



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
JUNE 18-19, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of committee's 2018 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its report from the 2018 annual meeting.
- 2. Review of Division II Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the actions from the past year.
- 3. Review joint meeting agenda.** The committee reviewed the joint agenda and noted items to address (the joint meeting report is attached).
- 4. Ranking and selection process.** The committee expressed concern with the results reporting vendor and provided suggestions for the next request for proposal. Committee members also expressed concern with results reporting by institutions and regatta directors. Some are not reporting in a timely manner and some reports are not properly categorized so every result is included within the correct division.

The committee reviewed the ranking and selection criteria as well as discussing the minimum requirements for sponsoring the sport and championship selection. The committee understands and fully supports the Division II regional philosophy, yet for the sport of rowing, races are traditionally conducted without regard to division or region, so regionally based ranking and selection criteria are often hard to use.

The committee clarified that in order for an individual boat and/or team to be ranked, it must race and the results must be properly reported. An individual boat and/or team will not be ranked if they've not raced. There also may be no overlapping of student-athletes between boats. If there is an overlap, the committee will consider that student-athlete to have competed in the varsity eight boat and the institution cannot be ranked as a team based on that result.

In order to be selected, an institution must meet both the minimum contests required for sport sponsorship (NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3) as well as the minimum Division II regional requirements (three in-region competitions against Division II varsity intercollegiate programs at 2,000 meters). Not all races used for selection purposes must be against Division II

opponents but must be within the championship season. The committee will continue to monitor event entries and may propose an increase to the in-region race requirement.

The committee acknowledged that an institution can control only the events in which it enters and not the opponents within a specific heat. Therefore, as long as the boat(s) is entered in events with other Division II opponents, and perhaps in-region opponents, the committee will consider the event as counting toward minimum ranking and selection requirements. Competition in which the institution did not enter events with other Division II teams, and perhaps from others within their region, may be considered for ranking and selection purposes but only if the other minimum requirements have been met.

- 5. 2019 championship review and planning for future championships.** The committee reviewed the championships site, including the banquet, evaluations, hotels, head official's report and other pertinent policies and procedures related to the championships. The committee discussed best practices learned through the championship to implement for future sites. In particular, the committee:
- a. Noted the extraordinary and tireless efforts of our hosts and volunteers to clear debris from the course.
 - b. Commended the hosts and staff on communication with participants regarding course conditions and competition timelines.
 - c. Discussed how to improve dissemination of the request for video footage for the selection show. Staff was asked to include reminders in future championships newsletters.
 - d. Directed staff to revise future manuals to include additional lane assignment options and language about "preferred lane(s)".
 - e. Reviewed team scoring and made no changes.

Agenda items regarding coxswain weight, boat certification and weigh-ins were discussed and will be addressed at the joint committee meeting. [see joint committee meeting report].

- 6. 2020 and future championships.** The committee discussed the limited number of hotel rooms available in and around the 2020 venue and agreed to have staff continue random assignment of teams to contracted properties.

The committee reviewed the timeline and bid specifications for the upcoming host bid cycle. A subcommittee consisting of committee members representing all three divisions will review the specs further.

- 7. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the current list of institutions sponsoring the sport (and their regional alignment).

The committee noted concern that two institutions are reclassifying to Division I. Committee members will continue to promote the addition of varsity rowing amongst the membership. The committee directed championship staff to provide historical research regarding scholarship equivalencies with the possibility of proposing legislation to decrease the maximum amount. Anecdotally, the committee members don't believe any of our sponsoring institutions are offering scholarships near the legislated maximum and that the maximum may be dissuading other institutions from sponsoring the sport.

The committee directed staff to provide institutions with educational materials regarding sponsorship requirements, and ranking and selections requirements. They believe that educating administrators and coaches across the country on the requirements for selection to the Division II rowing championship will help to ensure teams are competing in events that will count toward championship selections.

The committee will also look into presenting information to administrators in-person at various conventions.

8. **Committee chair election.** The committee will revisit the determination of its 2019-20 committee chair when the third committee member is approved by Division II governance committees.
9. **Championships administration.** The committee reviewed the various committee rosters, manuals, timelines and agendas and made the appropriate updates.
10. **2020 annual meeting dates.** The annual meeting dates will be determined at the joint committee meeting.

Committee Chair: Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University, Sunshine State Conference
Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances

Division II Women's Rowing Committee June 18-19, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Rachel Burleson, Franklin Pierce University.
	Andrew Derrick, Seattle Pacific University.
Absentees:	
	Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University.
Guests in Attendance:	
	None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Paula Wustrack, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs.