



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE
JUNE 13-15, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Appointment of committee chair.**

(1) Recommendation. Grant a one-year extension for Joe Wassink, head coach at Limestone University, to remain chair of the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. The committee recommends allowing Mr. Wassink to serve a third term as chair of the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. With half of the committee roster not returning, and some of the remaining members only being on their second year, consistency and continued expertise is necessary. Allowing Mr. Wassink to remain as chair for his final term provides leadership and knowledge needed for a committee made up of majority new members.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.

2. 2022 annual meeting reports. The committee approved its 2022 annual meeting report as written, as well as the report from the 2022 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 supplements.

4. Review of DirectAthletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System. The committee discussed the results from the 2023 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships and did not have concerns with the results reported.

5. **Minimum contest requirements.** The committee discussed minimum contest and sport sponsorship requirements. The committee noted concerns with several schools not meeting the minimum contest requirements and the increasing amount of waiver request that are received each year. The committee feels this has been a continued topic of concern and will further discuss with NCAA what steps can be taken to minimize the amount of institutions that do not meet the minimum requirements.
6. **Code of conduct.** The committee reviewed the current fine process and deadlines and made no changes.
7. **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 to the current process. The committee recommendation to move to set field sizes will be reviewed during the Division II budget cycle. If approved, a set field size will be determined for each event and strength tables would be removed from the selection procedures.
 - b. **Clerking procedure.** The committee evaluated the bib process and made no adjustment. Will continue to have the clerks distribute student-athlete bibs during clerking.
 - c. **Medical scratch policies.** The committee discussed the medical scratch process and penalties for submitting a scratch after the scratch deadline. The committee will review each scratch to determine if a misconduct or fine should be issued.
 - d. **Banquets/socials.** The committee will explore banquet or social options for indoor championships, but due to the size of the indoor track and field banquet, finding adequate venues continue to be a concern. The committee will continue to evaluate the need for the indoor banquet. If eliminated the committee will look to provide other student-athlete enhancements in its place.
8. **Indoor track and field.** The committee acknowledged the hard work of the host staff at this year's championships in Virginia Beach, VA. Members did, however, note that the host could have used more operational staffing support and volunteers. The committee was very pleased with the venue and hotel availability in the area.

The committee reviewed facility information for the 2024 championships. The championship will return to Pittsburg, Kansas with Pittsburg State University as the host.

The committee will continue to conduct the administrative meeting virtually and prior to teams arriving onsite.

- 9. Outdoor track and field.** The committee believed the 2023 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships were successful and felt the Colorado State University - Pueblo staff did a great job hosting. The committee noted changes that will be relayed to the host when we return for the 2025 outdoor championships.

The committee reviewed facility information for the 2024 championships. NCAA staff will work with the committee and host to make necessary adjustments to the schedule and facility setup.

The committee will continue to conduct the administrative meeting virtually and prior to teams arriving onsite.

- 10. Officials/Announcers.** The committee reviewed the complete pool of officials and announcers used for the 2023 indoor and outdoor track and field championships. Members noted that the officials at the indoor championships needed additional volunteers to help with event areas. The committee discussed issues with the lap counter during the outdoor championship. Discussed assigning additional officials for lap counting to avoid mistakes. NCAA staff will discuss areas for improvement with the NCAA national assignor of officials and find ways to better educate and recruit officials for future championships. The committee selected announcers for the upcoming year and will extend formal invites this fall.

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

- 12. Timing company.** The committee evaluated the timing company and found no issues with the current vendor.

- 13. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made updates to the short- and long-term goals.

- 14. Committee.** The committee reviewed open vacancies from the Atlantic, East, Midwest, and South Central regions.

- 15. Other business.** The committee discussed procedures for handling weather delays and how to best communicate the new event times, warm-up periods and clerking deadlines to coaches once competition resumes.

Committee Chair: Joe Wassink, Limestone University.
Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee June 13-15, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Danielle Anderson, LoneStar Conference.	
Jackie Duvall, Kentucky State University.	
Tina Davis-Fernandes, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Zach Emerson, Franklin Pierce University.	
Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University.	
Joe Wassink, Limestone University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.	
Demetria Young, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	