

## REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE JANURY 27, 2025, MEETING

## KEY ITEMS.

- **1. Misconduct.** The committee reviewed misconduct process from an incident in preliminary rounds. (See Informational Item 4.)
- **2. Committee chair.** The committee re-elected Jamie Joss, director of athletics at Florida Institute of Technology, as chair for 2025-26. (See Informational Item 6.)

## ACTION ITEMS.

None.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **1. 2024-25 Division II Championships Committee updates**. The committee reviewed relevant action and information items from 2024-25.
- **2. Rankings and selections**. The committee reviewed the current selection criteria and ranking process and agreed that the current criteria and process for selecting teams worked well this year.
  - The committee was also provided a brief overview of current selection criteria discussions taking place within the governance structure related to a single-metric ranking and selection process. There was interest in the initial concept, and members look forward to learning more as the discussion continues.
- 3. 2024 preliminary rounds review. The committee reviewed preliminary-round competition and was pleased overall, while also noting areas for improvement for specific hosts regarding hotel room blocks and post-match security. Staff will address these directly with these hosts through the post-championship host memo process recently implemented.
- **4. Misconduct.** The committee reviewed misconduct issues that took place at the championship. Specifically, the committee was satisfied with the outcome and progress of the misconduct processes that have taken place for misconduct that occurred in preliminary rounds.
- 5. **Sponsorship.** The committee reviewed current men's soccer sponsorship, noting teams that have left, or are coming into, Division II. Members noted growth in multiple regions that may warrant discussions (perhaps during the next budget cycle) around how bids are awarded to each region.

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- **6. Committee composition.** The committee reviewed the current composition for regional advisory committees and the national committee, noting terms that are expiring in August. The committee thanked Rob Walker, head coach at St. Martin's University, for his service on the national committee. The committee also re-appointed Jamie Joss, director of athletics at Florida Institute of Technology, as chair for 2025-26.
- **7. Manual review.** The committee assigned manual reviews among themselves and committed to providing suggested edits for the 2025-26 season to staff in the coming weeks.

Committee Chair: Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology, Sunshine State Conference.

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

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Attendees:

Brett Faro, Cedarville University.

Jon Fridal, Colorado Mesa University.

Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology.

Michael Lavato, American International College.

Patrick Long, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

Dawn Tatro, Rogers State University.

Rob Walker, Saint Martin's University.

**Absentees:** 

None.

**Guests in Attendance:** 

None.

NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:

Eric Breece.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Carla Laster.