



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
APRIL 2, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Nonlegislative items.**

- 1. 2021 Cross Country South Regional Championships host.**

- a. Recommendation. That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve the University of North Alabama and the Huntsville Sports Commission as the host for the 2021 Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country South Regional Championships.
- b. Effective date. Immediately.
- c. Rationale. The committee had to go back out to bid for the 2021 Cross Country South Regional Championships after the host that was originally selected had to withdraw from hosting.

In the review of the newly submitted bids the committee noted that the City of Huntsville, Alabama had invested into the design and development of a new cross country-specific course and felt it was important to strongly consider venues that are investing in the sport. The committee also noted that the bid met several significant requirements including a longer straightaway to the first turn as compared to other bids as well as a desirable width throughout the entirety of the course. Lastly the committee noted the ease of drivability for a significant number of the teams within the region to this site as well as financial support from the Huntsville Sports Commission to help offset some of the expense to conduct the championship event.

- d. Estimated budget impact. Nothing outside normally operational expenses to conduct the event. Also, as noted above, the expense related to the event will actually be more favorable due to the financial support from the Huntsville Sports Commission.
- e. Student-athlete impact. The committee feels the recommended venue and host will provide a fair and equitable championship experience for the participating student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

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- 1. Summary of 2022-26 championship bids.** The committee reviewed a document summarizing the full list of championship bids received for Division I cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. This information will help the committee as it works to finalize site and host recommendations for 2022-26.
- 2. Grouping and assignment by lanes in first rounds at the Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships and the Division I East and West Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Championships.** The committee discussed feedback from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association to consider a rule change that would allow for the grouping and assignment of lanes based on season best marks in the first rounds of the indoor and outdoor track and field championships. After discussion the committee unanimously agreed that no changes were necessary. Members believe the random lane assignment in the first rounds of the championships is the fairest way to start the championships. The committee noted in particular that indoor athletes are earning qualification marks on several different track types (flat tracks, banked, oversized, etc.) and that random lane assignments in the first round creates the most fair way to begin the championships. The committee shared this feedback with the secretary-rules editor for consideration as the rules committee reviews proposals for the upcoming year.

Committee Chair: Milan Donley, University of Kansas, Big 12 Conference
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee April 2, 2020, Teleconference
Attendees:
Trey Clark, Lamar University.
Abbie Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
Milan Donley, University of Kansas.
Elvis Forde, Temple University.
Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
Amy Horst, Loyola University Maryland.
Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.
Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware.
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University.
Ryan Orner, Xavier University
TJ Shelton, The Ohio State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.

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NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.