

# ***NCAA<sup>®</sup> SITE SELECTION PROCESS***





***WELCOME***

# ***NCAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS***

***DIVISION I — JEFF MLYNSKI***

***DIVISION II — LINDSEY ELDRED***

***DIVISION III — LAURA PETERSON-MLYNSKI***



# CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- Format
  - DI – 9 regionals + national championships.
  - DII – 8 regionals + national championships.
  - DIII – 10 regionals + national championships.
- Both genders compete at awarded sites.
- Participant numbers
  - DI – 524 student-athletes (\*added 32<sup>nd</sup> team starting with 2025 championships).
  - DII – 526 student-athletes
  - DIII – 588 student-athletes
  - *Note – regional sites vary in size.*





# ***ATTENDANCE AND COVERAGE***

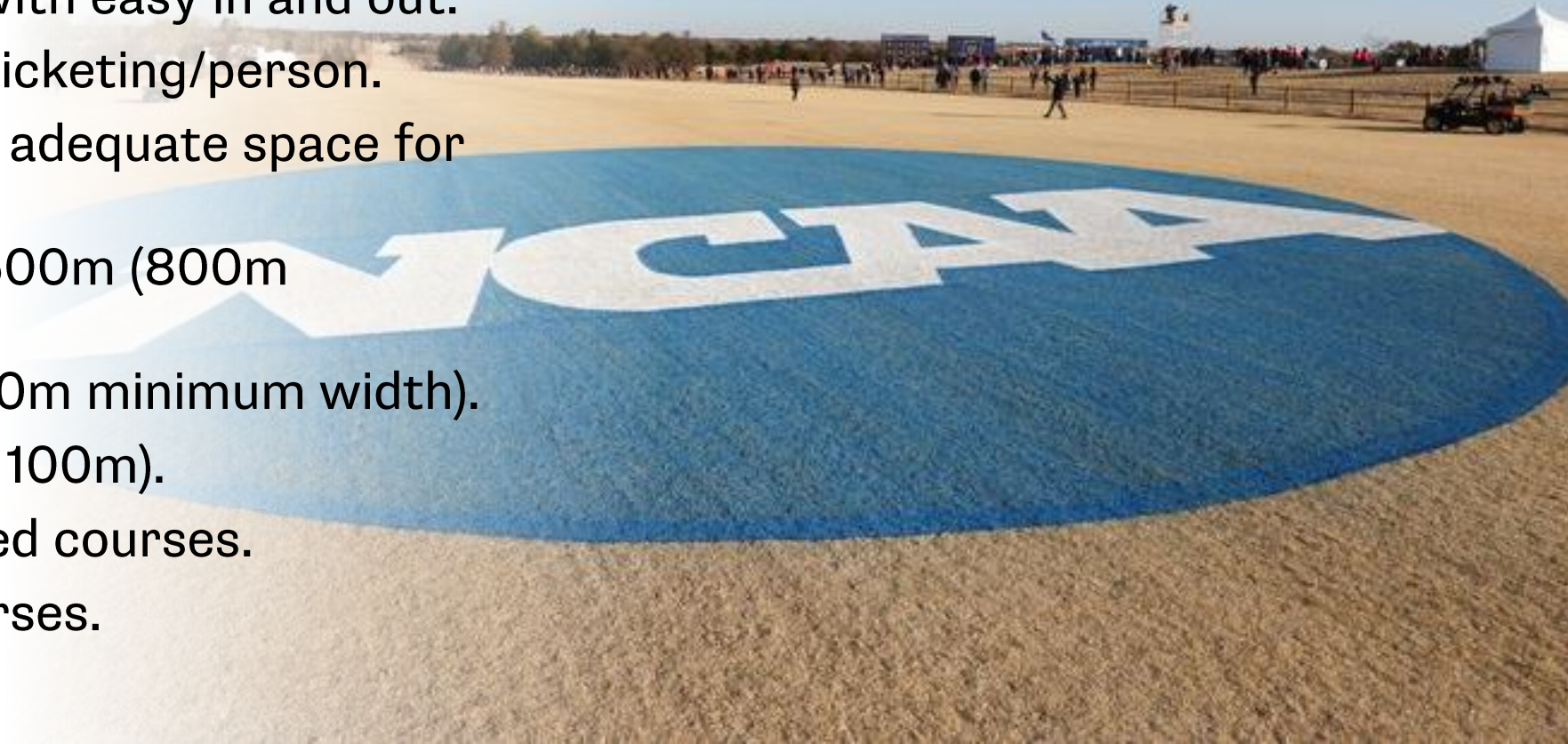
- DI National Championships
  - 5,500+ paid spectators (new attendance records set the last two years).
  - Nationally televised live on ESPNU.
  - 179 onsite media in 2024.
  - Social media (#NCAAXC) – expanded growth on @NCAATrackField.
- DII/DIII National Championships
  - DII: 1,000-2,000 paid spectators.
  - DIII: 2,000-3,000 paid spectators.
  - Live streaming on NCAA.com.





# ***FACILITY NEEDS***

- 10k, 8k and 6k courses.
- Practice access – 1 day prior for regionals and 2 days prior for nationals.
- Large scale parking – with easy in and out.
- Controlled access for ticketing/person.
- Team camp space with adequate space for team tents.
- Distance to first turn 600m (800m preferred).
- Wide and fair course (10m minimum width).
- Large start line (85m – 100m).
- Cross country dedicated courses.
- Spectator friendly courses.





## ***FACILITY NEEDS CONTINUED***

- Surface with good footing (limited roots, holes, etc.)
- Power and permanent infrastructure (PA, fencing, finish arch, awards stage, buildings (packet pickup), restrooms, etc.).
- Broadcast support.
- Media workspace/mixed zone/pre-race press conference.
- Volunteer support.
- Videoboard(s).

# ***STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE***

- Adequate hotels and cooperation from hotels.
- Ease of access to airport(s) a plus.
- City support and championship branding/marketing.
- No other large-scale events occurring in the city.
- Enhancements – flyovers, videoboards, pyro/fireworks, streamer cannons, drummers, DJ/music/sound system, etc.
- Spectator friendly course.





# ***FINANCIALS***

- NCAA approved budgeted support.
- Local support – grants.
- Ticketing.
- Facility/venue fees.
- Alcohol sales – DI and DII revenue share. Not allowed at DIII.



# ***QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION***

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