



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17-18, 2024, MEETING

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Automatic qualifiers.** The committee approved eligible conferences to receive automatic bids. (See Action Item 2.)
2. **Minimum coxswain weight.** The committee finalized a proposal to send to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel to raise the minimum coxswain weight from 100 pounds to 121.5 pounds. (See Informational Item 7.)
3. **Static and zonal referring.** The committee committed to exploring static and zonal referring for future championships. (See Informational Item 9.)

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following nine conferences receive automatic bids for the 2025 NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Coastal Athletic Association; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Patriot League; and West Coast Conference.
- (2) Effective date. 2025 championships.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are recommended.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2023 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2023 annual meeting report as submitted.

2. **Regional alignment.** The committee discussed regional alignment in the wake of conference realignment. The committee directed staff to further research potential options tied to institutional geography as opposed to conference affiliation.
3. **Results reporting system.** The committee directed staff to review potential small changes to the score reporting system.
4. **NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions taken by the Competition Oversight Committee.
5. **Championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2024 championship and discussed key items to continue to enhance future championships.
6. **Rules.** The committee approved a proposal to increase the minimum weight for coxswains from 110 pounds to 121.5 pounds. The proposal was referred to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel for approval.
7. **Broadcast.** The committee discussed the championship broadcast and noted positive improvements this year. The group committed to continue exploring potential enhancements with broadcast partners.
8. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referees from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group. The group also discussed static and zonal officiating and agreed to explore both further.
9. **CRCA update.** Marnie Stahl from the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association met with the group to provide updates.
10. **Committee chair.** The committee elected Tim Wise, senior associate athletics director at the University of Notre Dame, as the new committee chair, effective September 1.
11. **Committee administration.** The committee reviewed upcoming vacancies on the national committee. The committee also reviewed the regional committees and confirmed members for the next season.

*Committee Chair:* Thad Satre, Loyola Marymount University, West Coast Conference.  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Committee June 17-18, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	

Kerri Brace, Canisius College.
Jamie Breslin, Stanford University.
Wes Ng, University of Pennsylvania.
Justin Price, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.
Jessica Reo, Temple University.
Thad Satre, Loyola Marymount University.
Tim Wise, University of Notre Dame.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Marnie Stahl, Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances.