



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE  
MAY 16, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2019 Championship officials.** Based on recommendations from the conference administrators and former national coordinators of officials, the committee reviewed and approved the panel of referees for the 2019 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship. Staff will notify the committee if additional alternates must be approved.
2. **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved automatic-qualifying conferences for the 2019 championship.
3. **External ratings.** The committee discussed using external ratings, specifically Massey ratings, to seed the final eight teams in the championship. The Massey ratings are based on proprietary intellectual property, so the NCAA statistics and IT staffs cannot replicate them. In addition, the statistics staff noted that it would be best not to try to replicate them because of the potential for unintended calculation errors. The committee noted that the current ranking and selection criteria, while national in nature, do not help when teams play regionally and there is no crossover data, such as head-to-head competition or common opponents. Ratings such as Massey provide a more national picture and would assist the committee in seeding.

The discussion was tabled until next year when a request may be made to adjust the ranking and selection criteria.

4. **Bid specifications.** In preparation for the next host bid cycle, the committee reviewed the championship bid specifications.
5. **Strategic plan.** The committee created a working draft of the strategic plan for the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship. The members will continue to review annually and revise as necessary.

The committee members noted that in the next bid cycle they would like to pursue combined Divisions I and II championships. The committee understands that due to the date formula, Division III is not interested at this time. Combined final sites in basketball and other team sports have proven to be quite popular and successful, and the committee believes volleyball would benefit from the same concept. Because the coaches convention is held at the same time and location as the Division I championship, a joint championship would showcase the

Division II student-athletes' skills and achievements for a wider audience and further the strategic plan to enhance the student-athlete experience.

*Committee Chair: Doug Walters, Palm Beach Atlantic University*

*Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances*

| <b>Division II Women's Volleyball Committee<br/>May 16, 2019, Teleconference</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Josh Collins, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.                            |  |
| Kevin DesLauriers, Molloy College.   |  |
| Dustin Fuls, North Greenville University.  |  |
| Chris Gravel, Hillsdale College.   |  |
| Karen Hjerpe, California University of Pennsylvania.                             |  |
| Mo Roberson, Concordia University Irvine.  |  |
| Melanie Robotham, Lone Star Conference.  |  |
| Doug Walters, Palm Beach Atlantic 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.  |  |