



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
MARCH 11-12, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2025 indoor track and field championships.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee reviewed and verified start lists and determined opening bar heights and progressions for the vertical jumps. The committee also prepared a list of last-minute notes and details to be included in the coaches' packets.
2. **2025-26 subcommittee chair assignments.** The committee briefly discussed members that may be interested in serving as a subcommittee chair for the 2025-26 academic year. Interested members were told to contact the NCAA staff liaison.
3. **Outdoor track and field.**
 - a. **2025 outdoor track and field first-round competition managers.** The committee was informed of two competition managers who indicated they were no longer able to work the first rounds of the outdoor track and field championships in May. The committee discussed possible replacements and identified two individuals to invite. NCAA staff will contact the identified individuals to confirm their interest and availability.
 - b. **2025 outdoor track and field final site schedule.** The committee once again reviewed proposed changes to the outdoor track and field championships schedule with the additional 30 minutes of coverage that ESPN has agreed to provide on the first two days of competition. The committee reviewed the adjusted times and approved the changes for the championships in June.
4. **Indoor track and field.**
 - a. **Weight throw implements policy.** The committee briefly considered house implements at the NCAA championships but noted that the rules added to the 2025-26 NCAA rules book have eliminated many of the past concerns.
 - b. **Indoor track and field technical manual.** The committee noted that the new rules book continues not to address heat order when advancing on time only. As a result, the committee has elected to update the technical manual for the future to proceed from slow

to fast in the 200 meters and 400 meters at the NCAA championships but have heat order be random in the 60 meter dash and the 60 meter hurdles.

5. **Artificial intelligence in track and field.** The committee received a presentation from Blake Boldon, senior associate athletics director/Franklin P. Johnson Director of the Drake Relays and director of cross country and track & field at Drake University on the use of artificial intelligence in track and field. Specifically, Mr. Boldon shared ways that AI could be used to help with meet management and officiating with the ability to upload various documents, resources and books to help find answers to rules-related questions, championship and meet policies, and other items in an efficient and timely manner. The committee expressed interest in the idea and asked that it be shared with the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee for review and feedback as well.

Committee Chair: Karina Handeland, University of Portland, West Coast Conference Staff
Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee March 11-12, 2025, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Ritchie Beene, Alabama State University.	
Cody Brousek, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.	
Emily Fulton, Virginia Military Institute.	
Asha Gibson-Smith, Austin Peay State University.	
Sean Graham, American University.	
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.	
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami (Florida).	
Funmi Jimoh, Rice University.	
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.	

