



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3-4, 2020, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of 2019 annual meeting report.** The committee approved its February 4-5, 2019, annual meeting report as written.
- 2. NFHCA.** Kate Kinsley recapped the information discussed during the NFHCA convention. The committee reviewed the potential rule modifications and topics reviewed at the convention.
- 3. Review of 2019 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2019 championship and noted the following items.
 - a. First-round competition.** East Stroudsburg University and Southern New Hampshire were first-round hosts, and both did an excellent job, with no problems cited pertaining to playing facilities. The committee would like to emphasize with each host that the field should be set for practice identical for what will be set for game days. Travel party, bench size and additional student-athlete policies must be reviewed on participant calls.
 - b. Semifinals and final competitions.** Millersville University was the site for the semifinal and final games. The signage and overall presentation made for a great student-athlete experience. West Chester University won the national championship.
 - c. Officials.** Steve Horgan joined the meeting to review the process of the selection of officials for the championship. The committee was pleased with the officials assigned to the championship and the communication with the onsite evaluator. Mr. Horgan will provide a link about the video review process so coaches can review the process prior to postseason competition. This link will also be shared via coaches connection.
 - d. Game day timeline and game times.** No changes were made to the current schedule. Beginning with the 2020 championship, the No. 1 seed will be permitted to select the desired practice time rather than the committee assigning the time.
 - e. Hotels.** The selected hotels were ideal for the participating teams, officials and committee as they were close to restaurants and shopping.
 - f. All-tournament team selection.** The team is not announced on site, but after the championship.

- g. Web stream.** The committee viewed the information and will compare to data from previous years.
 - h. Misconduct.** No issues were cited.
 - i. Programs.** Digital programs were provided with no issues cited.
 - j. Awards presentation.** Each team will identify the 30 individuals to be announced to receive awards.
 - k. Online score reporting.** No issues were cited.
- 4. All Star Game.** No issues were cited with the game. The host will continue to work directly with the NFHCA.
 - 5. 2020 championship planning.** The committee discussed possible enhancements for the 2020 championship, which will be held at Bloomsburg University.
 - 6. Selection criteria.** The committee would like to recommend the selection criteria remain the same for the 2021-24 cycle. The committee will seek information through the coaches connection program on the desired number of games assigned to the late-season performance criterion.
 - 7. Review of championship manuals.** The committee reviewed the championship manuals and made minor revisions.
 - 8. Election of new chair.** The committee elected Mike McFarland, director of athletics at Bloomsburg, to be the chair effective in September 2020.
 - 9. Division II academic and membership affairs update.** Susan Britsch, assistant director of academic and membership affairs, updated the committee on the legislation adopted at the recent NCAA Convention.
 - 10. Division II update.** Ashley Beaton, NCAA intern in governance, updated the committee on Division II priorities and the 2020 facts and figures document and sought feedback on social media outlets used at the championship.
 - 11. 2020-21 committee timeline.** The committee reviewed and updated the timeline for the upcoming year, including key dates related to membership communications, rankings, selections and championship play.

12. Coaches connection review. Pam Arpe, field hockey coaches connector, joined the meeting via teleconference to update the committee on the first year of the coaches connection program in field hockey, which has enhanced the relationship between the NFHCA and the NCAA.

13. Recap of the 2019 championship. The committee conducted a teleconference with the host of the national championship. The Millersville representatives were very complimentary about their experience as a first-time host, though they expressed the need to be better prepared for inclement weather in the future. They also asked that the visiting teams provide the sports information director and athletic trainer with the travel rosters prior to arriving on site to help prepare for press conferences and drug testing.

Committee Chair: Michael McFarland, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, NCAA, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division II Field Hockey Committee February 3-4, 2020, Meeting
Attendees:
Carolyn King, St. Anselm College.
Kayte Kinsley, Pace College.
Michael McFarland, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Pam Arpe, Coaches Connection (via teleconference).
Donna Bazow, Millersville University (via teleconference).
Shelly Behrens, Millersville University (via teleconference).
Miles Gallagher, Millersville University (via teleconference).
Ethan Hulsey, Millersville University (via teleconference).
Steve Horgan, Coordinator of Officials.
Candice Martin, NCAA Intern.
Heather Wolf, Millersville University (via teleconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ashley Beaton, Division II Governance.
Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs.