

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 12, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. January 29, 2025, Report.** The committee discussed and approved of the January 25 meeting as submitted.
- **2. Bracket Expansion.** Dan Mara informed the committee of a meeting he participated in with the Division II governance liaison, championship manager and lacrosse sport leader and summarized the following discussion items:
 - **a. Access Ratio.** The committee was presented with what becoming an access ratio sport would mean for Division II Men's Lacrosse. The committee agreed that it will be a positive change for the championship format moving forward.
 - **b. Bracket Structure.** Staff displayed an example of what an expanded bracket would look like based on the Division II Championships Committee's recommended access ratio for men's lacrosse based on current sport sponsorship in Division II, including total sponsorship in each region and geographical location of members schools.
 - **c. Regionalization.** The committee discussed possible solutions for the unbalanced amount of member schools in each region. The committee was made aware that two schools will be adding the sport for the 2025-26 academic year.
 - **d. Financial Impact.** The committee was made aware of the possible financial impact of expanding the bracket. The championship manager and lacrosse sport leader will be working with internal groups to supply the committee with an accurate cost analysis.
 - **e. Timeline.** Staff informed the committee of the timeline and process to properly submit a recommendation to the Division II Championships Committee.
- **3. Future Meetings.** The committee was informed of future meetings that will take place on February 26 and March 20. Staff informed the committee that since bracket expansion is a committee priority, members must remain flexible to add additional meetings to discuss important items or issues relating to the matter.

Committee Chair: Dan Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Dan Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Chris Barrett, Belmont Abbey College.
Joe Reich, Wingate University.
Brian Novotny, Seton Hill University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Dante Jones.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Will Hopkins.