



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES  
APRIL 24, 2023, JOINT MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- 1. Timing of selection shows.** The committees are recommending conference championship games start no later than 3:30 p.m. Eastern time selection Sunday. (See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 1.) Additionally, the committees have requested the commissioners provide information regarding the length of current contracts for conference championships, with the goal of ultimately requiring conference tournaments to finish Saturday before selections. (See Informational Item No. 3.)
- 2. Preliminary-round streaming policy.** The committees are recommending an update to the preliminary-round streaming policy to require multiple cameras (at least two) in basketball, effective for the 2025 championship. (See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2.)
- 3. Division II Championships Committee requests for feedback.** The committees reviewed four requests for feedback from the Championships Committee regarding bench size limits, ranking calls, neutrality pilot and championships access concepts. (See Informational Item No. 4.)

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Automatic qualification deadline.**

1. Recommendation. Require conference championship games to begin no later than 3:30 p.m. Eastern time selection Sunday.
2. Effective date. 2024 championship.
3. Rationale. Currently there is not an automatic qualification deadline in basketball. With the current deadlines for the bracket to be submitted in order to create the selection show, especially with the recent addition of closed captioning, this moves the selection show very late on Sunday. The current timing limits opportunities for celebratory events around the selection shows. By establishing an earlier deadline for completing games, the selection shows could be moved earlier in the evening. The committees remain committed to establishing a Saturday deadline but feel this is an

appropriate and necessary initial step to enhance the student-athlete experience surrounding the championship.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.
5. Student-athlete impact. Completing conference tournaments earlier selection Sunday will allow the selection show to air earlier, which will enhance the student-athlete experience by allowing for viewing parties and additional celebratory events on campus.

**b. Preliminary-round streaming policy – requirement of multiple cameras.**

1. Recommendation. Amend the preliminary-round streaming policy to require basketball regional hosts to have multiple cameras (at least two).
2. Effective date. 2025 championship.
3. Rationale. Basketball requires regional hosts to provide video replay as part of the bid specifications. Under the current preliminary-round streaming policy, hosts are required to have only one camera. This limits the effectiveness of video replay, which can have a direct impact on the game. Additionally, a single camera limits the visual presentation of the live stream for parents and fans. The committees recognize this would create a situation in which sports are treated differently within the policy. However, with basketball being an indoor sport with reliable Wifi access, this is more easily implemented in basketball than other sports. If approved, the committees will discuss best practices for camera placement and include that information in the basketball host operations manual.
4. Estimated budget impact. Regional hosts would be responsible for equipment costs. The championships budget would reimburse for personnel costs.
5. Student-athlete impact. Multiple camera angles will increase the likelihood that video replay can be effectively used at regionals as well as provide a better broadcast for those who are watching student-athletes compete.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of September and October 2022 and January 2023 reports.** The committees reviewed and approved the September and October 2022 and January 2023 joint reports.
2. **Technology on the bench.** The committees agreed it is still too early to require technology on the bench in the regional bid specifications as there continues to be minimal use during

the regular season. The committees will continue to monitor this issue in case future changes are needed.

3. **Timing of selection shows.** The committees discussed the timing of selection shows, which were delayed to 10:30 p.m. (women's basketball) and 11 p.m. (men's basketball) Eastern time due to the addition of closed captioning. The committees agreed that this is too late for a positive student-athlete and institutional experience, and moving the release of the bracket to Monday creates logistical challenges, particularly with travel. The committees believe that requiring conference championship games to begin no later than 3:30 Eastern time Sunday will allow selection shows to be at a more reasonable time such as 9 and 9:30 p.m. Eastern time and agreed to recommend that requirement as policy. (See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 1.)

The committees noted that the ultimate goal is to require conference tournaments to finish Saturday before selections and asked staff to seek information from the commissioners regarding the length of current contracts for conference championships to determine the earliest opportunity this could be implemented. Having games completed Saturday will ensure that all committee members are able to fully participate in the selection discussions, which will enhance the integrity of the selections process and allow the selection show to occur earlier Sunday evening, improving the student-athlete experience.

#### 4. **Championships Committee updates.**

- a. **KPI.** The committees received an update on the addition of KPI to the sport-specific criteria list. The Championships Committee recommended that sport committees review (but not use) the KPI alongside the current 2021-24 selection criteria for the 2023-24 season. The next three-year cycle for sport committees to determine their three optional selection criteria begins in 2024, so sport committees would need to affirm their desire to use the criterion for 2024-27 or replace it with another option in June 2024.
- b. **Triennial budget requests.** The committees received an update on the joint triennial budget requests. The Championships Committee will continue to discuss sport committee proposals at the June 2023 meeting, with recommendations finalized at the September 2023 meeting.
- c. **Feedback on bench size limits.** The committees affirmed the current bench size limit of 23 with 18 chairs, noting venue size limitation precludes additional bench chairs.
- d. **Feedback on ranking calls/under consideration lists.** The committees agreed that having the first ranking call produce an alphabetical order under consideration list was positively received. The committees were not interested in extending that to additional calls, noting rankings help institutions navigate the bid process for regionals as well as generate excitement for schools, conferences and the division.

- e. **Feedback on neutrality pilot.** The committees expressed support for the neutrality pilot becoming permanent Division II policy, noting it has worked well and is a reward for earning the No. 1 seed and the opportunity to host.
  - f. **Feedback on championship access concepts.** The committees provided feedback on the championships access concepts that began as a referral from the Division II Implementation Committee.
5. **Governance updates.** The committee received updates from the Division II governance staff, including an overview of the 2022-23 Division II priorities with a focus on those items impacting championships.
6. **Preliminary-round streaming policy.** The committees discussed the preliminary-round streaming policy, which currently requires only one camera. To enhance the effectiveness of video replay, which is required to host regionals, multiple camera angles are needed. The committees agreed to recommend a policy change specifically for basketball to require multiple cameras (at least two) beginning with the 2025 championship. (See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2.)
7. **2026-30 bid cycle.** The committees received an update on the timeline for the 2026-30 bid process. The committees agreed to include a question asking prospective hosts to indicate their interest in hosting a joint championship, noting the potential for increased attendance and interest in the event. The 2030 championships will already be combined due to the Festival rotation.
8. **Other business.** The committees discussed regionalization and bracketing, specifically noting a desire to avoid first-round conference matchups and enhancing the student-athlete experience. Members noted that the Championships Committee Regionalization Subcommittee has begun work in this area and the basketball committees are willing to assist as needed in that review.
9. **Future joint meeting dates.**
- 2023-24 joint meeting schedule to be determined.

*Committee Chairs:* Tom Jessee, University of Tampa, Sunshine State Conference  
Michael McBroom, West Texas A&M University, Lone Star Conference

*Staff Liaisons:* Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees April 24, 2023, Joint Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Danelle Bishop, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (via videoconference).	
Darrell Brooks, Bowie State University (via videoconference).	
Rick Costello, Purdue University Northwest (via videoconference).	
Mitch Cox, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Steve Hardin, Lees-McRae College.	
Lori Hopkins, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Tom Jessee, University of Tampa.	
Randy Loggins, Converse University.	
Michael McBroom, West Texas A&M University.	
Jenni Morrison, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Josh Prock, West Texas A&M University.	
Mark Richard, University of Montevallo.	
Erika Wallace, Grand Valley State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Mike MacDonald, Daemen University	
<b>Guests In Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Kerstin Hunter, Maritza Jones and Ryan Jones.	