there is a more appropriate timeline and process for selection.
14. **Membership Fund Selection Committee.** The committee reviewed the conference grant selections and how the money will be used. In addition, membership requirements for prospective Division II members was reviewed and the 2010 timeline for submission of applications.
15. **Men's and Women's Cross Country.** During its March 17 conference call the committee approved Wayne State College, located in Wayne, Nebraska, as the host of the 2010 cross country regional meets for the Central Region.

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