

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE APRIL 3, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative items.
 - None.
- 2. Nonlegislative items.
 - 2025 South Central Regional host recommendation.
 - a. <u>Recommendation</u>. Approve Colorado State University Pueblo to host the 2025 Division II South Central Cross Country Regional.
 - b. Effective date. Immediately.
 - c. <u>Rationale</u>. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the host originally selected for the 2025 South Central Regional is no longer able to host. The committee received two bids for consideration to host the South Central Regional and believes CSU Pueblo will provide a top-notch experience for student-athletes and coaches. The South Central Regional will take place at the Pueblo Country Club in Pueblo, Colorado.
 - d. <u>Estimated budget impact</u>. No additional expenses will be incurred because of moving the site.
 - e. <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. The venue selected will provide a quality championship experience for the student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. USTFCCCA Proposal. The committee talked at length about the USTFCCCA's proposal to reduce the number of automatic qualifiers from each regional qualifying meet from the current three per region to two per region for a total of 16 automatic qualifying teams. The remaining 18 teams in the field would be determined using the same at-large qualifying formula that is currently applied for at-large teams. The committee agrees with the coaches association that something needs to change with the championship format, but they are looking at other format options as well. The committee believes there is not enough time to change the format for the 2025-26 season but will continue to include this proposal among the options they are considering. The committee would like to survey the membership this fall with multiple format options before proposing a championship format change with the new triannual budget.

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Committee Chair: Sage Fowler, Southern Arkansas University.
Staff Liaison(s): Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:

Jack Brunecz, King University.

Sage Fowler, Southern Arkansas University.

Elizabeth Hoge, Ashland University.

Andrew Huber, West Chester University.

Michael Rosolino, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University.

Katelyn Smith, Adams State University.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.