

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE JUNE 11-12, 2025, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

• Minimum contest requirements. The 2024-25 academic year was the first year of the new minimum contest numbers for outdoor track and field. The committee noted no waiver requests were submitted since adapting the new requirements. (See Informational Item No. 6.)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.
- **2. 2024 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved its 2024 annual meeting report as written, as well as the report from the 2024 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 materials for the joint meeting. The committee discussed several topics to bring to the joint meeting including altitude conversions and NCAA shoe protocol best practices.
- **4. Coaches Connections/Coaches Association reports.** The committee reviewed several proposals from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
 - **Altitude conversion elimination**. The committee has not yet acted on this proposal but will survey the membership on this topic for feedback.
 - **Budget items**. The committee reviewed proposals from the USTFCCCA that would have a budget impact. These items will be evaluated during the triennial budget cycle. At that time the committee will determine which proposals to submit to the Division II Championships Committee. The budget proposals include first-round competition for outdoor track and field, four-day outdoor championship schedule, three-day indoor championship schedule and the use of competition managers.
- **5.** Review of DirectAthletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System. The committee met with Dave Stelnik of DirectAthletics to discuss the 2025 indoor and outdoor track and field championships. Overall, the committee is satisfied with DirectAthletics and TFRRS. The committee will work with DirectAthletics to implement the new indexing structure for the 2026 indoor season.
- **6. Minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed the current minimum contest requirements and made no changes. The 2024-25 academic year was the first year of the new minimum contest numbers for outdoor track and field. The committee noted no waiver requests were submitted since adapting the new requirements.

7. Code of conduct. The committee reviewed the current fine process and deadlines and made no changes.

8. Indoor and outdoor track and field.

- **a. Selection procedures.** The committee discussed the new selection process that was effective for the 2025 championships. The committee felt the process went well and made no changes.
- **b.** Clerking procedure. The committee reviewed student-athlete report times for each event and made no changes. The committee will work on providing a clerking chart to be incorporated in the Technical Manual.
- **c. Banquets/socials.** The committee discussed options for a banquet or social for the 2026 indoor championships in Virginia Beach. The Division I championship also was hosted at Virginia Beach in 2025, and the committee will consider incorporating ideas from the Division I championship.
- **d. DV Sport.** During the 2025 outdoor championship DVSPORT provided their red light/green light system to track fouls in the long jump and triple jump competition. The committee felt this new system went well and will explore using it again for the outdoor and indoor championships.
- **e. Timing.** The committee discussed issues from the 2024-25 indoor and outdoor championships. The committee noted key areas including the need for additional volunteers to assist the timing company with live results.
- f. Credential access. The committee discussed issues with credential access during the indoor and outdoor championships. Specifically, the committee looked at media access and coaching box locations on the infield. The committee will enlist host staff to help better monitor access on the infield.
- **g.** Event-specific practice schedules. The committee will re-evaluate the warm-up protocol for field events and make any necessary changes for the 2026 championships.
- **9. Indoor track and field.** The committee felt the University of Indianapolis, Indiana Sports Corps, and Indiana State Fairgrounds staff did a great job hosting the 2025 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The committee did discuss issues with hotels and how being part of the Division II winter championships festival makes hotel selection difficult.

Norfolk State and Virginia Beach Sports Commission will host the 2026 indoor championships.

10.Outdoor track and field. The committee discussed the 2025 championships hosted by Colorado State University Pueblo. The committee felt the CSUP staff did a great job hosting but also noted issues with securing volunteers. The championship manager will work more closely with future host to ensure they have the proper number of volunteers for each event.

Emporia State University will host the 2026 outdoor championships.

11.Officials/Announcers. The committee reviewed the complete pool of officials and announcers used for the 2025 indoor and outdoor track and field championships. The committee will provide recommendations to NCAA National Officials Assignor Milan Donley regarding key officials they believe should officiate at the Division II national championships.

The committee selected announcers for the upcoming year and will extend formal invitations this fall.

- **12.Qualifying standards.** The committee reviewed the process for setting the provisional qualifying standards for the indoor and outdoor track and field championships and made minor changes to the documents that the championship manager will update.
- 13. Strategic plan. The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made updates to the short- and long-term goals. Members noted under the short-term goals that it was important to provide education and resources regarding best practices for the new NCAA shoe rule and protocols. Members also continued to emphasize the need to bridge the gap between the coaching body and the NCAA sport committee through open communication with the coaches association and educational information presented at the coaches association convention.
- **14.Committee.** Tabitha Bemis, assistant track and field coach at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, was voted as chair of the committee for 2025-26. Bethany Blomquist from Azusa Pacific University and James Kearney from Lewis University were appointed as new members to replace outgoing members.
- **15.**Manual edits. The committee asked staff to revise areas in the committee operations, host operations, pre-championship, and participant manuals.
- **16.Other business.** The committee received general updates from the academic and membership affairs and governance staffs.

Committee Chair: Tina Davis-Fernandes, California State University, Los Angeles

Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:

Danielle Anderson, Lone Star Conference.

Tabitha Bemis, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Tina Davis-Fernandes, California State University, Los Angeles.

Shane Drahota, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Katie Rees, Adelphi University.

Sam Viebrock, Clayton State University.

Austin Weyant, Lynn University.

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.

Dallas Woods, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Ryan Jones, Governance.

Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs.