

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2010**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. Women's Bowling Committee Composition.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 21.4.2 to specify that the Women's Bowling Committee consist of seven members, including one non-voting secretary-rules editor (SRE).
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The current legislation governing the composition of the women's bowling committee mandates that the committee have six members, including one member who shall serve as the SRE. The SRE was included in the committee composition initially because an individual member of the committee, at the time the SRE position was created, was designated to serve in that role. That individual was selected as a committee member initially and then as the SRE due to his extensive knowledge of the sport and his familiarity with the rules of other bowling entities. The expertise of the SRE continues to be a valuable and necessary resource to the committee, and the cabinet supports the SRE's continued attendance at the annual bowling committee meeting and at the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship. However, as the number of institutions sponsoring women's bowling continues to grow, a larger pool of administrators and coaches from which to draw committee members is available. With only five committee positions available due to one position being allocated to the SRE under current restrictions, it is sometimes challenging to meet the legislation. Finally, an additional committee position will provide more opportunity for diverse representation on the committee.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. \$3,065 for expenses of an additional committee member.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**b. Amendment to Bylaw 31.1.9.1.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council sponsor an administrative regulation change to amend NCAA Bylaw 31.1.9.1 (a) to increase the maximum financial penalty for failure to adhere to policies and procedures from \$300 to \$600.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The \$300 maximum has not increased since the adoption of Bylaw 31.1.9.1. Research suggests that \$600 in today's dollars is the equivalent of \$300 when the original legislation was adopted. This proposal simply increases the

maximum fine that may be imposed without seeking prior Championships Committee approval. Any fine above \$600 would continue to require prior Championships Committee approval.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

## 2. **Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Committee appointments.** Ratify the following committee appointments, effective immediately.
  - (a) Men's Basketball. That Gerald Holmes, head men's basketball coach at Bloomfield College, replace Alfred Johnson, head men's basketball coach at Holy Family University.
  - (b) Football. That Robert Nielson, director of athletics and head of football at the University of Minnesota Duluth, replace Tom Kirinovic, athletics director at Ferris State University. That Brad Smith, director of athletics, Chadron State College, to replace Tom Spicer, director of athletics, Colorado School of Mines. Attached is the composition chart, recommendations chart and nomination form.
  - (c) Women's Lacrosse. That Kevin Huckel, assistant director of athletics at Holy Family University, replace Brendan Sullivan, head women's lacrosse coach at Stonehill College.
  - (d) Softball. That Danielle Penner, head softball coach at Barry University, replace Christi Wade, associate athletics director at Saint Leo University.
  - (e) Track and Field. That Richard Hart, assistant coach for cross country and track and field at Stonehill College, replace Adam Siepiola, head track and field coach at Adelphi University.
  - (f) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. That Larry Marfise, athletics director of the University of Tampa, replace Greg McVey, associate athletics director at Quincy University.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS.**

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 and men's and women's basketball regions voted to stay with the current regional format. In addition, all eight regions recommended the final selection date as the date for site selection. The contingency plan will be in effect for the 2010-11 academic year.

- 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 number one seed and the number two seed will host a four-team tournament. The winner of each host site will compete for the regional championships. This contingency plan may also include a four-host site format in which the number one, number two, number three and number four seeds will host a two-team tournament. The winner of each site will compete at the site of the highest remaining seed.
  - b. The regional championship game will occur at the site of the highest remaining seed.
  - c. The contingency plan (e.g., 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., number one and number two 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 continues to improve communication between sport committees and the Championships Committee.

**3. Sports Committee Reports.**

a. Baseball.

- (1) Approved modification to the baseball selection criteria as follows, effective 2011:

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

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

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championship Committee to consider the

following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Baseball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

**Primary Criteria**

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

**Tie Breaking Criteria**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the following secondary criteria will be reviewed in priority order.

1. Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests); and
2. Results versus common opponents.

The championships committee supported this change to selection criteria because of the redundancy of criteria, as demonstrated through research conducted by the men's baseball committee.

- (2) Approved the following conferences to receive automatic qualification for the 2011 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.
- (3) The baseball committee updated regional hosting requirements to require a minimum seating capacity of 250, which may be permanent or temporary to the facility.
- (4) The baseball committee has established that all regular season contests must be completed no later than the Saturday prior to selections and that all conference

championship contests must be scheduled to start no later than 3 p.m. Eastern time on selection day. Allowances will be made for weather delays.

- (5) The baseball committee discussed increasing the baseball bracket by two teams. Currently baseball has the highest sponsorship among all team sports with 48-team brackets and smaller. That number is expected to increase as there are currently 17 institutions in the candidacy and provisional process that will likely gain full membership status by the 2012-13 school year.
- b. Men's Basketball.
- (1) Approved the following conferences to receive automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball 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.
  - (2) Approved Jim Johnson, director of athletics at Pittsburg State University, as chair of the men's basketball committee for a two year term, replacing Rich Sanders.
  - (3) Approved that Coach Dip Metress of Augusta State University be assessed a fine of \$2,300 for two instances of misconduct during the Elite Eight. The committee established that the fine is consistent with the precedent for this type of misconduct and that the fine is appropriate for the actions.
  - (4) Approved that officials wanting to work any round of the championship and beyond be required to register with Arbiter Sports, effective for the 2012 championship.
  - (5) Tabled the proposal that the men's basketball committee be permitted to seed (one to eight) the Elite Eight using the existing selection criteria. The championships committee is concerned with lack of data to compare teams nationally, so would like to review this proposal at its June meeting using Rating Percentage Index (RPI) data from 2010-11. The committee would also like to review the data and the impact of this recommendation on for other sports in addition to men's basketball.
  - (6) Approved that the Elite Eight in 2013 and any year where five Saturdays exist in March be moved one week later than the current date formula. This date change allows consistency in presenting the championship game one week prior to the Division I Men's Final Four.

- (7) John Adams, national coordinator of officials for Division I, will supply evaluators for each of the regional sites of the 2011 championship in lieu of the current practice of using a conference assignor. Mr. Adams' designee will work in conjunction with the NCAA site representative to evaluate and advance officials from the quarterfinal to semifinal round, semifinal round to the championship round, as well as the official(s) to advance to the Elite Eight. This approach also further enhances the pool of officials for all of NCAA basketball and ensures continuity across all three divisions. This procedure is effective with the 2010-11 academic year.
  - (8) The men's basketball committee decided to use the same approach in advancing officials to the Elite Eight as the women's basketball committee. This approach includes advancing one official from each of the eight regions and then a second official from four of the regions. The rotation of the four regions will remain consistent with the committee's current rotation. The committee believes this approach better exemplifies the regionalization model, works to ensure the best officials are working the regional tournaments and enables and rewards the most talented officials to work within the national championship. This procedure is effective with the 2010-11 academic year.
- c. Women's Basketball.
- (1) Approved that officials wanting to work any round of the championship and beyond be required to register with Arbiter Sports, effective for the 2012 championship.
  - (2) Approved that the Elite Eight in 2013 and any year where five Saturdays exist in March be moved one week later than the current date formula. This date change allows consistency in presenting the championship game one week prior to the Division I Men's Final Four.
- d. Men's golf.
- (1) Approved that the date formula for the finals remain as the third full week in the month of May with 54 holes of stroke play taking place Monday to Wednesday, quarterfinal and semifinal matches taking place on Thursday, and the championship final match on Friday, effective with the 2010-11 season.
  - (2) Approved that the selection criteria for teams to be eligible for an at-large selection to the championships be modified to read as follows: 50 percent of competition must be against Division II opponents of which 40 opponents must be in-region opponents; or, a team must have 60 Division II opponents of which 40 must be Division II in-region opponents, effective with the 2011-12 season.
  - (3) Approved the following conferences to receive automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships: 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 2011 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships.

- (4) Approved that Brett Esely, Missouri Western State University, be named as chair, replacing David Sharp, Ouachita Baptist University, effective immediately.
  - (5) The men's golf committee determined that medal/match play will be the format once the top eight teams have been determined following 54 holes of stroke play. All five players will count with head-to-head competition taking place in a stroke-play format with each match counting as one point. The committee believes that this format falls in line with stroke play being the predominant format during the regular season. The committee also believes that this format will differentiate themselves from Division I while still providing for head-to-head competition and a great student-athlete experience.
  - (6) Over the next few months, the men's golf committee will evaluate the process by which teams advance from regionals to the national championships. Currently, the top five teams from each regional advance to the national championships. The committee may ask for consideration of a model that still provides equal access for the majority of the championships bids based on regionalization; and that allows for distribution of a minority of the bids to regions that have performed well (qualified for the medal/match play) at the national championships with additional berths the following year.
  - (7) The 2011 Central/West Regional, hosted by Western New Mexico University, has been relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico from Los Cruces, New Mexico. The host believes that Albuquerque is a more centralized location that will provide easier access for teams selected to compete in the Central/West regional. The budget for the regional will remain unchanged.
- e. Women's golf.
- (1) Approved that Lakeland, Florida be designated as the site for the 2011 Super Regional Two. Florida Southern College will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at The Club at Eaglebrooke.
  - (2) Approved that St. Paul, Minnesota be designated as the site for the 2011 Super Regional Three. Concordia University, St. Paul will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Hillcrest Country Club.

- (3) Approved that Canyon, Texas be designated as the site for Super Regional Four. West Texas A&M University will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Tascosa Country Club. It was noted that other bids for this regional were submitted, but that both sites haven't previously hosted regional competition and both sites have expensive course fees.
  - (4) That Pensacola, Florida be designated as the site for the 2012 Super Regional Two. The University of West Florida will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Stonebrook Golf Club.
- f. Men's lacrosse.
- (1) With the increasing popularity of lacrosse, specifically men's lacrosse, and with sponsorship of 36 member institutions this past year and an anticipated growth of at least four programs this coming year, the men's lacrosse committee looks forward to possible bracket expansion in the future.
  - (2) Approved that Annapolis, Maryland and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania be designated as the sites for the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship Quarterfinals. U.S. Naval Academy and Drexel University will serve as the respective hosts for the competition to be conducted at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and Philadelphia Union Stadium.
  - (3) Approved that Philadelphia, Pennsylvania be designated as the site for the 2013 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships. Drexel University will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at Lincoln Financial Field.
  - (4) Approved that Baltimore, Maryland be designated as the sites for the 2014 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships. Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University Maryland, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and Towson University will serve as hosts for the competition to be contested at M&T Bank Stadium.
- g. Women's rowing.
- (1) Approved that effective with the 2011 Women's Rowing Championship, that the committee seed all six Eight boats (irrespective of whether they were selected as an at-large or team boat) using an S curve with no more than two boats from the same region in the same heat (1,4,5 in one heat, 2,3,6 in the other heat). If there are more than two boats from the same region in the same heat, the following alternative heats will be used (1,4,6 in one heat, 2,3,5 in the other heat). The championships committee expressed concern with seeding nationally. Mr. Bedics noted that it is much easier to compare nationally for rowing because there are only 17 active programs, so most institutions have competed against each other.
  - (2) Approved that Gold River, California, be designated as the site for the 2011 NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Championships. Washington State University will



serve as host for the competition to be conducted at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center on Lake Natoma.

- (3) Approved that West Windsor, New Jersey, be designated as the site for the 2012 NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Championships. The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will serve as host for the competition to be conducted at Lake Mercer.
- (4) Approved that Gainesville, Georgia, be designated as the host site for the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Championships. Clemson University will serve as host for the competition to be conducted at Lake Lanier.

h. Softball.

- (1) Approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2011 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.
- (2) Approved that Pam Knox, Head Softball Coach at Western Oregon University, be appointed chair, effective immediately.

i. Men's and women's track and field.

- (1) Approved that Victor Thomas of Lincoln University (Missouri) be issued a \$2,000 misconduct fine for behavior at the 2010 Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The amount of the fine is consistent with previous fines issued for misconducts of a similar nature.
- (2) In Bylaw 20.10.3.5.4, institutions are permitted to use two multi-team contests to count towards the required minimum number of competitions:

For championship consideration, the track and field committee would like to require that teams only be permitted to use one multi-team contest. The committee feels this will foster further participation in the sport and institutions will have to compete in at least three events throughout the season. If the committee continued to allow two double duals, institutions would only have to compete in two meets that are scored as double duals and consist of 14 participants. During the outdoor season there are more competitive opportunities due to the number of facilities and the length of the season. The committee feels very strongly about the membership

actively promoting and participating in the sport to continue its growth and visibility.

The championships committee expressed concerns that this requirement could cause issues for schools in climates with cold weather and snow. Ms. Palmer noted that there have been waiver requests for indoor track and field for similar situations, and the committee would review any similar request for the outdoor season.

- (3) The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) sent the track and field committee a proposal requesting that no cross country championships, inclusive of the regional meets, be held at an altitude higher than 3,500 feet. The USTFCCCA held a vote at their annual convention in December of 2009 and 125 division II coaches participated in the polling, representing 93 Division II institutions. 98 coaches were in favor of this motion, 24 were opposed and three abstained. Championships Committee noted and discussed the information concerning competition at altitude and no further action was taken.
- (4) The track and field committee discussed the landscape of the cross country, indoor and outdoor championships. They reviewed the number of participants in each of these championships and how it represented the number of student-athletes participating in the sports. Additionally, the conversation centered on the competitiveness of each of the championships. After reviewing the 2008-09 access ratios, the committee realized that sponsorship and participation in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field has increased and the access ratios for the championships (men's cross country 1:16, women's cross country 1:17, men's indoor 1:19, women's indoor 1:18, men's outdoor 1:16, women's outdoor 1:15) are higher than all of the other individual team sports, except for men's golf, who's ratio is 1:25 at the final site. This is a function of the logistics in managing a golf tournament. The committee would like to the opportunity to propose a plan for adding numbers to bring the access ratios more in line with the other individual team sports and the 1:12/1:14 ratio that is the goal for individual team sport access.

If given the opportunity, the committee would like to engage the membership in looking at potential formats for increased numbers at the championships.

j. Men's soccer.

- The championships committee denied appeals from two member institutions regarding the selection requirements for championships.

k. Women's lacrosse.

- (1) Approved an increase in bench size from 30 to 38 for the women's lacrosse championships.
- (2) The women's lacrosse committee will request a bracket expansion from six to eight teams at the September 2011 meeting.

- (3) The women's lacrosse committee will request a regional realignment at the September 2011 meeting. The committee would like to expand the current two regions into four regions, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, West and South.

4. **Charter Bus Pilot Initiative.** A pilot program for championship travel similar to the process we currently have for providing air transportation, where the NCAA provides charter bus transportation to teams was discussed. In past years, all institutions required to drive have made arrangements for themselves. The NCAA travel group wants to find ways to consolidate ground transportation with one single provider, GO Ground Options, helping to improve efficiency and safety.

Using one provider will result in pre-negotiated fees with guaranteed payment upfront by the NCAA. It is estimated that at a minimum, there will be a 10 percent savings in our ground transportation expenses, with hopes that the savings could be as high as 20 to 25 percent. These savings can be reinvested into program, which could help cover payment of transportation that currently is not reimbursed.

Improved safety program is another goal for the pilot program. The NCAA program will have the highest standards possible for safety of the buses. All buses will be reviewed bi-annually, and there will be random maintenance inspections given without notice. Once the program is implemented, the NCAA is hoping that it can be used for regular-season travel, which will help improve safety and pricing for institutions year-round. After the pilot phase, they will also be looking to develop technology improvements to help track travel and estimated arrival times.

All divisions of football and Division I women's volleyball will participate in the pilot program this fall. Football was chosen to participate due to the longer period of time between selections and actual travel dates. Volleyball was selected because those teams will have less advance notice once selected. The NCAA travel group will evaluate the program in the fall and determine if the program will be used for winter and/or spring championships.

Juanita Sheely, NCAA associate director of travel and insurance, and Nikki Watson, NCAA assistant director of process and project management, explained the process for the program. GO Ground Options will solicit various bus companies and contract with them, requiring that they meet the NCAA safety standards and contracted rates. GO Ground Options is currently building a database of charter providers that are currently used by NCAA institutions. To help with this process, the NCAA will be sending a survey to member institutions, soliciting information about companies that are currently being used for ground transportation.

If the NCAA is reimbursing expenses for ground transportation, institutions will be required to use the program. The one exception will be for institutions that own their own buses, as long as a liability clause is signed by that institution. If ground transportation expenses are not reimbursed, institutions can use any provider, but will be able to use the NCAA program if needed. This program can also be used for on-site local transportation by teams that fly to the championships site. Institutions will reserve buses via telephone or online, and will be assigned a bus with contact information. If institutions are interested in a bus with additional amenities, they will be required to pay the difference.

It was noted that there is no effective way to ensure that institutions are traveling the correct number of individuals based on travel party size, but expenses will still be less than if those teams are using air transportation.

The NCAA travel group would like all team sports to be using the program by end of 2012. They are currently developing a communication plan to relay all information to the membership.

5. **Elite 88 Report.** The Elite 88 award is presented at each championship, honoring the participating student-athlete with the highest grade point average (GPA). For the 2009-10 school year, the average GPA for Division II student-athletes who received the award was 3.966.
6. **Code of Conduct and Misconduct Penalties.** The committees-discussed the Division II Code of Conduct document and made suggested changes. The committee would like there to be clearer instructions about to whom the form should be submitted, as well as additional language outlining the possible penalties for misconduct and the process for notifying institutions of potential misconduct. The committee also determined that institutions should only be required to sign and submit the form once, after selections, but that all individuals traveling to the championships must sign the form. It was determined that misconduct letters for both public and private reprimands shall be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics, the coach and any other individual (s) involved in the misconduct.
7. **Long-Range Projections Task Force.** A thorough discussion took place between the Championships Committee and the sports committee chairs to establish a list of priorities for Division II, looking at the Division II budget from 2023-24. All information will be forwarded to the task force for its November meeting.
8. **Sport Sponsorship, Ratios and Profiles.** A thorough review took place of all bracket sizes and ratios for team and individual sports to determine potential growth or reduction. Each sport committee will be asked to review current bracket sizes for future expansion and provide a financial analysis if expansion is recommended. In addition, a chart will be developed showing the sports offered for schools within the membership process.
9. **Fines for Late Schedule Submissions.** The proposal for review by the Management Council regarding Bylaw 31.1.9.1 would increase the maximum financial penalties that can be issued to institutions for failure to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration. Pending approval of the modifications to Bylaw 31.1.9.1, beginning with the 2011-12 school year, institutions will be issued a \$300 fine for late schedule submissions. Institutions will be given seven days to submit schedules, and will be issued another \$300 fine if they fail to meet the second deadline.

10. **2011 Convention Education Session.** The championships committee will host an education session from 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, at the NCAA Convention. Championships Committee members William Fusco, director of athletics at Sonoma State University, Butch Raymond, commissioner, and Erin Lind, senior woman administrator both of Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, will discuss upcoming events/changes for championships, sports sponsorship, Rating Percentage Index (RPI), budget impact/bracket expansion, long-range planning priorities and regionalization.
  
11. **2010 Fall Championships Festival Update.** NCAA staff gave updates on the fall championships festival. Staff has been fortunate enough to make multiple site visits due to the close proximity of the site. A marketing plan has been implemented to help advertise and promote the festival, hotel contracts have been finalized and social events have been scheduled. There will be a VIP reception Friday night at the Louisville Slugger Museum and a community engagement opportunity Wednesday at the Muhammad Ali Center. The field hockey all-star game will be played on site for the first time. Bellarmine University and the city of Louisville are excited about the festival and have done an impressive job in planning so far. There will not be an advance sale for tickets. On site, tickets will be offered at \$25 for all-session ticket for the full festival and \$10 for an individual day, and a \$5 parking pass will be offered for just the cross country championship. The NCAA will be providing charter buses for NCAA staff and families December 4 to help encourage attendance. Members of the Championships Committee are encouraged to attend as well.
  
12. **Regionalization/RPI.** Regionalization maps were distributed, showing projected growth through 2013-14. The Championships Committee was reminded that it is the only committee, in consultation with the Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council, that may amend the regionalization model due to approved changes in the membership (for example, the addition of new schools or conferences, realignment of current conferences).  
  
In addition, Greg Shaheen, NCAA interim executive vice president of championships and alliances discussed the use of the RPI and the possible future implementation in the Division II championships. The RPI is not a precise instrument, but it can lead to possible unintended consequences. It is logical to explore using an RPI as one of many items that go into the selection process.
  
13. **Meeting with Sport Committee Chairs.** The Championships Committee conducted a joint meeting with sport committee chairs and NCAA championship managers and covered the following topics: Division II championship experience; officials review; Division II network;

candidacy/provisional/reclassifying institutions; review of Bylaw 17; and online score-reporting system.

*Committee Chair: Bill Fusco, Sonoma State University*  
*Staff Liaison: Roberta Page, Championships*  
*Amy Reis, Championships*