

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
May 30 - 31, 2012 Meeting**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- Information For Committee Use Only.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Opening remarks and review of schedule.** Erin Lind, chair of the Division II Championships Committee, welcomed the Championships Committee to Indianapolis for their business meeting and introduced new representative and liaison from the Division II Presidents Council, President Michael G. Scales from Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary.
- 2. Approval of February meeting and March and April teleconferences reports.** The Championships Committee approved the February, March and April meeting reports and noted the May 2012 teleconference had been cancelled.
- 3. Championships Committee roster.** No action or updates were necessary and the roster was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.
- 4. Championships Committee liaison assignments.** No action or updates were necessary and the liaison assignment document was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.
- 5. NCAA staff assignments.** No action or updates were necessary and the NCAA staff assignments sheet was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.

6. **Candidacy/provisional/reclassifying chart.** No action or updates were necessary. The chart was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.
7. **Conflict of interest and recusal policy.** No action or updates were necessary and the Championships Committee conflict of interest and recusal policy was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.
8. **NCAA Championships and Alliances guiding principles.** No action or updates were necessary and the Division II Championships and Alliances guiding principles policy was provided as standard committee business for informational purposes.
9. **Division II strategic positioning platform, 2012-15 Division II strategic plan and 2012 Division II strategic priorities.** No action was necessary. All items were informational only and no updates were noted.
10. **Report of April 2012 NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council meetings.** Terri Steeb-Gronau, NCAA director of Division II, provided a brief summary of the April 2012 Management Council and Presidents Council meetings, highlighting key areas within the reports. No action was necessary.
11. **Benefits of NCAA Division II membership classification.** The Championships Committee reviewed the talking points related to the benefits of Division II membership classification. The item was informational only and no action was necessary.
12. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).** Erin Lind, committee chair and committee member of PROP, informed the Championships Committee that PROP continues to focus on the discussion of game sponsorship. After PROP's meeting in January 2013, more information related to the topic will be shared.
13. **Winter Championships report.** The Championships Committee reviewed the reports by NCAA staff point persons and commended the work done by the Division II staff related to postseason championships.
14. **Nullification review.** The Championships Committee continued a discussion on nullification, due to recent nullification penalties. The discussion centered on the timing of when the nullification is assessed and whether it should occur prior to selections; further,

whether any kind of notation should be included within the posted rankings. Additionally, the committee discussed the current waiver process. After further discussion, the Championships Committee agreed that this discussion should be a round table topic for the September 2012 joint meeting of sport committee chairs and the Championships Committee.

- 15. Regional tournament and site selection – men’s basketball, women’s basketball and women’s volleyball.** The Championships Committee approved the continuation of the regional tournament and site selection policy, to be effective for the 2012-13 academic year. This process allows 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. Even though sites will be determined prior to selections, this does NOT guarantee that an institution will be selected for the championship. 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 policy has not been used in the past two years; however, due to changes in the regionalization map for 2012-13, with a few conferences relocating regions, it was determined those conference affiliations should have the opportunity to use the policy if it was applicable and suited their needs. The Championships Committee will review the issue at their June 2013 meeting to determine if the policy is being used and if it should be annually renewed.

16. Regionalization update.

- a. Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) formation.** NCAA staff reiterated the status of the G-MAC related to projected member institution make-up and timeline for active status. No action was necessary.
- b. Updated regionalization maps and chart.** The Championships Committee approved that South Dakota School of Mines and Technology be placed in the South Central Region on the 2013-14 projected regionalization map. The NCAA will send correspondence to the institution notifying it of this regional alignment.

- 17. International membership hosts.** The Championships Committee continued earlier initial meeting discussions on taking necessary action, if any is needed, related to the topic of

international membership hosts for postseason competition. The Championships Committee discussed the issues of government travel documentation, student-athlete eligibility issues related to entry (i.e., past offenses such as prior arrests may not exclude the student-athlete from entry), timeliness of acquiring the appropriate paperwork, as well as travel costs.

Mark Strothkamp, NCAA associate director of enforcement, also joined the Championships Committee meeting to discuss a forthcoming gambling act in Canada that may allow for single-game betting and, therefore, per NCAA policy, would render the institutions in that territory or others in the country from being able to host NCAA postseason competition. The actions by the Canadian House of Parliament are not expected to come forward until mid to late July.

The Championships Committee agreed to review the topic again on its July and August teleconferences to determine if action is needed based on the gambling status of the territory in which a potential active Division II member resides and that the appropriate championship policies are in place and communicated accordingly to the Division II membership.

18. **Non-divisional postseason hosts bid language.** The Championships Committee approved the following language be applied to Division II postseason host bid documentation, effective immediately:

“If an NCAA host institution or conference office leaves the division for which application to host a postseason bid is submitted, the Division II Championships Committee has the authority to review the bid status and select an alternate host and location.”

The Championships Committee noted that the ability to provide a divisional connection to a postseason selection allows Division II to ensure the best location and hosts are selected. In a scenario where an NCAA member elects to move out of the division, the Championships Committee would be permitted to review whether the placement of the postseason bid should continue or be adjusted to best serve the interests of the Division II student-athletes participating in postseason competition.

19. **Budget review.** Tamara Gingerich, NCAA associate director of accounting, provided the Championships Committee with an update on the current budget-to-actual figures for the 2011-12 academic year. Currently with most of the winter sports budget numbers reported, Division II is running a surplus in championships. Division II is expected to end the year with a good fiscal report and continued surplus in championships following the Spring championships. It was noted that any surplus dollars remaining would then be carried into the unallocated budget line item for the end-of-year budget. The update related to budget also provided a continued need to focus on the escalation in travel costs for the 2012-13

academic year, along with cost reductions, where possible, to alleviate the strain of travel costs to the Association and for long-term budget planning for Division II.

- **Go Ground and travel expense update.** Juanita Sheely, NCAA associate director of travel and insurance, also joined the Championships Committee to update the Championships Committee on current travel expenses and expected future increases. With overall airline capacity at an all-time high based on the lower availability of flights to fulfill that demand, the need for charter flights is driving travel costs up along with stronger implementation of NCAA travel policies. In the past, leniency could be given to travel preferences, if there were options of similar pricing available. Today's reality does not provide for that option and, thus, many teams are traveling farther on both ends of their championship travel (i.e., traveling 200 miles to get to an airport is not uncommon now and does fall within the travel parameters set by the NCAA).

The Championships Committee asked for further opportunities to communicate the travel policies to the membership, noting that NCAA travel policies need to be adhered to based on the increased budgetary impacts expected with travel.

Additionally, it was noted the NCAA will be sending out a request for proposal (RFP) related to travel services later this fall. Continual updates will be provided to the Championships Committee as the process unfolds.

Lastly, Ms. Sheely also discussed Go Ground services for all divisions and noted that in 2011-12, thus far, the reports indicate a marked improvement from fall to winter championships. Go Ground extended their services for all 89 NCAA championships and continue to improve their travel offerings. From the fall to winter championship surveys on travel, Division II saw a 98% approval rating. One item to note is that over 75% of all NCAA postseason travel is completed by motor coach transportation and not flights. Go Ground continues to work on its services and at the completion of the first-full year of their agreement; the NCAA will review with them any areas of improvement. The membership is encouraged to share feedback through the sport committees and to the NCAA national office as well. Ms. Sheely will also be in attendance at the Championships Committee education session at the 2013 NCAA Convention to discuss championship travel issues, updates and provide detailed travel information related to policies and procedures for travel protocol. More information on the educational session will be forthcoming in upcoming Championships Committee meetings and by Division II membership communications.

20. **Selection criteria white paper and focus group materials.** The Championships Committee broke into roundtable discussions, centered on key areas relative to Division II selection criteria from the white paper, which included the following topics:

- Development of Division II priorities of selection criteria;
- Assessment of consistent criteria, where applicable;
- Minimization of the number of changes to criteria and timeline for changes;
- Education of NCAA Division II membership on selection criteria for each sport; and
- Development of training and education tools for the membership.

Please refer to Attachment B, which contains the full updated draft recommendations from that discussion. The Championships Committee will aim to finalize discussions and recommendations after additional feedback at its September 2012 meeting and joint meeting with national committee chairs. In the summer months, the updated draft recommendations will be circulated to the NCAA membership for additional feedback.

- 21. Timeline for sports committee recommendations.** The Championships Committee approved the following working timeline for sport committee recommendations and provided estimated timelines for action to be approved. The Championships Committee has provided the guidelines below for governing sport committees to identify when requests can be made and the timeline for implementation.

Recommendations	Championships Committee Review Date	Date of Implementation
Automatic qualifiers	May/June Championships Committee Meeting	September 1
Bracket expansion	September prior to budget cycle (2014, 2017, 2020, 2023)	September 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024
Budget requests	September prior to budget cycle (2014, 2017, 2020, 2023)	September 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024
Committee chair	August Teleconference	September 1
Date formulas	May 2012, May 2024	Immediate upon approval
Field size adjustments	September prior to budget cycle (2014, 2017, 2020, 2023)	September 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024
Selection criteria	September Championships Committee Meeting	Two - three years following approval
Site selection	TBD	TBD
Travel party/bench size adjustments	September prior to budget cycle (2014, 2017, 2020, 2023)	September 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024

** Note – This chart serves as a guideline and requests may be reviewed and implementation could be altered subject to the approval and discretion of the Division II Championships Committee.*

- 22. Credential types.** The Championships Committee approved that all Division II Championships provide only the following credential types:

- All-Access.
- Bench.
- Event Management.
- Host/LOC.
- Media.
- Medical.
- NCAA.
- NCAA Committee.
- Official.
- Participant.
- Photo.
- Security.
- Sports Information.
- Team Personnel.
- Television.
- VIP.
- Volunteer.

The ability to streamline the credential types at Division II championships will provide consistency for those participating in the events. Clarity about what credentials are available and parameters as to what those credentials mean by sport will be provided in 2012-13 sport specific pre-championship manuals.

23. **Future date formulas by sport.** The Championships Committee reviewed an updated future date formulas by sport, along with a chart outlining championship dates through the long-term strategic plan through 2024. The Championships Committee requested a few changes be made to the document and for those updates to be provided to the membership via the NCAA championship newsletter. The information will also be posted on the Division II home page under national championships. As is the case with documents for long-term planning, it will and can be subject to change, but the ability for membership to have this information is of great benefit to many constituents. Additionally, the Championships Committee will also share this document at its September 2012 joint meeting with national sports committee chairs.
24. **NCAA Division II National Championships Festival.** The committee received a recap of the 2012 NCAA Division II Spring Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, which seemed to again be a great event for the participating student-athletes. Feedback is being collected from the participants of each championship and will be reviewed by the Division II Festival planning team for continued work to build a greater event for the upcoming years. A few items of highlight included: the opening ceremonies, which were once again held at Churchill Downs with a fireworks show; President Emmert Student-Athlete Huddles,

which were well attended and quite engaging for those in attendance; community engagement events from youth classes joining teams at the competition venues; and a 5K run/walk. Overall, the championship final date featured great weather for six national championships to culminate their competition in one city. Bellarmine University and the Louisville Sports Commission have been excellent hosts of the event and should be commended and recognized for their efforts.

The 2013 Division II National Championships Festival planning is also underway for the event in Cleveland, to be hosted by Notre Dame College and the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio. The NCAA Festival planning team has a site visit scheduled for June 5 and 6 to work through additional operational details and championship specific issues. An update related to the 2013 Festival will be provided at the September 2012 meeting as more information is finalized.

25. Review of regional advisory committee (RAC) processes.

- a. RAC call schedules.** The Championships Committee approved that the RACs and national governing sports committees be permitted the following call schedule for all Division II team sports moving forward: one (1) practice call, three (3) ranking calls and one (1) selection call, effective immediately.

The consistent call schedule across all team sports allows for more continuity in the division to conduct the work of the RACs and national governing sports committees. Additionally, the call schedule provides clarity to the membership related to the ranking and selection process.

- b. RAC balloting.** Discussion was tabled for membership feedback from RAC and national committee members. The Championships Committee will review and take action during the August 2012 teleconference for the 2012-13 academic year.

26. Championships Committee expansion. The Championships Committee reviewed the pending membership proposal related to the expansion of the Championships Committee. Currently, the sponsorship of the proposal is awaiting a secondary sponsor. It is expected that a second sponsor will come forward to place the proposal on the agenda for the 2013 NCAA Division II Convention business session. The Championships Committee did not enter into a discussion on the merits of the proposal, but focused on the financial impact of increasing the number of members on the Championships Committee. The Championships Committee asked NCAA staff to keep them updated on the proposal moving forward and provide the financial costs to those planning to sponsor the proposal.

27. 2012-13 automatic qualifications. The Championships Committee approved the proposed automatic qualifications for the 2012-13 academic year.

a. Baseball championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

b. Men's basketball championship.

- Approved that the following 22 c onferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2013 championship: C alifornia Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference and the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

c. Women's basketball championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship: C alifornia Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Athletic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America

Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

d. Men's golf championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Sunshine State Conference, and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

e. Women's soccer championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

f. Softball championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Softball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great

Northwest Athletic; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic; Sunshine State Conference and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

g. Men's tennis championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics 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.

h. Women's tennis championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Sunshine State Conference; and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

i. Women's volleyball championship.

- Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes

Valley Conference, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Sunshine State Conference and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

28. Sport Committee Reports.

a. Men's basketball.

- (1) **2013 championship format.** The Championships Committee approved that the format for the 2013 Division II Men's Elite Eight be conducted with four semifinal games on Thursday and two semifinal games on Saturday afternoon, with the two advancing teams moving on to Atlanta, Georgia. The championship game will be conducted on Sunday afternoon of the Division I Men's Final Four weekend, as part of the 75th anniversary of men's college basketball. This is effective for the 2013 championship only.

The Men's Basketball Committee will still conduct regionals and the Elite Eight within the current date formula; however, the championship game will be played a week later at the Division I Men's Final Four. The committee has discussed this format with the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the body was very supportive of the proposed format for the 2013 championship.

The Men's Basketball Committee believes the student-athlete experience for the Elite Eight will be very similar to past years and that the experience for the two teams that advance to Atlanta will be outstanding. The student-athletes will have the opportunity to be introduced in front of 70,000 fans at the semifinals of the Men's Final Four the night preceding their championship game, which will provide for a terrific experience.

- (2) **Requirement for number of in-region games.** The Championships Committee approved that the number of in-region games required to be eligible for an at-large selection to the championship be increased from 16 to 18, effective for the 2013-14 season. The Championships Committee noted that waiver opportunities should be made available, if requested.

The Men's Basketball Committee believes there are very few teams currently that do not meet this threshold and, further, it will bring men's basketball in line with what women's basketball currently requires.

- (3) **Selection criteria.** The Championships Committee approved that, effective in the 2012-13 championship season, a minimum number of games (12 for the practice ranking, 14 for the 1st ranking, 16 for the 2nd ranking and 18 for the 3rd ranking) against Division II competition be played in order to be included in the Performance Indicator criteria.

The Division II Men's Basketball Committee believes that requiring a minimum number of games to be played against Division II competition in order for those games to count in the Performance Indicator will allow for better evaluations of teams during the selection process. The performance indicator provides a point value for wins or losses at home, away or at neutral sites; and when only a small sample size is used, the data is less reliable. Currently, teams are getting the same point value for a win or a loss no matter if the opposing team has played the maximum number of games vs. Division II opponents or just a few games against Division II opponents. By requiring a minimum number of games against Division II competition, it will be a better indicator of a team's success over a minimum number of games rather than just a few games against Division II opponents.

- (4) **Appointment of committee chair.** The Championships Committee approved that Eric Schoh be appointed as chair of the Division II Men's Basketball Committee, effective September 1, 2012.

b. Women's Basketball.

- **Appointment of committee chair.** The Championships Committee approved that Kathy Anderson be appointed as chair of the Division II Women's Basketball Committee, effective September 1, 2012.

c. Football.

- (1) **Selection criteria.** The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 football championship, in-region Division II won/loss results be removed from the selection criteria.

Currently, the selection criteria consist of both in-region Division II won/loss results, as well as overall Division II won/loss results. The Division II Football Committee believes that, overall, Division II won/loss results is a better measure to use with so few football games being played. With more and more

conferences moving toward closed conference scheduling, it is more difficult for those teams with open dates to find teams to play within their region. Utilizing only the overall Division II won/loss results should help those institutions that may have difficulty in scheduling in-region non-conference games by opening up more playing options for those teams that may be geographically isolated from in-region opponents.

There could be a budget impact for the institutions as those with open dates may look to compete against teams outside their region, but the costs should not be significant.

- (2) **Postseason Officials.** The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012-13 academic year, all football officials are required to register with Arbiter for those interested in officiating in postseason competition.

The Championships Committee felt that this was already being done and merely needed to make official the policy for records.

d. Men's Soccer.

- (1) **Appointment of committee chair.** The Championships Committee approved that Dennis Helsel, vice president/director of athletics, Chowan University, be named as chair, replacing Dr. Gary Gray, Montana State University Billings, effective September 1, 2012.
- (2) **Squad size.** The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 championship, the squad size be increased from 22 to 24 student-athletes, while keeping the travel party of 28 unchanged.

The number of student-athletes currently being carried by institutions exceeds the current squad size of 22. The average squad size across Division II men's soccer teams in 2010 was 38.2, which was an increase of 4.1 from 2003.

e. Women's Soccer.

- (1) **Appointment of committee chair.** The Championships Committee approved that Nick Cowell, head women's soccer coach at St. Edward's University, replace Bridget Berube, associate athletic director at Northern Michigan University, as chair of the committee, effective September 1, 2012.

- (2) **Selection Criteria.** The Championships Committee tabled the recommendation that the following modifications be made to the selection criteria effective with the 2012-13 season.

When selecting teams, the Division II Women's Soccer Committee will evaluate the following criteria (not in priority order):

- In-region Division II won-lost record;
- Strength-of-schedule (average opponents' winning percentage);
- Head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Results versus ranked teams;
- Once ranked, always ranked;
- Results versus Division II opponents outside of conference; and
- Strength-of-schedule versus Division II opponents outside of conference (opponents' average winning and opponent's opponents' average winning percentage).

The Women's Soccer Committee revised the selection criteria to avoid the shift of teams up and down in the rankings week after week, due to the inconsistencies of teams going in and out of the rankings. The above changes will provide a smoother ranking system and leave room for the human element. Due to ranking calls starting later in the year, there is less volatility in the regional top 10.

- (3) **Squad size/Bench limit.** The Championships Committee approved that, effective with the 2012 championship, the squad size be increased from 22 to 24 student-athletes, while keeping the travel party of 28 unchanged.

The number of student-athletes currently being carried by institutions exceeds the current squad size of 22. The average squad size across Division II soccer teams in 2010-11 was 24.8. The increase in squad size will provide additional participation opportunities for student-athletes.

- 29. Appointment of Committee Chair.** The Championships Committee approved Erin Lind, associate commissioner of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC), to serve another one-year term as chair of the Championships Committee.

30. Other business.

- a. Universal misconduct policies and procedures.** The Championships Committee reviewed an initial draft of a universal misconduct policy and procedures document that is being considered across all three NCAA divisions. No action was taken; further updates on the status of this NCAA national office working group will be provided at the September 2012 meeting.
- b. Committee member service recognition.** The Championships Committee recognized the outstanding contributions by J.R. Smith and Patsy Smith for their work and service to the Championships Committee.

31. Future Meetings. The Championships Committee reviewed its upcoming meeting schedule, noting teleconferences in July and August. No teleconference will be scheduled in June due to the timing of the May in-person meeting. The next in-person meeting and joint committee meeting with sport committee chairs is scheduled for September 10-12 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	
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>)	
Claudie Mackey, Elizabeth City State University	
Ann Martin, Regis University (<i>MC chair</i>)	

Francis Reidy, Saint Leo University	
Richard Sanders, Northwest Nazarene University	
Dr. Michael Scales, Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary (<i>PC liaison</i>)	
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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DIVISION II SELECTION CRITERIA
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

The Division II Championships Committee has developed the following draft recommendations for membership feedback related to the ongoing Division II Selection Criteria White Paper review. The review of selection criteria began in February 2011 and has included discussion with governing sports committee chairs, overall Division II membership feedback, a focus group and discussions within each Division II governance committee level.

In accordance with the timeline provided in the initial Division II selection criteria white paper, the Championships Committee has currently drafted the following recommendations for Division II membership consideration and will further define the recommendations at their September 2012 Championship Committee meeting.

a. Division II Selection Criteria Priorities.

- (1) Recommendation. That universal selection criteria should be utilized for all Division II team sports with the selection criteria focusing on the following six items (in no particular order) along with a list of optional selection criteria for each governing sports committees to select based on sport specific nuances:

Required Selection Criteria

- Overall Division II schedule / strength of schedule
- Overall winning percentage
- Head to head competition
- Record against ranked opponents
- Minimum of Division II and in-region games
- Common opponents

Additional Optional Selection Criteria

- TBD

The Division II philosophy for implementation would be for all national governing sports committees to begin and focus on the objective criteria for selections. Once the whole body of work has been analyzed for selection consideration, and if more comparisons are needed, the national governing sports committee can consider subjective selection criteria as long as it's within the context of the objective selection criteria.

- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2013.
- (3) Rationale. The ability to provide a consistent set of selection criteria allows for the priorities of the Division II Championships Committee to be communicated to membership in development of competition schedules and for Division II institutions competing for postseason berths. The Division II Championships Committee

recognizes the need for certain sports to have individualized components which are provided as optional selection criteria for the governing sports committees to select.

The idea to have consistency in criteria across all team sports and allows for the division not to mandate specific scheduling requirements.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Division II Selection Criteria Timeline for Requests.

(1) Recommendation. That a governing sports committee only be allowed to make requests for selection criteria changes based on a three-year cycle beginning with 2013-14 academic year.

(2) Effective Date. September 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. The Division II Championships Committee recognizes the governing sports committee's desire to continually modify the selection criteria to better serve the championships for selection purposes however with a timeline for requests to selection criteria on a three-year cycle any requested selection criteria changes will be allowed to be implemented, analyzed, and most importantly, not impact membership scheduling.

The Division II Championships Committee acknowledges the need to ensure Division II membership is educated on selection criteria and notes that continual and consistent changes of selection criteria can be confusing. Therefore, a three-year cycle will serve as a timeline for requests to be made to selection criteria from a governing sports committee to the Division II Championships Committee.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Division II Selection Criteria Education & Training.

(1) Recommendation. That Division II national office staff develop education and training for Division II institutions and conferences, coaches, regional advisory committees (RACs), and national governing sports committees. The following education and training components to be offered are as follows:

Division II Institutions and Conferences

- Division II Championships Regional Seminar;

- NCAA Convention Session (Division II Programming);
- NCAA Division II Athletics Director / Compliance Director Meetings;
- NCAA Selection Criteria Policies & Procedures Document for membership reference purposes;
- NCAA Guidelines for Conferences in selecting RACs;
- And, Division II Conference Sports Meetings.

Division II Coaches

- Division II Selection Criteria Webinar/DVD with administrative verification form;
- Division II Selection Criteria Insert for Conference Handbooks;
- Division II Selection Criteria Feedback Portal for coaches;
- Division II Mock Sport Selection;
- And, Division II Selection Criteria sessions at coaches conventions.

Division II Regional Advisory Committees (RACs)

- Division II Selection Criteria Vocabulary and Definitions Guide;
- Division II Selection Criteria “How to Use” NCAA Online Score Reporting video;
- Division II Selection Criteria Webinar;
- Division II Selection Criteria Webinar on Ballot and Ranking Process;
- Division II Selection Criteria Feedback Portal for RACs;
- Division II Incentive/Award Nomination Program for RAC Chairs;
- And, Division II “Rookie” Training Program for First-Time RAC members.

Division II National Governing Sports Committees

- Division II Selection Criteria Vocabulary and Definitions Guide;
- Division II Selection Criteria “Best Practices” for oversight of RACs;
- Division II Selection Criteria Feedback Portal for National Governing Sports Committee;
- Division II Incentive/Award Nomination Program for Outstanding RAC Contribution;
- And, Division II “Rookie” Training Program for First-Time National Governing Sports Committee members.

(2) Effective Date. September 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. The Division II Championships Committee acknowledged the need for selection criteria to be better understood and transparent related to the selection process to develop a better understanding of the Division II selection criteria terminology, selection process and final selection outcomes within the Division.

In developing and offering the listed educational and training opportunities for

Division II constituents, the selection criteria will be clearer in terms of making schedules and serving in the RAC and national governing committee representative roles. The Division II Championships Committee believes the opportunities to articulate the rationale behind the selected selection criteria will provide much needed clarity on all elements related to selection criteria.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Division II Selection Criteria Timeline for Requests.

(1) Recommendation. That a policies and procedures manual for Division II selection criteria be developed.

(2) Effective Date. September 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. This policies and procedures manual for Division II selection criteria would be able to outline exact protocol for regional advisory committees (RACs), written explanation and instructions for the ballot process, definitions for objective criteria for each sport along, and the regionalization philosophy. The manual would provide a written framework for membership to utilize and be a resource for those representatives serving on Championship committees (RACs and national governing committees).

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Additional Selection Criteria Discussion Topics

The Championships Committee will further discuss the items below related to Division II selection criteria and determine if recommendations will be necessary.

- Inclusion of both incoming and out-going national committee members during annual meetings.
- An evaluation of the contiguous states policy for regionalization.
- The short-term focus was determined to be on 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. If the concept is adopted, the Championships Committee would need to develop

the processes that could be implemented and get further membership feedback related to the idea.

- Could or should sport committees consider earned access to address the issues of in-region, non-conference competition?
- Should reseeding occur at NCAA Championships if in-region/non-conference competition is encouraged during the regular season? If so, would committees be given autonomy to make decisions on seeding?