

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
February 20-21, 2012 Meeting

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **Bylaw 31.2.1.7.1 (midseason eligibility verification form).**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council sponsor an administrative regulation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 31.2.1.7.1 to eliminate the requirement that an institution must submit a midseason eligibility verification form.
 - (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2012.
 - (3) Rationale. This item was referred to the Championships Committee as a part of the Division II Ease of Burden Initiative (EOB). The initiative seeks to ease the monitoring burden, assist with time management and return efficiencies to the Division II membership. The committee agreed that by eliminating the mid-season verification form, efficiencies will be gained by the membership as it will be one less form that is required to be submitted.
 - (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
 - (5) Student-Athlete Impact. No direct impact will be felt by NCAA student-athletes other than the time made more available for institutional personnel to assist in other matters related to eligibility and code of conduct of NCAA student-athletes.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Football—Teams' Arrival at the National Championship Game Site.

- (1) 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.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The current policy is that the teams need to arrive on site for official activities, which begin at noon Central time on the Thursday prior to the national championship game. The teams have the option of either arriving on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Based on the review of data from previous football championships, most teams already arrive on Wednesday night for the championship game, as travel on Thursday morning prior to the first required

activity has proven to be difficult. Such a change would allow the championship week itinerary to be slightly modified to allow the teams more flexibility and rest on the day prior to the national championship game. Please note that a mandatory Wednesday arrival would also ensure that the teams do not miss any of the mandatory functions on Thursday due to any possible travel delays.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. \$6,300. This would be the additional expense to the NCAA for an additional half-day per diem for each participating team in the national championship game. Each championship finalist is currently provided per diem for two days prior to competition, and such a policy change would require them to receive 2.5 days per diem. This is based on \$90 per day per diem in 2012 for 70 people in the official travel party for each team (\$45 extra per diem for 70 people for this half-day equates to \$3,150 per team). This would result in an additional NCAA expense of \$6,300 combined for both teams.

It is anticipated that it would cost an additional \$4,950 in maximum hotel expenses (room charges only; however, there would also be additional tax charges as well for each room) to each institution to implement this policy change. This is based on a maximum of 50 hotel rooms used in the primary team hotel at \$99 per night for each room using the 2011 team hotel room rate at one property. The institution would also have to incur meal costs for Wednesday evening, and it is hard to estimate this additional cost. If you equate the per person meal cost to \$20, this would total \$1,400 per team for one dinner meal. Finally, the participating teams would have to pay for local ground transportation expenses for one additional day. The average cost for ground transportation would be approximately \$900 for this extra day. As such, each team could conceivably have to also pay \$7,250 to arrive on Wednesday night, rather than on Thursday morning.

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Such a policy change would, hopefully, enhance the student-athlete experience. They would be guaranteed to have a championship experience for one additional evening. In addition, the schedule on the day prior to the national championship game would be modified to allow the student-athletes the ability to focus more on the actual game and also have some additional rest.

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

b. Men's Golf - Travel Party.

- (1) Recommendation. That the travel party be increased from six to seven effective with the 2013 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2012.

- (3) Rationale. It is the 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 committee has not previously adopted the decision as they believe it provides for an unfair competitive advantage for those programs that have the funds to send a second coach. However, the 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 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.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. \$56,000 (See attachment A).
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes would have greater access to coaches with a second coach permitted to give advice during the round. The recommendation could also alleviate concerns of student-athletes driving a vehicle to transport luggage and fellow players.

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

c. Women's Golf - Increase in Travel Party Size.

- (1) Recommendation. That the official travel party size be increased from six to seven, effective for the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2012.
- (3) Rationale. 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.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. Regional costs would be \$15,000 and final site costs would be \$16,000, resulting in a total budget impact of \$31,000.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. The committee felt that the student-athlete experience could be negatively impacted if, for financial reasons, an institution felt that they were not able to send their full coaching staff to the national championships.

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

- d. **Committee Reappointments.** Ratify the following sports committee extension, effective immediately. [Committee charts and nomination forms are included in Attachment B.]
- Men's Lacrosse. **Michael Cerino**, athletics director at Limestone College to extend service for a one-year appointment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Opening Remarks and Review of Schedule.** Erin Lind, chair of the Championships Committee, introduced the new members joining the meeting: Ann Martin, director of athletics at Regis University and chair of the Division II Management Council; Lisa Sweany, director of athletics at Armstrong Atlantic State University; Frank Keenan, Division II SAAC representative; and Jarrett Newby, NCAA intern.
2. **Approval of September meetings and October through January Teleconferences reports.** The Division II Championships Committee approved the meeting minutes with minimal editorial comments.
3. **Championships Committee Roster.** The Championships Committee noted the new members (Ann Martin, Lisa Sweany and Frank Keenan) contact information provided in the updated roster.
4. **Championships Committee Liaison Assignments.** An updated NCAA Division II Championships Committee liaison assignment chart was shared, noting new committee appointments to specific sport committees.
5. **NCAA Staff Assignments.** As a standing agenda item, the Championships Committee reviewed the staff assignment listing and denoted the NCAA staff who are working with the new Championships Committee members.
6. **Report of October 2011 and January 2012 NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council Meetings.** Director of Division II, Terri Steeb-Gronau, provided a brief summary of the meetings calling attention to: 1) membership statuses related to St. Andrews Presbyterian loss of accreditation and active status within Division II and the restricted membership status of Washington Adventist; 2) review of the "Ease of Burden" initiatives; 3) update on ongoing conversations related to accreditation of international members and whether different standards of accreditation can be accepted for international members; 4) the proposal was approved to increase from a two-year to five year wait for automatic qualification and pointed out that the moratorium on new conferences was lifted at the January 2012 NCAA Convention; and 5) that the Planning and Finance Committee at their April 2012 will review the

additional revenue dollars allocated to the division based on the recent agreements (e.g., royalties, ESPN) and will determine whether championships will receive a distribution of those monies for new initiatives.

7. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP). Erin Lind, chair of the Division II Championships Committee and committee member of PROP, gave a brief report related to actions taken by PROP including, but not limited to, the following:

- The NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee's request for an experimental rule to have a designated head umpire for each intercollegiate women's lacrosse game for the 2012 season was approved.
- PROP agreed to ask that each rules committee review its rules related to game environment and sportsmanship in light of a significant effort to improve in this area by the men's basketball community.
- PROP asked NCAA staff to review all playing rules appeal/protest/forfeit procedures for future review and consistency.

PROP additionally discussed the following current topics, which Ms. Lind highlighted:

- Equipment and manufacture issues included updates on baseball and softball. Softball barrel compression testing will continue for the 2012 in-season tournaments and expand in the postseason.
- Arbiter Sports is the central hub for officiating in eight sports (baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's soccer, softball and volleyball).
- An update was given on current initiatives of the College Football Officiating, LLC and the Men's and Women's College Basketball Officiating, LLCs.

Lastly, in relation to the PROP report, there were sport committee rules reports and Ms. Lind noted a few:

- Field hockey eye protection recommendation is on hold and development of an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) ball standard to be used in testing of the protection; and,
- Data collection of concussion/head trauma in sports other than football is being done.

PROP meets once per year in-person and has a monthly teleconference. Additionally, the Championships Committee asked Ms. Lind to keep them updated specifically as it relates to the game environment and sportsmanship during future Championships Committee meetings and the direction those discussions are heading.

8. Membership Fund Report. Rich Sanders is the appointed member to serve on the Membership Fund Selection Committee from the Division II Championships Committee. Mr. Sanders provided a report related to the background of the Membership Fund Committee and why it was

created, along with noting the requests that have been asked for from the Membership Fund Committee. The Membership Fund Committee only granted a certain number of the grants and noted that the \$100,000 overseen by the Membership Fund Committee does not have to be fully granted. Overall, more than \$68,000 was distributed at the last Membership Fund Selection Committee meeting.

9. **Division II Championships Committee Policies and Procedures Manual/Historical Project.** NCAA staff provided an update and noted that the Championships Committee policies and procedures manual is updated, but is always a fluid document due to changes in policies granted at in-person or during monthly teleconferences. A nother document NCAA staff has been working on is an historical document to outline all past actions by the Division II Championships Committee as a resource to have at future meetings. Again, the historical project will be a fluid working document due to changes approved and/or denied during Division II Championships Committee meetings and teleconferences.
10. **2012 Fall Championships Recap.** The Division II Championships Committee was updated on the 2012 fall championships and noted no issues were reported or questions asked by the reports provided by the NCAA Championships and Alliances point persons.
11. **Budget Review and Sport Budget Requests—Per Diem Update and Planning and Finance Committee Update.** The Championships Committee reviewed the 2011-12 fiscal report with year to date actual following the January close for the Division II championships budget. Tamara Gingerich, NCAA associate director of accounting, commented that, overall, budgets were being managed well by Division II Championships and Alliance point persons. However, Ms. Gingerich noted that expenses are up this year because of travel costs and particularly gas prices. Generally, in the past, Division II Championships have run healthy surpluses but due to the overall \$1 million dollar reduction to the championships budget as a part of the Long Range Projections Task Force recommendations, the championships budget is running on a much leaner budget overall.

Ms. Gingerich noted that at the April 2012 Planning and Finance Committee meeting, the Planning and Finance Committee is expected determine whether additional revenue dollars to the division will be allocated to championships. A key question that will be discussed at the April Planning and Finance Committee is how to use these additional revenue dollars and consider whether these additional revenue dollars should be placed in the reserve based on the current state of the economy. The next tri-annual budget cycle will be in 2015-16 for new sport budget money requests.

Juanita Sheely, NCAA associate director of travel and insurance, also shared commentary related to per diems, which will increase from \$90 per day in the 2012-13 academic year, and travel costs, which are currently running at a 30 percent increase in costs from FY 2011-12. The latter is of particular note for Division II, especially if the trend continues for the winter and spring championships, which it is expected to do by all travel forecasts, if not rise further. These travel increases are also being felt due to the limited number of regular airlines seats and thus, charter flights are being used more than historically has been done.

The Division II Championships Committee reviewed the budget requests for sport committees via their supplements shared at the meeting (Attachment C – Chart of Requests). The Championships Committee took deliberate actions and thorough analysis of the sport committee requests. Due to the overall requests, the Championships Committee again asked NCAA staff to provide a full analysis at the April 2012 teleconference to allow the Championships Committee to finalize and/or make any further budgetary edits related to recommendations moving forward to the Division II Management Council and Planning and Finance Committee.

Budget approvals by the Division II Championships Committee are noted within the actions sections while those tabled are listed below and will be considered at the Division II Championships Committee no later than the April 2012 teleconference for action:

a. Baseball—Bracket Expansion.

- The Division II Championships Committee denied 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. The Championships Committee felt the cost far outweighed the current merits of the bracket expansion request.

b. Men's Golf—Rules Officials.

- The Division II Championships Committee denied that the number of rules officials at the regional sites be increased from five to seven, effective with the 2013 championships. At this time, the Championships Committee felt this was not a necessitated request that was essential to the championship.

c. Men's Lacrosse—Tournament Format.

- The Championships Committee denied that the semifinals be changed to coincide with the Division I quarterfinals at pre-determined sites, effective in the 2012-13 academic year. The Championships Committee commented that the men's lacrosse cross-divisional championships are important to Division II, yet even with a conservative cost presented; the Championships Committee could not approve the request.

d. Men's Soccer—Bracket Expansion.

- The Division II Championships Committee tabled discussion related to the recommendation that, effective with the 2012 championship, the men's soccer championship bracket be expanded to 48 teams.

The Division II Championships Committee sent the request back to the Division II Men's Soccer Committee asking them to examine bracket expansion options up to an eight-team bracket and provide financial information for the proposal (i.e., travel costs, bracket lay-outs, etc.) The request for further analysis is due to the

Championships Committee's responsibility to review overall ratio numbers and participant access to NCAA championships.

e. Wrestling—Increase in Championship Qualifiers.

- The Division II Championships Committee denied the recommendation for an additional 20 qualifiers to the Division II Wrestling Championships. Currently, 160 student-athletes qualify for the championships, with 40 student-athletes qualifying from each of the four wrestling regions. This proposal would bring the total number of student-athletes who qualify for the championships to 180, with 45 student-athletes qualifying from each region. The Championships Committee feels that at this time, there are an adequate number of qualifiers for the Division II Wrestling Championships.

12. Sport Committee Reports.

a. Baseball—Bracket Allocation.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2013 championship, six teams be selected for each of the eight regionals. Currently, six regions select six teams, the West region selects four teams and the South region selects eight teams. (Note: This recommendation was previously submitted at the September 2011 NCAA Division II Championships Committee meeting.)

With the growth in sponsorship and the revised regional alignment that will take place over the next year, the number of institutions per region has leveled and no longer supports the proportional postseason allocations that are currently followed.

b. Field Hockey—Date Formula Change and Predetermined Final Site.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that the date formula be changed to mirror the Divisions I and III date formula to permit a joint championship effective September 1, 2013.

The formula would read:

First Round: Saturday prior to finals.

Finals: Friday and Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

In 2013, all three field hockey committees would like to have a field hockey joint championship similar to men's lacrosse, which would showcase all three national championships at one site. A date formula change is necessary to align all three divisions.

- The Championships Committee approved that the finals site for the field hockey championship be predetermined effective September 1, 2015.

Currently, the finals site is determined two weeks in advance of competition and is hosted by one of the competing final six teams. Selecting the finals host site in advance will help the host, NCAA staff and the Field Hockey Committee better plan and prepare for the championship, which will improve the championship and student-athlete's experience.

c. Men's Golf—Allocation of Championship Berths.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2013 championships, three teams from each regional will advance to the finals and the remaining eight berths will be allocated based on the regions represented in the prior year's match/medal portion of the championship. However, the maximum number of teams from each region will be capped at seven. If that were to occur, the next highest finisher not from that region will receive that spot for their region. Finally, allocations will return to five per region every four years with the reset aligning with the current schedule of the Spring Sports Festival every four years. It should be noted that any berth earned for a region based on an institution's finish the prior year will follow that institution should it be realigned into a new region.

After reviewing the championship structure over the past several years, it was the Men's Golf Committee's determination to propose an adjustment to regional allocations at the championship finals to a method similar to that of cross country. The proposal would continue to provide an equal level of guaranteed access to the finals per region with the majority of the bids, while providing incentive by allocating a minority of the bids to the regions that perform well at the finals. This change, it is believed, will significantly strengthen the championship field

d. Women's Lacrosse—Regional Realignment Modification and Selection Seeding Criteria.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that the Division II women's lacrosse regional alignment expansion be changed in order to maintain a two-region model, effective immediately.

The Division II Championships Committee, at its February 2011 meeting, approved a regional expansion to four regions. When the Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee proposed the expansion, the sponsorship list was not an accurate representation of the projected growth. This was in part due to unexpected growth, as well as institutions not reporting sponsorship of the sport. The NCAA staff noted they had been in touch with commissioners from each conference sponsoring the sport, and the realignment to two-region model was supported.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that seeding criteria for the Division II women's lacrosse be changed to reflect the bracket expansion. The seeding criteria should state that each region will seed four teams from each instead of three teams.

e. Men's and Women's Tennis—Championship Field Size.

- The Division II Championships Committee approved that the championship field for the Men's and Women's Tennis Championship remain at 48 teams per gender, with regional travel paid by the NCAA. The Championship Committee noted that this item no longer needs to be requested on an annual basis as the Championships Committee will institute this action on a permanent basis, effective immediately.

f. Wrestling—Regional Alignment. The committee approved the Division II Wrestling Committee's proposal to realign the regions for the Division II Wrestling Super Regional tournaments, noting the Division II Wrestling Committee send information to the membership related to the alignments. The current regional alignment does not fully take into account conference affiliations among the wrestling membership, nor does it most adequately address institutional travel expenses and associated travel time related to the Super Regional round of the championships. Attachment D is the current regional alignment; the proposed regional alignment beginning in the 2012-13 academic year; and provides a breakdown of the institutions affected by the proposed realignment.

The focus of this proposal, effective September 1, 2012, is to address the inconsistencies between the Division II wrestling regional alignment and that of the Division II membership, specific to conference affiliation. The current regional alignment reflects some conference affiliations that are no longer active or will become inactive at the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. The Division II Wrestling Committee feels that the alignment of the wrestling regions, though not identical to the traditional Division II regional alignment, should allow conference members to compete in the same Super Regional tournaments, in order to qualify for the finals. Without this proposed realignment, some conference members will continue to compete in regions separate from the majority of their conference partners during future years.

In addition, the proposal aims to address concerns voiced by portions of the wrestling membership that travel expenses and travel time associated with the Super Regional round could be improved with a more logical regional alignment

This proposed alignment would group the six wrestling-sponsoring institutions in the southeast (seven with the addition of Shorter University (GA) beginning in 2014-15) into the same region. Currently, institutions representing the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) and South Atlantic Conference (SAC) compete in the same region as the Northeast-10 (NE-10), Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC). Institutions representing Conference Carolinas (CC) compete in the same region as the Great American Conference (GAC), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA).

The proposed realignment would align the GLIAC with the NE-10, PSAC, and WVIAC. It would also align the CC, PBC, and SAC to compete in the same region with the GAC and MIAA.

While the makeup of the Division II wrestling membership does not allow for a simple geographic solution to fit into the construct of the four-region wrestling alignment, the wrestling committee strongly believes that this proposed realignment is the best option currently available to the wrestling membership as a whole. It aims to better satisfy the desires of the Division II philosophy by eliminating as much travel time as possible, thereby reducing the opportunity for missed class time. It also aims to reduce travel expenses by more appropriately grouping institutions by both geographic location and conference affiliation. Lastly, it aims to provide as much balance within each of the four regions as possible, taking into account all of the aforementioned considerations, as well as the institutions currently in the Division II membership process, through the conclusion of the 2014-15 academic year.

Due to the fact that regular season schedules and results have no bearing on the regional alignment or championship qualification, the recommended implementation date is August 1, 2012.

Institutions incur all expense related to regional tournaments. While no direct savings will be seen within the Division II Wrestling budget, it is expected that the membership will realize cost savings as a result of the regional realignment.

The student-athlete impact is expected to be positive with the realignment, both for the fact that student-athletes will now be able to compete with their conference partners at the Super Regional tournaments across the entire division, and due to the reduction of as much travel time as possible. The latter is also expected to result in a reduction of missed class time in some instances, which will positively affect student-athletes as it pertains to their academics.

13. Championships and Alliances Update. Greg Shaheen, interim executive vice president for Championships and Alliances, provided a brief update on the status of work and restructuring going on in the Championships and Alliances department including, but not limited to, the following:

- Strategic analysis of expenditures related to the Championships and Alliances approach as a whole is being reviewed (i.e. cost to conduct a championship per student-athlete). The goal is to understand the financial backgrounds in a more comprehensive way and work with the administrative services department in a more cohesive manner.
- Work is being done on a historic budget structure with the goal being to simplify or clarify the budget process internally and externally to membership. All 89 championships will have a release of financials related to their event.

- The interim executive vice president job search is underway and being overseen by Parker Executive Search. The announcement of a full-time executive vice president for Championships and Alliances is expected no later than by the end of the first quarter.

- 14. Site Representative Taskforce.** Katie Holmes from Championships and Alliances shared the work being done by an internal site representative taskforce. The taskforce has implemented an availability form for site representatives interested in working an NCAA championship (preliminary or finals site), and it allows individuals to select based on their interest by sport or location. The next step is to inventory the database to assist in tracking who has served as a site representative and use that resource for future events.

Also, evaluations have been asked to be completed. There are two variations of evaluations. The first is an evaluation to be completed by the host for the evaluation of the site representative, and the second is one for the site representative to complete as an evaluation of the site and the process as a site representative. The evaluations have been developed with the assistance of NCAA research.

Further information will be shared related to a site representative manual and education that is expected to be implemented by Fall 2012.

- 15. Great America Conference (GAC) Automatic Qualification (AQ) Waiver Review.** The Division II Championships Committee denied the GAC's request for an automatic waiver during the 2012-13 academic year. The Championships Committee understood the desire to escalate the timeframe to garner access to NCAA championships; however, it noted the legislation outlines a two-year wait for automatic qualification, which the Championships Committee felt was important to uphold in this request.

- 16. South Dakota School of Mines Exception Waiver Review.** The Championships Committee asked Erin Lind, chair of the Championships Committee, and NCAA staff to provide a response to South Dakota School of Mines informing them that, due to a membership change occurring in South Dakota with the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC), that South Dakota School of Mines would be considered in-region to the South Central region. The 2012-13 regionalization map will be updated upon receipt of official membership notification by the RMAC, and the new regionalization map will be shared via the NCAA Championships and Alliances newsletter when updated for all membership to be made aware of the update.

- 17. Legislative Committee Referrals—Code of Conduct.** Jennifer Fraser, associate director of academic and membership affairs and liaison to the Division II Legislative Committee, provided a referral from the Legislative Committee asking for consideration to be made to provide the Division II Code of Conduct online in an editable format to ease the burden on institutional personnel. The Division II Championships Committee approved the recommendations,

- 18. Division II and the 75th Anniversary of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship.** NCAA staff joined the Championships Committee meeting to provide an update on internal work to determine the feasibility of combining the Division I, II and III Men's Basketball Championships in Atlanta, Georgia in 2013, as a part of the 75th anniversary of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

The Division II Championships Committee moved to support the initiative as the NCAA studies the idea further and requested that staff ensure a Division II women's basketball plan is developed and announced at the same time as any formal men's basketball announcement.

NCAA staff will continue to share the information with the Championships Committee as more details are finalized in the coming months, with expectations to announce the venture at the 2012 Men's Final Four in New Orleans.

- 19. ESPN and CBS Coverage of Division II.** Greg Weitekamp, Championships and Alliances – Media Services, gave an overall update on the relationships of the NCAA with ESPN and CBS/Turner from a media perspective. The new ESPN agreement is for 13-years. One of the adverse effects of the agreement was the loss of the Division II Women's Basketball Championship now being shown on CBS College Sports, rather than ESPN. The agreement was seen as a way to enhance coverage of the 89 championships available through the discussions. The platform of CBS College Sports affords the NCAA to provide regular season coverage that will translate in to championship coverage that keeps viewers on the same channels as they are accustomed throughout the year.

There is the fact that some exposure was lost from a commercial television standpoint for Division II, yet the NCAA now has additional platforms to make available to consumers (i.e., ncaa.com for online streaming, multimedia device videos, etc.) The substantial improvements in multimedia coverage from quality of videos and announcers are a priority for the NCAA and, currently, all championships will be produced in high-definition and available via the NCAA app (iphones and Android version is in development). Overall, as a whole for the NCAA, the exposure and availability of the championships will far exceed where we have been in the past.

- 20. Selection Criteria White Paper and Focus Group Materials.** The Championships Committee acknowledged the large volume of information and feedback received from the Division II membership related to selection criteria and began undertaking the task of work to determine the issues, initial recommendations and provide an updated white paper to share with NCAA membership (i.e., institutions and conferences).

Please refer to Attachment E with the full recap of discussion and initial recommendations that the Championships Committee is discussing and will continue to do so through their 2012 September meeting.

- 21. Selection, Seeding, Bracketing Taskforce Update.** The Championships Committee received an update on the internal NCAA staff working group related to selection, seeding and bracketing. Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances—Tournament Operations, provided the update

noting that the initial steps the taskforce are undertaking include the ability to have a written and documented selection process by sport and division. Over the summer, additional meetings for the taskforce are scheduled and further updates will be provided by NCAA staff.

22. **Ranking of Teams in the Membership Process.** The Division II Championships Committee approved the policy that institutions in the Division II membership process will not be published in NCAA rankings. The Championships Committee reiterated the value of the membership process and did not want any confusion related to championship rankings.
23. **Regionalization Update—Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) Formation.** The Championships Committee reviewed the formation and timeline (Attachment F) related to the G-MAC for regionalization and championship implications. The Championships Committee will continue to monitor the formation of the new conference and ensure at the appropriate time that any regionalization updates and championship form are completed. More information will be brought forward from NCAA staff related to the G-MAC as they complete their membership application process with the Membership Committee.
24. **Regionalization Consultant and RFP review.** The Championships Committee reviewed the request for proposal sent by NCAA staff for a potential regionalization consultant. It was noted that the funding would come from reserve and be a one-time use that would need approval by the Planning and Finance Committee. Upon final proposals received by NCAA staff, a formal recommendation will be forwarded at the Championships Committee March or April teleconference for review and action.
25. **International Membership Hosts.** Discussion was held related to the growth of Division II and issues that arise with international membership hosts. The Championships Committee discussed a number of issues that would need to be considered before granting an international host (i.e., passports, criminal background checks and etc.) for championship participants traveling to that site. Rich Sanders, Championships Committee member, commented that the West conferences are looking to have conversations around the topic, especially as it relates to regular season play versus Simon Fraser University. Mr. Sanders will report back to the Championships Committee on the conference discussions during a summer 2012 meeting or teleconference with additional feedback.
26. **Non-Divisional Postseason Hosts.** The Championships Committee approved for NCAA staff to draft language to include in bid documents that, for example, “the Division II Championships Committee has the authority to determine a location and host for NCAA Championships.” The Championships Committee feels it’s important for a Division II member institution or conference to be affiliated with hosting Division II championships.

In relation and in response to a letter from Northern Alabama, Division II Football Championship host, the Championships Committee referred the topic back to the Football Committee to develop a joint response.

27. **Automatic Qualification (AQ) Form Update.** The Championships Committee received an update related to the new process of conference offices submitting their automatic qualification information electronically to the NCAA by February 1 of each year. Any feedback related to the system is welcome and, overall, there will continue to be upgrades to make the input process easier for conference personnel.
28. **Priorities for Championships Committee.** The Championships Committee began an initial analysis of prioritizing expenditures within championships in September 2012 and if the need were ever to arise where the full operating budgets were to be reduced. The focus of the committee was on reduction of championship expenditures in no specific order, except for bracket reduction, which was the last option. The Championships Committee asked NCAA national office staff to provide examples in the final policy listing and add this to the standing agenda items. The Division II Championships Committee approved the priorities below:
- Reduction of per diem;
 - Adjustment of regional sites;
 - Enhancement monies;
 - Bracket reduction.
29. **Timeline for Sports Committee Recommendations.** The Championships Committee recognizes the ability for more thorough analysis of recommendations when provided at one time by all governing sports committees, where applicable (i.e., automatic qualifications). The Championships Committee has deferred the recommendation to Championships and Alliances – Tournament Operations staff to develop a timeline based on the following items: budget requests, bracket expansion, automatic qualification, selection criteria, site selection, travel party and size adjustments, date formulas, field size adjustments, and etc. The Championships Committee will finalize the timeline during their May 2012 in-person meeting.
30. **On-Site Administrator.** The Championships Committee discussed the 2012-13 team on-site administrators policy approved in September 2011 and held discussions on the individual team sports. The Championships Committee feels that the ability to require a school to supply a team contact form with personnel information and require those individuals to participate in a conference call prior to departing for the Championship, if applicable, would be sufficient. The Championships Committee will have a formal recommendation presented at the May 2012 Championships Committee meeting to finalize the recommendation language and take action on the policy.
31. **NCAA Division II National Championships Festival – 2012 Festival Update and 2014-24 Festival Dates.** Amy Reis, Championships and Alliances – Tournament Operations, provided an update on the current planning for the 2012 Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, related to community events and new initiatives taking place at the event.

The Championships Committee also approved the dates for the 2014 - 2024 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival as follows:

2014 – 15	Fall Festival	December 2 - 6, 2014
2015 – 16	Spring Festival	May 16 - 21, 2016
2016 – 17	Winter Festival	March 5 - 11, 2017
2018 – 19	Fall Festival	Nov. 27 – Dec. 1, 2018
2019 – 20	Spring Festival	May 11 - 16, 2020
2020 – 21	Winter Festival	March 7 - 13, 2021
2022 – 23	Fall Festival	Nov. 29 – Dec. 3, 2022
2023 – 24	Spring Festival	May 13 - 18, 2024

As part of the Division's long-range planning efforts, the Division II Planning & Finance Committee has allocated the necessary budgetary resources for the Division II National Championships Festival to operate through 2024. The ability to provide membership and governing sports committees the future dates will assist in scheduling and allow for the appropriate date formula changes to be approved by the Division II Championships Committee, as predicated by the above dates.

During the May 2012 in-person Championships Committee, NCAA staff will present the sports formulas based on the approved dates above.

32. **2013 NCAA Convention.** The Championships Committee was asked for feedback on the 2012 NCAA Convention and if they have any preferred topics for education sessions, to supply any comments to the NCAA staff prior to June 1 to be considered as part of the programming for the 2013 NCAA Convention.
33. **D2 ADA Football Sub-Committee Taskforce Recommendation.** The Division II Championships Committee received communication from the Division II Athletics Directors Association (D2 ADA) about the issues related to football scheduling. The Championships Committee noted receipt of the letter and discussion of the topic in-depth. The Championships Committee is sensitive to the needs and concerns outlined, yet the Championships Committee does not have a precedence to mandate scheduling. The topic was referred to the Division II Football Committee for specific feedback as related to the sport.
34. **Other Business.**
 - **Men's Soccer.** The Championships Committee received correspondence from the RMAC and Lone Star Conferences independently about the ratio access for men's soccer. The Championships Committee referred the topic to the Division II Men's Soccer Committee, as it is the Championships Committee's understanding that discussions are occurring in the

Men's Soccer Committee around this topic already. The Championships Committee would request a timely follow-up no later than April 2012 Championships Committee teleconference.

- **Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).** The Championships Committee was updated regarding the ongoing conversations within CCA to change the make-up of the Championships Committee to have one representative from each active conference. The expected legislation is on target to be presented at the 2013 NCAA Convention.
- **Nullification.** The Championships Committee addressed concerns about the process related to nullification and the timing of the penalty. The specification that the penalty be administered at the time of selections is legislated; thus, the Championships Committee requested additional information from staff at the 2012 May meeting.

35. Future Meetings. The Division II Championships Committee reviewed their upcoming meeting schedule noting teleconferences in March, April and May. Due to schedules, the March teleconference was moved to Wednesday, March 7th. The next in-person meeting is scheduled for May 30 and 31 to be held in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)
Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Amy Reis, Championships and Alliances

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<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>ABSENTEES</u>
Bob Boerigter, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	Dr. Michael Scales, Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary (<i>PC liaison</i>)
Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference	
Kris Dunbar, Lake Superior State University	
Frank Keenan, NCAA DII SAAC Representative	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (<i>chair</i>)	
Claudia Mackey, Elizabeth City State University	
Ann Martin, Regis University (<i>MC chair</i>) – <i>participated via teleconference</i>	

Francis Reidy, Saint Leo University	
Richard Sanders, Northwest Nazarene University	
David Sharp, Ouachita Baptist University	
J.R. Smith, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Patsy Smith, Missouri Western State University	
Bren Stevens, University of Charleston (<i>MC vice chair</i>)	
Lisa Sweany, Armstrong Atlantic State University	

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Sport: Division II Men's Golf

Transportation	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Total Transportation (Note 1)	Avg. per total travelers (Note 1)	Projected total transportation	
2009-10 Actual amount (from TES)				\$ -			
Add 2% for 2010-11				\$ -			
Add 2% for 2011-12				\$ -			
Add 2% for 2012-13				\$ -			
Total actual travel plus inflation	432	110	542	\$ -	\$ -		
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	432	190	622		\$ -	\$ -	
Projected increase in Transportation						\$ -	
Per Diem	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Per Diem Days	Avg. days per total travelers (Note 1)	Per Diem (Note 2)	Total Per Diem Amount
2009-10 Actual Amounts (from TES)	432	110	542	2,489	4.59	\$ 85	\$ 211,565
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	432	190	622	2,856	4.59	\$ 85	\$ 242,792
Projected increase in Per Diem							\$ 31,227
Total projected increase in per diem and transportation							\$ 31,200
Game Expenses	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Participants	Game Expense per participant	Total Amount for Game Expense		
2009-10 Actual Amounts (from Oracle)	432	110	542	\$ 23	\$ 12,418		
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	432	190	622	\$ 23	\$ 14,251		
Total projected increase in Game Expense					\$ 1,833		
Total projected increase							\$ 33,000

Note 1: Transportation and per diem information based on 2009-10 championships information from TES.

Note 2: Projected cost is based on per diem rate expected to be in place when this proposal becomes effective in 2012-13. Additional costs can be expected if the per diem rate increases.

Note: This analysis provides an estimate for adding 1 non-athlete to the travel party for the teams that qualify for the regionals round only.

Sport: Division II Men's Golf

Transportation	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Total Transportation (Note 1)	Avg. per total travelers (Note 1)	Projected total transportation	
2009-10 Actual amount (from TES)				\$ 73,519			
Add 2% for 2010-11				\$ 1,470			
Add 2% for 2011-12				\$ 1,500			
Add 2% for 2012-13				\$ 1,530			
Total actual travel plus inflation	108	28	136	\$ 78,019	\$ 573.67		
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	108	48	156		\$ 573.67	\$ 89,492	
Projected increase in Transportation						\$ 11,473	
Per Diem	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Per Diem Days	Avg. days per total travelers (Note 1)	Per Diem (Note 2)	Total Per Diem Amount
2009-10 Actual Amounts (from TES)	108	28	136	768	5.65	\$ 85	\$ 65,280
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	108	48	156	881	5.65	\$ 85	\$ 74,880
Projected increase in Per Diem							\$ 9,600
Total projected increase in per diem and transportation							\$ 21,100
Game Expenses	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Participants	Game Expense per participant			Total Amount for Game Expense
2009-10 Actual Amounts (from Oracle)	108	28	136	\$ 91			\$ 12,418
Projected total- add 1 non-athlete teams only	108	48	156	\$ 91			\$ 14,244
Total projected increase in Game Expense							\$ 1,826
Total projected increase							\$ 23,000

Note 1: Transportation and per diem information based on 2009-10 championships information from TES.

Note 2: Projected cost is based on per diem rate expected to be in place when this proposal becomes effective in 2012-13. Additional costs can be expected if the per diem rate increases.

Note: This analysis provides an estimate for adding 1 non-athlete to the travel party for the teams that qualify for the finals round only.

2011-12 DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Three members. One representative from the North (East-N: Northeast-10), one representative from the Central (East-S: East Coast; Midwest and Atlantic) and one representative from the South (Southeast and South). Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2. The committee composition will change in 2012-13 to four members – two from the North region (Northeast-10, RMAC, East Coast and independents); and two from the South region (Conference Carolinas and independents).**

Vacancies: **Two September 2012 vacancies. Both must be from the South region. One must be an administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins

Chair:

LC DIST/ REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/11-9/12	9/12-9/13	9/13-9/14	9/14-9/15
South	AD	N/M	Michael Cerino Limestone College	Conference Carolinas	Cerino*			
North	AD	N/M	Glenn Hofmann Merrimack College	Northeast-10	Hofmann	Hofmann*		
Central (North 2012-13)	C	N/M	Timothy Boyle Dowling College	East Coast	Boyle	Boyle	Boyle	Boyle*
(South 2012-13)								

*Not eligible for reappointment

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Division II Sport Budget Requests

<i>Division</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>	
II	Baseball	Add 1 team to each regional (8 total)	\$ 197,000	
II	Baseball	Add 2 teams to each regional (16 total)		\$ 573,000
II	Football	Extra day per diem for early arrival	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,300
II	M Golf	Increase travel party for finals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
II	M Golf	Increase travel party for regionals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
II	M Golf	Added rules official	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,600
II	W Golf	Increase travel party for finals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
II	W Golf	Increase travel party for regionals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
II	Lacrosse	Tournament format change - four teams at semifinals	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000
II	Rowing	Add 1 non-athlete for individual qualifying boats	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
II	M Soccer	Additional official	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
II	M Soccer	Increase bracket to 48 teams	\$ 545,000	\$ 545,000
II	W Soccer	Additional official	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
II	Wrestling	Increase in championship qualifiers by 20 Sas	\$ 28,775	\$ 28,775
Total cost			\$ 919,775	\$ 1,295,775

<i>Division</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cost</i>	
II	Football	Added evaluators to review officials	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,600
II	M Swimming	Increase field by 15 SAs and 4 non-athletes	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000
II	M/W Tennis	Additional official	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
II	M/W Tennis	Host allowance	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Total cost			\$ 38,200	\$ 38,200

	Indicates action/vote needed on request
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Current Division II Wrestling Regional Alignment

Division II Wrestling Championships
Current Regional Realignment

15	<u>Region 1</u> (<i>NE-10, PBC, PSAC, SAC, WVIAC</i>)	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	American International College	Springfield	MA	Northeast-10 Conference	
	Anderson University (South Carolina)	Anderson	SC	South Atlantic Conference	
	East Stroudsburg University	East Stroudsburg	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
	Gannon University	Erie	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Kutztown	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
	Mercyhurst College	Erie	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
	Millersville University	Millersville	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	*Scheduled to become active by 2013 championships
	Newberry College	Newberry	SC	South Atlantic Conference	
	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	NC	Peach Belt Conference	
	Ohio Valley University	Vienna	WV	West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown	Johnstown	PA	West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	Seton Hill University	Greensburg	PA	West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Shippensburg	PA	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
	Shorter University (GA)	Rome	GA	Independent	* Scheduled to become active by 2015 championships
	West Liberty University	West Liberty	WV	West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
13	<u>Region 2</u> (<i>CC, GAC, GLIAC, MIAA</i>)	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	Ashland University	Ashland	OH	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	NC	Conference Carolinas	
	University of Central Missouri	Warrensburg	MO	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
	University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond	OK	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
	University of Findlay	Findlay	OH	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	King College	Bristol	TN	Conference Carolinas	
	Lake Erie College	Painesville	OH	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	Limestone College	Gaffney	SC	Conference Carolinas	
	Lindenwood University	St. Charles	MO	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	* Scheduled to become active by 2014 championships
	Notre Dame College (OH)	Euclid	OH	Independent	* Scheduled to become active by 2013 championships
	Ouachita Baptist University	Arkadelphia	AR	Great American Conference	
	Tiffin University	Tiffin	OH	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
	Truman State University	Kirksville	MO	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	

Current Division II Wrestling Regional Alignment

14 Region 3 (<i>GLVC, HC, NSIC</i>)	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Augustana College (South Dakota)	Sioux Falls	SD	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN	Great Lakes Valley Conference	
University of Mary	Bismarck	ND	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Maryville University of Saint Louis	St. Louis	MO	Great Lakes Valley Conference	
McKendree University	Lebanon	IL	Great Lakes Valley Conference	* Scheduled to become active by 2014 championships
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Mankato	MN	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Moorhead	MN	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Minot State University	Minot	ND	Independent	* Scheduled to become active by 2013 championships
Newman University	Wichita	KS	Heartland Conference	
Northern State University	Aberdeen	SD	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Southwest Minnesota State University	Marshall	MN	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
St. Cloud State University	St. Cloud	MN	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Upper Iowa University	Fayette	IA	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
University of Wisconsin, Parkside	Kenosha	WI	Great Lakes Valley Conference	
13 Region 4 (<i>CCAA, GNAC, MIAA, PWC, RMAC</i>)	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Adams State College	Alamosa	CO	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
California Baptist University	Riverside	CA	Pacific West Conference	* Scheduled to become active by 2014 championships
Chadron State College	Chadron	NE	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Colorado Mesa University	Grand Junction	CO	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Colorado School of Mines	Golden	CO	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Colorado State University, Pueblo	Pueblo	CO	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
Fort Hays State University	Hays	KS	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
Grand Canyon University	Phoenix	AZ	Pacific West Conference	
University of Nebraska, Kearney	Kearney	NE	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
New Mexico Highlands University	Las Vegas	NM	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
San Francisco State University	San Francisco	CA	California Collegiate Athletic Association	
Simon Fraser University	Vancouver	Canada	Great Northwest Athletic Conference	* Scheduled to become active by 2013 championships
Western State College of Colorado	Gunnison	CO	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	

Proposed Division II Wrestling Regional Alignment

Division II Wrestling Championships Proposed Regional Realignment

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Institutions Affected by Proposed Realignment

Division II Wrestling Championships

Institutions Affected by Proposed Regional Realignment

<u>Affected Institution</u>	<u>Current Region</u>	<u>Proposed Region</u>
Ashland University	Region 2	Region 1
Anderson University (South Carolina)	Region 1	Region 2
University of Findlay	Region 2	Region 1
Fort Hays State University	Region 4	Region 2
Lake Erie College	Region 2	Region 1
University of Nebraska, Kearney	Region 4	Region 2
Newberry College	Region 1	Region 2
Newman University	Region 3	Region 4
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Region 1	Region 2
Shorter University (GA)	Region 1	Region 2
Tiffin University	Region 2	Region 1

**DIVISION II SELECTION CRITERIA WHITE PAPER
CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE & FOCUS GROUP RECAP**

The Division II Championships Committee reviewed the membership feedback, conference scheduling statistics and the recap supplement provided from the Division II Selection Criteria Focus Group during their February 20 and 21, 2012 meeting.

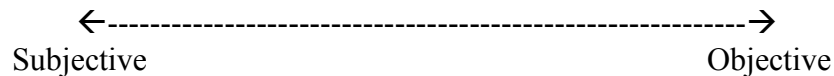
The Championships Committee provided additional parameters and feedback to include in the recap provided which the Championships Committee noted was beneficial to their discussion at their February meeting. The Championships Committee provided the following key points reiterating the work done by the focus group along with a few new items for consideration including:

- The Championships Committee supported the focus groups opinion that the selection criteria are not a broken system but education of the key constituents would be a beneficial step in the process.
- Education of coaches, conference offices, regional advisory committees (RACs) and national committee members is a key point that needs addressed in moving forward related to selection criteria. Additionally, the opportunity to provide conference offices with training materials would be key to the process and maintain the expectations for all serving on committees for consistency purposes.
- A consideration to include both incoming and out-going national committee members during annual meetings would be beneficial as well.
- Transparency related to the selection criteria process should be a primary focus to allow membership and the public better understanding of the selection criteria process.
- An evaluation of the contingent states policy should be undertaken during the May 2012 Championships Committee meeting as part of the selection criteria discussion.
- The short-term focus was determined to be education with a discussion for a long-term evaluation related to providing regions the autonomy of determining their qualifying teams. A much further analysis of the latter needs to take place to see if the idea is feasible, develop the processes that could be implemented and get further membership feedback related to the topic.
- The Championships Committee noted that much further discussion and review of requested information from NCAA staff will continue per the timeline provided in the Selection Criteria White Paper shared with NCAA membership. The Championships Committee will continue formulating ideas and formulate recommendations at the May 2012 meeting.

The Division II Selection Criteria Focus Group met in Indianapolis for a half-day on February 8th and 9th to discuss the membership feedback from the Division II Selection Criteria White Paper and additional NCAA staff provided resources (i.e., Supplement 30).

The focus group discussions were thoughtful and wide-ranging including the following questions, concepts and discussion points for the Division II Championships Committee to consider as part of their conversation at their 2012 February meeting:

- Where does Division II fall on the below continuum line today at selections and is that fair? Where should Division II fall on the continuum at selections?



- Are teams that have goals of making it into the NCAA Championships playing in-region/non-conference schedules or is the issue with those teams that have no plans to participate in NCAA Division II Championships?
- What are Division II's priorities during selections? Should criteria across sports be similar or is each sport different from a selection criteria perspective?
- The focus group recognizes that the selection criteria must be solid and sport specific, yet more weight should be added behind criteria that matches Division II's priorities and then make selections under those expectations.
- Selection criteria should have a length of time set to evaluate changes made to a sport's criteria and the impact. A suggested time line would be every three – four years to allow for scheduling implications by members schools.
- Should Division II consider Division I, III or NAIA contests in postseason selections? The focus group suggested that to be selected for Division II Championship, teams should be only selected based on Division II opponents. Yet, the focus group noted that the NCAA should not be in the habit of mandating when or who a team plays. Rather, if provided by the NCAA the selection criteria based on Division II priorities then teams must meet that criteria to be considered. If a team wants to participate in a Division II Championship then they must play a Division II schedule.
- Can you begin to prioritize Division II selection criteria principles under the following elements (in no particular order):
 - Overall Division II Schedule / Strength of schedules
 - Head-to-Head competition

- In-Region Division II games
 - In-region/non-conference competition
- Could sport committees consider earned access to address the issues of in-region, non-conference competition (i.e., soccer)? The focus group reiterated that no mandate should be put in place yet thought that earned access may address the issue related to in-region, non-conference competition for the sports experiencing the most difficulties in evaluation at selections.
 - Should reseeding occur at NCAA Championships if in-region/non-conference competition is encouraged during the regular season? Should committees be given autonomy to make decision on seeding?
 - Overall, is selection criteria the issue? The focus group indicated that they felt that wasn't the core issue. Rather, they identified the following key items to better address the topic:
 - Develop Division II priorities on selection criteria.
 - Consistent criteria
(minimize the number of changes to the criteria and how often it is allowed by sport committees to change)
 - Educate NCAA membership on selection criteria of each sport.
 - Provide training and education of committees
(RACs and National Committees)
 - The focus group also encouraged each group that reviews the topic to keep the evaluation at a global perspective to ensure it's as fair to all Division II members as possible and in the best interest of Division II as a whole.

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) Formation & Timeline

In fall 2011, presidents of six institutions announced the formation of a new conference, to be named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC).

The six member institutions include: Cedarville University (Cedarville, Ohio); Central State University (Wilberforce, Ohio); Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, Kentucky); Trevacca Nazarene (Nashville, Tennessee); Urbana University (Urbana, Ohio); and Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, Ohio).

The new conference will begin competition in the fall of 2013, pending approval by the Division II Membership Committee.

Currently, Kentucky Wesleyan holds membership in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and Central State and Urbana are independent member institutions. The other three schools are in the Division II membership process.

Until the conference is an active conference meeting NCAA requirements, the institutions in the conferences are considered independents for championship purposes and eligible for at-large berths based on their active status and the region that their state resides.

GMAC Conference Formation Timeline and Eligibility for Conference Benefits:

Note: The following timeline is based on the conference's active status as of September 1, 2013. If the conference is not an active conference as of September 1, 2013, the timeline will be amended, as necessary.

2013-14

February 2013	Division II Championships Committee recommends placement of conference in the regionalization map contingent on Division II Membership Committee approval in July 2013.
July 2013	Division II Membership Committee approves/denies conference's active status.
September 1, 2013	Representation on the Division II Management Council and Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (elections shall occur during the July 2013 meetings).
September 1, 2013	Eligible to receive Conference Grant Funds (application submitted by June 30, 2013. deadline).
September 1, 2013	Conference appointments to Regional Advisory Committees.
January 2014	Eligible to vote at the NCAA Convention.

2014-15

May 2015 Eligible for conference portion of enhancement fund distribution
(based on 2013-14 sport sponsorship numbers).

2015-16

September 1, 2015 Automatic qualification for championships is granted to conference.
*(Note: For 2013-14 and 2014-15, the active institutions in the
conference are eligible for at-large berths.)*

If not approved as an active conference for 2013-14, the above timeline shall be amended,
including:

February 2014 Division II Championship Committee recommends placement of
conference in the regionalization map contingent on Division II
Membership Committee approval in July 2014.
*(Note: It is necessary for the Championships Committee to reevaluate
the placement of the conference in light of possible new institutions
joining the conference.)*

July 2014 Division II Membership Committee approves/denies conference's
active status.

September 1, 2016 Automatic qualification for championships is granted to conference.
*(Note: For 2015-16, the active institutions in the conference are
eligible for at-large berths.)*