



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE  
NOV. 11, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Adjustment to the National Qualifying Score (NQS) formula used for championships selections.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Adjust the NQS formula to allow for a greater number of regular-season competitions to be taken into consideration for championships selections. The recommended NQS formula increases to a minimum of nine competition scores that factor into the NQS, with a minimum of five away meets required and a maximum of five home meets permitted as part of the calculation. The recommended NQS will be calculated by dropping the highest and lowest of the counting scores, and averaging the remaining scores.

The current formula is calculated by using only a team's six highest scores, dropping the highest score and averaging the remainder. The current formula requires that a minimum of three of the six scores utilized be from away contests.

(2) **Effective date.** 2025-26 season.

(3) **Rationale.** Currently, teams and individuals are permitted to compete in a maximum of 13 contests during the season, but the team NQS is determined by taking only the top six scores, three of which must be away, dropping the highest score and averaging the remaining five.

This proposal aims to address current concerns from the coaches association representatives and national committee members by counting more competitions from each team's season-long performance and no longer allowing for such a significant portion of the season to be disregarded when it comes to championship selections.

The committee supports this recommendation from the coaches association, as this places a premium on consistent performance throughout the season and allows for a clearer understanding of how the team NQS calculation works. This recommended change also reduces the impact of outlier performances and adds more value to each contest throughout a team's season-long schedule.

It was also noted that the coaches association voted to approve this adjustment during the 2023-24 academic year, before forwarding to the committee for review and approval. As part of their recommendation, the coaches association shared with the committee a significant amount of supporting rationale and scenario testing to ensure that the recommendation was considered from as many angles as possible.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal would allow for more regular-season contests to be included in the team NQS calculation, placing a greater emphasis on a larger portion of the regular season for participating student-athletes.

b. **Adjust the NQS designation of home/away contests for neutral-site meets conducted within 30 miles of an institution's campus.**

(1) Recommendation. That only one contest held at a neutral site within 30 miles of an institution's campus be permitted to count as an away contest for purposes of calculating a team's NQS. This would include multiteam invitationals, duals, tri-meets, and/or quad-meets; conference championships would be excluded from this policy. A neutral-site contest within 30 miles in excess of the one permitted away contest would be designated as a home contest for NQS purposes. Teams would be required to designate the one allowable neutral-site away contest within 30 miles by the meet declaration deadline of December 1 each season as part of their season-long competition schedule submission. Mileage shall be calculated using the NCAA mileage calculator.

(2) Effective date. 2025-26 season.

(3) Rationale. Currently, some programs are competing numerous times during a season within a 30-mile radius of their campus, with no restrictions on how many off-campus events can be counted as away contests, regardless of proximity to the institution. Given that a minimum number of away contests factor into the NQS formula used for postseason selection and seeding, this creates an unfair advantage for teams with access to local, off-campus venues, as they can create home environments for meets that are designated as away contests, which ultimately positively impacts their positioning for championships selections and seeding.

This recommendation will still allow these local, off-campus contests to be conducted as scheduled and countable toward NQS as home events but will no longer allow multiple contests of this nature to be considered away contests for NQS purposes.

It was also noted that the coaches association voted to approve this adjustment during the 2023-24 academic year, before forwarding to the committee for review and approval.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal would allow for greater consistency in the designation of home and away contests, subsequently creating more fairness in the championships selection and seeding process.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Corporate logos on uniforms, equipment and playing surface.** The committee met with Rachel Seewald, director of playing rules and officiating, to discuss and provide feedback on the application of corporate logos on uniforms, equipment and playing surfaces, per a request from the Division I Cabinet.
2. **Division I Cabinet topics.** The committee discussed two proposals that had previously been recommended to the Division I Sport Oversight Committee following its June 2025 annual meeting. Both proposals had been referred back to sport committee this fall without additional action taken amidst the implementation of the new governance structure.

The committee again recommended an adjustment to the NQS formula (see Action Item 2-a) and recommended an amended adjustment to the NQS designation of home/away contests for neutral-site meets conducted within 30 miles of an institution's campus (see Action Item 2-b).

3. **Regional items.** The committee discussed corral sizes and the process for selecting a starting apparatus during the championships.

Staff updated committee members on recent planning calls with 2026 regional host tournament directors, including conversations regarding corral sizes amid tight floor space at several sites.

Committee members discussed their previous recommendation to align the squad size for the NCAA championships with the allowable roster size of 20 student-athletes during the regular season, and reiterated their support for this allowance of 20 designated competing student-athletes during the NCAA championships.

Staff and committee members will continue to evaluate the physical size of corrals at regional sites. The committee voted to allow all 20 designated competing student-athletes in corrals throughout NCAA regionals and at the finals site.

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Staff and committee members also discussed the process for teams to select their starting apparatus during NCAA regionals, following the selection announcement. Committee members reiterated their support for this to be done post-selections. Staff will draft process language to be included in membership communications and will perform testing on the process in the coming weeks.

Committee members received an email from staff regarding meet set-up requirements, but did not discuss the topic during this videoconference.

4. **Championship finals site subcommittee reports.** The committee did not have time to discuss championship finals site subcommittee reports during this videoconference and will do so during a future meeting.
5. **Future meetings.** The committee confirmed its future meeting schedule for December and January.

*Committee Chair:* *Shaun Richard, The Ohio State University*  
*Staff Liaison(s):* *John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances*  
*Sami Bogenschutz, Championships and Alliances*  
*Danielle Day, Governance and Member Services*  
*Kelsi Mahoney, Championships and Alliances*  
*Jobrina Marques, Governance and Member Services*

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Lisa Bowerman, Texas Woman's University.	
Danna Durante, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Cindy Harris, Illinois State University.	
Colleen Kelly, Brown University.	
Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart, University of Denver.	
George Nelson, United States Air Force Academy.	
Shaun Richard, The Ohio State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.	
Sami Bogenschutz, Championships and Alliances.	
Danielle Day, Governance and Member Services.	

Kelsi Mahoney, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Sarah Schoffner, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer White, Championships and Alliances, Contractor.

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