

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17-18, 2019, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Selection criteria adjustment.**

(1) Recommendation. That the language for “second-tier results against common Division II opponents” be amended to the following:

- Each team will get a win for any distinct, winning common competitor chain (A beats B, B beats C).
- Each team will get a loss for any distinct, losing common competitor chain (A loses to B, B loses to C).
- Each team will get a win for any victory against a second-degree common competitor (i.e., team A beats team B, team B beats team C, team C beats team D, so team A gets a win against team D).
- Each team will get a loss for any defeat against a second-degree common competitor (i.e., Team A loses to team B, team B loses to team C, team C loses to team D).
- If there are both wins and losses in the common competitor chain, for either first- or second-degree opponents in common, this will not be counted for or against a team.
- Each common competitor chain (both 1st and 2nd degree) must be unique. The same meet between the same two teams cannot be used in two different chains for any two teams under consideration.
- Within each common competitor chain (both first and second-degree), each link must represent a different competition. Chains using the same meet in multiple links should not be counted for or against a team.
- Net Wins = (Direct Wins + Common Competitor Wins) – (Direct losses + Common Competitor Losses).

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. These editorial changes to the selection criteria will simply adjust how data are pulled and computed in the selection system, allowing the committee to have better data to compare teams and select the best teams to the championship.

(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. 2017-18 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved the 2017-18 annual meeting report as written.
- 3. Review of 2018 regional meets.** The committee reviewed the evaluations for the 2018 regional meets and commented that all regional hosts did a great job hosting the meets. Additionally, in the future, the committee would like courses to have staked course markings in addition to ground markings to ensure the course boundaries can be clearly seen in any weather.
- 4. Review of the 2018 Cross Country Championships.**
  - a. Championship recap.** The committee reviewed the evaluations for the 2018 cross country championships and noted that the weather and course made for very difficult championships. The committee commented that the host did the best they could with the course, but the weather was overwhelming and created unsafe conditions for the student-athletes. The committee would like to emphasize that when the championships are part of the Division II Festival in the future, the planning committee must ensure that the cross country course meets championships-caliber standards and adheres to the championships course bid specifications.
  - b. Selection procedures.** The committee reviewed proposed changes to the selection criteria and recommended changes to the criteria in Action Item 2.
- 5. Minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed the minimum contest requirements and would like staff to include language in the preseason memo to coaches regarding the requirements to remind them that they must meet these requirements in order to be eligible to compete at the regional meets.

**6. Preview of the 2019 regional and national championships.**

- a. Regional hosts.** The committee reviewed the regional hosts for 2019 and noted that the women will run first in 2019.
  - b. Championship.** The committee reviewed the bid materials for the 2019 championships and noted that the course has previously hosted Division I regional meets and other high-caliber races and the committee is confident it will be an excellent course for the championships. Additionally, staff will review space requirements and confirm race start times with the host on the site visit later this summer.
- 7. Manual review.** The committee reviewed all championship manuals and staff will make the necessary changes for the 2019-20 season.
  - 8. Academic and membership affairs update.** A representative from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on Division II legislation as it pertains to student-athlete transfers, seasons of eligibility and sport sponsorship.
  - 9. Sport sponsorship.** The committee discussed sport sponsorship and recommended no changes to the current legislation.
  - 10. Distance change.** The committee discussed Division I cross country's desire to reduce the men's race distance to 8,000 meters and noted that this distance change will not go into effect until the Division I committee receives more feedback from the membership. The Division II committee asked staff to develop a survey to solicit feedback from coaches for review at the coaches' convention in December.
  - 11. Review of bid specification documents.** The committee reviewed the Division II cross country bid specifications document for the upcoming NCAA bid process. Staff will make the necessary changes by the posting deadline later this summer. Additionally, the committee reviewed the bid recommendations the coaches' association provided and felt the current bid specifications are sufficient. The committee understands the challenges student-athletes faced due to the course conditions at the 2018 championships and will ensure courses adhere to the rules and bid specifications in the future.
  - 12. Championship strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed and adopted the strategic plan for the Division II cross country championships, noting that it will review the plan annually.
  - 13. Committee.** Lee Glenn, associate director of athletics at the University of North Georgia, was voted as committee chair for 2019-20.

*Committee Chair: Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University*  
*Staff Liaison: Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee June 17-18, 2019, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jared Bruggeman, Missouri Southern State University.	
Jennifer Buddle, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.	
Alex Eaton, University of Southern Indiana.	
Lee Glenn, University of North Georgia.	
Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University.	
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo.	
Andy Young, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances.	
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.	