

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISIONS I, II AND III FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEES JANUARY 28, 2025, JOINT MEETING

## KEY ITEMS.

None.

# ACTION ITEMS.

None.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Approval of 2024 annual meeting report.** The committees approved the 2024 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 Northwestern (Division I); Saint Anslem (Division II); and Middlebury (Division III). The committee chairs reviewed key agenda items from their individual meetings. The committees discussed the NCAA Power Index as a hot topic in Division II and Division III.
- 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 2025 that the NCAA field hockey rules subcommittee will consider at a subsequent meeting. Ms. Bruttomesso was pleased with the additional steps taken prior to the coaches receiving the proposals to help clarify the process. Ms. Bruttomesso noted the feedback from the coaches association convention and top priorities to discuss for the rules subcommittee meeting happening later in the day.
  - **b.** Rules subcommittee update. Joanie Milhous, 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 officials and rules interpreter feedback. The committees provided feedback on Mr. Vaughan's and Ms. Bruttomesso's performance that NCAA

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staff will share with them during the performance review process. The committees 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. Dates for 2025 annual meeting.** The committees agreed to hold the annual meetings on Jan. 26-27, 2025.

Committee Chairs: Amy Densevich, Kent State University, Mid-American Conference Julie Munson, Southern New Hampshire University,

Northeast-10 Conference

Victor Brady, Bryn Mawr College, Centennial Conference

Staff Liaisons: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances

# NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Committees

January 28, 2025, Joint Meeting

#### **Attendees:**

Wendy Andreatta, University of Rochester.

Carrie Austin, The University of the South.

Victor Brady, Bryn Mawr College.

Pam Bustin, Duke University.

Amy Densevich, Kent State University.

Therese Doyle, Kean University.

Renee Hellert, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.

LA Lane, Clark University.

Jared Martin, The Ohio State University.

Joanie Milhous, Villanova University.

Julie Munson, Southern New Hampshire University.

Krystyanna Ramsdell, Worcester State University

Sandra Roecker, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Jessica Roque, Adelphi University.

Sydney Van Der Merwe, Sacred Heart University.

Rayell Wallace, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

## Absentees:

None.

## **Guests in Attendance:**

Tim Vaughan, NCAA Field Hockey National Coordinator of Officials.

Chervl 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.
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ashlee Follis, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Markell Staton, Championships and Alliances.
Mariah Martin, Championships and Alliances.