



**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 14, 2023, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and introductions.** NCAA staff welcomed the committees and guests to the meeting.
- 2. Rules updates, proposals, etc..** Mark Kostek, the NCAA track and field and cross country secretary-rules editor, joined the committees to provide updates on rules-related items and provided an opportunity for committee members to ask questions.
 - a. World Athletics and USTAF Rules.** The rules committee will discuss possible alignment with World Athletics and USATF on lane line stepping and shoe rules.
 - b. Education on common rules.** The rules committee will discuss how to better educate the membership and officials on common rules, in hopes to decrease the number of rules violated during the regular season.
- 3. DirectAthletics.** The committees discussed the acquisition between FloSports and DirectAthletics and continuing the valued partnership for the committees and the membership through the merger. The committees discussed results reporting deadlines for the upcoming year for each division.
- 4. Equal race distances proposal – cross country.** During the 2022 joint meeting the committees discussed a letter received advocating for equal race distances in men's and women's cross country. The committees discussed the proposal at length and unanimously voted against it at that time. The committees were asked to revisit the proposal on behalf of the Committee on Women's Athletics in 2023. The committees reaffirmed their previous stance voting against the proposal. This feedback will be provided to the Committee on Women's Athletics.
- 5. Officiating – track and field.** Milan Donley, track and field national officials assignor, joined the committees to discuss officiating topics.
 - a. NCAA rules test.** Milan Donley and Mark Kostek, track and field secretary rules editor, discussed the implementation of an NCAA rules test as continued education for new and current officials.
 - b. RefQuest.** The committees received an update on the transition from Arbiter to RefQuest platform. The transition was well received by officials and saw a 30% increase in the number of officials registered from previous years.

- c. **Competition managers.** The committees discussed the addition of competition managers at the Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The Division II and Division III committees will continue to discuss and consider for future implementation.
- 6. **USATF update.** Michael Nussa, high performance programs manager at USA Track and Field, discussed the World Athletics and USATF rules surrounding shoes and lane line violations. Additionally, Mr. Nussa reminded members of the importance of ensuring events are submitted to the World Athletics Calendar a minimum of 60 days prior to the event in 2024 in order to ensure NCAA meets are considered for qualification to World Athletics and USA Track and Field.
- 7. **DV Sport – track and field video review.** The committees discussed DV Sport and their performance during the indoor and outdoor track and field championships. DV Sport continues to receive praise for the scope and quality of work provided at the championships.
- 8. **Artificial pistol.** The committees discussed the use of artificial pistols for the championships. The committees did not move forward with exploring the use of an artificial pistol stating issues with the sound and not being consistently used during the regular season.
- 9. **Indoor conversions/indexing.** The committees discussed indoor track conversions and indexing. The committees agreed that any further conversations should happen independently at the divisional levels, given the varying interest in review across the three divisions.
- 10. **Track and field qualifying criteria review.**
 - a. **Review of criteria.** The committees reviewed the qualifying criteria. This included making the following updates:
 - 1) Emphasize that enroute times should not be reported to TFRS and are not allowed to be used toward qualifying.
 - 2) Note that mixed gender relay events are allowed to count toward the event minimums noted within the qualifying criteria.
 - 3) Add a note emphasizing that all event venues, including temporary facilities (e.g., elevated runways) for both indoor and outdoor track and field must have a survey and be certified. Any modifications to a facility would require a new survey and certification.Updates will be reflected in the qualifying criteria document posted on each sport committee's landing page.
 - b. **Guidelines for reporting violations.** The committees reviewed the current guidelines for reporting violations and made no changes. The committees discussed a possible penalty structure and or

violation for meet hosts that continually break NCAA rules or have violations. No formal structure was created during the meeting.

5. **Gill Athletics.** The committee reviewed the Gill gifts that were ordered this year for both coaches and student-athletes and offered suggestions for future gifts. NCAA staff will work with Gill for the upcoming year's student-athlete and coaches' gifts.

Committee Chairs: Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.
Joe Wassink, Limestone University.
Mike Howard, Plattsburgh State University of New York.
Chris Bradford, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Staff Liaison: Ashley Caldwell, Championships and Alliances
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances
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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 14, 2023, Joint Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Danielle Anderson, Lone Star Conference.	
Jay Arther, Indiana University.	
Joel Williams, Tufts University.	
Blake Boldon, Drake University.	
Greg Cooper, Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend College.	
Tina Davis-Fernandes, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.	
Jackie Duvall, Kentucky State University.	
Zach Emerson, Franklin Pierce University.	
Ayanna Tweedy, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	
Elvis Forde, Temple University	
Kerri Gallagher, Manhattan College.	
Shawn Green, University of New Hampshire.	
Sydney Griffin, United States Military Academy.	
Mike Howard, Plattsburgh State University.	
Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.	
Amy Maier, Buena Vista University.	

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Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.
Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University.
Matt Roe, Butler University.
Josh Schroeder, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.
Jessica Cooper, Grove City College.
Cameia Alexander, Virginia Wesleyan University.
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University.
Joe Wassink, Limestone University.
Elizabeth Hoge, Ashland University
Sage Woodham, Southern Arkansas University
Kevin Curtin, Bentley University
Darlene Moore, Albany State University (Georgia)
Leigh Cordes, Lubbock Christin University
Jason Bryan, Catawba College
Chris Bradford, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Mark Kostek, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Milan Donley, National Officials' Assignor for Track and Field.
Michael Nussa, USATF.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Ashley Caldwell, Championships and Alliances.
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Demetria Young, Lindsey Eldred, Margaret Gaines.