



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2025, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Cross country countable qualifying window.** The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee reviewed the coaches' association proposal to expand the number of countable weeks from eight weeks before the national championship to nine weeks before the national championship. The rationale for this proposal is that cross country is typically scheduled based on a two-week cadence. Allowing contests to count based on an even number of weeks before regionals would maximize scheduling opportunities for the membership. The committee will conduct a membership survey to all an opportunity for feedback from the entire coaching body and not just those in attendance at the annual USTFCCCA Convention.
- 2. Cross country regional meet entry deadline.** The committee did not support the Coaches' Association's proposal to extend the cross country regional deadline from 11:59 p.m. on Sunday prior to regionals to 11:59 p.m. on Monday prior to regionals based on the work that must be done from the time entries close leading into the regional competition that weekend. While the committee acknowledges there is fine associated with a late declaration or a change to the declared student-athletes for regionals, coaches still have the opportunity to do so beyond the current on-time deadline.
- 3. Creation of a "push process" for NCAA cross country at-large qualifiers.** The committee discussed the current cross country selection criteria and the potential to add a "push process" for at-large team selections. The committee ultimately did not support adding a push rule for at-large qualifiers because it feels that it could become subjective on when it could (or would) be used and that teams should be selected at-large based on their own merits not based on the merits of a team that finishes behind them at regionals. The committee did discuss collecting data from recent selections to see when, or if, the push rule could have come into play, but is not currently recommending this change.
- 4. Trinity University (TX) region change.** The committee discussed a request from Trinity (TX) to be moved from Region X (West) to Region VII (South) effective for the 2025-26 academic year. While the committee understands some of the unique challenges that face institution in both the Region VII and Region X it is hesitant to permit regional shifts as many institutions may find that a regional is closer to them in any given year.

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Committee Chair: *Jessica Cooper, Grove City College*
Staff Liaison: *Laura Peterson-Mlynski, championships*

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Attendees:	
Jessica Cooper, Grove City College.	
Kennadi Carlisle, Pacific Lutheran University.	
Jon D'Ottavio, Moravian University.	
Josh Henry, Carthage College.	
Jason Linders, Gordon College.	
Andrew Marrocco, Shenandoah University.	
Jackie Nicholson, Rochester Institute of Technology.	
David Nicholson, Eastern Connecticut State University.	
Ayanna Tweedy, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.	
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Margaret Gaines-Hornberger.	