



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
MAY 16-18, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda.** The committee reviewed the meeting schedule and made no adjustments.
2. **2018 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2018 annual meeting report as written.
3. **Review of 2019 championship.**
 - a. **Selection timeline.** The committee discussed the selection timeline and concerns from previous years pertaining to conference games on selection day. The committee felt this year went well and conference games were completed in time for materials to be sent to Turner for the selection show. The committee will continue to be proactive on communication with commissioners on game times to help reduce potential conflicts. Also, the committee will continue to evaluate when conference games are ending each year and adjust all timelines if necessary.
 - b. **Preliminary rounds.** The committee believed adding security to monitor the fans mitigated the concerns regarding sportsmanship raised during the 2018 NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship.
 - (1) **Practice times.** The committee discussed practice times for preliminary rounds and adjusted to allow 75 minutes of practice for each team.
 - (2) **Lodging.** The committee will add a hotel grid to preliminary-round bid correspondence and the host operations manual outlining when room blocks are needed, and the number of rooms required each night of the room block. The correspondence will also note that amenities and room rates at each secured property must be similar.
 - (3) **Game times.** The committee discussed the game times and made no changes.
 - (4) **Bid process.** This was the first year of the bracket expansion to 16 teams and an added rest day between the first and second rounds. The committee identified areas in the bid correspondence and manuals that need to be clarified for institutions submitting a bid.
 - (5) **Site evaluations.** The committee will set up a call to discuss the site evaluations.

c. Championship.

- (1) Working with host.** The committee felt the host was good to work with and did a good job. The members noted there was not much help for the tournament director and that a championship is an enormous task for one individual to take on. The institution was hosting events on campus that pulled staff to other locations, which meant they could not provide much assistance at the lacrosse venue.
 - (2) Practice schedule.** The committee discussed practice times and adjusted to allow 75 minutes of practice for each team.
 - (3) Game times.** The committee reviewed all game times and felt there were no issues. The committee will keep the set times.
 - (4) Facilities.** The committee felt the field and other facilities were in great shape, but having only two locker rooms at the field is not ideal.
 - (5) STX.** Some of the equipment did not arrive and the host had to provide equipment during practice and before the first game. The committee discussed the student-athlete gifts and would like to see other options in the future. NCAA staff will work with STX and provide feedback and recommendations.
 - (6) Site evaluations.** The committee will set up a call to discuss the site evaluations.
- 4. Officials.** There were no issues with officials and the committee believed increasing the number of officials at each preliminary round and the final site was helpful.
 - 5. 2020 championship.** The committee discussed the changes to the date formula for festival years, with games being played Thursday and Saturday instead of Friday and Sunday.

 - a. Timeline.** NCAA staff will work with the committee to determine the best dates and times for committee calls. The committee will adjust calls and meeting times on-site to accommodate the date change during festival years. The committee suggested adding a potential site representative and host site call before selections.
 - b. Review host materials.** The committee reviewed facility information for the 2019 championship and noted questions for the upcoming site visit.
 - c. Bracket.** The committee discussed automatic qualifiers and determined the bracket and membership need to grow before automatic qualifiers are added to the selection process.

6. **Review regional model.** The committee discussed the four-region model and potential adjustments. Members determined that keeping the model as is for several more years will help with any adjustments in the future, as it will allow for membership numbers to increase and conference adjustments to occur.
7. **Selection criteria.** The committee discussed the selection criteria and how the Rating Percentage Index helped with rankings this season. The group also discussed ranking the final site teams and noted ways to streamline the process in the future.
8. **Budget items.** The committee discussed potential budget requests and will work with NCAA staff to gather cost associated with the requests.
9. **2022-26 bid process.** The committee reviewed the bid specifications for the upcoming cycle and changes that need to be made. The committee will work with the membership to secure more bids for the 2022-26 championships.
10. **National committee and regional advisory committee.** Dean O'Keefe, director of athletics at Stonehill College, was elected as chair of the committee.
11. **Review of manuals.** The committee reviewed the 2019 manuals and made necessary updates.
12. **Other business.** The committee discussed increasing the bench size and additional information needed to evaluate the increase. NCAA staff will work to gather information and share with the committee for further discussion.

Committee Chair: Jesse Balcer, Chestnut Hill College
Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances

| NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee May 16-18, 2019, Meeting | |
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| Attendees: | |
| Jesse Balcer, Chestnut Hill College. | |
| Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul. | |
| Dean O'Keefe, Stonehill College. | |
| Laura Taube, University of Alabama in Huntsville. | |
| Guests in Attendance: | |
| None. | |
| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: | |
| Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| None. | |