



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE
JUNE 17, 2024, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Automatic qualifiers.** The committee seeks approval of automatic qualifier (AQ) conferences. There will be 11 AQ conferences for 2024.
- 2. Field size increase and format change.** The committee seeks approval to increase the field size and add one play-in match to keep up with the increased number of automatic qualifiers for 2024.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative item.

a. Automatic qualifiers.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 11 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Conference Carolinas; Conference USA; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference; Northeast Conference; and Southwestern Athletic Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Continued opportunity for student-athletes to compete in the postseason.

b. Addition of play-in match.

- (1) Recommendation. That the field size be increased to 19 and three play-in matches be added to the championship to accommodate the increase in the number of automatic qualifiers to eleven. These would be conducted at three regionals the day prior to regionals starting to allow for less overall team travel and lower increased costs associated with the format change.

- (2) Effective date. 2025 championship.
- (3) Rationale. The recommendation keeps half the field reserved for at-large selections with the increase of automatic qualifiers.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Additional travel for one team, and three additional days of team per diem. There may be additional facility costs associated with adding a day to the regionals, but those will be site specific.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Continued opportunity for student-athletes to compete in the postseason.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **2023 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2023 committee report as submitted noting that the 2024-25 will be in the second year of the pilot program using the “tournament finishes” component as a secondary criterion.
- 2. **Regular-season processes.** The committee reviewed processes for regular-season tournaments and score reporting. Additionally, the committee discussed challenges with the current reporting process and will implement strategies to improve efficiencies in the future.

Selection criteria. The committee reviewed the current ranking and selection process and asked its subcommittee to work on processes for the second-year pilot program of reviewing the “tournament finishes” component as a secondary criterion.

Rankings. The committee agreed to release RPI rankings starting in January to help the membership seed their tournaments.

Bracketing. The committee noted that two teams were paired in the first round for the second consecutive year and placed in the same regional for the fourth consecutive year due to geographic bracketing policies. The committee continues to support expanding seeding to 50% of the bracket to help avoid these repeat matchups in the future.

- 3. **2024 regionals and championship review.**
 - a. **2024 regionals.** The committee reviewed processes and feedback from 2024 regional competition.

- b. 2024 finals.** The committee reviewed the 2024 championship finals site in Detroit and commended the University of Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission for their excellent work in successfully hosting the championship. The committee discussed championship components that were successful this year and enhancements for future years to continue to elevate the championship.
 - c. Banquet.** The committee noted the consistently positive feedback regarding the championship banquet and that the unique venue created a wonderful experience for the student-athletes. The committee agreed that many of the components from the banquet can be carried forward to continue to provide new experiences for the student-athletes in the future.
- 4. 2025 championship.** The committee discussed the upcoming championship in Las Vegas and eagerly awaits future planning calls with the host staff.
 - a. AQ approval.** The committee reviewed and approved the automatic qualifying conferences. (See Action Item 2.)
 - b. NTCA update.** Kayla Bandy joined the meeting to give an NTCA update and noted that advanced collaboration on planning the web streaming at the awards ceremony will be beneficial going forward.
- 5. Playing rules review and discussion.** The 2024-25 and 2025-26 rules changes were presented to the committee for consideration. The recommended changes will be reviewed during the Playing Rules Oversight Panel meeting in July.
- 6. 2026-28 championships bid review.** The committee reviewed bids submitted for the 2027 and 2028 championship sites and discussed viable options.
- 7. Committee chair.** The committee elected Jana Woodson, deputy athletics director at Tulane University, to replace Glen Brittich, athletics director at Elmhurst University, whose term ends August 31.
- 8. 2025 annual meeting date.** The committee agreed to meet in April or May following the 2025 championship.

Committee Chair: Glen Brittich, Elmhurst University.
Staff Liaison: Aaron King, NCAA Contractor.

NCAA Women's Bowling Committee June 17, 2024, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Glen Brittich, Elmhurst University.	

Jody Fetteroff, Duquesne University.
Michael Fine, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Diane Jones, La Roche University.
Ian Parisi, Molloy University.
John Williamson, Vanderbilt University.
Jana Woodson, Tulane University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Kayla Bandy, NTCA.
Richard Duran, Incarnate Word (PROP liaison).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.