



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2022, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2022 cross country championships.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee reviewed the schedule and assignments for the week. In addition, members prepared last-minute notes to be included in the team packets.
- 2. Track and field officiating.** The committee received an update from Milan Donley, NCAA track and field officials assignor, on the selection process and the recommended key officials for the 2023 NCAA Division I indoor and outdoor track and field championships sites. Mr. Donley noted that selections were on track to be announced in late December around the holidays.

In addition, the committee reviewed a recommendation from Mr. Donley to consider consistency in the key officials positions across all three divisions. The committee generally supported the recommendations but acknowledged further discussion must occur with the Division II and Division III committees to ensure their support before final action can be taken.

Lastly, the committee discussed at length the possible implementation of new recommended positions called "competition managers" at each of the indoor and outdoor track and field championships sites. The committee unanimously supported pursuing the implementation of these positions. These positions would be involved in the technical oversight of competition, which would include complete oversight of the administration, setup, safety and conduct of competition for specific assigned disciplines. The recommended positions would include one competition manager assigned to each of the following areas: jumps events, throws events, combined events and track events. The committee will continue discussing potential costs for implementation as well as detailed job descriptions for each position, and the development of a competition structure chart to better define roles of competition and meet- and championship-related personnel.

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3. 2026-30 championship bid specifications. The committee reviewed and updated the 2026-30 bid specifications for the Division I cross country regionals, cross country championships, indoor track and field championships, outdoor track and field first rounds, and outdoor track and field championships.

4. Cross country.

- a. Regional championship site updates.** Committee members who served as site representatives at regional championship competitions provided updates from each site. Representatives provided significant positive feedback. Representatives did note that sites need to ensure they are using the most modern timing technology. In addition, the committee noted that teams need to be reminded that even if they declare down to their final runners at packet pickup on Thursday, they must still visit the clerking tent and check in their team(s) the morning of the race on Friday. Lastly, members noted that there can never be enough directional signage and race-related signage on the course and that several sites that don't have permanent signage can do a better job of labeling turns, mile marks, kilometer marks, etcetera, on the course.
- b. Cross country regional and championship dates.** The committee talked briefly about the current championships date formula. While there seems to be a desire to provide more recovery time between the regionals and the national championships, there does not appear to be interest in moving the date of regionals earlier. The committee will continue considering the matter and will seek feedback from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association executive committee regarding any potential adjustments to the date formula.

4. Track and field.

- a. Indoor track indexing.** The committee elected at this time to not discuss potential changes to the indexing formula currently being used for indoor track and field, as members felt this was something they could consider for possible later discussion.
- b. Outdoor track and field championship announcers.** The committee reviewed announcer recommendations for the Division I outdoor track and field championships this upcoming June at the University of Texas at Austin. The committee agreed to invite three announcers to work the championships and asked staff to contact these individuals in the coming weeks.
- c. USPOC/NCAA track and field pilot program.** Committee members received an update about discussions occurring with the stakeholders involved in the USOPC/NCAA track and field pilot program. Most notably, members were updated about discussions with the USOPC and USATF about differences in rules between the NCAA level and the World Athletics level and the efforts being made to continue having NCAA championship marks count toward World Athletics qualifying. Stakeholders will continue discussing this matter in the months ahead.
- d. Para-college inclusion project.** Blake Boldon updated the committee on his work with the para-college inclusion project, including efforts to conduct para-college exhibition races at track and

field meets along with possibly including a para-college event at future NCAA track and field championships.

- e. **Seeding from outdoor track and field East and West first rounds to final site.** The committee reviewed the current seeding process, which is based on place only and not time when seeding from the East and West first-round sites to the final site. The original intent behind this seeding process was to take into account how differing weather conditions at the two sites could affect competition. However, after discussion by the NCAA committee and feedback from the USTFCCA track and field executive committee, the NCAA committee elected to return to the same seeding process used in 2019, which seeds based on place and time from the first-round sites to the final site.
- f. **Outdoor track and field technical manual.** Committee members reviewed the tiebreaking procedures currently noted within the outdoor technical manual and elected to clarify and make the following additions to the procedures used when breaking running event ties for the 12th position from the East and West first-round sites to the final site:
 - 1) Add a note within the technical manual stating that when applying the tiebreaking step that involves using the next best mark(s) on the current outdoor season prior to the current round, any mark(s) used for tiebreaking must be wind legal in accordance with the NCAA qualifying procedures of 4.0 m/s.
 - 2) Add language stating that if the above tiebreaking step does not break the tie, the tie will be resolved by examining, of those tied, the second-best valid qualifying performance mark achieved during the current outdoor season, and so on until there is no basis for a performance mark comparison. For a tie not resolved after all available performance mark comparisons, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the original tying performance mark later in the season.
 - 3) As a last resort and once all other tiebreaking procedures have been exhausted, a run-off would be scheduled within one hour of the last running event of that day to break the tie. Failure to participate would not apply if an athlete elected to not participate in the run-off.

The committee also elected to add the above language to note that this same tiebreaking would apply for any running related ties for the last position from the first rounds of competition to the quarterfinal rounds of competition, once any available extra lanes have been exhausted.

Committee Chair: Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida, Atlantic Sun Conference
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee	
November 17, 2022, Meeting	
Attendees:	

Jay Arther, Indiana University.
Blake Boldon, Drake University.
Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.
Elvis Forde, Temple University.
Kerri Gallagher, Manhattan College.
Shawn Green, University of New Hampshire.
Sydney Griffin, United States Military Academy.
Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.
Matt Roe, Butler University.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University.
Absentees:
Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.
Guests in Attendance:
Milan Donley, NCAA Track and Field National Officials Assignor.
Sam Seemes, CEO United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.