



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I AND III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD  
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEES, NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND  
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE, AND THE NCAA DIVISION II  
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 18, 2020, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Rules.** Mark Kostek, the NCAA track and field and cross country secretary-rules editor, joined the committees to provide updates on several rules-related items, including minimum distances in cross country, mixed gender competition, team scoring, teams that do not finish (DNF) in cross country and the use of electronic devices in track and field.
2. **Track and field officiating.** Nathan Smurdon, the national officials' assignor for track and field, joined the meeting to share updates and information as it relates to officiating within track and field. Items discussed included, but were not limited to, the role out of the new official's registration/application system, Arbiter, which will be used for the upcoming 2021 official's selection process; consistent outfitting of NCAA championship officials; officials pay, recruitment and education.
3. **Return to sport conversation.** The committees heard updates on the return-to-sport documents being developed and conversations taking place to address concerns about management and conduct of competition surrounding COVID-19. Specifically, the focus is on practice and competition areas and the practices that need to be implemented to ensure proper physical distancing, cleansing and disinfecting, management of equipment, restriction to various areas within the venue, etcetera. The committees were also provided a link to the USA Track & Field Logistical Information and Guidance for Event Directors and Local Organizing Committees.
4. **2020-21 track and field qualifying criteria review.**
  - a. **Review of criteria.** The committees reviewed the criteria and elected to not make any changes to the qualifying dates for indoor or outdoor track and field despite the COVID-19 situation. The committees did not want to further limit the possibility of opportunities to institutions and student-athletes.

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Additionally, at the request of Mr. Kostek, the committees discussed and elected to add language allowing for waiver requests to be submitted to the respective sport committees to hold events elsewhere (e.g., hammer throw that cannot occur at the main competition venue). Language will be added to the qualifying criteria document so that similar language can be removed from the rule book.

Item 4d of the qualifying criteria regarding combined-events-only competition will be updated to clarify that at least one institution along with at least one unattached athlete not affiliated with the school must be involved in the competition.

**b. Guidelines for reporting violations.** The committees reviewed the current guidelines for reporting violations but made no changes with the exception of noting that the contact information for NCAA staff and committee chairs will need to be updated.

**5. Gill Athletics.** The committee noted the Gill gifts that were ordered this year for both coaches and student-athletes. Ideas were considered for new gifts that could be ordered for 2021 indoors, and members noted that the gifts that were planned for outdoors this year can be ordered for outdoors in 2021 due to the cancellation of the 2020 championships.

*Committee Chairs: Milan Donley, University of Kansas, Big 12 Conference*  
*Steve Blocker, Emporia State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association*  
*Dara Ford, Otterbein University*

*Staff Liaison: Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances*  
*Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances*  
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*Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division I and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees, NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, and the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee June 18, 2020, Joint Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Marlee Berg Haryasz, Westfield State University.
Natalie Bach-Prather, East Texas Baptist University.
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University
Trey Clark, Lamar University.
Greg Cooper, Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend College.
Abbie Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Kristen Decker, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Milan Donley, University of Kansas.
Zach Emerson, Franklin Pierce University
Dara Ford, Otterbein University
Elvis Forde, Temple University
Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
Amy Horst, Loyola University Maryland.
Mike Howard, Plattsburgh State University.
Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.
Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University
Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University
Amy Maier, Buena Vista University.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware.
Collen Mischke, Black Hills State University
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University.
Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University
Ryan Orner, Xavier University.
Kevin Reid, University of La Verne.
TJ Shelton, The Ohio State University.
Josh Schroeder, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Adam Ward, Augusta University
<b>Absentees:</b>
Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Mark Kostek, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Nathan Smurdon, National Officials' Assignor for Track and Field.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
LaKitha Murray, Championships and Alliances.
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances.