



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
APRIL 22-23, 2024, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **KPI.** The committee affirmed its intent to use KPI as one of the three sport-specific selection criteria for the 2024-27 cycle. (See Informational Item 6-b.)
2. **Chair election.** The committee re-elected Andy Peterson, director of athletics at Northwest Missouri State University, as chair for 2024-25. (See Informational Item 8.)

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2023 report.** The committee approved the April 2023 annual meeting report.
2. **Championships Committee updates.** The committee discussed a request from the Division II Championships Committee seeking feedback regarding the Division II regionalization model and opportunities to revise the current approach to bracketing. The Championships Committee will review the sport committee feedback at the June 17-18 meeting.
3. **National Association of Basketball Coaches recap.** The committee received updates from staff on NABC Division II business meetings, noting feedback provided by coaches on topics that are part of the annual meeting agenda.
4. **Review of 2024 championship.**
 - a. **Selections.** The committee agreed that the selection process ran smoothly. The committee continues to be concerned with how late the show airs due to conference tournaments finishing late in the evening on Sunday. The committee expressed its desire to continue the conversation about earlier automatic qualifier deadlines or the possibility of not announcing the championship field until Monday. Further, the committee noted that if any changes come out of the current regionalization review that affect bracketing, this additional time will be crucial to ensure the committee has the time to spend on the bracketing process.
 - b. **Regionals.** The committee agreed that all nine regional sites were administered successfully. The committee noted minor changes to communication and timing within resources provided to teams and hosts and asked staff to update for consistency.
 - c. **Elite Eight.** The committee commended the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the Evansville Regional Sports Commission for once again hosting a successful Elite Eight. Members noted that both entities are committed to providing a first-class experience for the teams involved and will collaborate to continue making improvements for next year.

5. **Officials.** The committee received a season recap from John Blazek, Division II men's basketball national coordinator of officials, and commended him for his work throughout the season. The committee looks forward to working with Mr. Blazek again in 2025.

The committee also heard from Secretary-Rules Editor Jeff O'Malley, who reviewed implementation of rules changes from the first year of the cycle. The committee was encouraged by rules changes that were made and looks forward to working with the playing rules staff to review feedback and suggested changes in a new rules-change cycle next year.

6. **2025 championship.**

- a. **Committee timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2024-25 and did not make any changes.
- b. **Selection criteria.** The committee noted that the 2024-25 season begins a new three-year selection criteria cycle. The following additional sport-specific criteria will be used:
- **In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).**
 - **Performance Indicators (PI).**
 - **KPI.**

The committee will continue using all available criteria to seed teams at the Elite Eight.

7. **2026-28 bid cycle.** Staff provided an update on the bids that were submitted as part of the 2026-28 cycle. The committee will review additional bid information in the summer once broadcast and hotel feedback are received.

Several cities indicated interest in hosting the men's and women's championships as a joint championships experience. The committee is interested in exploring this opportunity and will discuss with the women's basketball committee whether any joint championships should be awarded in this bid cycle.

8. **Manuals.** The committee committed to reviewing the various manuals and provide feedback and necessary changes to staff.
9. **Committee administration.** The committee reviewed upcoming vacancies to the regional advisory and national committee. Staff will update members as replacements are made.

The committee also re-elected Andy Peterson, director of athletics at Northwest Missouri State University, as chair of the committee for the 2024-25 academic year.

10. **Other business.** No other business was discussed.

11. Future meetings.

- April 28-29, 2025, annual meeting (Indianapolis.)

Committee Chair: *Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University*
Staff Liaison: *Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances*

Division II Men's Basketball Committee April 22-23, 2024, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Nate Burton, West Virginia State University.	
Rick Costello, Purdue University Northwest (via videoconference).	
Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Steve Hardin, Lees-McRae College.	
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.	
Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Mark Richard, University of Montevallo.	
Absentees:	
Mike MacDonald, Daemen University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
John Blazek, Division II Men's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials.	
Jeff O'Malley, NCAA Men's Basketball Secretary Rules Editor.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama Huntsville.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Carla Laster and Andy Supergan.	