



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE
MAY 25-26, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Nonlegislative items.

- **Sport sponsorship requirements.**
 - a. Recommendation. That the following language be added to the NCAA Division II maximum and minimum contest requirements:

Minimum number of contests for selections - 10 (**Division II**)
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. The committee believes that, at a minimum, 10 of the permissible 25 contests must be against Division II opponents.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks.** Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee Chair Chi Ly welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and presentation schedule.
- 2. Review of 2018 meeting report.** The committee approved the 2018 annual meeting report as written.
- 3. 2019 championship review.**
 - a. Rankings and seeding process review.** The committee felt the rankings process ran smoothly. Members reiterated the importance of regional advisory committees following the selection criteria and the national committee being consistent in its methodology each week.
 - b. Pre-championship planning.** The committee praised the staff from the Greater Orlando Sports Commission and Rollins College for their roles in hosting the championship. The committee was very pleased with the level of commitment from both entities.
 - c. Hotel.** The Embassy Suites is a great hotel for the participating teams.
 - d. Hospitality.**

- (1) **Student-athletes.** No issues with the food provided.
 - (2) **Committee.** No issues with the food provided.
 - (3) **Officials.** Ensure no breaks are being taken during match play.
 - e. **Media.** The Rollins College staff did an excellent job throughout the week. No issues were identified.
 - f. **Student-athlete behavior.** An inquiry letter will be sent to one institution about unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - g. **Webcast.** The committee appreciated that six courts were webcast for the 2019 championship. An increase from three from years past.
 - h. **Suggested improvements.** The committee recommends only placing ice water and ice on the courts. BodyArmor coolers will be placed outside the courts.
In order to increase attendance, more promotion should be made to local tennis clubs. The committee recommends renting portable bathrooms for student-athlete use as well as a player area for recovery.
Umbrellas should be provided for student-athletes to deal with heat. Payment for racquet stringing should be available via credit card. Breakfast areas at the hotels should be open early to accommodate participating teams.
4. **2019 officials review.** Bob Boulware joined the meeting to review the assigning process. Ideally, 24 officials should be used to cover all courts.
 5. **Coaches Connection.** The committee commended Pam Arpe on the job she does with Coaches Connection.
 6. **2020 championships.**
 - a. **Committee members' on-site responsibilities.** The chair will assign on-site duties for committee members on practice and competition days. The 2020 championship will be unique as it will take place at two separate facilities during the Division II National Championships Festival.
 - b. **Schedule of events and start times.** The committee would like to stay with the current start times and continue to alternate which gender plays first each year. The women will play first in 2020. The committee will need to assign courts at two locations as well assign practices.
 7. **Selections, AQ and sponsorship.**
 - a. **Date.** Selections will take place on April 28, 2020.

- b. Automatic qualification.** All eligible conferences will be reviewed in September.
- c. Sponsorship.** Access ratios will be determined.
- 8. National committee composition.** The committee discussed the current roster and noted one vacancy from the South Region.
- 9. Manual revisions.** The committee reviewed the 2019 manuals and made the necessary edits for the 2020 championship.
- 10. Committee timeline review.** The committee discussed the timeline and made the necessary updates for the 2020 season.
- 11. ITA.** The committee would like to recommend that its chair sit on the ITA Executive Board to be the voice for Division II.
- 12. Tennis strategic plan.** The committee discussed the development of a strategic plan for Division II tennis. Short- and long-term goals were developed as well as the overall vision.
- 13. 2020 annual meeting dates.** The committee will hold the next annual meeting at the end of the 2020 championship.
- 14. Committee chair appointment.** The committee voted to appoint Abby Davis, head tennis coach/senior woman administrator at Arkansas Tech, University as the chair of the committee. Ms. Davis will provide great leadership and guidance for the committee.

Committee Chair: Chi Ly, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.

Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee May 25-26, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Greg Coache, Southern New Hampshire University.	
Abby Davis, Arkansas Tech University.	
Jessica Incorminias, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Scott Linn, Midwestern State University.	
Chi Ly, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	

William Powers, Hawaii Pacific University.
Lee Underwood, Barton College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Pam Arpe, Coaches Connection. (<i>via teleconference</i>)
Robert Boulware, Officials Coordinator.
Shalisa Griffin, Greater Orlando Sports Commission.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.