



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 19, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Results reporting system.** The committee directed staff to review the potential for small changes to the score reporting system.
2. **Championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2026 championship and discussed key items to continue to enhance future championships. The group made special note of the work done by the City of Gainesville, Lake Lanier Rowing Club, and the University of North Georgia.
3. **Broadcast.** The committee discussed the championship broadcast and noted positive improvements this year. The group committed to continue exploring potential enhancements with broadcast partners.
4. **Regional requirement.** The committee reviewed the requirement for the top ranked team in each region to be selected to the final site. The committee chose to take no action at this time but plans to engage the membership to discuss potential changes in the future.
5. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referees from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group.
6. **Format discussion.** At the request of the Division II Championships Committee, the rowing committee discussed potential changes to the championship format if the number of teams at the final site were to be reduced. Should a reduction be required, the committee recommends a reduction to five teams. They would also recommend changing the racing format to one five-boat race on Friday to determine lanes for the finals and a three-boat grand final and two-boat petite final on Saturday. The committee strongly advises against any reduction in teams, and notes that a reduction would create an abnormal format at the final site in comparison to the six-team format, and would also potentially harm current efforts to grow the sport sponsorship.
7. **Final site lineup rules.** The committee asked staff to engage coaches connection to discuss potential changes to the rule requiring 50% of a given lineup at the national championship to be rowers who rowed at least once together during the regular season.
8. **Committee chair.** The committee appointed Amanda Nelson, deputy director of athletics at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, to continue as committee chair.

Committee Chair: Amanda Nelson. California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, California
Collegiate Athletic Association.
Staff Liaison(s): Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:	
Frank Gonzalez, Barry University.	
Amanda Nelson, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.	
Absentees:	
Danielle Wilken, University of Bridgeport.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	