



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 2, 2024, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **New NCAA Division I track and field and cross country committee members and 2024-25 subcommittee assignments.** New committee members who were unable to make the September call were introduced. In addition, the committee was updated and reminded of the subcommittee assignments for the 2024-25 academic year.
2. **Approval of August report.** The committee approved its August report as written.
3. **World Athletics whereabouts testing at NCAA championships.** The committee was joined by LaGwyn Durden and Mallory Mickus from the NCAA Sport Science Institute and was informed that the NCAA's designated drug testing agency, Drug Free Sport, was approached by the Athlete Integrity Unit of World Athletics to conduct future whereabouts testing at NCAA championships. The committee expressed support for whereabouts testing occurring at the location of the NCAA championships but did not feel the NCAA should be responsible for providing on-site space at the facility or any other logistical necessities. Members expressed that any whereabouts testing could be handled offsite from the competition venue, by contact with the athlete at their place of lodging or through some other offsite location organized by AIU or World Athletics.
4. **Indoor track and field championship student-athlete lounge and social space.** The committee approved implementing a student-athlete lounge and social space in place of a banquet for the 2025 championships. This would be onsite during Thursday practice with exploration of having onsite during competition days on Friday and Saturday as well. Details of the buildout will be explored with currently budgeted dollars that are normally dedicated to a student-athlete banquet.
5. **2025 indoor and outdoor track and field competition managers.** The committee reviewed recommended competition manager assignments from NCAA National Officials Assignor Milan Donley. While the committee supported the recommendations, members made a few adjustments to accommodate some geographical proximity to assigned sites. NCAA staff will contact approved competition managers with official invites and confirm availability for the upcoming 2025 championships.
6. **Waiver requests to conduct outdoor throwing events at an offsite location from the main competition venue.** The committee reviewed two waiver requests to conduct throwing events at a location other than the main competition venue. The committee asked staff to continue

exploring the distance and location of the offsite venue to determine if this aligns with the true spirit of competition within a track and field meet.

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

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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.	
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University.	
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeff Mlynski.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Demetria Young, LaGwyn Durden, and Mallory Mickus.	