



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE
JUNE 12-14, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Fine for failure to adhere to event check-in procedures.**
 - a. Recommendation. That a fine of \$1,000 be assessed to an institution for a student-athlete not following outlined event check-in procedures.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee members and NCAA staff continue to have issues with student-athletes missing the event check-in deadlines, showing up without proper equipment or losing bibs before arriving at the check-in tent. Currently, if a student-athlete has forgotten the equipment necessary to check in or is late, the student-athlete is disqualified from the event and possibly the championship if they are in more than one event. With the large number of student-athletes at each championship and the tight schedule, the deadlines ensure that everything runs smoothly and on time.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. Adding a fine would potentially allow the student-athlete to compete and reiterate the importance of the outlined procedures for meet management purposes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. 2018 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved its 2018 annual meeting report as written, as well as the report from the 2018 joint meeting with the NCAA Divisions I and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees.
- 3. Joint meeting agenda.** Committee members reviewed the joint meeting agenda and made no adjustments.

- 4. Review of DirectAthletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System.** The committee discussed inaccurate marks being reported and if the system can flag the marks for tournament directors to correct or verify. The championship manager will work with DirectAthletics to discuss this possibility.
- 5. Minimum contest requirements.** The committee discussed the minimum contest requirements and made no changes.
- 6. Code of conduct.** The committee discussed the code of conduct fine process and deadlines and made no changes. The committee noted issues with getting the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative signature during the spring championships and concerns with the form being signed by the correct person. These concerns brought up the question if the SAAC signature on the form is necessary and if for spring championships is it acceptable for anyone to sign that line or if it should be left blank if the SAAC representative has left campus.
- 7. Media access at championships.** The committee discussed ways to manage the media when allowed on the infield at the outdoor championships and will work with future hosts on implementing regulations. The committee determined media will not be permitted on the infield for indoor championships and will be permitted on the infield for outdoor championships only when the throws areas are outside the track.
- 8. Indoor and outdoor track and field.**
 - a. Selection procedures.** The committee reviewed the outlined minimum and maximum field sizes set for the championships and the way strengths of events are determined and made no adjustments.

The committee discussed the medical scratch process and clarified procedures and penalties for scratches occurring before the championships. Due to the impact scratches could have on championships selections, a fine or misconduct could be issued. Language will be added to manuals to clearly communicate the steps to take when making medical and non-medical scratches. If scratches occur after 1 p.m. Eastern time Saturday before the championships, no student-athlete will be added to the championship field.
 - b. Banquets/socials.** The committee will explore banquet or social options for all championships. Due to the size of the outdoor track and field banquet and issues in the past, the banquet will be eliminated. The committee will look to provide other student-athlete enhancements in its place.
- 9. Indoor track and field.** The committee felt the Pittsburg State University staff did a great job hosting the 2019 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. Overall, the feedback from the student-athletes and coaches was very positive.

The committee reviewed facility information for the 2020 championships and noted changes to the schedule due to facility setup. NCAA staff will work with the committee to make necessary scheduling adjustments.

- 10. Outdoor track and field.** The committee believed the 2019 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships were successful and feedback from participating institutions was positive. The committee discussed some areas for improvement and will work with the Texas A&M University-Kingsville staff to make the necessary adjustments for the 2020 championships.

The committee discussed potential misconducts for not following policies and procedures during the championships and will inform the institutions of any disciplinary actions.

The committee reviewed the 2019 championships schedule and noted ways to condense the schedule. The committee will look at the potential adjustments to the schedule to provide a shorter day for the student-athletes and less time in the heat.

The committee will seek feedback from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee regarding a regional model for the championships.

- 11. Officials/Announcers.** The committee reviewed the complete pool of officials and announcers used for the 2019 indoor and outdoor track and field championships. Members noted that the officials in all positions were strong at the indoor championships but noted communication errors between the officials and institutions with violations. At the outdoor championships, the committee felt too many officials were assigned to various events and some officials assigned to timing tablets had issues. NCAA staff will discuss areas for improvement with the NCAA national assignor of officials and find ways to better educate officials for future championships.

- 12. Qualifying standards and conversions.** The committee reviewed the process for setting the automatic and provisional qualifying standards for the indoor and outdoor track and field championships and made no changes.

- 13. Budget process.** The committee discussed the upcoming budget timeline and a proposal submitted by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for increasing the travel party. The committee will explore a selection process that would select by a set event size, instead of an overall championship size. This would eliminate confusion and issues with strength of events, varying number in each event and the reimbursement process for qualifying relay teams. The committee will work with NCAA staff to gather costs associated with the potential budget requests.

- 14. United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association tie-breaking proposal.** The committee reviewed the proposal for a new tie-breaking procedure submitted by the coaches association, which would allow the next best mark on the same day of competition to be used when there is a tie. Due to using strength of events during selections and wanting student-athletes to have consistent marks throughout the season, the committee voted to keep the current tie-breaking procedure.
- 15. 2022-26 bid process.** The committee reviewed the bid specifications for the upcoming cycle and changes that need to be made. The committee will work with the membership to secure more bids for the 2022-26 championships.
- 16. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the draft of the strategic plan and set short- and long-term goals. NCAA staff will work on updating the document and send to the committee for final review.
- 17. Academic and membership affairs update.** A representative from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on Division II legislation.
- 18. Governance update.** A representative from the NCAA Division II governance staff updated the committee on areas of focus for the future.
- 19. Committee.** Steve Blocker, head track and field and cross country coach at Emporia State University, was voted to remain the chair.
- 20. Other business.** A representative from the NCAA championships and alliances staff provided an update on the NCAA Division II National Championships Festival and solicited feedback from the committee on improvements for future festivals. The committee noted new indoor track facilities being built, and cities that could serve as potential future host sites.

Committee Chair: Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.	
Kristen Decker, Mansfield University.	
Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University.	
Lorne Marcus, St. Thomas Aquinas College.	
Colleen Mischke, Black Hills State University.	

Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University (Georgia).
Adam Ward, Augusta University.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.
Maritza Jones, Governance.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.