



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4-5, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2018 annual meeting report.** The committee approved its January 22-23, 2018, annual meeting report as written.
2. **NFHCA.** Kayte Kinsley recapped the information discussed during the NFHCA convention, including possibly moving the all-star game to Friday. Host institutions will indicate their preferred day to the NFHCA. Other items discussed included the committee's increased efforts to improve the communication between the two organizations, and a review of the potential rule modifications (uniform rule, completed game and quarters versus halves).
3. **Review of 2018 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2018 championship and noted the following items:
 - a. **First-round competition.** Pace University and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania were first-round hosts, and both did an excellent job, with no problems cited pertaining to playing facilities.
 - b. **Semifinals and final competitions.** Duquesne University was the site for the semifinal and final games, as this was a championship within the Division II National Championships Festival in Pittsburgh. The signage and general presentation in and around the facilities reflected a championship atmosphere that enhanced the student-athlete experience. The committee felt the seeding was accurate, and all three games were competitive, with the championship game going into overtime. Shippensburg won its third consecutive national championship.
 - c. **Officials.** Steve Horgan joined the meeting to review the process used to select officials for the championship. The committee was pleased with the communication between the committee and the assignor throughout the tournament. Mr. Hogan discussed the possibility of adding a separate replay official for the tournament in future years, noting that one of the officials currently at the tournament could serve in this capacity.
 - d. **Game day timeline and game times.** The committee noted its preference for having the coaches meeting the night before the practice day. No other changes to the current schedule were made.

- e. **Hotels.** The selected hotels were ideal for participating teams, officials and committee members. The student-athlete lounges were a nice compliment for the student-athletes to gather and congregate.
 - f. **All-tournament team selection.** The team is not announced on site, but after the championship.
 - g. **Web stream.** The committee did not have the information on video starts but noted the feedback received from viewers was positive.
 - h. **Misconduct.** No issues were cited.
 - i. **Programs.** Digital programs were provided with no issues cited.
4. **Awards presentation.** The committee recommends making sure that the student-athletes announced during the presentation are those who actually played in order to avoid confusion about who should receive the award. The roster form will now identify who should be receiving awards. The addition of streamers enhanced the overall experience.
 5. **All Star Game.** Moving forward, the host will make the recommendation on the date of the competition.
 6. **Game film.** All games were uploaded into TeamExtreme. Advancing semifinal teams will receive game film on a flash drive.
 7. **Online score reporting.** No issues were cited.
 8. **2019 championship planning.** The committee discussed possible enhancements for the 2019 championship, including locker room signage, player tents, video board, fireworks and streamers.
 9. **Selection criteria.** The committee is not permitted to change the current selection criteria at this time and is comfortable with the additional criteria selected during the last rotation.
 10. **Division II update.** Maritza Jones, managing director of Division II, and Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II, updated the committee on the Festival Working Group and the upcoming bid process.
 11. **Review of championship manuals.** The committee reviewed the championship manuals and made minor revisions.
 12. **Election of new chair.** The committee elected Mike McFarland, director of athletics at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, to be the chair effective in September 2019.

13. **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.
14. **2019-20 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.
15. **Other business.** The committee discussed recommendations from the membership on how teams are selected from the two existing regions. As the number of sponsoring institutions in the Atlantic region continues to grow, the access ratios per regions will continue to show disparities. The committee will continue to monitor the growth and make recommendations accordingly.

Committee Chair: Kayte Kinsley, Pace College.

Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, NCAA, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division II Field Hockey Committee February 4-5, 2019, Meeting
Attendees:
Debbie DeJong, Long Island University/LIU Post.
Kayte Kinsley, Pace College.
Michael McFarland, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
Julie Swiney, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Steve Horgan, Coordinator of Officials.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis (via teleconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Maritza Jones, Governance.
Ryan Jones, Governance.