



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 13-14, 2023, VIRTUAL MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Rules modifications.** The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications cited in Action Items 2-a and b.
- 2. Future championship format.** The men's gymnastics committee is exploring a change in championship format which would add an individual final and potential partnership with USA Gymnastics Junior Regional Championships. (See Informational Item 5.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items. The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications.

a. Modification 6.B.2 – Dual Meet Breaks.

- (1) Recommendation. To change the break length during a dual meet, when using two breaks, from two three-minute breaks to two four-minute breaks. The halftime break would remain six minutes. The rule would read as follows:
 2. A 6-minute halftime or two 4-minute breaks will occur during dual meet competition. If using the 6-minute halftime format, the intermission will occur following the third event (Still Rings). If using the two 4-minute breaks, the intermission will occur following the second event (Pommel Horse) and fourth event (Vault).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This change is intended to allow teams to transition to their next events and not cut into the warmup time. This is an adjustment to a change that occurred last year when this dual meet format was established.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Provides student-athletes adequate warmup time during dual meets.

b. Modification 11-G – Vault Landing Lines – Deduction.

- (1) Recommendation. To clarify that when teams are using the additional sting mat in the vault landing zone, the deduction for an unmarked or improperly marked landing zone is to be taken from the competing team. The meet host or home team must provide the appropriate tape to the competing team(s).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This change is intended to place the responsibility of marking the landing zone on the competing team when using the additional sting mat. This change does not absolve the host or home team from the required marking of the landing zone on the primary mat.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2022 committee meeting report.** The committee approved the 2022 annual meeting report as written.
2. **Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed and approved its strategic plan's short- and long-term goals.
3. **NCAA Rules Modifications.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Rules Modifications document and recommended changes for the 2023-24 academic year (See Action Items 2-a and b). NCAA staff will update the rules modification document for the membership by September 15. The committee also discussed reducing to eight skills in a routine but decided to table the discussion until it is clearer if it will be implemented by FIG.
4. **USPOC Thinktank Update.** USPOC Thinktank representatives Adam Wood and Susan Baughman presented a status report on the advancements of the men's gymnastics pilot. They also sat in on the committee's discussion regarding proposed modifications to the championship format and intend to discuss potential collaboration opportunities with USA Juniors in coordination with USA Gymnastics.
5. **Future championship format.** The committee deliberated various options for modifying the men's gymnastics championship format. Members thoroughly examined the College Gymnastics Association's proposal and, through ongoing discussions, developed an alternative championship format.

To gauge the preference of the majority, the CGA conducted a membership survey on both format concepts which showed support for a format consisting of two qualifying sessions, a team and all-around final, and an individual final taking place over the course of four days. The survey also showed support for a co-located championship with USA Gymnastics Junior Regional Championships. The national committee will reconvene in September to finalize a championship format proposal and decide on the next course of action.

6. **College Gymnastics Association meeting review.** The CGA president reviewed topics from the College Gymnastics Association meetings. including the judging proposal for the regular season, which will no longer be implemented, and potential changes to the NCAA championship format. The committee discussed the proposals and directed NCAA staff to provide guidance to the coaches association on proper avenues to pursue proposals that do not fall under the purview of the committee.
 - a. **Judging proposal for regular-season meets.** The CGA in collaboration with the NGJA have decided to forgo the new judging assigning system for the time being. The CGA and NGJA will continue to work collaboratively to find ways to diversify judging panels during the regular season.
 - b. **Numbers on uniforms.** The committee currently does not have a strong sense if there is a need to require numbers on uniforms. Members have agreed to follow the trend to see if action is needed to mandate numbers.
 - c. **Use of extra matting all season.** CGA membership expressed an interest in using sting mats all year round. The national committee decided not to take action at this time as it is believed expense would be an issue.
7. **2023 Championship review.** The committee discussed this year's championship and areas of improvement moving forward, noting the importance of continuing efforts to get the championship back on linear television and have commentating for all sessions.
 - a. **Judges.** Craig Nesbitt, NCAA technical director, and Peter Wiegand, NCAA assistant technical director, provided the committee with an overview of this year's championship and areas of improvement moving forward and the continuation of the assistant technical director role.
 - b. **Feedback.** The committee reviewed championship survey results and discussed enhancements that can be made for future championships.
8. **Vendors.**
 - a. **American Athletic, Inc.** The committee met with representatives from official equipment supplier AAI who answered equipment questions from the committee and provided information on updates to the AAI equipment.
 - b. **Equipment contract.** The committee discussed equipment needs for the championship

moving forward and NCAA staff provided an update regarding the RFP process which will conclude in August 2023.

- c. **ProScore.** The committee supports continuing its longstanding relationship with ProScore to provide scoring services at the championships.
 - d. **Road to Nationals.** The committee supports the continued use of Road to Nationals and has found it to be very responsive and a great resource. Committee members noted that this year there seemed to be more mistakes with score entry, which NCAA staff will work with Road to Nationals to correct for the future.
 - e. **Podium providers.** The committee reiterated its ongoing commitment to transition the podium acquisition process to an RFP system. This shift aims to alleviate the current burden placed on hosts to procure a suitable podium for the championship each year.
9. **2024 championships.** The committee made recommendations for the 2024 championships at The Ohio State University:
- a. **Schedule of events.** The committee recommended returning to the same schedule of events as the 2022-23 championships.
 - b. **Site visit.** The committee chair and NCAA championships liaison will plan a site visit to Ohio State in the early fall.
 - c. **Hotels.** NCAA staff shared headquarter and team hotel information with the committee.
 - d. **Recommendations.** The committee did not have any additional recommendations at this time for the 2024 championships at Ohio State.
 - e. **Broadcast Coverage.** Ohio State and NCAA staff plans to engage with Big Ten Network to broadcast the 2024 championships finals. The committee prefers a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. start time. The committee also emphasized the importance of having all sessions of the championships commentated for a better fan and viewership experience.
10. **Automatic qualification.** NCAA staff noted the Big Ten will no longer have an automatic qualification as its two-year grace period has expired. NCAA staff also noted that the 2023-24 season will be the second year of the two-year waiting period for the Eastern College Athletic Conference, which now has the required six member institutions. The ECAC will be eligible for an AQ beginning in the 2024-25 academic year.
11. **Division III playing/practice legislative proposal.** With the addition of two Division III schools, the Division III institutions are exploring options to align playing and practice rules with Division I due to concerns of student-athlete fairness and safety.
12. **Manual review.** The committee directed NCAA staff to make the necessary updates for the pre-championships, committee operations, participant and host operations manuals.

- 13. Committee.** The committee reviewed and approved the committee timeline and roster for the 2023-24 season, noting one new committee member will begin service on September 1, 2023.
- a. Conference liaisons.** New committee member, Michael Powell, will serve as the liaison for the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Rustam Sharipov will continue to serve as the conference liaison for the Big Ten Conference and the liaison for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation will continue to be Thom Glielmi.
- b. Committee chair.** The committee voted unanimously to reappoint Allison Wright as the committee chair.
- 14. Future meetings.** The 2024 annual meeting will take place virtually June 11-12.

Committee Chair: Allison Wright, United States Military Academy.
Staff Liaison: Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee June 13-14, 2023, Virtual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Matt Davis, Springfield College.	
Brian Favat, Stanford University.	
Thom Glielmi, Stanford University.	
Randy Jepson, Pennsylvania State University.	
Mike Juszczyk, NCAA Rules Interpreter.	
Rustam Sharipov, The Ohio State University.	
Allison Wright, United States Military Academy.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Craig Nesbitt, NGJA Technical Vice President.	
Andy Timm, American Athletic, Inc.	
Peter Wieging, Assistant Technical Director.	
Terry Williams, American Athletic, Inc.	
Adam Wood, United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Susan Baughman, Championships and Alliances.	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	