



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE
JUNE 25 AND AUGUST 11, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Elimination of altitude conversions.**

- a. Recommendation. The NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee recommends eliminating altitude conversions for championships qualification.
- b. Effective date. 2027-28 academic year.
- c. Rationale. The committee reviewed a proposal sponsored by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The proposal supported by the Division II Track and Field Executive Committee and Division II track and field coaching membership at the 2024 USTFCCCA convention recommends eliminating altitude conversions for qualifying. The NCAA Division II Track and Field Committee endorsed the proposal following a membership survey in which 52% of respondents supported it while 28% were opposed and 19% had no opinion. Key components the committee discussed regarding altitude include the following:
 - Altitude impacts every individual differently, yet a uniform standard conversion is being applied.
 - The current altitude structure converts only certain events although altitude impacts performance in every event.
 - Conversions are not applied for other geographical conditions such as heat, humidity and cold, which all affect performance.
 - Outside of the NCAA, no other level of track and field competition uses altitude conversions. The committee also noted the Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved eliminating altitude conversions beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.
- d. Estimated budget impact. N/A.

- e. Student-athlete impact. Removing altitude conversions will primarily affect student-athletes who compete at higher elevation but creates a simpler and more transparent qualification process by evaluating all athletes based on actual performance rather than adjusted marks.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Joint annual meeting agenda review.** The committee reviewed the agenda for the 2026 annual meeting joint session. Members discussed topics of concern to share with the Division I and Division III sport committees.
2. **2027 annual meeting.** The committee selected June 9-11 as dates for the 2027 annual meeting.

Committee Chair: *Tabitha Bemis, Slippery Rock University*
Staff Liaison: *Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee June 25 and August 11, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Danielle Anderson, Lone Star Conference.	
Tommy Barksdale, University of Montevallo.	
Tabitha Bemis, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.	
Bethany Blomquist, Azusa Pacific University.	
Shane Drahota, Minnesota State University, Mankato.	
James Kearney, Lewis University.	
Katie Rees, Adelphi University.	
Sam Viebrock, Clayton State University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.	
Dallas Woods, Championships and Alliances.	