



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
COMMITTEE AND NCAA DIVISIONS I AND III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK
AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEES
JUNE 13, 2019, JOINT MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Capturing DNF's in final results for cross country.** The NCAA Divisions I and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees and the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee voted to require that meet hosts capture DNF's in the results for all NCAA cross country regular-season meets and conference championships beginning with the 2019 season. The committees discussed implications of this procedure, including the added burden on the timing company and the potential impact on student-athlete eligibility (e.g., using a season of competition) but ultimately felt that a large portion of the responsibility lies with the coach to scratch a student-athlete who will not be competing.

If teams have a student-athlete who starts a race but does not finish, the committees are requiring that meet hosts ensure that their timing and results company is updating results to reflect DNF's prior to uploading the results to the official NCAA results reporting site, <https://xc.tfrrs.org/>. A method the committees are recommending is to have clerking onsite and establish a deadline by when participating institutions must scratch student-athletes who will not run. The assumption would then be that any student-athlete not scratched and who does not finish with a time is a presumed DNF in the final results. **The committees noted that athletes who Do Not Start (DNS) should NOT be included in any meet results. Only athletes that start and Do Not Finish (DNF) should be listed as DNF's in the final results.**

Hosts that fail to report results inclusive of DNF results will be fined in accordance with the current failure to adhere to policy and procedure fine structure. Coaches are responsible for reviewing results for accuracy once posted on TFRRS-XC.

2. **Eagle Eye.** The committees discussed the use of Eagle Eye at all divisional championships and noted that a request for proposal will be going out this fall to solicit bids from companies interested in providing video review for the track and field championships.
3. **Rules.** The NCAA track and field secretary-rules editor joined the committees to provide an update from the Track and Field Rules Committee and noted a membership survey seeking feedback on various topics including, but not limited to: height of the hammer throw cage; mixed gender competition; and the ability for athletes to view video in designated areas of the track.

The committees specifically discussed advancement procedures and the number of violations that occurred in the 2018-19 academic year. The committees would like a frequently asked questions document to be developed to better educate coaches on the rules and the proper advancement procedures for those most frequently violated (e.g., cancelling heats). This document will ideally include rationale to give coaches as much information as possible.

4. **Qualifying criteria.**

a. Review of criteria. The committees reviewed the current criteria and made no changes for the coming year. In reviewing the criteria, the committees discussed whether to accept marks only from competitions operated under the NCAA rule book, which would void any marks a student-athlete would achieve at meets like the Drake Relays and The Millrose Games, to name a few. Ultimately the committees decided that regardless of where a mark is achieved, the student-athlete still owns that performance and should be allowed to use that mark to qualify to NCAA championships as long as it meets the requirements detailed in the NCAA qualifying criteria.

b. Guidelines for reporting violations. The committees reviewed the current guidelines for reporting violations, specifically looking at the timing of reporting, but made no changes.

c. Violations from the 2018-19 academic year. NCAA staff provided the number of violations reported during the 2018-19 academic year and the main rules being violated. The committees discussed the need for education, most notably regarding advancement procedures, and advised that the playing rules group lead this effort.

5. **Track and field officials assignor.** The committees reviewed the 2018-19 indoor and outdoor championships and some action steps they would like to see put in place moving forward. Some of the action steps include the development of rules education for officials and developing a rating system for officials. The rating system would be both for the officials to evaluate each other and for the coaching body to evaluate officials.

A point of emphasis for the coming year for officials is to be more deliberate when issuing a yellow flag so that there is a more general awareness of potential issues. The committees discussed placing an official at the common finish line to serve as a spotter for flags during the race and raise a flag at the common finish line to be more visible. The committees also discussed whether changing to a red flag might be more visible.

6. **Gill Athletics.** The committees discussed the gifts provided from Gill this past year and noted that they have greatly improved over the past few years. NCAA staff will continue to select different gifts for each of the two championship events and will take the gift recommendations from the committees into consideration for future championships.

7. **Other business.** Several years ago, the committees adopted indexing with the notion that it would be reevaluated after a few years. With several years of data now available, the committees would like another analysis conducted to see if there are more accurate conversions or if what is currently in place is still the acceptable standard. The committees discussed raising this topic with the coaches association for feedback.

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Attendees:
Natalie Bach-Prather, Eastern Texas Baptist University.
Marlee Berg Haryaz, Westfield State University.
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.
Trey Clark, Lamar University.
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Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.
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Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University.
Lorne Marcus, St. Thomas Aquinas College.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware.
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University.
Colleen Mischke, Black Hills State University.

Mike Nelson, Marquette University.
Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University (Georgia).
Don Nichter, Dickinson College.
Kevin Reid, University of LaVerne.
TJ Shelton, The Ohio State University.
Derek Stanley, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.
Adam Ward, Augusta University.
Absentees:
Mike Howard, Plattsburgh State University.
Guests in Attendance:
Mark Kostek, secretary rules editor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
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