



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISIONS I, II AND III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEES
JUNE 18, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. 2019 championships review.

- a. Hotels.** The committees received feedback that some participants were uncomfortable with the security between ancillary parking and the hotels. There were a few thefts in the parking garage at the Divisions II and III hotel property. Otherwise, all ran smoothly, and teams liked the properties used for this year's championships.

The committees discussed options to accommodate institutional preferences for hotel type, while maintaining similarity within each division, particularly as it pertains to distance from the competition site for future championships. Due to the number of teams, and few of our host sites have properties large enough to accommodate all within a division, there does not seem to be a viable option that will still accommodate institutional preferences.

- b. Coxswains meetings.** The committees reviewed the timing of the meetings and agreed to keep the same times for 2020. The committee noted the need for a meeting location which provides a view of the course yet is secluded enough to minimize distractions and noise from other activities.
- c. Awards.** The committees like the use of the mobile stage and the host's preparation, organization and setup of the awards tables and lineup of teams.
- d. Banquet.** The committees felt the banquet experience was exceptional. Food was appropriate in quality and quantity, and was served quickly and efficiently along with other activities if participants chose to go first to assigned tables then return for their food. The keynote speaker was genuine and well received by the student-athletes. The committee will solicit suggestions for speakers for future championships sites.
- e. Lineups/entry system.** The online entry system adjustment that allowed coaches to first reserve their boat weigh-in/certification reservation and then return to complete entry was well received.
- f. Media.** The committees discussed preserving the boat storage space as if it is a team's locker room yet also providing some media access. Members determined that each venue will provide different configurations and opportunities.

- d. Awards – walk-up music.** Awards coverage is included in the live stream so copyright issues may prevent the use of walk-up music.
- e. Schedule.** The committees reviewed the schedule and may make slight changes to the practice times. Race order was discussed but tabled without a decision regarding revisions. Members approved the use of 12-minute centers for the 2020 championships.
- f. Team/boat storage area.** The committees asked staff to discuss with the host whether team tents are permitted in the team/boat storage area at this site. Another option may be to provide secure space for team tents separate from the boat storage area.
- g. Fairness committee.** Having a fairness committee in place has helped the committees make informed weather and venue conditions decisions. The practice of designating and using a fairness committee will remain in place for 2020. The committees directed staff to develop educational materials to share with the College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) to better define which decisions are made by the fairness committee, by the respective or joint divisional sport committees and by NCAA staff.
- h. Enhancement ideas.** Members asked staff to provide a Tagboard option again during the championships banquet. The use of an all-encompassing, digital alert system was indispensable. Members also asked staff to explore new ways to make the in-venue and the broadcast productions more informative and interactive (e.g., map of course including boat progress, etc.).

5. Rules/championships policies/procedures.

- a. Coxswain minimum weight.** The committees reviewed historical data prepared by our chief referee and were not compelled to modify the US Rowing rule at this time. The committees directed staff to work with Sport Science Institute for ongoing discussions when considering whether minimum weight is a student-athlete health and safety issue.
- b. Boat weigh-in/certification.** The committees discussed at length the current boat certification procedures. The current policy is different than the procedures used at US Rowing events that weigh/certify boats. The committees discussed whether the current policy is best, or if they should consider following procedures used at US Rowing events. The committee directed staff work with the CRCA to survey its membership as to which procedure they prefer to use for the NCAA rowing championships. The topic was tabled for further discussion after receiving the feedback from the CRCA.

- 6. Reporting results and championships timing RFP.** NCAA staff updated the committees on the timeline for the request for proposal.

7. **Bid specifications for host bid cycle - 2023-2026 championships.** The committees designated a subcommittee to further review and revise the bid specifications.
8. **2020 meeting dates.** The dates for the 2020 annual meeting are June 16-17.
9. **Other business.** The committees agreed upon a contingency plan if future championships schedules must be adjusted. This document will be included in future committee operations manuals.

*Committee Chairs: Kyle Conder, Southern Methodist University; American Athletic Conference
 Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University, Sunshine State
 Conference
 Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University, Northwest Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances
 Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances*

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Attendees:
Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University.
Rachel Burleson, Franklin Pierce University.
Kyle Conder, Southern Methodist University.
Andrew Derrick, Seattle Pacific University.
Andriel Doolittle, Ohio Wesleyan University.
John Gaskin, University of Rochester.
Kristin Maile, Sarah Lawrence College.
Carolyn Miles, Williams College.
Steve Pritzker, University of Virginia.
William Randall, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
Lily Rodriguez, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Kemp Savage, Eastern Michigan University.
Absentees:
Wendy Bordeau, Dartmouth College.
Shelagh Donohoe, University of Rhode Island.
Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University.
Jennifer Simon-O'Neill, University of California, Berkeley.
Guests in Attendance:
Kirsten Meisner, head official.
Jason Moody, Charles River Timing.

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NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances. Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances. Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.