



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISIONS I, II AND III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEES
JUNE 16, 2020, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. COVID-19 updates.** Staff presented information regarding the current issues around the COVID-19 cancellations and next steps.
- 2. 2021 Championships Preview.** The committee discussed logistics for the 2021 championships in Sarasota, Florida. Staff will present committee feedback from the 2018 championships (the last time the championships were in Sarasota) with the local organizing committee. The committee made slight adjustments to the proposed practice times.
 - a. Chief referee.** The committees unanimously approved an extension for Kirsten Meisner to serve as chief referee for the 2021 championships,
 - b. Announcers.** The committee agreed to extend invitations to Adrienne McConnell and Mary Whipple to serve as announcers again in 2021. Staff was given several names to inquire about availability/interest in serving as the third announcer.
 - c. Fairness subcommittee.** The committee has designated a fairness subcommittee for the last several years. The subcommittee assesses the course throughout the championship and presents recommendations to the full committees when course conditions change due to weather or other causes. The committee directed staff to define the subcommittee's responsibilities and capture it in the committee operations manual and in each division's pre-championships manual.
 - d. Announcer's protocol.** The committee formed a subcommittee to develop an announcer's protocol/template to create consistency and improve the quality of the broadcast.

3. **2023-26 Championship host bids.** The committees deliberated the bids for future championships and voted on the top three choices to host for each year.
4. **Rules.** The committees reviewed the revisions in USRowing Rules and discussed the timeline for when USRowing votes on and implements rules. The committee agreed on a guideline that rules implemented by September 1 of the academic year would be observed for implementation that competition year. The committees will review in January any changes ratified at the USRowing convention (held in early December each year). Those changes would be implemented in the following competition year, unless the committees agree immediate implementation is necessary.
 - a. Boat certifications/weigh in procedures. The subcommittee presented its mockup of the boat certification process. The committee discussed and approved it for implementation for the 2021 championships.
 - b. Minimum coxswain weight rule. The committee agreed to remain at the USRowing minimum coxswain weight. A subcommittee was formed to further study the viability of raising the minimum weight to match international rules.
5. **Results reporting.** Staff reported that after two requests for proposals for a system that would encompass roster and schedule management, regular-season results reporting, and championship entry, there still wasn't an agreement to terms. Staff will discuss options with the NCAA information technology staff and purchasing and procurement staff.
6. **2021 Meeting dates.** The meeting dates for the annual meeting will span June 14-16. The joint portion of the meeting will be held June 15.
5. **Adjournment.**

Committee Chairs: Kyle Conder, Southern Methodist University; American Athletic Conference Rachel Burlison, Franklin Pierce University, Northeast-10 Conference Carolyn Miles, Williams College, New England Small College Athletic Conference.

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

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Attendees:	
Rachel Burleson, Franklin Pierce University.	
Kyle Conder, Southern Methodist University.	
Andrew Derrick, Seattle Pacific University.	
Shelagh Donohoe, University of Rhode Island.	
Andriel Doolittle, Ohio Wesleyan University.	
Andy Foltz, Pacific Lutheran University.	
Jessica Grasso, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Tifini Grimes, University of Alabama.	
Tracy King, Liberty League.	
Amanda Knight, Barry University.	
Carolyn Miles, Williams College.	
Wes Ng, University of Pennsylvania	
Steve Pritzker, University of Virginia.	
William Randall, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.	
Jennifer Simon-O'Neill, University of California, Berkeley	
Absentees:	
Kristin Maille, Sarah Lawrence College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances	
Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	