



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE  
MAY 1-2, 2023, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Bracketing policy.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee will attempt to avoid conference opponents in the first round of competition unless there are five or more teams in the field from one conference. If five or more teams from one conference are selected to the championship, then the integrity of the bracket will be protected (i.e., maintaining the pairing process according to seed will take priority over avoidance of first-round conference matchups).

(2) Effective date. 2024 NCAA Women's Bowling Championship.

(3) Rationale. The committee values the separation of conference opponents in the first round and will still make that a priority; however, when there are five or more teams from a conference within a field size of 17, it presents significant challenge in avoiding conference matchups in the first round while maintaining competitive balance throughout the bracket. This year, one conference had six teams qualify for the championship and the committee anticipates this could happen again in the future. As such, the committee believes the recommended policy allows for some flexibility given the significant number of teams in a small field size.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Allowing flexibility to pair conference opponents when there are five or more given the smaller field size provides the committee an opportunity to maintain competitive equity within the bracket.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. 2022 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2022 committee report as submitted.

2. **National and regional advisory committees.** The committee reviewed committee rosters and noted the possibility of new national committee appointments and the need to possibly find regional advisory committee member replacements. Committee members will continue to seek interested administrators and coaches to fill these vacant regional advisory committee positions.
3. **Regular-season forms and processes.** The committee reviewed forms and processes for regular-season tournaments and score reporting and noted that scores will need to be submitted on Sunday prior to selections rather than the former deadline of Monday. Additionally, the committee discussed some pitfalls with the current reporting process and will implement strategies to improve efficiencies in the future.
4. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the ranking and selection process that is in place and established a subcommittee to research the potential of implementing a “tournament finishes” component as a secondary criterion.
5. **2023 regionals.** The committee reviewed processes and feedback from 2023 regional competition.
6. **2023 finals.** The committee reviewed the 2023 championship finals site in Las Vegas and commended the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and South Point for their excellent work in successfully hosting the first NCAA championship in Las Vegas. The committee discussed championship components that were successful this year and enhancements for future years to continue to elevate the championship.
7. **Championship banquet.** The committee reviewed the consistently positive feedback regarding the championship banquet and noted that the unique venue created a great experience for the student-athletes. The committee agreed that many of the components from the banquet can be carried forward to continue to provide a great experience for the student-athletes in the future.
8. **Playing rules.** Michael Fine, the women’s bowling secretary-rules editor, led the rules discussion. Andy Supergan, who serves as the women’s bowling liaison to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel, joined the committee to aid in the discussion.
9. **Future championships.** The committee discussed the upcoming championship in Detroit and looks forward to future planning calls with the host staff.
10. **Newly approved championship format.** The committee was pleased to learn that the Competition Oversight Committee had approved a format change beginning in 2027 that will encompass bringing all teams in the field to compete at one finals site as opposed to having the regional-round sites. The committee discussed the bracket procedures for this format and agreed not to change anything from the current bracket. There will be four double elimination pods that will play in to one championship final double elimination pod of four teams.

**11. 2027-30 bid cycle.** The committee discussed the upcoming bid cycle and specifications for future host sites, including the new format in which all teams compete at one site.

**12. Committee chair.** The committee re-elected Glenn Brittich, the athletics director at Elmhurst University, as the chair for a second term.

**13. 2024 annual meeting date.** The annual meeting will take place June 17-18 with the committee travel day being June 16.

*Committee Chair:* Glenn Brittich, Elmhurst University

*Staff Liaison:* Aaron King, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Bowling Committee May 1-2, 2023, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Glenn Brittich, Elmhurst University.	
Jody Fetteroff, Duquesne University.	
Ian Parisi, Molloy University.	
Jeff Walsh, Medaille College.	
John Williamson, Vanderbilt University.	
Jana Woodson, Tulane University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Fine, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.	
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.	