

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISIONS I, II AND III FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEES JANUARY 30, 2024, JOINT MEETING

### KEY ITEMS.

None.

## ACTION ITEMS.

None.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Approval of 2023 annual meeting report.** The committees approved the 2023 joint committee report as submitted.
- 2. Divisional championship reports. The chairs of the NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Committees provided updates on their respective championships and noted their respective national champions North Carolina (Division I); Kutztown (Division II); and Middlebury (Division III). The committee chairs reviewed key agenda items from their individual meetings. The committees discussed video review as a hot topic in Division II and Division III and agreed to gain an understanding of Division I video review standards as information.

# 3. Playing rules and officiating.

- **a.** Playing rules update. Cheryl Bruttomesso, NCAA field hockey rules interpreter, joined the meeting to discuss proposed rules modifications for 2024 that the NCAA field hockey rules subcommittee will consider at a subsequent meeting. Ms. Bruttomesso discussed the need to review the proposals prior to sending to the NFHCA convention to ensure clarity in the proposal process.
- **b.** Rules subcommittee update. Victor Brady, chair of the NCAA field hockey rules subcommittee, reviewed the rules subcommittee process and timeline for the coming year.
- c. National coordinator of official's report. Tim Vaughan, the national coordinator of officials for field hockey, provided a report on all three divisions for the committees. Mr. Vaughan noted the successes and concerns for the future on the landscape of officiating in the sport.
- **d.** National coordinator of official's and Rules Interpeter feedback. The committees provided feedback on Mr. Vaughan's and Ms. Bruttomesso's performance that NCAA staff will share with them during the performance review process. The committees

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> urged continued progress in the officiating landscape and discussed strategies to be more transparent and visible with the officiating and coaching community in the sport.

- **4. Bid cycle.** The committee discussed the upcoming timeline for host site selections for 2026-27 championships. The committees instructed staff to continue to gauge interest in potential bidders and each committee looks forward to the upcoming bid selection process for future championship hosts.
- **5. Dates for 2024 annual meeting.** The committees agreed to hold the annual meetings on Jan. 27-28, 2024. The Division II committee chair will lead the joint meeting.

Committee Chairs: Caitlyn Prandato, Harvard University, The Ivy League

Julie Munson, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference

Jodi Cipolla, Endicott College, Commonwealth Coast Conference

Staff Liaisons: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances

# NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Committees

January 30, 2024, Joint Meeting

#### **Attendees:**

Amy Densevich, Kent State University.

Victor Brady, Bryn Mawr College.

Krystyanna Ramsdell, Worcester State University.

Sydney Van Der Merwe, Sacred Heart University.

Wendy Andreatta, University of Rochester.

Jodi Cipolla, Endicott College.

Jessica Roque, Adelphi University.

Pam Bustin, Duke University.

Renee Hellert, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.

Rayell Wallace, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Penny Kempf, Rowan University.

Joanie Milhous, Villanova University.

Julie Munson, Southern New Hampshire University.

Caitlyn Prandato, Harvard University.

## Absentees:

None.

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Tim Vaughan, NCAA Field Hockey National Coordinator of Officials.

Cheryl Bruttomesso, NCAA Field Hockey Rules Interpreter.

# NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:

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Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.
Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Markell Staton, Championships and Alliances.
Mitchell Bailey, Championships and Alliances.