

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN’S AND WOMEN’S
CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. 2020 regional cross country sites.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following sites serve as hosts for regional competition during the 2020 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships.

Region	Institutional Host	Location
East	Rochester NY Sports Commission and Roberts Wesleyan College	Matt St. James Cross Country Trails Rochester, New York
Central	Concordia University, St. Paul	Les Bolstad Golf Course St. Paul, Minnesota
Southeast	University of North Georgia	UNG Cross Country Course Oakwood, Georgia

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Committee reviewed and approved all sites and believes each institution can successfully host its respective regional and will provide an outstanding experience for student-athletes.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. The operational budgets the hosts proposed are as follows:

Region	Institutional Host	Receipts	Expenditures
East	Rochester NY Sports Commission and Roberts Wesleyan College	\$0	\$10,270
Central	Concordia University, St. Paul	\$1,500	\$11,790
Southeast	University of North Georgia	\$0	\$6,500

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. 2021 regional cross country sites.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following sites serve as hosts for regional competition during the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

Region	Institutional Host	Location
Central	Missouri Southern State University	Tom Rutledge Cross Country Course Joplin, Missouri
Southeast	Spartanburg Convention & Visitors Bureau and Converse College	Roger Milliken Center Spartanburg, South Carolina

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee reviewed and approved all sites and believes each institution can successfully host its respective regional and will provide an outstanding experience for student-athletes.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The operational budgets the hosts proposed are as follows:

Region	Institutional Host	Receipts	Expenditures
Central	Missouri Southern State University	\$2,925	\$18,395
Southeast	Spartanburg Convention & Visitors Bureau and Converse College	\$3,500	\$12,625

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. 2018-19 annual meeting reports.** The committee approved the 2018-19 annual meeting report as written.
- 3. Review of 2019 regional meets.** The committee noted that all regional hosts did a great job hosting the meets, and members did not hear of any complaints from participants. The regional

survey results are not yet available and NCAA staff will provide that information once it is available.

4. Minimum contest requirements and language.

- a. Championship minimum requirements.** The committee reviewed the minimum contest requirements and noted that various subcommittees through the NCAA Coaches Connection group and U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association are currently discussing how to streamline the championship minimum contest requirements and sport sponsorship minimums. The committee will wait to make any changes to the championship minimum contest requirements until it receives the recommended changes from these two groups. In the meantime, the committee directed staff to create a coaches' checklist to distribute in August with the annual preseason memo and include in the 2020-21 Pre-Championships Manual to help clarify all requirements.
- b. Entry process for regionals.** The committee reviewed the current regional entry process and noted it would like to lengthen the entry period to allow coaches more time to enter regionals. The committee would like the entry period to begin two Mondays prior to regionals, as it normally occurs, but would like the whole week prior to regionals to be the regular entry period. The late entry period will begin the Monday prior to regionals and end at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday evening before regionals. The committee will plan to send reminders to coaches about the entry period to help reduce the number of late entries and will consider late entries following Tuesday's deadline only for exceptionally extenuating circumstances.
- c. Roster changes after regionals.** The committee discussed possibly allowing roster changes after regionals but would like to provide more clarity to coaches on the various requirements throughout the season (i.e., entry deadlines, policies for entries, etc.) before adjusting this policy. Coaches can still make roster changes after regionals for medical purposes.

5. Preview of the 2020 regional and national championships.

- a. Regional hosts.** The committee reviewed prospective regional hosts for 2020 and made recommendations as noted in Action Item 2-a. Additionally, the committee noted that the men will run first in 2020.
- b. Championship.** The committee reviewed the bid materials for the 2020 championships and noted that the course has previously hosted Division II cross country championship in 2017. The committee is confident it will be an excellent course for the championships. Staff will review space requirements and confirm race start times with the host on the site visit later this summer.

6. **Manual review.** The committee reviewed all championship manuals and staff will make the necessary changes for the 2020-21 season.
7. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee discussed sport-sponsorship requirements and will wait to review the recommendations from the minimum contest requirement subcommittees before pursuing sport-sponsorship requirement changes.
8. **Review of bid specification documents.** The committee reviewed the Division II cross country bid specifications document and timeline for the current NCAA bid process. The committee looks forward to reviewing all bids later this spring.
9. **Championship strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan for the Division II cross country championships and made no changes. The committee looks forward to hearing an update on the championship broadcast partners later this spring from the NCAA broadcast group.
10. **Committee.** The committee reviewed the new committee appointments for 2019-20 and will vote on a committee chair on a subsequent teleconference once all committee members are on board.

Committee Chair: Lee Glenn, University of North Georgia
Staff Liaison: Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee November 21, 2019 Meeting
Attendees:
Chris Bradford, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Jared Bruggeman, Missouri Southern State University.
Alex Eaton, University of Southern Indiana.
Lee Glenn, University of North Georgia.
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo.
Andy Young, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.