



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II SOFTBALL COMMITTEE  
JUNE 16-17, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of 2024 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2024 meeting report as written.
2. **Division II governance update.** The committee was provided an update on the 2024-25 Division II priorities.
3. **Umpires.** Austin Mezzacasa provided an overview of the areas of progress and concerns for the Softball Umpire Program (SUP) from the 2024-25 season. The committee also received an overview of video replay statistics from the Division II softball regular season and championship. Committee members noted that the minimum video review requirements should remain the same to continue the growth of video review across the division.
4. **Eligibility Review Working Group.** Chelsea Hooks provided an update on the Eligibility Review Working Group's review of seasons-of -competition legislation and the four potential concepts that the Division II Management Council will review during its June meeting and potentially sponsor for a membership vote at the 2026 NCAA Convention.
5. **NCAA playing rules and barrel compression testing (BCT) review.** Dee Abrahamson provided a bat testing update, noting bat testing seems to be underreported in Division II. Vickie Van Kleeck, NCAA softball secretary-rules editor, also joined the meeting to share rules changes being discussed by the Softball Rules Committee.
6. **Championship manuals and site selection material.** The committee reviewed necessary changes to the manuals for the 2025-26 academic year, including minimum hosting requirements and streamlining the dugout roster submission process. The committee will continue reviewing the manuals this summer and provide necessary updates to staff by August 1.
7. **Review of committee timeline.** The committee discussed the timeline and made necessary updates for the 2026 season.
8. **NFCA report.** Brian Stanley from the NFCA and Megan Corriea, head coach at Cal Poly Humboldt, provided feedback from coaches regarding the 2024-25 season and championship. They noted positive reviews regarding implementing video review in preliminary rounds and the quality of site representatives. The committee and NFCA also discussed ways in which the NFCA could help recruit site representatives in the future.

9. **Review of 2025 championship.** The committee reviewed participant survey results and the championship recap document and discussed improvements that could be made to future championships. In order to continue improving the overall championship experience and provide more transparency, the committee will continue tracking recurring issues at host sites and share potential areas of improvement with hosts after the conclusion of the championship to provide the opportunity to rectify noted issues.
10. **Selections review.** Kevin Pauga joined the committee to review the KPI metric and its use during the 2024-25 season. The committee also discussed how the NCAA and national committee can provide the membership greater transparency and education surrounding the selection process.
11. **Preview 2026 championship finals site.** Committee members discussed the 2026 Division II softball finals site, and members of the Chattanooga local organizing committee joined the meeting to share venue updates and future plans for the championship.
12. **2026 championship format.** The committee approved the regional and super regional brackets for the 2026 Division II Softball Championship in addition to a draft schedule for the 2026 championship.
13. **Regionalization map and sponsorship list.** The committee reviewed the regionalization map and sponsorship list and noted potential changes for 2025-26. Staff noted both the regionalization map and sponsorship list will be updated in August.
14. **2026 annual meeting dates.** The committee will hold its next annual meeting June 16-17 in Indianapolis.
15. **Chair election.** Neil Morgan was elected to serve as chair and Susan Cassidy-Lyke as vice chair for the 2025-26 academic year.
16. **Softball and baseball joint discussion.** The Division II Baseball Championship manager participated in the meeting to provide updates on ongoing discussions in baseball that could also be relevant to softball. These topics included review of the dugout roster form procedure and hosting requirements. The committee also emphasized the importance of collaboration between baseball and softball, particularly in the context of preliminary-round hosting. This coordination will be crucial as softball's date formula will shift back a week starting in the 2025-26 season, leading to an overlap with Division II Baseball.

*Committee Chair:*        *Melissa Frost, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference*

*Staff Liaison(s):*       *Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances*  
                                 *Kacee Murphy, Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Division II Softball Committee June 16-17, 2025, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy University.	
Dixie Cirillo, Colorado School of Mines.	
Stephanie DeFeo, University of West Alabama.	
Missy Frost, University of Indianapolis.	
Gretta Melsted, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Neil Morgan, Biola University.	
Andrea Miller Grady, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.	
Dawn Turner, Lander University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Dee Abrahamson, NCAA Equipment Consultant.	
Cassidy Brinkley, Chattanooga Tourism Co.	
Megan Corriea, NFCA.	
Jim Donatelli, KPI Consultant.	
Brant Donlon, Chattanooga Tourism Co.	
Austin Mezzacasa, NCAA Regional Advisor.	
Kevin Pauga, Michigan State University.	
Brian Stanley, NFCA.	
Vickie Van Kleeck, NCAA Softball Secretary-Rules Editor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Kacee Murphy.	
Alyssa Rice.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Eric Breece, Championships & Alliances.	
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.	