



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE  
JUNE 16-18, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaws 17.1.2 and 17.23.1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Segments of Playing Season – Eliminate Two-Segment Limit – Track and Field**
  - a. Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 17.1.2 (segments of playing season) and 17.23.1 (length of playing season) to eliminate, in track and field, the restriction on dividing the playing season into not more than two distinct segments; further, to specify that each segment must consist of at least one week.
  - b. Effective date. August 1, 2021.
  - c. Rationale. This proposal would provide institutions with more flexibility in their playing seasons to better suit academic calendars and student-athlete safety, welfare, and development. Each institution would be empowered to structure its season and off-season around midterms, finals or other periods of academic intensity, as suits the academic interests of the student-athletes. The flexibility would allow distributing the training-intensive in-season weeks over a greater time period, providing intermittent recovery weeks of off-season training between the more intensive in-season training weeks. The flexibility offered by eliminating the limit of two segments would not force institutions to change their current overall playing seasons.
  - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
  - e. Student-athlete impact. More efficient use of a student-athlete's time.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. 2019 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved its 2019 annual meeting report and joint meeting report with NCAA Divisions I and III Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Committees and Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee.

3. **Joint meeting agenda.** Committee members reviewed the joint meeting agenda and made no adjustments.
4. **Review of Direct Athletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System.** The committee discussed the results used for the 2020 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships and did not have any concerns with the results reported.
5. **Minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed and discussed the minimum contest requirements and did not make any changes.
6. **Code of conduct.** The committee reviewed the current fine process and deadlines and made no changes.
7. **Media access – all championships.** The committee reviewed the changes that were adopted at the 2019 annual meeting for this year's championships and made no changes due to the cancellation of the championships due to COVID-19.
8. **Indoor and outdoor track and field.**
  - a. **Selection procedures.** The committee reviewed the minimum and maximum field sizes set for the championships and the way strengths of events tables are determined and used. No changes were made.
  - b. **Banquets.** As a result of COVID-19 budget adjustments, the NCAA canceled all championships banquets for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee discussed options to present student-athletes awards previously handed out during the banquet and will continue to explore alternatives.
9. **Indoor track and field.** Due to COVID-19, the 2020 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships were canceled. The committee reviewed the championship information for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships and noted it will be a sports festival year. The committee reviewed the three-day schedule used during the 2017 sports festival and made no changes.
10. **Outdoor track and field.** Due to COVID-19, the 2020 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships were canceled. The committee reviewed the championship information and schedule for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Championships and made no changes.
11. **Officials/Announcers.** The committee reviewed the list of officials and announcers selected for the indoor championships and those to be selected for the outdoor 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. The committee discussed and determined the qualifying standards and conversions for the 2020 outdoor track and field championships will remain the same for 2021 outdoor track and field championships.
- 13. 2022-26 bid process.** The committee reviewed and discussed the bids submitted and will submit recommendations by the deadline.
- 14. Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and discussed the short- and long-term goals and the indicators for achieving them.
- 15. Academic and membership affairs update.** A representative from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on Division II legislation.
- 16. Governance update.** A representative from the NCAA Division II governance staff updated the committee on areas of focus for the future.
- 17. Committee.** The committee selected Randi Lydum, interim executive director of intercollegiate athletics at Western Oregon University, to replace Steve Blocker as committee chair in September. Mrs. Lydum has been a vital member of the committee for three years and is well known and respected in the track and field community.

*Committee Chair: Steve Blocker, Emporia State University*  
*Staff Liaison: LaKitha Murray, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committee June 16-18, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kristin Decker, Mansfield University.	
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.	
Zach Emerson, Franklin Pierce University.	
Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University.	
Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University.	
Collen Mischke, Black Hills State University.	
Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University.	
Adam Ward, Augusta University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
LaKitha Murray, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Maritza Jones, Governance.
Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs.