

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

ACTION ITEM.

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

1. Football. That Waverly Tillar, head coach, Elizabeth City State University, replace Monte Cater, head coach, Shepherd University.
2. Men's Lacrosse. That Glenn Hofmann, director of athletics, Merrimack College, replace Matt Bassett, director of athletics, Le Moyne College.
3. Women's Softball. That Kris Decker, associate director of athletics/compliance, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, replace Kelley Green, head coach, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.
4. Women's Water Polo. That Donald Sherman, associate director of athletics, Gannon University, replace Larry Sanders, former head coach, University of California, San Diego.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE.

1. **Regional Formats.** Each of the eight regions was asked to submit a recommended regional format for women's volleyball and men's and women's basketball. All eight women's volleyball regions voted to stay with the current regional format. Seven of the eight men's and women's basketball regions voted to stay with the current regional format; however, the Atlantic region voted to have a two-site format. All recommendations were approved. The contingency plan will be in effect for the 2009-10 academic year supporting the two-site and four-site format.
 - Division II Regional Tournament Contingency Plan. For any regional championship site where all seven participating teams must fly by charter or commercial means in order to reach a site, a contingency tournament format plan must be executed.
 - a. This contingency plan shall include a two-site format in which the No. 1 seed and the No. 2 seed will host a four-team tournament. The winner of each host site will compete for the regional championships.
 - b. The regional championship game will occur at the site of the highest remaining seed.
 - c. The contingency plan (i.e., two-site format) shall be implemented by the governing sports committee if it is determined that a cost savings (includes travel and

administrative costs) of at least \$20,000 will occur and the plan does not result in an undue hardship, as determined by the governing sports committee, to the participating schools (e.g., No. 1 and No. 2 hosts sites must meet regional tournament host guidelines and specifications).

2. Championships Committee Duties and Sport Committee Liaison Assignments. Sports committee assignments were reviewed for each championships committee member. The committee believes this will improve communication between sport committees and the championships committee.

3. The Elite 88 Award. The award will be presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the final site for each of the NCAA's 88 championships.

- The student-athlete must be at least a sophomore in academic standing and be in their second year of participation (in any sport) at their current institution.
- The student-athlete must be an active member on the roster, and be a member of the designated squad size for the championship site.
- The student-athlete must have his or her current grade-point average verified by the signature of an academic officer of the institution on the nomination form.

The committee endorsed the award concept and recommended an award be given to both the student-athlete and institution.

4. Sports Committee Requests.

a. Baseball.

- (1) Six-day Championship Schedule. Approved the recommended Division II baseball championship bracket which was reduced from eight days to six days.
- (2) Squad Size Increase. Approved that, effective 2011, the squad size be increased from 24 to 25 student-athletes, while keeping the travel party of 30 unchanged.
- (3) Umpires. Approved that, effective 2011, the number of umpires assigned to the championship finals site be increased from six to eight. Further, that the flat fee provided to the finals site umpires be increased from \$1,250 to \$1,300.
- (4) Regional Umpires. Approved that the number of umpires assigned to the eight-team regional in the South region be increased from seven to eight, effective with the 2010 championship.
- (5) Committee Chair. That Jeff Schaly, assistant director of athletics, Lynn University, serve as the chair of the committee, effective September 1, replacing Joe Clinton, director of athletics, Dominican College (New York), whose term is expiring.

b. Men's and Women's Basketball.

- Puerto Rico. Approved that results for and against institutions in Puerto Rico be reported in the same fashion as those institutions in candidacy year one. As a result, the institutions in Puerto Rico only will count in another institution's overall Division II record.

c. Field Hockey.

- (1) Inclement Weather. Approved that in the event play is suspended during NCAA Championship preliminary-round competition and all efforts have been exhausted to finish the contest but conditions prohibit the completion, the field hockey committee shall determine the advancing team as follows:

If fewer than 35 minutes have been played, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place. This policy states that the game must be completed within a reasonable time period, which is within 24 hours of the originally scheduled time. If more than 35 minutes have been played, the leading team shall advance.

- (2) 2010 Date Formula (one time change). Approved that the first-round game be moved to Tuesday, November 23 (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving), with selections taking place on the preceding Sunday (November 21). The current date formula states the first-round game would be played Saturday, November 6. Effective for the 2010 season only due to the Championships Festival.

d. Football.

- (1) Championship Officials. Approved that effective with the 2010 championship, the officials assigned to the national championship game will arrive at the national championship game site within 24 hours of the actual game time. As such, the officials would be permitted to arrive at the national championship site two days prior to the game.
- (2) Alternate Officials. Effective for the 2010 championship, an alternate official will be assigned in the event an official becomes incapacitated during the game. A flat game fee of \$100 per game will be paid, and no other expenses.

e. Men's Golf.

- (1) Match Play. Approved that after 54 holes of golf at the championships an individual champion be declared and the top eight teams advance to a medal/match play event. The quarterfinals and semifinals will be played on one day and the finals the next day, effective with the 2011 championships.

- (2) Committee Structure. Approved that the men's golf committee be reduced from five members to four members, effective with the 2010-11 academic year.
- (3) Practice Round. Approved the elimination of one practice round, effective with the 2010 championships.

f. Women's Golf.

- (1) Coaching. Approved that effective with the 2010 championship, two coaches be allowed to coach for a given institution during the championship rounds.
- (2) Practice Round. Approved that effective with the 2010 championship, the practice round that has previously taken place on the Monday prior to competition be eliminated.

g. Women's Rowing.

- (1) Selection Criteria. Approved that the current definition of late-season performance in the selection criteria be changed from "within the three weeks prior to the selection date of the NCAA championship" to "within 24 days of the selection date for the NCAA championship."
- (2) Committee Chair. Approved that John Gartin, head rowing coach, Nova Southeastern University, be appointed chair of the committee.

h. Men's and Women's Soccer.

- Officials Assignors. Approved the positions of national and regional coordinators for officials.

i. Softball.

- (1) Field Requirement. Approved the national championship site must use a six-foot, non-collapsible outfield fence.
- (2) Date Formula. Approved the date formula change to clarify playing the championship game on Memorial Day Monday, with the exception of years in which softball is a part of the Division II championships festival.
- (3) Selection Criteria. Approved to move the head-to-head competition component to primary criteria, and move the against .500 component to secondary criteria.

Note: All selection criteria will be reviewed by an internal championships group and will be reviewed during the February championships committee meeting.

- (4) Equipment. Approved support for the enhancement of the softball bat-compliance testing and approved future funding of additional testing.

j. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.

- Committee Chair. Approved that Wendy Snodgrass, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Clarion University, serve as chair of the committee for the 2009-10 academic year.

k. Men's and Women's Tennis.

- (1) Championships Date Formula. Approved the men's and women's championships finals begin the second Wednesday in May and conclude Saturday. Preliminary-round play begins two weeks before the championships (Thursday through Saturday).
- (2) Bracket. Approved bracket reduction for men's and women's tennis from 64 to 48 teams, effective for the 2011 championships. Regional and championship travel plus per-diem reimbursement will be provided for all 48 teams. The championships committee agreed to revisit reimbursement after two years.

l. Men's and Women's Track and Field.

- (1) Committee Chair. Approved Kim Duyst, associate director of athletics, California State University, Stanislaus, be appointed chair of the committee for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 terms of her appointment.
- (2) Oversight Committee. The championship committee supports the formation of a separate cross country sport oversight committee.

m. Women's Volleyball.

- Scorekeeper. Approved effective with the 2010 championship the fee for the scorekeeper for a match be increased from \$75 to \$100.

5. Automatic Qualifications.

- a. Baseball. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; 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. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 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 Athletic 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.
- c. Women's Basketball. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, 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.
- d. Men's Golf. That the following conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2010 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 be granted automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships.
- e. Softball. That the following conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2010 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 Conference; 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 Conference; Sunshine State Conference and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

f. Men's and Women's Tennis.

- (1) Men's Tennis. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2009 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Gulf South Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Northeast-10 Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), Sunshine State Conference and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- (2) Women's Tennis. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2009 NCAA Division II Women's Tennis 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; 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.

6. Site Selections.

- a. Baseball. Approved Cary, North Carolina, to serve as the site for the 2011 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship. The town of Cary and Mount Olive College will serve as co-hosts for the competition to be conducted at the USA Baseball National Training Complex.
- b. Women's Golf.
 - (1) Approved that Springfield, Missouri, be designated as the site for Super Regional One. The host institution will be Drury University.
 - (2) Approved that Salisbury, North Carolina, be designated as the site for Super Regional Two. The host institution will be Catawba College.

- (3) Approved that Lake City, Minnesota, be designated as the site for Super Regional Three. The host institution will be Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- (4) Approved that Canyon, Texas, be designated as the site for Super Regional Four. The host institution will be West Texas University.
- c. Men's Golf. [Note: The following sites were approved via teleconference, October 9.]
 - (1) Approved that Wilson, North Carolina, be designated as the site for the 2010 South/Southeast super regional with Barton College serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at Wilson Country Club.
 - (2) That Palm Desert, California, be designated as the site for the 2010 Central/West super regional with California State University, San Bernardino, serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at Desert Willow Golf Resort.
- 8. **Championship Travel Reimbursement.** The championships committee reviewed a request from Fort Lewis College and voted to award additional reimbursement for van rental and gas during the Division II men's basketball regional tournament. Additional information was provided to the championships committee surrounding the mileage from the hotel to the competition venue which warranted the request.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – SPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

- 1. **Charter Protocol.** The group received procedures for charter use and when applicable to use as well how costs are billed back to institutions. The NCAA travel department reviewed a request from the Management Council to look at alternate methods of billing institutions for charter travel. This review was to determine if current protocol was fair and equitable. Following the discussion, the Championships Committee indicated their support the current policy.
- 2. **Division II Championships Code of Conduct.** A thorough round table discussion of the document created by NCAA staff was reviewed, in light of actions occurring following the 2009 Winter Championships Festival. The committees discussed the document and made suggested changes. [A final copy of the Code of Conduct will be distributed at the meeting.]

Committee Chair: Janet Montgomery, University of West Alabama

Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships

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