



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEES
JANUARY 22, 2024, JOINT MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- **2024 championship.** The committee is recommending that Wingate University host the 2024 Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. (See Nonlegislative Item.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2024 championship host.**

(1) Recommendation. That Wingate University host the 2024 soccer championships at the Sportsplex at Matthews, in Matthews, North Carolina.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The 2024 championships were to be conducted in Chattanooga; however, the Chattanooga Sports Commission informed the committees that construction on the facility would not be completed prior to the championships and they would not be able to host. The committee had staff contact Wingate to gauge their interest in hosting for a second year in a row. Wingate quickly expressed interest and confirmed availability of the facility. The committee formally voted to move them forward as the host in 2024, with the intention of re-bidding for a host in 2025, which was originally awarded to Wingate.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This change will ensure providing the best student-athlete experience possible. Given Wingate's ability to step in on short notice and provide a great experience last year, the committees are confident they will do the same for participating teams in 2024.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the 2023 championships.** The committees were pleased with the overall administration and planning for the finals site, commending Wingate University for their hard work and dedication in providing a good experience for the teams, particularly on short notice.

The committees also reviewed preliminary-round hosting requirements, particularly those that may need to be modified due to potential format changes proposed as part of the triennial budget process. The committees asked staff to make the appropriate changes prior to next year.

2. **2024 championship.** The committees discussed the 2024 championships and an update from the Chattanooga Sports Commission, which formally withdrew its bid to host. After these discussions the committees agreed to ask Wingate to host again in 2024 and re-bid for a host in this 2025, which they were previously awarded. (See Nonlegislative Item above.)
3. **Regionalization review.** The committees discussed a request from the Division II Championships Committee seeking feedback regarding the Division II regionalization model and opportunities to revise the current approach to bracketing. The Championships Committee will review the sport committee feedback at their June 17-18, 2024, meeting.
4. **Playing rules.** The committees were joined by members of the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee to review survey results and provide feedback on potential rules proposals. The committees noted the poor response to the survey from Division II coaches and will discuss ways they can influence more input in the future. Given this is a rules change year, the committees were able to provide valuable feedback to rules committee members and will continue to monitor the rules change process over the next few months.
5. **Division II governance update.** The committees received an update on the 2023-24 Division II Priorities.
6. **Academic and membership affairs update.** The committees received an update on legislation adopted at the 2024 NCAA Convention.
7. **Acclimatization period.** The committees reviewed information being discussed among coaches and by both genders' coaches connection groups regarding a potential legislative proposal for 2025 that would add to the acclimatization period at the beginning of the season. The committee reviewed this as informational only for now and anticipates hearing more as the proposal is finalized and whether it meets sponsorship requirements.

Committee Chair: Kacey Bingham, Western Oregon University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology, Sunshine State Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.

Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Committees January 22, 2024, Joint Meeting	
Attendees:	
Babak Abouzar, Texas Women's University.	
Kacey Bingham, Western Oregon University.	
Todd Diuguid, University of Charleston (WV).	
Greg Herdlick, Rockhurst University.	
Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology.	
Kathy Kroupa, Lynn University.	
Patrick Long, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.	
Michael Lovato, American International College.	
Rebecca Magee, Erskine College.	
Dawn Tatro, Roger's State University.	
Rob Walker, Saint Martin's College.	
Michael White, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
Michael Winn, Pace University.	
Absentees:	
Amanda Snodgrass, Midwestern State University.	
Erika Torrez, Wingate University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Eric Crawford, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
Rich Grady, NCAA Soccer Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Kim Sutton, California State University, Chico.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.	
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Rachel Denton, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Ashlee Follis, Playing Rules and Officiating.	
Maritza Jones, Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Governance.	
Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances.	