



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JUNE 15-16, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2025 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2025 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **2026 championship review.**
 - a. **Selection weekend.** The committee is considering a standardized deadline for automatic qualification, including both a specific date and time. Establishing this deadline would reduce the likelihood of future delays and ensure the selection show can be produced, recorded, and released as originally scheduled.
 - 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 the preliminary-round sites and the difference in responsibilities between the host tournament director and the site representative.
 - (2) **Streaming.** The committee noted that the addition of all games being streamed on NCAA.com enhanced viewership opportunities for the championship. The committee will discuss later with an NCAA digital representative about possibly staggering game times to give viewers the opportunity to watch multiple preliminary-round games on the same day.
 - (3) **Expanded bracket.** The committee noted that the expanded bracket enhanced the championship by giving more teams the opportunity to compete in the championship. The committee also noted that the expanded bracket gives the teams in the North Region competing in the first round a week to prepare for their matchup.
 - c. **Championship weekend.** The committee discussed the operational challenges with the finals site but was aware of that going into the week of the championship. The committee discussed how to combat field storming at the end of games in the future. The committee noted that this could have been a one-time occurrence given the excitement of the national championship game.
3. **Rules and officiating.** The committee agreed that the officials did an outstanding job during the championship. The playing rules and officiating liaison, sport leader, and championship manager updated the committee on the new rule changes for 2027. The committee also

proposed future topics that should be discussed during the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee meetings.

4. **2027 championship planning in Philadelphia.** The committee began discussions and planning for the 2027 championship in Philadelphia hosted by Drexel University.
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 2026-27.** 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. **2027 championship bracket.** Based on an evaluation of sport sponsorship and regional access ratios, the committee has determined that no modifications to the championship bracket are warranted for 2027. With Division II men's lacrosse membership increasing by only one institution, the data does not support structural changes at this time. Accordingly, the existing bracket format will remain in place, including the continuation of two opening-round games in the South Region.
9. **NCAA Power Index (NPI).** Tim Danehy, creator of NPI, educated the committee on its role in establishing the dials that will be used in the NPI, which the division adopted as for as the sole at-large selection criterion for championship selections beginning the 2026-27 academic year.
10. **Selection criteria.** The committee discussed the NPI dials that will be used for the 2027 championship selections process. The committee noted that this will streamline the selection process and provide transparency for the membership throughout the season.
11. **Division II Championships Committee update.** Karen Kirsch updated the committee on items the Championships Committee is discussing including the NPI, the triennial budget process, and other items for which the committee may seek feedback from sport committees in the future.
12. **Division II governance update.** Ryan Jones updated the committee on a variety of governance topics including the Division II strategic plan, regionalization, and targeted Division II marketing campaigns.

13. **Membership services update.** Megan Villanueva from governance and membership services updated the committee on the potential aged-based eligibility model and other proposals for the 2027 NCAA Convention.
14. **Chair election.** The committee selected Brian Novotny, head men's lacrosse coach at Seton Hill University, as chair for the 2026-27 academic year.
15. **2027 annual meeting.** The committee and championship manager set the annual meeting date for June 21-22, 2027, in-person in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Chris Barrett, Belmont Abbey College.
Staff Liaison(s): Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.

Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee June 15-16, 2026, Meetings
Attendees:
Chris Barrett, Belmont Abbey College.
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.
Brian Novotny, Seton Hill University.
Absentees:
Joe Reich, Wingate University.
Guests in Attendance:
Tim Danehy, NCAA Power Index (NPI).
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Ryan Jones, Governance and Member Services.
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Connor Lancashire, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Megan Villanueva, Governance and Member Services.