



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 9 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2018, TELECONFERENCES**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Sport sponsorship required for championship.** The committee discussed whether an institution should be required to meet the legislated sport sponsorship minimums to qualify student-athletes for championship selection. The committee reviewed sport sponsorship data for the past five years. Correlating the data to the championships results, the members determined that only one institution, in one gender's championship, did not meet the sponsorship minimums.

The committee believes it best for Division II swimming and diving to provide an opportunity for an institution to add or grow the sport on their campus. The committee acknowledges that one of the best ways to accomplish that goal is to have a student-athlete selected to the NCAA championship. Unlike a team sport, an individual-team sport such as swimming and diving does not need to roster a specific number of student-athletes each year for an individual student-athlete to excel. Providing institutions with the option to start small, and potentially with limited scholarships, and giving them time to develop their programs is for the overall betterment of the sport.

In addition, the committee believes it is in the best interests of swimming and diving student-athletes to provide a championship opportunity based on the individual student-athlete's performance, not tied to their teammates' performances. Also, because the swimming and diving season is so long, spanning almost two semesters, few student-athletes participate in more than one sport in an academic year. Swimming and diving does not have the crossover issue that track and field would have without a sponsorship requirement for championship selection.

*Committee Chair: Roger Karns, Lewis University*  
*Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee October 9 and November 8, 2018, Teleconferences</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jennifer Alger, University of Tampa.	
Kate Burke, Colorado School of Mines.	
Roger Karns, Lewis University.	
Barbara Parker, University of West Florida.	
Nancye Rahn, King University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	