



Athletic Administrators Council Meeting
Chair – Marcus Wagner, University of Mary
July 9, 2026

8:30 a.m.
DoubleTree – Bloomington/Minneapolis South
Edina Room

Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks. (Marcus Wagner)
2. Approval of January 2026 Minutes. (Wagner) [Supplement No. 1] – *Action Anticipated*
3. Reports from Summer Sport Meetings. – *Action Anticipated*
 - a. Athletic Trainers. (Bridget Steffes) [Supplement No. 2]
 - b. Women's Tennis. (Jeni Walsh) [Supplement No. 3]
 - c. Swimming & Diving. (Nora Lieser) [Supplement No. 4]
 - d. Cross Country. (Allison Meadows) [Supplement No. 5]
 - e. Track & Field. (Meadows) [Supplement No. 6]
 - f. Women's Golf. (Britt Lauritsen) [Supplement No. 7]
 - g. Men's Golf. (Lauritsen) [Supplement No. 8]
 - h. Wrestling. (Wagner) [Supplement No. 9]
4. Idea Sharing Session. (Wagner)
 - a. Post Eligibility Insurance. (Nate Davis)
 - b. Managing Coaching Changes. (Jen Flowers)
 - c. Open Floor.
5. Reports from Summer Sport Meetings. – *Action Anticipated*
 - a. Softball. (Jordan Boisner) [Supplement No. 10]
 - b. Baseball. (Regan McAthie)
 - c. Women's Soccer. (Allison Monson) [Supplement No. 11]
 - d. Volleyball. (Holly Schreiner)
 - e. Football. (Jon Hart)
6. Miscellaneous. (Wagner)
 - a. Future AAC Meetings: August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19
 - b. Fall Game Management Zooms.

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Athletic Administrators Council Meeting Report
January 15, 2026**

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025 Athletic Administrators Council Meeting.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Football.

2. Recommendation. To adopt the 2027 & 2028 NSIC football schedules as outlined in Supplement FB-A.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The 2027 & 2028 schedules complete a four-year scheduling cycle, utilizing the same scheduling parameters as the 2025 & 2026 schedules.

Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council 26-0-4.

Soccer.

3. Recommendation. To adopt the 2027 & 2028 NSIC soccer schedules as outlined in Supplement Soc-A.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The 2027 & 2028 schedules complete a four-year scheduling cycle, utilizing the same scheduling parameters as the 2025 & 2026 schedules.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Volleyball.

4. Recommendation. To require a minimum of three cameras, of which no two cameras capture the same angle/view of the playing area, to be utilized for Challenge Review System.

Effective Date. 2026 Season.

Rationale. Challenge Review System data from the 2025 season showed that 30% of the challenges in the conference had the outcome of “call stands” meaning there was not sufficient video evidence to confirm or reverse the original call. The percentage of “call stands” within the conference was higher compared to national data which showed 17.3% of challenges had the outcome of “call stands”. Touches and in/out line calls are the two types of calls that are challenged the most. Feedback gathered from officials and coaches provided insight that calls could not be confirmed or reversed due to both cameras providing the same angle of the play under review/a camera angle not being available. Specifying an increased minimum number of cameras and that cameras are to

capture different angles/views of the playing area (i.e. one camera captures the playing area from a sideline view and one from an endline view) for Challenge Review System will improve the ability for plays to be effectively analyzed.

Unanimously Approved by the Athletic Administrators Council.

Informational Items.

1. Approval of July 2025 Meeting Minutes. The group reviewed the minutes from the July 10, 2025, Athletic Administrators Council meeting. There was no further discussion, and a recommendation was made to approve the minutes.
2. Future Schedule Updates.
 - a. 2027/2028 Football. The group was provided with an overview of the crafted 2027 and 2028 conference football schedules. A recommendation to adopt the schedules was made and can be referenced as action item two.
 - b. 2027/2028 Soccer. The group was provided with an overview of the crafted 2027 and 2028 conference soccer schedules. A recommendation to adopt the schedules was made and can be referenced as action item three.
3. Volleyball Post Season Meeting Report. An overview of the volleyball coaching group post-season meeting was provided. A recommendation from the coaching group to amend the challenge review system requirements starting with the 2026 season was adopted and can be referenced as action item four. The concept of transitioning the conference schedule format to a single-round robin format was brought forward by the coaches and discussed by the group. The group agreed that the approved conference schedules (2026 & 2027) will maintain their current format and that the schedule format can be evaluated for the new scheduling cycle. During its summer meeting, the volleyball coaching group will discuss the conference schedule format to begin the evaluation for the 2028 & beyond schedule development process. The group was reminded that starting with the 2026 season, line judges will be assigned by the NSIC Coordinator of Officials.
4. Spring Sport Reminders.
 - a. Baseball. Rescheduling policy reminders were provided to the group. The group was encouraged to review the baseball handbook in advance of the season.
 - b. Softball. Reminders were provided regarding rescheduling. Of note, the 2026 season is the first year of a new scheduling structure that features seven weekends of conference play with one travel partner midweek series. The group was reminded of the DII softball championship date formula adjustment; with the adjustment the conference softball tournament will take place May 6-9 which is the same week as the conference baseball tournament and the NSIC track & field championship.
 - c. Women's Tennis. Reminders in preparation of the tennis season were provided. Of note, one official must be present at each match, Wilson US Open Extra Duty is the official NSIC match ball and is to be used during all matches in the 2026 season. The conference tournament will take place at Huether Family Match Pointe in Sioux Falls; the 2026 tournament is year one of a three-year agreement with the facility.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Future AAC Meetings. Future AAC meetings will take place on February 19, March 19, April 16, and May 21.

Participants.

**Unable to attend*

Name, Title	Institution
Josh Morton, Director of Athletics	Augustana University
Dr. Kimberly Miller, Senior Woman Administrator	Augustana University
Britt Lauritsen, Director of Athletics	Bemidji State University
Chelsea Stoltenberg, Senior Woman Administrator*	Bemidji State University
Regan McAthie, Director of Athletics	Concordia University, St. Paul
Allison Meadows, Senior Woman Administrator	Concordia University, St. Paul
Austin Hieb, Director of Athletics	University of Jamestown
Hannah Griffin, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Jamestown
Marcus Wagner, Director of Athletics	University of Mary
Jeni Walsh, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Mary
Stephanie Helgeson, Director of Athletics	University of Minnesota Crookston
Bridget Steffes, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Minnesota Crookston
Forrest Karr, Director of Athletics	University of Minnesota Duluth
Abbey Strong, Senior Woman Administrator	University of Minnesota Duluth
Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Morgan Goedken, Senior Woman Administrator	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Chad Markuson, Director of Athletics	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Shannon Curtin, Senior Woman Administrator	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Janna McKechnie, Associate Director of Athletics	Minot State University
Jordan Boisner, Senior Woman Administrator	Minot State University
Nate Davis, Director of Athletics	Northern State University
Terri Holmes, Senior Woman Administrator	Northern State University
Jon Hart, Director of Athletics	University of Sioux Falls
Carley Neumann, Senior Woman Administrator*	University of Sioux Falls
Travis Whipple, Director of Athletics	Southwest Minnesota State University
Allison Monson, Senior Woman Administrator	Southwest Minnesota State University
Holly Schreiner, Director of Athletics	St. Cloud State University
Nora Lieser, Senior Woman Administrator	St. Cloud State University
Mike Powicki, Director of Athletics	Wayne State College
Linda Anderson, Senior Woman Administrator	Wayne State College
Jen Flowers, Director of Athletics	Winona State University
Melanie Brunsdon, Senior Woman Administrator	Winona State University
Erin Lind, Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Allison Cordes, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Taytum Rhoades, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

2027 NSIC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE*Approved 1/15/2026*

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Week	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13
BSU		at USF	WSU	CSP	at UMary	at AU	NSU		at MSUM	Minot	at UJ	UMD
UJ		at SMSU	AU	WSC	at UMD	at MSUM	UMary		at MSU	NSU	BSU	at Minot
UMary		at AU	WSC	at USF	BSU	Minot	at UJ		at NSU	MSUM	at UMD	SMSU
UMD		at MSU	CSP	at WSU	UJ	at NSU	MSUM		at Minot	USF	UMary	at BSU
MSUM		at WSU	SMSU	AU	at WSC	UJ	at UMD		BSU	at UMary	Minot	at NSU
Minot		at CSP	MSU	at SMSU	NSU	at UMary	WSU		UMD	at BSU	at MSUM	UJ
NSU		at WSC	USF	MSU	at Minot	UMD	at BSU		UMary	at UJ	at CSP	MSUM
AU		UMary	at UJ	at MSUM	SMSU	BSU	at USF		at WSC	WSU	at MSU	CSP
CSP		Minot	at UMD	at BSU	USF	at SMSU	WSC		at WSU	MSU	NSU	at AU
MSU		UMD	at Minot	at NSU	WSU	at WSC	SMSU		UJ	at CSP	AU	at USF
USF		BSU	at NSU	UMary	at CSP	at WSU	AU		SMSU	at UMD	at WSC	MSU
SMSU		UJ	at MSUM	Minot	at AU	CSP	at MSU		at USF	WSC	WSU	at UMary
WSC		NSU	at UMary	at UJ	MSUM	MSU	at CSP		AU	at SMSU	USF	at WSU
WSU		MSUM	at BSU	UMD	at MSU	USF	at Minot		CSP	at AU	at SMSU	WSC

Key:

Out of Division games outlined

Home games green

Away games red

Schedule Parameters

- 10-game divisional schedule. Each team plays against all their divisional opponents and 4 out-of-division opponents.
- Start of conference schedule is the second week of permissible play.
- All institutions play 5H/5A games. Of the first four conference games, all institutions play 2H/2A games.
- No more than two games at home or away in a row.
- Open date in week seven for mid-season rest opportunity. Institutions can schedule non-conference opponents during weeks zero or seven.
- Conference games cannot be moved to another point in the season.
- Year three of four-year scheduling cycle: In-division games are played in a different order than years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle. The out-of-division opponents that a team plays is rotated off the previous years of the scheduling cycle with the location of each out-of-division opponent flipped home/away (i.e. In 2025 BSU played at WSU, in 2027 BSU hosts WSU). The out-of-division opponent that is played two times within years 3 & 4 of the scheduling cycle is different than the out-of-division opponent that was played two times within years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle. The out-of-division game that is played within weeks 4-11 is played during a different week than it was during years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle.

2028 NSIC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Approved 1/15/2026

Week	0 8/26	1 9/2	2 9/9	3 9/16	4 9/23	5 9/30	6 10/7	7 10/14	8 10/21	9 10/28	10 11/4	11 11/11
BSU		MSU	at SMSU	at WSC	UMary	AU	at NSU		MSUM	at Minot	UJ	at UMD
UJ		WSU	at USF	at CSP	UMD	MSUM	at UMary		MSU	at NSU	at BSU	Minot
UMary		CSP	at MSU	WSU	at BSU	at Minot	UJ		NSU	at MSUM	UMD	at SMSU
UMD		WSC	at AU	SMSU	at UJ	NSU	at MSUM		Minot	at USF	at UMary	BSU
MSUM		USF	at CSP	at MSU	WSC	at UJ	UMD		at BSU	UMary	at Minot	NSU
Minot		AU	at WSC	USF	at NSU	UMary	at WSU		at UMD	BSU	MSUM	at UJ
NSU		SMSU	at WSU	at AU	Minot	at UMD	BSU		at UMary	UJ	CSP	at MSUM

AU		at Minot	UMD	NSU	at SMSU	at BSU	USF		WSC	at WSU	MSU	at CSP
CSP		at UMary	MSUM	UJ	at USF	SMSU	at WSC		WSU	at MSU	at NSU	AU
MSU		at BSU	UMary	MSUM	at WSU	WSC	at SMSU		at UJ	CSP	at AU	USF
USF		at MSUM	UJ	at Minot	CSP	WSU	at AU		at SMSU	UMD	WSC	at MSU
SMSU		at NSU	BSU	at UMD	AU	at CSP	MSU		USF	at WSC	at WSU	UMary
WSC		at UMD	Minot	BSU	at MSUM	at MSU	CSP		at AU	SMSU	at USF	WSU
WSU		at UJ	NSU	at UMary	MSU	at USF	Minot		at CSP	AU	SMSU	at WSC

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- Year four of four-year scheduling cycle: All in-division games are played in the same order as year 3 of the scheduling cycle with the location flipped home/away. The out-of-division opponents that a team plays is rotated off the previous years of the scheduling cycle with the location of each out-of-division opponent flipped home/away (i.e. In 2026 BSU hosted SMSU, in 2028 BSU plays at SMSU). For the one out-of-division opponent that is played two times within years 3 & 4 of the scheduling cycle, the location is flipped home/away.

2027 NSIC Soccer Schedule

Approved 1/15/2026

WEEK	DATE	AU	WSC	USF	SMSU	BSU	UMD	UMC	MSUM	CSP	WSU	MSU	SCSU	UJ	NSU	UMary	Minot
1	Fri 17-Sep	NSU	UJ	Minot	UMary	WSU	CSP	SCSU	MSU	UMD	BSU	MSUM	UMC	WSC	AU	SMSU	USF
	Sun 18-Sep	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Sun 19-Sep	UJ	NSU	UMary	Minot	CSP	WSU	MSU	SCSU	BSU	UMD	UMC	MSUM	AU	WSC	USF	SMSU
2	Fri 24-Sep	UMary	Minot	UJ	NSU	MSU	SCSU	CSP	WSU	UMC	MSUM	BSU	UMD	USF	SMSU	AU	WSC
	Sun 25-Sep	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	Sun 26-Sep	Minot	UMary	NSU	UJ	SCSU	MSU	WSU	CSP	MSUM	UMC	UMD	BSU	SMSU	USF	WSC	AU
3	Fri 1-Oct	UMD	BSU	MSUM	UMC	WSC	AU	SMSU	USF	NSU	UJ	Minot	UMary	WSU	CSP	SCSU	MSU
	Sun 2-Oct	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	H
	Sun 3-Oct	BSU	UMD	UMC	MSUM	AU	WSC	USF	SMSU	UJ	NSU	UMary	Minot	CSP	WSU	MSU	SCSU
4	Fri 8-Oct	SCSU	MSU	WSU	CSP	Minot	UMary	NSU	UJ	SMSU	USF	WSC	AU	MSUM	UMC	UMD	BSU
	Sun 9-Oct	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A
	Sun 10-Oct	MSU	SCSU	CSP	WSU	UMary	Minot	UJ	NSU	USF	SMSU	AU	WSC	UMC	MSUM	BSU	UMD
5	Fri 15-Oct	SMSU	USF	WSC	AU	MSUM	UMC	UMD	BSU	SCSU	MSU	WSU	CSP	Minot	UMary	NSU	UJ
	Sun 16-Oct	A	A	H	H	A	A	H	H	A	A	H	H	H	H	A	A
	Sun 17-Oct	USF	SMSU	AU	WSC	UMC	MSUM	BSU	UMD	MSU	SCSU	CSP	WSU	UMary	Minot	UJ	NSU
6	Fri 22-Oct	CSP	WSU	MSU	SCSU	UJ	NSU	UMary	Minot	AU	WSC	USF	SMSU	BSU	UMD	UMC	MSUM
	Sun 23-Oct	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	H
	Sun 24-Oct	WSU	CSP	SCSU	MSU	NSU	UJ	Minot	UMary	WSC	AU	SMSU	USF	UMD	BSU	MSUM	UMC
7	Fri 29-Oct	UMC	MSUM	BSU	UMD	USF	SMSU	AU	WSC	UMary	Minot	UJ	NSU	MSU	SCSU	CSP	WSU
	Sun 30-Oct	A	A	A	A	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	A	A	A	A
	Sun 31-Oct	MSUM	UMC	UMD	BSU	SMSU	USF	WSC	AU	Minot	UMary	NSU	UJ	SCSU	MSU	WSU	CSP
8	Thurs 4-Nov	WSC	AU	SMSU	USF	UMD	BSU	MSUM	UMC	WSU	CSP	SCSU	MSU	NSU	UJ	Minot	UMary
		H	A	A	H	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	H	A	A	H

2027 NSIC Tournament: Quarterfinals - November 8, Semifinals - November 12, Championship - November 14

Schedule Parameters

- 15-match conference schedule with a single round robin format.
- Start of conference schedule is the third weekend of permissible play (provides two weekends to compete in non-conference competition).
- All institutions play 8H/7A or 7H/8A matches. Of the first four conference weekends, all institutions play 2H/2A weekends. Of the last two Friday/Sunday conference weekends (weeks 6 & 7), all institutions play 1H/1A weekend.
 - To ensure a balance of home and away for all institutions, the location of matches within the weekend for in-pod opponents is one home and one away. Week 5 is highlighted in blue to denote the weekend of in-pod opponents.
- No more than two weekends at home or away in a row; no more than four matches at home or away in a row.
- Year three of a four-year scheduling cycle:
 - Conference opponents are played in a different order than years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle.
 - For the location where an institution plays an opponent, the order of opponents within the weekend is opposite from years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle (i.e. In 2025 Minot played at SMSU, then at USF within the weekend; in 2027 Minot plays at USF, then at SMSU within the weekend).
 - For the in-pod weekend (week 5), the order of opponents within the weekend is opposite from years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle (i.e. In 2025 & 2026 Minot played NSU then UJ; in 2027 & 2028 Minot will play UJ then NSU within the in-pod weekend).

2028 NSIC Soccer Schedule

Approved 1/15/2026

WEEK	DATE	AU	WSC	USF	SMSU	BSU	UMD	UMC	MSUM	CSP	WSU	MSU	SCSU	UJ	NSU	UMary	Minot
1	Fri 15-Sep	UJ A	NSU A	UMary A	Minot A	CSP A	WSU A	MSU A	SCSU A	BSU H	UMD H	UMC H	MSUM H	AU H	WSC H	USF H	SMSU H
	Sun 17-Sep	NSU A	UJ A	Minot A	UMary A	WSU A	CSP A	SCSU A	MSU A	UMD H	BSU H	MSUM H	UMC H	WSC H	AU H	SMSU H	USF H
	Fri 22-Sep	Minot H	UMary H	NSU H	UJ H	SCSU H	MSU H	WSU H	CSP H	MSUM A	UMC A	UMD A	BSU A	SMSU A	USF A	WSC A	AU A
2	Sun 24-Sep	UMary H	Minot H	UJ H	NSU H	MSU H	SCSU H	CSP H	WSU H	UMC A	MSUM A	BSU A	UMD A	USF A	SMSU A	AU A	WSC A
	Fri 29-Sep	BSU A	UMD A	UMC A	MSUM A	AU H	WSC H	USF H	SMSU H	UJ H	NSU H	UMary H	Minot H	CSP A	WSU A	MSU A	SCSU A
	Sun 1-Oct	UMD A	BSU A	MSUM A	UMC A	WSC H	AU H	SMSU H	USF H	NSU H	UJ H	Minot H	UMary H	WSU A	CSP A	SCSU A	MSU A
3	Fri 6-Oct	MSU H	SCSU H	CSP H	WSU H	UMary A	Minot A	UJ A	NSU A	USF A	SMSU A	AU A	WSC A	UMC H	MSUM H	BSU H	UMD H
	Sun 8-Oct	SCSU H	MSU H	WSU H	CSP H	Minot A	UMary A	NSU A	UJ A	SMSU A	USF A	WSC A	AU A	MSUM H	UMC H	UMD H	BSU H
	Fri 13-Oct	SMSU H	USF H	WSC A	AU A	MSUM H	UMC H	UMD A	BSU A	SCSU H	MSU H	WSU A	CSP A	Minot A	UMary A	NSU H	UJ H
4	Sun 15-Oct	USF A	SMSU A	AU H	WSC H	UMC A	MSUM A	BSU H	UMD H	MSU A	SCSU A	CSP H	WSU H	UMary H	Minot H	UJ A	NSU A
	Fri 20-Oct	WSU A	CSP A	SCSU A	MSU A	NSU H	UJ H	Minot H	UMary H	WSC H	AU H	SMSU H	USF H	UMD A	BSU A	MSUM A	UMC A
	Sun 22-Oct	CSP A	WSU A	MSU A	SCSU A	UJ H	NSU H	UMary H	Minot H	AU H	WSC H	USF H	SMSU H	BSU A	UMD A	UMC A	MSUM A
5	Fri 27-Oct	MSUM H	UMC H	UMD H	BSU H	SMSU A	USF A	WSC A	AU A	Minot A	UMary A	NSU A	UJ A	SCSU H	MSU H	WSU H	CSP H
	Sun 29-Oct	UMC H	MSUM H	BSU H	UMD H	USF A	SMSU A	AU A	WSC A	UMary A	Minot A	UJ A	NSU A	MSU H	SCSU H	CSP H	WSU H
	Thurs 2-Nov	WSC A	AU H	SMSU H	USF A	UMD A	BSU H	MSUM A	UMC H	WSU A	CSP H	SCSU A	MSU H	NSU A	UJ H	Minot H	UMary A

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- Year four of a four-year scheduling cycle:
 - The number of home/away matches for each institution is opposite from year three of the scheduling cycle.
 - The location of match for each opponent is flipped home/away from year three of the scheduling cycle. For the location where an institution plays an opponent, the order of opponents within the weekend is opposite from years 1 & 2 of the scheduling cycle (i.e. In 2026 Minot played at MSU, then at SCSU within the weekend; in 2028 Minot plays at SCSU, then at MSU within the weekend).
 - For the in-pod weekend (week 5), the order of opponents within the weekend is the same as year three of the scheduling cycle.

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Athletic Trainers Council Summer Meeting Report**
June 17, 2026

Action Items.

None.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time.
2. USCAH Presentation. Bob Sweeney, USCAH Senior Director, presented to the group in a variety of spaces including NCAA guidelines, emergency action plans, and the NSIC partnership. They were encouraged to utilize the partnership in ways they can and take part in programming they do throughout the year to earn continuing education credits.
3. Weather Sentry DTN. The group was informed that the league would be continuing with WeatherSentry as the league's weather app for the 2026-27 academic year as it is the official NCAA weather app. There was discussion and desire to move to Perry Weather for the 2027-28 academic year and during this academic year there would be information gathered on the services and provide time for processes to be understood on campuses to make a change with a new vendor. The group took a straw poll and there were 13 in favor of moving in this direction. The delay in moving to a new platform was so that institutions can figure out how to get a new vendor to be utilized on their campus with all experience different processes with items like this.
4. Extreme Weather Policy. The group reviewed the NSIC Extreme Weather Policy for the 2026-27 academic year, and no changes were made.
5. NSIC Athletic Trainers Handbook Review. The group reviewed the handbook for the 2026-27 academic year, and no changes were made. There was discussion surrounding communication, especially with baseball and softball changes and being included in those changes so they are aware of what is needed by Athletic Trainers. The conversation surrounded neutral sites and site reversals mainly as they are sometimes not aware of changes and having to figure it out on their own and communicate who is providing coverage if a team is not traveling someone. It was stressed to the group that they need to handle that communication and those expectations on their campus to make sure they are included in those conversations and/or informed of the decisions. The group also had discussions around the temperature that is allowed for teams to play and that they are not consulted or have any say in teams not playing due to temps that they consider a healthcare concern. The group would like the administrators to consult them in these decisions and write policy into the sport handbooks of, baseball and softball to have a hard cut off of a temperature in which games can no longer be played because at a certain point it is a healthcare concern when teams are playing in some of these conditions that are below a feels like temperature of 32 degrees based on mutual agreement.
6. NCAA Athletic Trainers Connection Updates. Steven Krouse, University of Minnesota Crookston provided the group with a short update on what the Athletic Trainers Connection has been discussing this past year. A lot of the conversation they have had is around AT workforce and working in more of a work life balance with less travel with low-risk sports. They also have had conversations around continuing to fight for ways to increase pay for athletic trainers and trying to keep and attract new ATs to the field. There is not necessarily a shortage of Athletic Trainers but there are so many other opportunities now within Athletic Training that is drawing folks away from the normal collegiate route of being on campus. They also have had discussions around what DI is doing with the five-year rule that the medical red shirt would go away and have

five years to use their eligibility. There have been conversations about what DII would do if DI were to approve this legislation in the coming weeks and whether DII would move to emergency legislation with a start date of August 1 or held until the January Convention to start for the 2027-28 academic year. The group was then asked by Steve to bring anything forward to him that they would like him to bring up at these meetings when they start to meet again this fall.

7. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. [NSIC Athletic Training Google Sheet](#). The google spreadsheet pertaining to athletic training staffing was once again shared with the group and they were encouraged to update the document so that everyone knew where institutions were at with traveling and staffing etc. as it is very helpful during the year. They were encouraged to look this over prior to each season to make any necessary changes if needed.

Participants.

Name, Title	Institution
Brian Gerry, Head Athletic Trainer	Augustana University
Travis Schock, Head Athletic Trainer	Bemidji State University
Ted Trzynka, Head Athletic Trainer	Concordia University, St. Paul
Mitch Lang, Head Athletic Trainer	University of Jamestown
Emily Zimmer, Assistant Athletic Trainer	University of Jamestown
Ray Hall, Head Athletic Trainer	University of Mary
Steven Krouse, Head Athletic Trainer	University of Minnesota Crookston
Shelby Conard, Associate Head Athletic Trainer	University of Minnesota Crookston
Charla Buxbaum, Asst. AD Sports Medicine & Performance	University of Minnesota Duluth
Matt Schmidt, Director Maverick Health & Performance/Head Athletic Trainer	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Cailey Priem, Assoc. Head Athletic Trainer	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Shannon Curtin, Head Athletic Trainer	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Darren Armstrong, Manager of Athletic Trainers	Minot State University
Nicole Love, Athletic Trainer	Minot State University
Jodi Swedlund, Athletic Trainer	Minot State University
Parker Osterman, Athletic Trainer	Minot State University
Emily Baldus, Athletic Trainer	Minot State University
Janelle Haas, Head Athletic Trainer	Northern State University
Emily DeGroot, Head Athletic Trainer	University of Sioux Falls
Amy Schmiesing, Head Athletic Trainer	Southwest Minnesota State University
Rachel Johnson, Head Athletic Trainer	St. Cloud State University
Muffin Morris, Head Athletic Trainer	Wayne State College
Stacey Czaplewski, Head Athletic Trainer	Winona State University
Ashley Mermolia, Athletic Trainer (Wrestling)	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Bridget Steffes, SWA/Liaison	University of Minnesota Crookston
Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Women's Tennis Coaches Summer Meeting**
June 2, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To implement/hire a coordinator of tennis officials.

Effective Date. 2027-28 Academic Year.

Rationale. A coordinator of officials would improve consistency, competitive equity, and the overall student-athlete experience. No assignor creates inconsistencies in compensation, availability, and officiating standards across institutions while placing an administrative burden on coaches that does not exist in most other NSIC sports. A centralized officiating model would: standardize officiating assignments and compensation across the conference; improve consistency, quality, and professionalism in match administration; reduce scheduling challenges and administrative workload for coaches and institutions; provide a neutral assignment process that strengthens competitive integrity; create a more stable and equitable environment for student-athletes. The goal is to create a more efficient, equitable, professional system that aligns tennis with the standards already established in many other NSIC sports. With a 2027-28 academic year effective date, the 2026-27 academic year would be utilized to evaluate all necessary aspects for hiring/implementing a coordinator of tennis officials.

Approved 9-0 by coaching group.

2. Recommendation. To add language to the NSIC Handbook under “Conference Tournament Procedures” to address any exhibition matches player during the NSIC Tournament.

*4.7 **Exhibition Matches.** Any exhibition matches played by NSIC schools during or around the NSIC Tournament must have zero impact on the tournament, including but not limited to tournament structure and financials. Both coaches must agree to play any exhibition matches.*

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. This would give exhibition players a chance to play on the “stage” of the conference tournament without interfering with the flow of the team matches.

Approved 9-0-0 by coaching group.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time.
2. Future Schedules. The group was informed that the NSIC schedules were in year two of a four-year cycle. The 2028 and 2029 schedules were under development and would be shared with the coaches in the fall. There was a question about facility conflicts with the schedule. The group was reminded to work with their administrators to find a solution to the conflict and to reach out to the conference office if further action was needed.

3. Education on Recruitment Tampering. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during 2026 spring/summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
4. NCAA Coaches Connection Updates. No updates were given at the time as the next Coaches' Connection call was set for the day after the coaches meeting. Josh Lunak will give an update to the group following their call.
5. Handbook Review. The group reviewed the NSIC Handbook. The group was asked if there were any issues with item 3.2.6 Pre-Match Protest language. The group felt the language was appropriate and did not need adjustment.
6. Officials Assignor Discussion. The group discussed the merits of adding an assignor of officials for their NSIC matches. The entire group was in favor of moving the process forward, a motion was made and seconded and can be referenced above.
7. Exhibition matches at Conference Championship. The group discussed using the extra courts at Match Pointe to hold exhibition matches with players that travel but would not compete in the NSIC Tournament. The NSIC did not allow a request this past spring, and the coaches discussed adding something to the handbook. The group was informed that the student-athlete experience was paramount at an NSIC Championship. The NSIC would not allow anything that would disrupt the tournament experience for those involved. The coaches felt that if both head coaches were in agreement and the NSIC management at the tournament approved the details, exhibition matches could be an added opportunity for a student-athlete that travels but is not playing in the tournament. A motion was made and can be referenced above. There was discussion about what courts to use as there are now four more courts outside the championship courts at Match Pointe that could be available with no impact to the NSIC Tournament.
8. Miscellaneous. The group was reminded that the contract with Match Pointe continued through the 2027 and 2028 championships.

Participants.

Name, Title	Institution
Marc Kurtz, Head Coach	Augustana University
Kyle Fodness, Head Coach	Bemidji State University
Cameron Jackson, Head Coach	University of Jamestown
Erik Porter, Head Coach	University of Mary
Josh Lunak, Head Coach*	University of Minnesota, Crookston
Jessica Worden, Head Coach	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Drew Hawthorne, Head Coach	University of Minnesota State, Mankato
Damien O'Donnell, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Kevin Grebin, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Berit Merrill, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
Xao Vang, Head Coach*	Winona State University
Jeni Walsh, Senior Woman Administrator, Sport Liaison	University of Mary
Nick Kornder, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Unable to attend*

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Swimming & Diving Coaches Summer Meeting Report
June 15, 2026

Action Items.

None.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time. A special welcome was given to Tim Teeter, Northern State, joining his first meeting with the group.
2. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during 2026 spring/summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
3. Review of NSIC Swimming & Diving Handbook. The coaches reviewed the NSIC Swimming & Diving handbook. Discussion was had on adjusting the tie-breaker criteria for the swimmer of the meet award that is awarded at the end of the conference championship. It was agreed to form a working group to review the tie-breaking criteria.
4. Review of NSIC Championship Manual. A recap of the holistic championship review that was conducted last spring/summer was provided. The group reviewed the championship manual and made a few clarification language edits. Discussion was had by the group about adding a practice day back to the championship format. Of note, for the 2026 championship, nine of the ten institutions utilized time at the Hulbert Aquatic Center on the Tuesday prior to competition for practice. Logistics for scheduling practice/lane usage equitably in the facility and working through contractual agreements/rental fees were areas of concern discussed after the first year of not having the practice day part of the championship format. The group agreed to pause discussion on the potential format change until after the 2027 championship.
 - a. 2027 NSIC Championship Dates. Reminder information of the 2027 NSIC championship dates was provided – February 10-13 at the Hulbert Aquatic Center.
5. NCAA DII Coaches Connection Update. Nathan Owen, Minnesota State University, Mankato, provided an update on behalf of Coaches Connection. A potential relay qualification process adjustment for NCAA championships was recommended by coaches connection and the DII Swimming & Diving Committee, the proposal will be considered by the DII Championships Committee. Qualifying standards for the 2027 NCAA championships have been published, with the caveat of the potential relay change.
6. DII Swimming & Diving Committee Update. Andrew Makepeace, Augustana University, provided an update on behalf of the DII Swimming & Diving Committee. The potential relay qualification process change for NCAA championships was reiterated. Information on the use of a contest and dates of competition was provided; the group was encouraged to connect with their respective compliance administrators regarding questions. Lastly, coaches were encouraged to become members of the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) and to attend the annual meeting next year.

Participants.**Not in attendance*

Name, Title	Institution
Andrew Makepeace, Head Coach	Augustana University
Rachel Busch, Head Coach	Concordia University, St. Paul
Ben Smith, Head Coach*	University of Jamestown
Abby Loel, Head Coach	University of Mary
Nathan Owens, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Charlie King, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Tim Teeter, Head Coach	Northern State University
Rickey Perkins, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Marty Wahle, Head Coach	Southwest Minnesota State University
Jeff Hegle, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
Nora Lieser, Sport Liaison	St. Cloud State University
Allison Cordes, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Cross Country Coaches Meeting Report**
June 16, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To require live results during the NSIC Cross Country Championship races, with a minimum of two split times.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. The NSIC handbook does not state that live results were required at the championship. The group felt that live results were a championship enhancement that would elevate the viewing experience for anyone following the races.

Unanimously approved by the Cross Country Coaches.

2. Recommendation. To approve Wayne State College as the host for the 2027 NSIC Cross Country Championships at the Wayne Country Club.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Wayne State has hosted meets, including NSIC Championships, in the past and has done a wonderful job of giving the student-athletes a first-class experience.

Approved by the Cross Country Coaches 16-12-2

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time. The group was reminded that assistant coaches were allowed to be on the call, but only as listeners. The group was also reminded that they were putting forward recommendations for the NSIC Athletic Administration to consider, and that new liaison Allison Meadows of Concordia-St. Paul would be reporting out from the call.
2. NCAA Coaches Connection Update. Jonathan Breitbarth, Concordia University, St. Paul, gave an update. Several years ago, the Track and Cross Country Coaches Association passed a proposal around a consolidate single site Regional Championship experience. Two years ago, the championships committee did not approve that proposal. Through research, they found out that the proposal the coaching association passed was never fully presented to the NCAA Division II Championship Committee. The Championship Committee has indicated they will revisit this proposal again at their August Meeting. Between now and then, there is a grassroots effort to educate the members of the Championship Committee on what is in the proposal and why it is important to our coaches. The group was also reminder that it is important to review the minor changes that were made by the NCAA Cross Country Committee this spring that will go in effect this fall. A) The first piece of legislation is that the NCAA Committee revised the Division II Cross Country A-Team definition by changing the requirement from five individuals to at least four of the seven student-athletes who represent the institution at the NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships and clarifying that all individuals who start a race are counted in this number, regardless of the total number of entries and if they finish. B) The second piece of legislation is that the NCAA Committee replaced the current Regional Point Gap Ratio with a Regional Team Time Gap in the second step of the selection process. The group was urged to contact Coach Breitbarth if they have any questions or concerns.

3. NSIC Championship Live Results. The group discussed adding language to the NSIC Handbook requiring the host school to have live results. The group also felt that having split times should be required, with an immediate effective date. Schools that were hosting in the future either already planned to have live results with split times or were willing to do so. Motion can be referenced above.
4. 2026 NSIC Championship Update. Scott Tanis, Augustana University, gave an update on the 2026 NSIC Cross Country Championships. The event will be held Saturday, November 7 with the men at 10 a.m. and women and 11:15 a.m. There will be details and more information shared with the coaching group in the coming weeks/months. Augustana will host a home meet on Friday, September 25, 2026, to help prepare for the NSIC Championships.
5. Handbook Revisions. The group reviewed the 2025 NSIC Cross Country handbook. The group felt that removing item 2.6 from the handbook, which required that split times for the championship be read at the one, two, three, and four mile marks. Coaches felt that most all student-athletes used watches and having extra personal there to read out times was an out dated practice.
6. Future NSIC Championships. The University of Mary, Minot State University and Wayne State College all submitted a bid for hosting the 2027 NSIC Championship, information can be referenced in action item above. There was a relatively close vote between Wayne State and the University of Mary, with nine schools in favor of Wayne State hosting.
7. Miscellaneous. None.
8. Education on Recruitment Tampering. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during 2026 spring/summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.

Participants.

Name, Title	Institution
Scott Tanis	Augustana University
Ben Baird	Bemidji State University
Jonathan Breitbarth, Sam Kettenhoffer, Jacob Dennison	Concordia University, St. Paul
Jarvis Jelen	University of Jamestown
Chris Lessard, Cale Korbelik	University of Mary
Steven Krouse	University of Minnesota Crookston
Brette Jensen	University of Minnesota Duluth
Jen Blue, Ben Held, Mike Turgeon	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Ryan Milner, Jason Sobolik (Compliance)	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Erik Stevens	Minot State University
Lynne Dingman, Mary Garner	Northern State University
Eric Chilson	University of Sioux Falls
Kirk Nauman	Southwest Minnesota State University
Gabrielle Brown	St. Cloud State University
Marlon Brink, Travis Kamm	Wayne State College
Darin Shepardson	Winona State University
Mason Rebarchek (Chair)	Winona State University
Allison Meadows (Liaison – Incoming)	Concordia University, St. Paul
Mike Powicki, Wayne State (Liaison - Outgoing)	Wayne State College
Nick Kornder	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Track & Field Meeting Report
June 16, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To reelect Mason Rebarchek of Winona State University as coaches' chair for both cross country and track & field for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years.

Effective Date. Immediately.

2. Recommendation. To have Minnesota State University, Mankato host the 2028 NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championship in Mankato, Minnesota.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Minnesota State has hosted many meets including NSIC Championships in the past at their indoor facility. The Minnesota State staff has done a tremendous job in the past of running championships and will provide a first-class experience for all involved.

Unanimously approved by Track & Field Coaches.

3. Recommendation. To have Minnesota State University, Mankato host the 2028 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championship in Mankato, Minnesota.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. Minnesota State has hosted many meets including past NSIC Championships at their outdoor facility. The Minnesota State staff has done a tremendous job in the past of running championships and will provide a first-class experience for all involved.

Unanimously approved by Track & Field Coaches.

4. Recommendation. To approve the 2026-27 NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championship schedule as shown in Supplement T&F-A.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. NSIC Indoor Championship schedules are reviewed each year by the coaches. MSU has hosted the indoor annually for the past several years. The schedule presented has been adjusted over the years to best fit the championship. The coaches did agree to adjust Friday's schedule to move all events track events back 30 minutes. This would allow track events to end approximately the same time as field events. The Coaches also swapped start times of the 60m hurdles and mile on Saturday to allow for smoother warmups for each event.

Unanimously approved by Track & Field Coaches.

5. Recommendation. To approve the 2027 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championship schedule at Minnesota State as shown in Supplement T&F-B.

Effective Date. Immediately.

Rationale. NSIC Outdoor Championship schedules are reviewed each year by the coaches. Minnesota State adjusted the timing of the javelin to allow the synthetic surface to be used during the championship.

Unanimously approved by Track & Field Coaches.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time. The group was reminded that assistant coaches were allowed to be on call, but only as listeners. The group was also reminded that they were putting forward recommendations for the NSIC Athletic Administration to consider, and that new liaison Allison Meadows of Concordia-St. Paul would be reporting out from this call.
2. NCAA Coaches' Connection. Kirk Nauman, Southwest Minnesota State University, updated the group on the use of Meta glasses. An interpretation was sent to the membership from the NCAA Rules Editor classifying Meta Glasses as an assistance device and cannot be used during competition. Assistance and Electronic Devices Rule 4-3.2 (a) reads as follows: a. For the purpose of this rule, the following shall be considered assistance, and therefore not allowed: 1) The visible possession or use by competitors of video, audio or communications devices in the competition area. To help clarify: Meta glasses or similar, Nuance hearing glasses or similar and Smart Watches or similar with communications capabilities that have not been turned off are considered assistance and therefore are not allowed. He also informed the group that the altitude survey now complete and results should be shared soon and that 5 in 5 has been the big topic for the last number of meetings.
3. Indoor Championship Review.
Mile/Hurdles Order. The group discussed moving the 60m hurdles before the mile run on Saturday in the schedule of events. This would allow more time for hurdles set up / warm up, and they would not interfere with the mile race start.
Track Event Timing on Friday. With the moving of the 5K to the start of the day and DMR to end last season, the group felt moving back the start times of the track events would allow extra time for any teams traveling in Friday while also having track events end approximately the same time as field events on Friday.
Award Timing During Championship. The group reviewed possible adjustments to the NSIC Awarding of the Elite 18 and Outstanding Senior of the Year Award. It was asked if awarding these during the championship would help with exposure of having a large crowd in attendance, versus at the end of the event when fans leave. The NCAA does special awards during events at nationals and the group felt that the winning head coaches would work with the conference office to find the best times to present the award during the championship.
4. 2028 NSIC Indoor Championship Bid. The group reviewed the bid from Minnesota State to host the 2028 NSIC Indoor Championships and made the recommendation above.
5. 2027 NSIC Outdoor Championship Schedule. The group reviewed and finalized the 2027 NSIC Outdoor Championship Schedule, which can be referenced in the recommendations above. The group discussed that beginning in the fall of 2026, MSU will be starting several facility upgrades at the outdoor track and field complex. As part of these improvements, there is a possibility that the second javelin runway may not be completed by May when MSU hosts the NSIC Outdoor Championships in 2027. There was discussion about whether it is more important to compete from a synthetic javelin runway and accept whatever wind conditions are present that day, or to compete from a grass runway that would allow us to align the sector with a more favorable wind direction. If MSU utilizes a grass runway, the current championship schedule can go unchanged. The preference is to throw from a synthetic runway and will require an adjust to the schedule, as the javelin competition cannot be conducted at the same time as the hammer throw and potentially discus depending on the wind. The group felt that throwing from the synthetic runway was preferred and the schedule would need adjustment.
6. 2028 NSIC Outdoor Championship Bid. The group reviewed the bid from Minnesota State to host the 2028 NSIC Outdoor Championships and made the recommendation above. Minnesota State shared some facility enhancements that will be happening at the championship and that the javelin event will need to be moved if a synthetic runway was used.

7. Handbook Revisions. An updated version of the handbook was shared with the coaches for their review. The group reviewed and updated a few logistical items that would add clarity to those items in the handbook. A small working group looked at which distance races required declaration 90 minutes out and if they needed to be reseeded and handbook language was clarified.
8. Miscellaneous. None.

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Cale Korbelik, Chris Lessard	University of Mary
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Mike Turgeon, Jen Blue, Ben Held	Minnesota State University, Mankato
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Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference 2026-27 Indoor Schedule

Friday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field Events</u>	<u>Round</u>
9:20 am	National Anthem & NSIC Pledge	
9:30 am	Heptathlon 60m	Final
*10:15am	Heptathlon Long Jump	
*11:30 am	Heptathlon Shot Put	
*12:45 pm	Heptathlon High Jump	
12:00 pm	Pole Vault (W)	Prelim/Final
12:00 pm	Long Jump (M)	Prelim/Final
1:00 pm	Weight Throw (M)	Prelim/Final
2:30 pm	Long Jump (W)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Pole Vault (M)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Weight Throw (W)	Prelim/Final
4:00 pm	High Jump (M)	Prelim/Final

<u>Time</u>	<u>Running Events</u>	<u>Round</u>
12:00 pm	5000 Meters (W)	Final (2 Section) #
12:45 pm	5000 Meters (M)	Final (2 Section) #
2:15 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (W)	Prelim
2:30 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (M)	Prelim
2:45 pm	400 Meters (W)	Prelim
3:00 pm	400 Meters (M)	Prelim
3:15 pm	600 Meters (W)	Prelim
3:30 pm	600 Meters (M)	Prelim
3:45 pm	60 Meters (W)	Prelim
4:00 pm	60 Meters (M)	Prelim
4:15 pm	800 Meters (W)	Prelim
4:30 pm	800 Meters (M)	Prelim
4:45 pm	1000 Meters (W)	Prelim
5:00 pm	1000 Meters (M)	Prelim
5:15 pm	200 Meters (W)	Prelim
5:30 pm	200 Meters (M)	Prelim
5:45 pm	DMR (W)	Final
6:00 pm	DMR (M)	Final

*Heptathlon times are approximate after first event.

If combined event entries are over 12 then two flights will be used for LJ,

SP, HJ. Flights will be based off of HJ pits.

No declaration period is required for the 5k. However, coaches must make any final scratches in the event at least 90 minutes before the start of each gender's first section of the event so that reseeding or an elimination of a section may be done if necessary. An announcement will be made at that point if there is a change.

Saturday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field Events</u>	<u>Round</u>
8:50 am	National Anthem & NSIC Pledge	
9:00 am	Pentathlon 60mH	Final
*9:45 pm	Pentathlon High Jump	
*11:30 am	Pentathlon Shot Put	
*12:15 pm	Pentathlon Long Jump	
9:45 am	Heptathlon 60mH	Final
*11:00 am	Heptathlon Vault	
1:00 pm	Shot Put (M)	Prelim/Final
1:00 pm	High Jump (W)	Final
1:30 pm#	Triple Jump (M)	Prelim/Final
3:30 pm	Shot Put (W)	Prelim/Final
3:45 pm#	Triple Jump (W)	Prelim/Final

<u>Time</u>	<u>Running Events</u>	<u>Round</u>
1:30 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (W)	Final
1:40 pm	60 Meter Hurdles (M)	Final
1:50 pm	Mile (W)	Final
2:05 pm	Mile (M)	Final
2:20 pm	Heptathlon 1000m	
2:30 pm	Pentathlon 800m	
2:40 pm	400 Meters (W)	Final
2:50 pm	400 Meters (M)	Final
3:00 pm	600 Meters (W)	Final
3:10 pm	600 Meters (M)	Final
3:20 pm	60 Meters (W)	Final
3:30 pm	60 Meters (M)	Final
3:40 pm	800 Meters (W)	Final
3:50 pm	800 Meters (M)	Final
4:00 pm	1000 Meters (W)	Final
4:10 pm	1000 Meters (M)	Final
4:20 pm	200 Meters (W)	Final
4:30 pm	200 Meters (M)	Final
4:40 pm	3000 Meters (W)	Final (2 Sections)#
5:05 pm	3000 Meters (M)	Final (2 Sections)#
5:30 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (W)	Final (2 Sections)**
5:50 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (M)	Final (2 Sections)
6:25 pm	Awards Ceremony	

*Heptathlon & Pentathlon times are approximate after first event. If combined entries are over 12 then two flights will be used for HJ, SP, LJ. Flights will be based off of HJ Pits.

**4X400 should be moved earlier by 10 minutes per section of 3000 Meters that would be added due to field size.

#Triple Jump starts 20 minutes after the boards are set following the Pentathlon Long Jump or start time whichever is later. The next gender Triple Jumps starts 20 minutes after the boards are set.

Must declare for Women's 3k by 3:10p and Men's 3k by 3:35pm. If 24 or fewer athletes declare will be combined to 1 heat.

2027 NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championships Schedule of Events

Thursday

Combined Events

1:00 pm	Decathlon 100 Meters
1:30 pm	Heptathlon 100 Meter Hurdles
~1:45 pm	Decathlon Long Jump
~2:15 pm	Heptathlon High Jump
~3:00 pm	Decathlon Shot Put
~4:00 pm	Heptathlon Shot Put
~4:15 pm	Decathlon High Jump
~5:15 pm	Heptathlon 200 Meters
~6:00 pm	Decathlon 400 Meters

FRIDAY

Combined Events

9:00 am	Decathlon 110 Meter Hurdles
9:30 am	Heptathlon Long Jump
~9:45 am	Decathlon Discus
~10:45 am	Heptathlon Javelin
~11:15 am	Decathlon Pole Vault
~12:00 pm	Heptathlon 800 Meters
~2:45 pm	Decathlon Javelin
~4:10 pm	Decathlon 1500 Meters

^^Standard schedule format: To find approved schedule for upcoming championship, visit championship website: www.NorthernSun.org/NSICODTF

No declaration period is required for the 5k. However, coaches must make any final scratches in the event at least 90 minutes before the start of each gender's first section of the event so that reseeding or an elimination of a section may be done if necessary. An announcement will be made at that point if there is a change.

Friday

All running events are preliminaries except 10K & 3000m steeplechase

Time Field Event

12:00 pm	Hammer (M)
12:30 pm	Shot Put (W)
12:30 pm	High Jump (W)
12:30 pm	Long Jump (M)
3:00 pm	Pole Vault (W)
3:30 pm	High Jump (M)
3:30 pm	Hammer (W)
3:30 pm	Shot Put (M)
3:30 pm	Long Jump (W)

Time Running Event

10:00 am	10,000 Meters (W) - Final
11:00 am	10,000 Meters (M) - Final
12:00 pm	Heptathlon 800 Meters (W)
12:50 pm	3000 Meter Steeple (W) - Final
1:10 pm	3000 Meter Steeple (M) - Final
2:00 pm	100 Meter Hurdles (W)
2:15 pm	110 Meter Hurdles (M)
2:30 pm	400 Meters (W)
2:45 pm	400 Meters (M)
3:00 pm	100 Meters (W)
3:15 pm	100 Meters (M)
3:30 pm	800 Meters (W)
3:50 pm	800 Meters (M)
4:10 pm	Decathlon 1500 Meters (M)
4:20 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (W)
4:40 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (M)
5:00 pm	200 Meters (W)
5:15 pm	200 Meters (M)

Saturday

Relays will be run as 2-section final with the fast section running last

Time Field Events

10:00 am	Javelin (M)
11:00 am	Triple Jump (W)
11:00 am	Pole Vault (M)
11:15 am	Discus (W)
1:15 pm	Javelin (W)
2:00 pm	Triple Jump (M)
2:30 pm	Discus (M)

Time Running Events

1:00 pm	National Anthem/Pledge
1:05 pm	4x100 Meter Relay (W)
1:15 pm	4x100 Meter Relay (M)
1:25 pm	1500 Meter Run (W)
1:40 pm	1500 Meter Run (M)
1:55 pm	100 Meter Hurdles (W)
2:10 pm	110 Meter Hurdles (M)
2:20 pm	400 Meters (W)
2:25 pm	400 Meters (M)
2:35 pm	100 Meters (W)
2:40 pm	100 Meters (M)
2:45 pm	800 Meters (W)
2:50 pm	800 Meters (M)
3:00 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (W)
3:10 pm	400 Meter Hurdles (M)
3:20 pm	200 Meters (W)
3:25 pm	200 Meters (M)
3:35 pm	5000 Meters (W)
4:00 pm	5000 Meters (M)
4:25 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (W)
4:40 pm	4x400 Meter Relay (M)
5:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Women's Golf Coaches Summer Meeting Report
June 4, 2026**

Action Items.

1. **Recommendation.** To adjust the language in items 2.5 and 2.6 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding team and individual medalist ties for the NSIC Championship.

2.5 In the case of a team score tie, all players from the teams involved in the tie will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. The best four scores from each team will determine the winner. This process will continue until the tie is broken.

2.6 In the case of a tie for the individual medalist, a sudden victory playoff will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. A playoff for the individual medalist will be played after any team playoffs have been played.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The group provided clarity around what they would prefer the process be for which holes are used to break any team and individual medalist ties during the conference championship. Previously the handbook stated the committee would come up with the playable holes with little to no direction for what the coaches desired. This was experienced this past year during the first ever playoff for individual medalist in the women's championship. The verbiage above was the action taken this past year and the coaches thought it would be good to put it into the policies for guidance. Doing this provides clarity but still flexibility dependent on the course that the championship is taking place at to determine any hole after hole 18 if necessary to break any team or individual medalist ties.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 11-0-0.

2. **Recommendation.** To adjust the language in item 2.7 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding the practice round shotgun start time for the NSIC Championship.

*2.7 The Championship Format: **Practice Round** – The practice round will take place the day before the first day of the competition and shall be played with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. unless otherwise determined by the championship course and conference office (Revised 6/22/2022). There will be a mandatory rule meeting for players and coaches immediately following the practice round.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to put in place a start time for the practice round to help teams save money in traveling to the championship on the day of the practice round but also being conscious of daylight to fit in the round before dark. They also noted that due to course availability or other unforeseen issues the start time could be adjusted if necessary but wanted to have their desired start time listed in the handbook.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 11-0-0.

3. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.7 of the NSIC Women's Golf Handbook regarding the shotgun of the final round for the NSIC Championship.

*2.7 The tournament format: **Day 3** – the individuals and teams will be seeded in order of finish from days 1 and 2 combined. After the completion of rounds one or two if there are any team ties, they are broken by using the previous NCAA Regional Ranking of the teams involved to determine pairings for the following day (Adopted 7/13/2023). The shotgun final round of the tournament will be a modified shotgun format with the top three teams' golfers all going off hole one to start the round. In addition, the order of golfers will have the five-spot start followed by the 4-1 golfers. This is dependent upon the championship course if allowed, otherwise a normal shotgun start will take place.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. Adopting this language provided clarity into what the coaches desired for their final round of the championship with it being a shotgun start. This also offers a fun championship experience for those top teams that would be vying for a title and having all their team gather on the 18th hole to finish the round makes for a better championship experience.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 11-0-0.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The Coaches were welcomed to the meeting by Andy Sailer, NSIC Assistant Commissioner, and Coralee Jorgensen, Augustana University, and teams were congratulated on their successes this season.
2. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during the 2026 summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
3. 2027 NSIC Championship. The group was reminded of the Championship dates of April 15-18, 2027, at Adams Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs, Missouri. The coaches were asked to provide feedback on their thoughts surrounding designed pairings for the tournament with now having 14 teams in the championship with the addition of St. Cloud State for the upcoming year. They agreed to the designed pairings of the 13th and 14th place teams playing in groups of two while the rest of the field would play in groups of three. This was due to the field size and keeping teams together and not having gaps in teams on the first two days of tee times. They were also asked to provide feedback on utilizing tee times the first two days followed by a shotgun on the final day and all agreed that the current structure was what they desired. It was noted that the final day is always a shotgun to have all teams finish at the same time and follow the round with awards and to be able to get everyone on the road to travel. The coaches also provided feedback on the banquet and rules meeting that follows the practice round and all agreed that they liked that and would ask the conference office to continue to facilitate that event.
4. 2026-27 Tournament Scheduling. The group reviewed the tournaments scheduled for each weekend of the upcoming season. Coaches were encouraged to share other tournaments throughout the season in case members of the group needed to schedule other contests. During the discussion, coaches were reminded about the importance of scheduling in-region competition to be considered for post-season play. The group was also reminded to update the scheduling Google Sheet document, so they had an electronic form for the schedule as well.

5. NCAA Coaches Connection Updates. Ross Webskowsky, Southwest Minnesota State University, provided the group with a short update on what the coaches' connection has been discussing in their last few meetings. The main thing that is being discussed was the legislation that passed providing the increase in the number of competition dates to 24 dates of competition with no more than 10 regular season events a team can compete in during the year, and those events cannot go past three days in a row. Another point of emphasis was reminding all that Clippd by Scoreboard rankings are not completely what the Regional Advisory Committees use for rankings as they have a set of criteria that they use and the first one is head-to-head. Clippd does not use head-to-head in its rankings therefore the discrepancies.
6. NSIC Sport Handbook Review. The group reviewed the NSIC Women's Golf sport handbook. An item discussed was to change the format of the conference championship to Play 6, Count 4 which is permissible by the NCAA but there was no traction to move a recommendation forward. The conversation really went back to the group feeling that the conference championship should mimic the NCAA post season, so it prepares teams for moving on. It was noted that there are only a few other conferences that have done that type of format and others have moved away from doing it. The current NCAA post season format is Play 5, Count 4 with the option to have a sixth golfer as a substitute at which this is the current format of the conference championship therefore, they decided to stick with this format. The other areas reviewed by the group were in Action Items 1-3 to provide clarity around verbiage of practice round start time, final round shotgun format, and the process in how team and individual medalists ties are broken during the conference championship.
7. Miscellaneous.

Participants.

Name	Institution
Coralee Jorgensen, Head Coach	Augustana University
Erica Gartner, Head Coach	Bemidji State University
Peter Maki, Head Coach	Concordia University, St. Paul
Jared Lentz, Head Coach	University of Jamestown
TBA*	University of Mary
Brady Heppner, Head Coach	University of Minnesota Crookston
Alex Schmitz, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Brock Ellingson, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Dakota Brekhus, Head Coach*	Minot State University
Wade Merry, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Ross Webskowsky, Head Coach	Southwest Minnesota State University
Trey Fessler, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
Nick Swaney, Head Coach	Wayne State College
Matias Maquieira, Head Coach*	Winona State University
Britt Lauritsen, Athletic Director/Liaison	Bemidji State University
Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Allison Cordes, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Unable to attend*

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Men's Golf Coaches Summer Meeting Report**
June 4, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To continue the use of Paradise Pointe Golf Complex as the 2027 NSIC Men's Golf Championship site on April 20-23, 2027.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The golf course staff at Paradise Pointe have provided the men's teams this past year with great hospitality and they shut down the course to the public during the duration of the championships held there and allow the conference office to use it however needed. The course management is sticking money into course improvements which will benefit the league in its championship. The cost of hosting the championship at Paradise Pointe is way less than other courses and less than the women's championship at Adams Pointe. The coaches desire to see what the course will do in year two before they determine whether they want to go into a longer-term commitment as this past year was the first year the course has been in good shape when being there in the past.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 10-0-0.

2. Recommendation. To adjust the language in items 2.7 and 2.8 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding team and individual medalist ties for the NSIC Championship.

2.7 In the case of a team score tie, all players from the teams involved in the tie will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. The best four scores from each team will determine the winner. This process will continue until the tie is broken.

2.8 In the case of a tie for the individual medalist, a sudden victory playoff will start on the 18th hole, and if necessary, followed by a hole determined by the committee dependent upon the championship course. The route of the playoff is to be listed in the tournament manual and coaches made aware prior to the tournament starting. A playoff for the individual medalist will be played after any team playoffs have been played.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The group provided clarity around what they would prefer to have the process be for which holes are used to break any team and individual medalist ties during the conference championship. Previously the handbook stated the committee would come up with the playable holes with little to no direction for what the coaches desired. This was experienced this past year during the first ever playoff for individual medalist in the women's championship. The verbiage above was the action taken this past year and the coaches thought it would be good to put it into the policies for guidance. Doing this provides clarity but still flexibility dependent on the course that the championship is taking place at to determine any hole after hole 18 if necessary to break any team or individual medalist ties.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 10-0-0.

3. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.9 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding the practice round shotgun start time for the NSIC Championship.

*2.9 The Championship Format: **Practice Round** – The practice round will take place the day before the first day of the competition and shall be played with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise determined by the championship course and conference office (Revised 6/22/2022). There will be a mandatory rule meeting for players and coaches immediately following the practice round.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches wanted to put in place a start time for the practice round to help teams save money in traveling to the championship on the day of the practice round but also being conscious of daylight to fit in the round before dark. They also noted that due to course availability or other unforeseen issues the start time could be adjusted if necessary but wanted to have their desired start time listed in the handbook.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 10-0-0.

4. Recommendation. To adjust the language in item 2.9 of the NSIC Men's Golf Handbook regarding the shotgun of the final round for the NSIC Championship.

*2.9 The Championship Format: **Day 3** – The individuals and teams will be seeded in order of finish from days 1 and 2 combined. After the completion of rounds one or two if there are any team ties, they are broken by using the previous NCAA Regional Ranking of the teams involved to determine pairings for the following day (Adopted 7/13/2023). The shotgun final round of the tournament will be a modified shotgun format with the top three teams' golfers all going off hole one to start the round. In addition, the order of golfers will have the five-spot start followed by the 4-1 golfers. This is dependent upon the championship course if allowed, otherwise a normal shotgun start will take place.*

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. Adopting this language provided clarity into what the coaches desired for their final round of the championship with it being a shotgun start. This also offers a fun championship experience for those top teams that would be vying for a title and having all their team gather on the 18th hole to finish the round makes for a better championship experience.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 10-0-0.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed to the meeting by Wade Merry, Coaches Chair, University of Sioux Falls and Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner. Teams were congratulated on their successes this past season.
2. 2027 NSIC Championship. The group had a healthy discussion regarding the 2027 NSIC Championship and extending the agreement with Paradise Pointe Golf Complex as the Championship course for one more year. The discussion around the course was great as they have been making improvements and it would provide the group with more time to try to work on connections they have with other courses throughout this next to determine if there is another good option since they have been utilizing the same courses for many years. Paradise Pointe and the staff have been great hosts and having the run of an entire course is a plus to continue with Paradise Pointe moving forward for 2027. The coaches did discuss running both the men's and women's championships at the same course but there was no traction on this as is dependent on

the courses if they are willing to give up that many days of their normal public play and that has not been the case in reaching out to courses in the past. The coach's recommendation can be found as Action Item No. 1. The coaches were asked to provide feedback on their thoughts surrounding designed pairings for the tournament with now having 11 teams in the championship with the addition of St. Cloud State for the upcoming year. They agreed to the designed pairings of the 10th and 11th place teams playing in groups of two while the rest of the field would play in groups of three. This was due to the field size and keeping teams together and not having gaps in teams on the first two days of tee times. They were also asked to provide feedback on utilizing tee times the first two days followed by a shotgun on the final day and all agreed that the current structure was what they desired. It was noted that the final day is always a shotgun to have all teams finish at the same time and follow the round with awards and to be able to get everyone on the road to travel. The coaches also provided feedback on the banquet and rules meeting that follows the practice round and all agreed that they liked that and would ask the conference office to continue to facilitate that event.

3. 2026-27 Tournament Scheduling. The group reviewed the tournaments scheduled for each weekend of the upcoming season. Coaches were encouraged to share other possible tournaments throughout the season in case members of the group needed to schedule other contests. During the discussion, coaches were reminded about the importance of scheduling in-region competition to be considered for post-season play. The group was also reminded to update the scheduling Google Sheet document, so they had an electronic form for the schedule as well.
4. NSIC Sport Handbook Review. The group reviewed the NSIC Men's Golf sport handbook. An item discussed was to change the format of the conference championship to Play 6, Count 4 which is permissible by the NCAA but there was no traction to move a recommendation forward. The conversation really went back to the group feeling that the conference championship should mimic the NCAA post season, so it prepares teams for moving on. It was noted that there are only a few other conferences that have done that type of format and others have moved away from doing it. The current NCAA post season format is Play 5, Count 4 with the option to have a sixth golfer as a substitute at which this is the current format of the conference championship therefore, they decided to stick with this format. The other areas reviewed by the group were in Action Items 2-4 to provide clarity around verbiage of practice round start time, final round shotgun format, and the process in how team and individual medalists ties are broken during the conference championship.
5. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during the 2026 summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
6. Miscellaneous.
 - a. NCAA Men's Golf Coaches Connection Interest. The coaches were asked if they had an interest in serving on the NCAA Men's Golf Coaches Connection and if interested, to email Andy at the conference office by Friday, June 12.

Participants.

Name	Institution
Mike Krsnak, Head Coach	Augustana University
Ben Corbid, Head Coach	Bemidji State University
Peter Maki, Head Coach	Concordia University, St. Paul
Jared Lentz, Head Coach	University of Jamestown
Laif Olson, Head Coach	University of Mary
Brad Heppner, Head Coach	University of Minnesota Crookston
Alex Schmitz, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Dakota Brekhus, Head Coach	Minot State University
Wade Merry, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Trey Fessler, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
Matias Maquieira, Head Coach*	Winona State University
Britt Lauritsen, Athletic Director/Liaison	Bemidji State University
Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Allison Cordes, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Unable to attend*

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Wrestling Coaches Summer Meeting Report**
June 3, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To elect Chayse Jackson, Southwest Minnesota State University as the Wrestling Coaches Chair for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Approved by the Wrestling Coaches, 9-0-0.

2. Recommendation. To adopt the following language in the NSIC Wrestling sport handbook as item 2.3.6 to read:

2.3.6 Practice Times. *The preferred practice times for visiting teams shall be 90 minutes before weigh-ins and be an hour in length. The visiting team practice hour should be completed at least thirty minutes prior to the start of weigh-ins. ~~This practice time needs to be exclusive use of the facility.~~ The wrestling room may be shared as mutually agreed upon by the coaches, if not mutually agreed upon, a practice mat needs to be provided in the athletic facility for the opposing team or another scheduled time for the wrestling room. Scheduling issues that operate outside these protocols and cannot be mutually resolved between the two teams will be referred to the institution's administrators. Changes to this policy will be accepted upon agreement between both head coaches. (Adopted: 7/13/2017; Revised: 7/15/2021)*

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The coaches were wanting to remove exclusivity to the wrestling room for practice times as some institutions cannot provide this and have mutually agreed upon sharing the room but wanted a policy in place to assist them with not being forced to provide exclusive access if not able. This would provide them with the option to share the wrestling room for practice at the same time or provide a mat in another space/another time for the wrestling room to be used by the opposing team.

Approved by the Wrestling Coaches, 9-0-0.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome. The group was welcomed to the meeting by Andy Sailer, NSIC Assistant Commissioner and Chayse Jackson, Coaches Chair, Southwest Minnesota State University. The new head coach at the University of Jamestown, Christian Komitas was also welcomed to the group.
2. 2026-27 Conference Schedule. The coaches were shown their 2026-27 conference schedule after institutions have used their flexibility in moving duals to different dates of competition. It was noted that the schedule would be shared again after the meeting once a final change is made to a dual conflict.
 - a. Future Schedule Development. The coaches were informed that the conference office would be creating their next two-year schedule rotation for 2027-28 and 2028-29 based on their current parameters listed in their handbook. It was stated that the conference office would be sending an email to request the weekend for each academic year that they desire not to have any competitions scheduled per their handbook following the meeting. There was

conversation surrounding a different schedule format but were informed they needed to bring a drafted concept to administrators and gain two administrators support prior to reviewing a new concept of scheduling. In the past the group had discussions around a pod format where they would not compete against everyone each year as well as institutions hosting triangular duals at one location giving up home dates but there has been no traction by the coaches to make a change at this time.

3. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during the 2026 summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
4. NCAA Coaches Connection Updates. Chayse Jackson, Southwest Minnesota State University, provided the coaches with a brief recap from the recent coaches' connection meetings. Information regarding the use of three mats or four mats during the super regionals is that a fourth mat is permissible if the facility can accommodate it otherwise those that are not able can stay with running a three-mat format. It was noted that Coaches Connection has been having discussions around that if a Super Regional has more than 15 teams, they would mandate a fourth mat or move it to a two-day format but that is still in conversations. It was also noted that the format for the 2027 National Championships will change a bit for certain sessions with prelims and finals. They have also been discussing the seeding format for Nationals as right now regional reps currently seed eight individuals and they are the ones vying for their regional contestants. The NWCA is also working on proposals to gain more qualifiers to be competing at Nationals and will be finishing that proposal and bracket format for review sometime this summer that could go into place for the 2028 National Championships. The final topic brought up was surrounding the five years or age that eligibility would start that Division I is currently reviewing legislation on while DII has not made any moves at this time, but conversations have been had at different levels of governance within DII.
5. Handbook Review. The group reviewed the current wrestling handbook to consider any necessary revisions for next season. The coaches brought forward two recommendations that they formulated during their postseason meeting in April and can be referenced as Action Items one and two. The coaches had no other areas of their handbook that they wanted to adjust or add, outside of these recommendations.
6. Miscellaneous. No miscellaneous items were brought forward.

Participants.

Name, Title	Institution
Jason Reitmeier, Head Coach	Augustana University
Christian Komitas, Head Coach	University of Jamestown
Adam Aho, Head Coach	University of Mary
Brady Wilson, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Kris Nelson, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Gresh Jones, Head Coach	Minot State University
Josh Nolan, Head Coach	Northern State University
Matt Meuleners, Head Coach*	University of Sioux Falls
Caleb Meekins, Assistant Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Chayse Jackson, Head Coach	Southwest Minnesota State University
Steve Costanzo, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
Nick Becker, Head Coach	University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Chad Markuson, Athletic Director/Wrestling Liaison	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Marcus Wagner, Athletic Director/Wrestling Liaison	University of Mary
Andy Sailer, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Allison Cordes, Assistant Commissioner	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

**Unable to attend*

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Softball Coaches Summer Meeting Report**
June 22, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To amend the NSIC Dome Roof Rules outlined in the NSIC Softball Handbook as follows:

3.5 Dome Roof Rules for NSIC Contests.

- 3.5.1** For a batted ball that contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory:
 - 3.5.1.1** If there are no runners on base, or there are two outs, it is an automatic out.
 - 3.5.1.2** If there are runner(s) on base with less than two outs:
 - 3.5.1.2.1** If caught, it is an out, and runners may advance at their own risk; if not caught, it is a foul ball, and runners may not advance.
 - 3.5.1.3** For a batted ball that contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory and goes over the home run fence, it will be considered a home run.
- 3.5.2** For a batted ball that contacts the roof in foul territory: The ball is foul no matter if it is caught or not, and runners may not advance.
- 3.5.3** If a thrown ball hits a wire/cable, it is a live ball.
- 3.5.4** The NCAA Infield Fly rule takes precedence over the Dome Roof Rules.
 - 3.5.4.1** For a batted ball that is declared an infield fly that contacts the dome roof and the ball is caught, the batter-runner is out, and runners may advance at their own risk.
 - 3.5.4.2** For a batted ball that is declared an infield fly that contacts the dome roof and falls to the turf in fair territory uncaught, the ball is dead with the batter-runner out due to the Infield Fly and runners may not advance.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. Current dome roof rules outline that no matter if a runner(s) is on base and no matter the number of outs, when a batted ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory if caught it is an out, if not caught it is a foul ball. The recommendation creates scenarios for what happens when a batted ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory dependent on the presence of base runners and the number of outs in the inning. Creating these scenarios provides a common ground from both an offensive and defensive standpoint.

Approved by the coaching group 11-2.

2. Recommendation. To amend the NSIC Dome Roof Rules outlined in the NSIC Softball Handbook as follows:

When a ball contacts the roof or hits a wire/cable in fair territory and does not go over the homerun fence, to allow the umpire crew judgment to deem the batted ball a homerun.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. During games that are played in domes, there are times when a ball is batted that on an outside field would clearly be a homerun, but due to height restrictions or roof angles of domes,

the ball hits the roof and does not clear the homerun fence. Under current NSIC dome roof rules, if the batted ball hits the roof and does not clear the homerun fence it cannot be considered a homerun. With the amended language, if a batted ball hits the roof and the umpire crew unanimously agrees the batted ball would have been a homerun even though it did go over the homerun fence, the umpires can deem the batted ball a homerun. The NSIC Coordinator of Officials will develop language for implementing the proposed dome roof rule. Following the 2027 season, the group will review how the new dome roof rule went.

Approved by the coaching group 11-2.

3. Recommendation. To eliminate the travel squad size maximum outlined in the NSIC softball handbook:

~~**3.7 Travel Squad Size.** The size of the conference travel squad shall be a maximum of 24 players.~~

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The group felt there is not a competitive equity issue with the squad size that a team travels with. When teams have needed to leave some student-athletes at home during the regular season due to the handbook policy, it has diminished the student-athlete experience on their team. Eliminating the travel squad size maximum allows institutions the autonomy to determine how many student-athletes they will travel during the season. Additionally, with the potential change in Division II eligibility rules, coaches anticipate rosters will increase for a period due to the use of five seasons; eliminating the travel squad policy provides institutions flexibility to manage their roster size through the legislative change.

Approved by the coaching group 13-0.

4. Recommendation. To adopt Augustana University as the host of the 2027 & 2028 NSIC softball tournaments.

Effective Date. Immediate.

Rationale. The conference received bids to host the 2027 & 2028 NSIC softball tournaments (a two-year bid cycle) from two host sites – Augustana University and Minot State University/Visit Minot. To coaching group reviewed the two bids and voted on Augustana as the host site to move forward with.

Approved by the coaching group 10-3.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks. The group was welcomed and thanked for their time. A special welcome was given to Tara Wheeler, University of Mary, joining her first meeting with the group.
2. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during 2026 spring/summer meetings

and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.

3. NSIC Officiating. Jason Smith, NSIC Coordinator of Officials, joined the meeting. An overview of the season was provided. Appreciation was shared for the feedback coaches provided throughout the season and for the advanced communication of schedule changes.
 - a. NCAA Rule Changes for 2027 Season. A reminder was provided that by January 1, 2027, the NCAA playing rules will require all sideline and home run fences constructed of wood, concrete or brick to have padding. Additionally, beginning with the 2027 season the use of a double first base is required. These requirements apply to any field hosting NCAA softball competition (i.e. domes, neutral site competition); a contest cannot be played if these requirements are not met.
4. 2027 NSIC Schedule. The 2027 schedule was provided to the group; it was noted the 2027 schedule is the second year of a four-year scheduling cycle.
 - a. Adjustment of Competition Dates on Schedule to Friday/Saturday. During the 2026 season a number of contests were shifted to play on Friday due to weather changes. Discussion was had by the group on the idea of adjusting the dates of competition on the schedule from Saturday/Sunday to Friday/Saturday, while maintaining the same window of days available to reschedule contests (Thursday through Monday). Pros and cons of the adjustment idea were discussed. It was agreed to form a working group to review the idea.
5. 2028 & 2029 Conference Schedule Development. An overview of how the 2028 & 2029 conference schedules will complete the four-year scheduling cycle was provided. An electronic vote request for the 2028 & 2029 conference schedules is anticipated in July.
6. Review of NSIC Softball Handbook. The group reviewed the NSIC softball handbook. Discussion was had on adjusting the NSIC Dome Roof Rules. Two recommendations were made and can be referenced as action items one and two. Discussion was also had on the travel squad size outlined under regular season procedures. A recommendation to eliminate the travel squad size maximum was made and can be referenced as action item three. Lastly a reminder regarding the game balls policy in the handbook was provided.
7. NSIC Softball Tournament.
 - a. 2026 Recap. Augustana University was thanked for hosting the 2026 NSIC tournament. Of note, the adjustment made last summer to switch the order of the eight/nine and seven/ten games on day one of the tournament was well received as it allowed the advancing teams to know who they were playing on day two immediately after the conclusion of their respective game.
 - b. 2027 & 2028 Tournaments Host Site Discussion. The 2026 tournament was the last year a host site was determined for the conference tournament. Following the tournament, a request for proposals to submit a bid to host the 2027 & 2028 tournaments was sent to institutions. The group was informed that the conference received bids to host the 2027 & 2028 NSIC softball tournaments (a two-year bid cycle) from two host sites – Augustana University and Minot State University/Visit Minot. In the rears of the meeting a summary of bid information from the two sites will be sent to the group to review and cast a vote on the host site to move forward with for the 2027 & 2028 tournaments. Action item four reflects the group’s electronic vote on a 2027 & 2028 host site.

8. NCAA DII Coaches Connection Update. Jordan Petersen, Bemidji State University, provided an update on behalf of Coaches Connection. Starting with the 2027 season, NCAA Power Index (NPI) will be utilized for NCAA championship selection. The NPI dials for the sport of softball will be determined this summer and an educational webinar will be available in August/September.
9. NFCA Update. Greg Jones, Winona State University, provided an update on behalf of the NFCA head coaches committee. The NPI information was reiterated as well as the NCAA playing rules requirements that go into effect for the 2027 season.
10. Rawlings Contract. The group was provided with the Rawlings contract which goes through May 31, 2027.
11. Coaches Chair Vacancy Process. Greg Jones, Winona State University, was thanked for serving as interim coaches chair for the meeting. Information about filling the coaches chair vacancy was provided. An email request for nominations, self or peer, to serve as coaches chair will be sent and following the nomination process a vote will be requested from the group.

Participants.

Name, Title	Institution
Luke Groth, Senior Associate Athletic Director	Augustana University
Jordan Petersen, Head Coach	Bemidji State University
Bob Bartel, Head Coach	Concordia University, St. Paul
Kevin Gall, Head Coach	University of Jamestown
Tara Wheeler, Head Coach	University of Mary
Ashton Sangster, Head Coach	University of Minnesota Crookston
Kristle Wolcott, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Vanessa Kellems, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Sal Rodriguez, Head Coach	Minot State University
Jordan Boisner, Sport Liaison	Minot State University
Kaley Ness, Head Coach	Northern State University
Tommy Downs, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Bailey Bouaman, Head Coach	Southwest Minnesota State University
Christy Warnock, Head Coach	Wayne State College
Greg Jones, Head Coach	Winona State University
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Women's Soccer Coaches Summer Meeting Report
June 23, 2026

Action Items.

1. Recommendation. To adopt the following language in the NSIC Soccer sport handbook in Appendix SOC-A for the Pre-Match Protocol.

30:00 Headset check with officials and game management staff.

Effective Date. 2026-27 Academic Year.

Rationale. The coaches felt that there needed to be a headset check with the officials and game management staff at this time so they are ready to go for the match and if something is not working game management would have time to fix the issue if able or communication to the coaches that the headsets are not working. This mimics the group's decision to have the officials perform a video replay system check during the pre-match protocol with game management staff.

Approved by the Coaching Group, 14-0-0.

Informational Items.

1. Welcome & Introductions. The coaches were thanked for their efforts this past season and for attending the meeting in person this year.
2. NSIC General Officiating Updates. The group was provided an update regarding officiating by the NSIC Soccer Officiating Coordinator, Matt Tiano. The key rule changes discussed were around substitutions, video review/coach challenges, mercy rule, team cautions accumulation, fighting/violent behavior red cards, and the corner kick rule. The coaches asked clarifying questions of Matt surrounding the rule changes and mainly asked if there would be clarity around procedures in how coaches are supposed to handle challenges when they are wanting to use theirs during a match. It was stated that the bench side AR is to be informed as soon as possible but Tiano views more procedural information will be coming out from the NCAA in the coming months. Tiano also provided information to the coaches on when he will be doing training with officials in person and virtually as well as a separate NSIC virtual meeting regarding video review and challenges prior to the start of the season.
3. Recruitment Tampering Education. As part of the NSIC strategic plan, the conference is providing education on recruitment tampering to all coaching groups during the 2026 summer meetings and to student-athletes during the 2026 SAAC Summit. Education was provided and the group was encouraged to share the education with their respective coaching staff.
4. 2026 NSIC Soccer Schedule. The group was provided with the final 2026 NSIC Soccer Schedule. The group was encouraged to check RefQuest and to continue to work with NSIC office if any changes arise, but all schedules have been confirmed by institutional administration in RefQuest.
5. 2026 NSIC Soccer Tournament. The group was notified of the dates for the 2026 Conference Tournament at which the first-round matches will be played on Monday, November 2 with the Semifinals and Championship matches played at the final highest remaining seed location on Friday, November 6 & Sunday, November 8. The coaches were reminded that if they are to host a first-round match, they are to reference item 4.4 of their sport handbook for match time policies.

6. Wilson Ball Contract. The group was reminded that the Wilson ball contract was through 2028 to coincide with the NCAA contract. Additionally, a reminder was provided that each team should receive a free Vivido game ball for every six that are purchased through a local authorized dealer. The conference office will provide appropriate contact information to utilize.
7. Handbook Review. The group reviewed the NSIC Soccer Handbook during their meeting and had discussion surrounding match times for Sunday to provide a window but did not get traction to move anything forward and continue with a start time of 1 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon by both institutions. Reminders were provided in the areas of video exchange to schedule out their conference contest in the league's Spiideo exchange as well as providing equitable bench shelter/halftime accommodations for both the home and away teams per their handbook. A question was raised to the group if they had an appetite to look at a predetermined site for the league's semifinal and championship tournament matches but there was no desire for the group to review at this time. The final item discussed by the coaches was to put in a headset check for the officials during their pre-match protocol (Appendix SOC-A) at the 30-minute mark with the game management staff. This recommendation can be found as Action Item No. 1.
8. Spiideo National League Exchange. The group had a great deal of discussion surrounding the Spiideo National League Exchange but at this time decided to not opt into it as a league. Pricing for the exchange was shared along with the current conferences that have opted in prior to this meeting. It was noted that this is a conference-wide decision and not one institution could opt-in as it must be all or nothing. Currently the RMAC, MIAA, and GLVC have not opted into the exchange and the coaches felt that the three non-conference matches they play did not warrant having their matches out there for all to see for the cost increase. Majority of the coaches were a no but understand that if others start to join it could make sense for them and they review after the 2026 season.
9. NCAA Coaches Connection Updates. Clay Glasgow, Southwest Minnesota State University, provided a couple of updates regarding the Coaches Connection. They mainly have been talking about the National Exchange as well as that DI has approved the ability to have a foreign trip for a match once per year while DII sits at once every four years. Clay also gave an update on the NCAA Championships schedule as it is a festival year and the final DII Festival Year. It was also mentioned that coaches are encouraged to watch the NPI webinar as RACs are no longer and all NCAA rankings will be determined by NPI.
10. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Focus Group for Field of Play Considerations/Locker Rooms/etc. The coaches were asked if they had any interest in starting this focus group to contact the league office to voice interest. This would be creating a white paper that would help provide potential guidance when upgrading facilities.

Participants.

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Jim Stone, Head Coach	Bemidji State University
Steve Bellis, Head Coach	Concordia University, St. Paul
Nick Becker, Head Coach*	University of Jamestown
Sarah Cook, Head Coach	University of Mary
Danny Burstein, Head Coach	University of Minnesota Crookston
Greg Cane, Head Coach	University of Minnesota Duluth
Brian Bahl, Head Coach	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Scott Forster, Head Coach	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Adam Daley, Assistant Coach	Minot State University
Bob Casper, Head Coach	Northern State University
Andy Janssen, Head Coach	University of Sioux Falls
Clay Glasgow, Head Coach	Southwest Minnesota State University
Maggie Sherman, Head Coach	St. Cloud State University
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