



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2024, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Revised seeding for all semifinal round track events at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships.** The committee reviewed the current seeding method used for track events that contest a semifinal round at the finals site of the NCAA outdoor track and field championships. The structure of the championships is unique in that the first rounds are conducted at two sites (east and west) as a singular competition to qualify to the final rounds in a third location. Current methodology uses place finish in the preliminary rounds as well as finish times in the preliminary rounds to seed qualifiers into the semifinals at the site of the final rounds. However, finishing times can be greatly affected by weather conditions. The committee believes this often leads to weather-based advantages in seeding of semifinal qualifiers from one preliminary site compared to semifinal qualifiers from the other. The committee believes the method illustrated below, which the committee plans to implement for the 2025 championships, eliminates this potential weather-based disparity and maximizes the equity in semifinal track events seeding.

Six heats down to three semifinals, 100, 200, 400, 800, 100h, 110h, 400h, 4x100m, 4x400m

Seed	Semifinal A	Seed	Semifinal B	Seed	Semifinal C
1	Fastest Winner, West	2	Second Fastest Winner, West	1	Fastest Winner, East
3	Slowest Winner East	2	Second Fastest Winner, East	3	Slowest Winner, West
4	Fastest 2nd Place, East	5	Second Fastest 2nd Place, West	4	Fastest 2nd Place, West
6	Slowest 2nd Place, West	5	Second Fastest 2nd Place, East	6	Slowest 2nd Place, East
7	Fastest 3rd place, West	8	Second Fastest 3d Place, West	7	Fastest 3rd Place, East
9	Slowest Third Place, East	8	Second Fastest 3rd Place, East	9	Slowest 3rd Place, West
10	Fastest q, East	11	Second Fastest q, West	10	Fastest q West
12	Slowest q, West	11	Second Fastest q, East	12	Slowest q, East

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Four heats down to two Semifinals:
1500m

Seed	Semifinal A	Seed	Semifinal B
1	Fastest Winner, West	1	Fastest Winner, East
2	Slowest Winner, East	2	Slowest Winner West
3	Fastest 2nd Place, East	3	Fastest 2nd Place, West
4	Slowest 2nd Place, West	4	Slowest, 2nd Place, East
5	Fastest 3rd Place, West	5	Fastest, 3rd Place, East
6	Slowest 3rd Place, East	6	Slowest 3rd Place, West
7	Fastest 4th Place, East	7	Fastest 4th Place, West
8	Slowest 4th Place, West	8	Slowest 4th Place, East
9	Fastest 5th Place, West	9	Fastest 5th Place, East
10	Slowest 5th Place, East	10	Slowest 5th Place, West
11	Fastest q, East	11	Fastest q, West
12	Slowest q, West	12	Slowest q East

Six heats down to two semifinals:
Steeplechase

Seed	Semifinal A	Seed	Semifinal B
1	Fastest Winner, West	1	Fastest Winner, East
2	Second Fastest Winner, East	2	Second Fastest Winner, West
3	Slowest Winner, East	3	Slowest Winner, West
4	Fastest 2nd Place, West	4	Fastest 2nd Place, East
5	Second Fastest 2nd place, West	5	Second Fastest 2nd Place, East
6	Slowest 2nd Place, East	6	Slowest 2nd Place, West
7	Fastest 3rd Place, East	7	Fastest 3rd Place, West
8	Second Fastest 3rd Place, West	8	Second Fastest 3rd Place, East
9	Slowest 3rd Place, West	9	Slowest 3rd Place, East
10	Fastest q, East	10	Fastest q, West
11	Second Fastest q, East	11	Second Fastest q, West
12	Slowest q, West	12	Slowest q, East

2. **NCAA indoor and outdoor technical manual.** The committee elected to add to the indoor and outdoor technical manual a policy that clarifies how to break ties for seeding in sub-events of the pentathlon, heptathlon and decathlon competitions. The policy will look at the overall combined event score of the tied athletes and give the tiebreak advantage to the athlete who is seeded higher in the overall combined event competition.

Committee Chair: Blake Boldon, Drake University, Missouri Valley Conference
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee August 7, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Ritchie Beene, Alabama State University.	
Blake Boldon, Drake University.	
Cody Brousek, University of Nebraska.	
Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.	
Emily Fulton, Virginia Military Institute.	
Asha Gibson-Smith, Austin Peay State University.	
Sydney Griffin, United States Military Academy.	
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.	
Kerri Inman, Manhattan College.	
Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.	
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.	
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Demetria Young, Championships and Alliances.	