

# REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SKIING COMMITTEE JUNE 11, 2024, ANNUAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)

#### **KEY ITEMS.**

- 1. 2024 regional site selections. The committee recommended regional sites for the 2025 championships, following recommendations made within each of the three regions. These sites are selected annually by each region's institutions on a rotating basis. (See Action Item 2-a.)
- **2. Skiing coordinator.** The committee created a skiing coordinator position for the NCAA skiing championships, which can be absorbed into its current staffing budget for the championship. (See Informational Item 9.)

#### ACTION ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative items.
  - None.
- 2. Nonlegislative items.
  - a. 2025 regional site selections.
    - (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. Approve the following sites and hosts for the 2025 regional championships:

Region	Dates	Venue	Host
West	February 20-22	Alyeska Resort (A) and Kincaid Park (N)	University of Alaska Anchorage
Central	February 22-23	Al Quaal Recreation Area (N)	Northern Michigan University
East	February 21-22	Mittersill Alpine Resort (A) and Jackson XC (N)	University of New Hampshire

- (2) Effective date. 2025 championships.
- (3) <u>Rationale</u>. The regionals are selected on a rotating basis by each region's institutions. In addition, there is no formal budget process, as the host institutions receive a set stipend for hosting. These institutions have all hosted successful events previously.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The stipend is \$3,500 per region.

(5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. Each of the venues will provide a top-caliber facility and experience for the competing student-athletes.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Review agenda and meeting schedule**. The committee reviewed the annual meeting agenda and schedule.
- **2. Approved 2023 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2023 annual meeting report as presented. Members also identified topics that needed additional and continued discussion as part of the 2024 annual meeting agenda.
- 3. Review of the 2024 championship. The committee discussed the 2024 championship hosted by the University of Colorado, Boulder, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Members reviewed responses from the championships indicating they were a great success. The committee also identified areas for enhancement from previous years that will be implemented into future championships, including setting standards for waxing areas, championship site coaches bibs, regional bibs and panels, and the future use of the online sport zone folders for information distribution.
- **4. 2025 championship updates.** The committee discussed the 2025 championships, which will be hosted by Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, on March 5-8, 2025. Committee members discussed some early details of the championships and will meet again in the fall to continue discussions and distribute updates to the membership related to the event.
- 5. Event rotations. The committee discussed a new process for event and gender rotations. While the host will have the ability to request a change to the event and gender rotations, which the committee would then review, the rotations have been established based on a review of the past rotations that have occurred since the COVID year and based them also on what has most commonly worked best for operations. Rotations will be finalized and put into the pre-champs manual and posted in the online sport zone folder.
- **6. Regional allocations.** The committee reviewed the allocation formula and approved the allocations for the 2025 championships. For Alpine, there will be 17 spots for the East and 17 for the West for both the men and the women. For Nordic men and women, the East and the West will each have 17 spots per gender, while the Central will have six per gender.
- 7. US Ski and Snowboard certifications/licenses. The committee discussed improving the member process for certification and licenses for all NCAA student-athletes participating in the championships. Licenses will be required to participate in both regionals and championships, which are both NCAA-sponsored events. It is also highly recommended that all athletes competing have their license to participate in any collegiate competition during the year.

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Reminders will be sent in August with a reminder to check on background checks for clearance prior to the new year.

- **8. Nordic sprint event addition to championship.** The committee received an update on the proposal to add a sprint event to the national championship schedule. The proposal will be reviewed at a future date. The national office and the Competition Oversight Committee are still working on the House settlement, and the budget related to that is a work in progress. If approved, the earliest this proposal would be implemented is the 2026 championship.
- **9. Skiing championship coordinator position.** The committee created a coordinator position for the skiing championship, which the costs are already absorbed into the budget as part of the event. This position will be filled by Curtis Synder from the University of Colorado, who has been serving in this capacity for a number of years.

This position focuses on championship team scoring and areas related to media and communications. Tasks include working with timing companies, championship scoring and results, media coordination, sport history and records, videoboard coordination, broadcast and public address announcers, as well as some operations dealing with the banquet and opening ceremonies. Other duties could be assigned as needed.

- **10. 2026-28 bid process.** The committee reviewed the upcoming bid process and will make its recommendation on the 2027 and 2028 championships sites by the end of July. These recommendations will then be reviewed as part of the process leading up to the announcement in October.
- **11. Rules.** The committee met with Andy Sugergan, associate director of playing rules and officiating, to discuss edits to the NCAA rules book and other topics within rules and championship operations.
- **12. National committee.** The committee noted there will be two new members in 2024-25, as Jessica Cherry (St. Scholastica) has been named to the committee and the second new appointee will be announced soon.

Additionally, the committee has selected John Dwyer (Dartmouth) to serve as chair for the 2024-25 academic year.

Committee Chair: John Dwyer, Dartmouth College

Staff Liaison(s): Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances

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**Attendees:** 

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Eliska Albrigtsen, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
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Tracey Cote, Colby College.

John Dwyer, Dartmouth College.

Fredrik Landstedt, University of Utah.

William Reichelt, University of Vermont.

Tom Smith, Michigan Technological University.

Chad Wolk, University of Colorado, Boulder.

**Absentees:** 

None.

### **Guests in Attendance:**

None.

# NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:

Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.