

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE  
APRIL 14, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Approval of 2019 report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report.
- 2. NCAA Division II Championships Committee update.** The committee reviewed actions the Championships Committee took at its meetings and teleconferences for the past year.

The committee reviewed several budgetary items that were submitted to the Championships Committee for the upcoming budget cycle, including a national officials coordinator stipend, changing the Women's Elite Eight format to allow a day off between quarterfinals and semifinals, paying for replay at all regional sites, and a stipend for regional officials evaluators.

- 3. Women's Basketball Coaches Association recap.** Staff noted the WBCA Convention did not take place this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The committee agreed that the date and time, as well as the format, of the Division II meeting need to be examined to encourage the membership to participate.
- 4. Women's Basketball Update.** The NCAA vice president of women's basketball joined the meeting to update the committee on COVID-19 decisions and how they will affect the NCAA Women's Basketball Strategic Plan for 2019-24.
- 5. Coaches Connection update.** The liaison for the Division II women's basketball coaches connection provided an update of the program and the positive feedback she has received. The committee made a few suggestions to take back to the WBCA and potential educational topics for monthly calls.
- 6. Regional and national ranking calls.** The committee reviewed the regional and national ranking call schedule and made no changes. The members also reviewed the regional advisory committee orientation PowerPoint and made a change related to best practices around confidentiality.
- 7. Review of 2020 championship.**
  - a. Selections.** The committee felt the selections process went very smoothly this year. Using the what-if scenarios earlier in the process would be helpful for a number of regions. The group noted that not having the chair interview did not result in any negative feedback.

- b. Site representatives.** The committee agreed to start looking for site representatives earlier in the ranking process to aid the overall process.

**8. Officials.**

- **Evaluators.** The committee reviewed the evaluator selection process and noted the appreciation they heard from the officials on-site. The committee agreed that going forward the evaluators will announce the advancing officials at the regional sites, rather than the site representatives.

**9. 2021 championship.**

- a. Selection criteria.** The committee recommended the following additional selection criteria for 2022-25:
  - Rating Percentage Index.
  - Performance Indicator.

Regarding the Performance Indicator, the committee would like to explore the option of adjusting the point range to better differentiate teams.

- b. Schedule of events/committee assignments.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events/committee assignments document and did not make any changes for 2021. However, the committee would like to review cheerleader guidelines for safety reasons when venues do not permit ample space on the end lines.

- 10. Legislation update.** A representative from the Division II academic and membership affairs staff joined the meeting to update the committee on COVID-19 and items related to women's basketball.
- 11. Governance update.** The committee met with members of the Division II governance staff to discuss items related to Division II.
- 12. Automatic qualification forms.** The committee reviewed and approved automatic qualifying conferences for the 2020-21 academic year.
- 13. Manuals.** Committee members were assigned to review the various manuals and provide necessary changes to the NCAA.
- 14. 2020-21 timeline.** The committee reviewed the timeline for 2020-21 and recommended adding a deadline for reaching out to potential site representatives. Next year's annual meeting will be conducted virtually in mid-April, with an exact date yet to be determined.

- 15. 2023-2026 bid cycle.** The committee conducted a preliminary review of the bids received for 2023-2026 and will make its top recommendations on an upcoming teleconference.
- 16. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made no edits.
- 17. Committee chair selection.** The committee nominated Lori Hopkins, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator from Northwest Missouri State University, as chair for the 2020-21 academic year.
- 18. Adjournment.**

*Committee Chair:* Jason Martens, St. Mary's University (Texas), Lone Star Conference.  
*Staff Liaison:* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee April 14, 2020, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Lori Hopkins, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Tom Jessee, University of Tampa	
Jason Martens, St. Mary's University (Texas).	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.	
Jenni Morrison, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Krista Montague, Montana State University Billings.	
Wendell Staton, Georgia College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Karen Stromme, Coaches Connection.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Kerstin Hunter, Championships and Alliances.	
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lynn Holzman, Division I Women's Basketball.	
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.	