



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 23-24, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2024 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2024 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **2025 championship review.**
  - a. **Selection weekend.** The committee discussed that the addition of conference automatic qualification into the tournament bracket brought excitement to the last few weeks of the regular season. The committee noted that this addition is progress for men's lacrosse in Division II.
  - b. **Preliminary-round operations.**
    - (1) **Site representatives.** The committee discussed the difficulties of securing site representatives for the tournament. The committee discussed site representative duties at preliminary-round sites and the difference in responsibilities between the host tournament director and the site representative.
    - (2) **Streaming.** The committee discussed the inconsistency between what games would be streamed for free and what games would be behind a pay wall, which caused confusion amongst fans.
    - (3) **Travel.** The committee discussed the travel policies and the impacts on teams traveling longer distances during the tournament. The committee also noted that expansiveness of the South Region and the tournament structure, caused some travel issues for teams with a short turnaround between rounds/games.
  - c. **Championship weekend.**
    - **Logistics.** The committee noted that the increased number of teams involved in championship weekend this year, caused some inopportune practice times and short turnarounds on the game field pregame and post-game during the championship.
3. **Rules and officiating.** The committee agreed that the officials did an outstanding job during the championship. The championship manager and sport leader updated the committee on the topics discussed during the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules committee meeting. Given that 2025

is not a rule change year, the committee discussed the potential changes and rule proposals that would take place in the summer of 2026.

4. **2026 championship planning in Charlottesville, VA.** The committee began discussions and planning for the 2026 championship in Charlottesville, VA hosted by University of Virginia.
5. **Future bid cycle.** The sport leader and championship manager informed the committee of the process for how NCAA championships will be selected for the next bid cycle.
6. **Sport sponsorship for 2025-26.** The committee discussed new sponsoring members and placement in their respective regions. The committee will continue to monitor sport sponsorship and its potential effect on regional alignment in the coming months.
7. **Regional alignment.** The committee briefly reviewed regional alignments for the future and decided not to make any changes at this time. The committee will continue monitoring the regional alignment landscape as new members begin sponsoring men's lacrosse.
8. **Bracket expansion.** The committee reviewed and discussed the bracket expansion from 16 teams to 18 teams being proposed to the Division II Championships Committee. The major change from the current bracket would be to add two teams to the south region to give equitable access based on 2025-26 sponsorship numbers in each region. The committee noted that the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approved funding for the expansion during its June 23 videoconference. The proposal needs to be approved by Management Council at the end of July and the Executive Board at the beginning of August to be effective for the 2025-26 academic year.
9. **Selection criteria.** The committee discussed the selection criteria and decided not to recommend changes. The committee is focused on the allocation of berths, automatic qualifications, and at-large selections with the potential of an expanded bracket to 18 teams. The committee discussed a possible Division II change in selection criteria and bracketing principles and how it could impact Division II men's lacrosse.
10. **Division II championships committee update.** Karen Kirsch updated the committee on items the committee is currently discussing including bracket expansion, Division II/III committee playing rules structures, and the results of the membership survey conducted in the spring of 2025.
11. **Division II governance update.** Maritza Jones and Ryan Jones from Division II governance updated the committee on a variety of governance topics including the Division II strategic plan, regionalization, and budget allocations.

- 12. Academic and membership affairs update.** Megan Villanueva from academic and membership affairs updated the committee on potential recommendations that would be proposed at the 2026 NCAA Convention.
- 13. Chair election.** The committee selected Chris Barrett, head men's lacrosse coach at Belmont Abbey College, as chair for the 2025-26 academic year.
- 14. 2026 annual meeting.** The committee and championship manager did not set an annual meeting date for 2026 at this time but will reconvene on the matter at a later date.

*Committee Chair: Dan Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.*

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

Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee June 23-24, 2025, Meetings	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Chris Barrett, Belmont Abbey College.	
Dan Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.	
Joe Reich, Wingate University.	
Brian Novotny, Seton Hill University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
Maritza Jones, Governance and Policy.	
Ryan Jones, Governance and Policy.	
Megan Villanueva, Academic and Membership Affairs.	