



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE
JUNE 10, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. 2025 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved its 2025 annual meeting report as written.
- 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, NCAA shoe protocol and DirectAthletics.
- 4. Coaches Connections/Coaches Association reports.** The committee received an update from Kim Duyst, Coaches Connection connector, and reviewed the status of several proposals from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
 - **Altitude conversion survey update.** The committee reviewed survey results from the membership. The committee will continue discussion during the divisional joint meeting for next steps regarding altitude conversions.
- 5. Review of DirectAthletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System.** The committee discussed the new indexing structure implemented during the 2026 season. Overall, the committee is satisfied with the new conversions. The committee offered several ideas to enhance the user experience with DirectAthletics and TFRS and those ideas will be shared to the appropriate DirectAthletics staff members.
- 6. Minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed the minimum contest requirements and made no changes.
- 7. Indoor and outdoor track and field.**
 - a. Selection procedures.** The committee discussed how ties are broken for championships selection. In the current system ties are broken only for the last position selected into the championship. The committee wants to explore the option of breaking ties at every event place. The NCAA liaison will continue to work with the secretary-rules editor to determine how rules are applied to breaking ties.
 - b. Clerking procedure.** The committee reviewed the new flight-specific clerking procedure and agreed that it improved operations during both the indoor and outdoor championships.

However, the committee noted the need for further discussion with officials to ensure the second flight is escorted to the event venue promptly to avoid delays in competition.

- c. **Banquets/socials.** The committee agreed to move forward with purchasing a gift for student-athletes in lieu of hosting a banquet at the 2027 indoor track and field championship.
 - d. **Credential access (media and coaching boxes).** 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 and determine what spaces are appropriate for both media and coaching areas.
- 8. Indoor track and field.** The committee reviewed participant survey results and discussed key highlights and operational issues from the 2026 indoor track and field championships. Overall, the committee viewed the championship experience positively, noting that the Virginia Beach staff were helpful and accommodating throughout the event. The committee also agrees that the warm-up area, team camp and clerking areas showed significant improvement from previous years. Key areas identified for future consideration included discussion on location for running the sprints and the sound system for awards area.
- The Brigham CrossPlex and University of Montevallo will host the 2027 indoor championships.
- 9. Outdoor track and field.** The committee reviewed participant survey results and discussed key highlights and operational issues from the 2026 outdoor track and field championships. The committee noted how helpful the Emporia State staff and their volunteers were during competition and practice days. They also discussed key concerns of hotels and travel to Emporia.
- California State Polytechnic University Pomona and Mt. San Antonio College will host the 2027 outdoor championships.
- 10. Officials/announcers.** The committee reviewed the complete pool of officials and announcers used for the 2026 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.
- 11. Qualifying standards.** The committee reviewed and approved the new provisional qualifying standards for the 2027 indoor and outdoor track and field championships.
- 12. Committee.** Tabitha Bemis, assistant track and field coach at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, was voted as chair of the committee for 2026-27. Jenna McKinley-Fall from Colorado State University Pueblo was appointed as the new South Central representative.
- 13. Manual edits.** The committee asked staff to revise areas in the committee operations, host operations, pre-championship, technical and participant manuals.

14. Other business. The committee received general updates from the governance staff and updates to the bid and budget cycle timelines.

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 10, 2026, Meeting	
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.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Martiza Jones, Governance and Member Services.	
Katelyn Skarr, Governance and Member Services.	