



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 29, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roster update.** Championships Committee Chair Nathan Gibson welcomed the group and previewed the agenda.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its August 8 videoconference and August 19 electronic vote, as presented.
3. **2026-27 and 2027-28 Division II championship site selections.** The committee approved recommendations for championship host sites in all sports for the 2026-28 cycle. The committee noted these sites provide an excellent mix of proven and new hosts and a breadth of regional diversity that will offer student-athletes an exemplary postseason experience throughout the length of the cycle. The recommended sites will be announced through an NCAA news release on October 2.
4. **Preliminary-round housing policies.** The committee reviewed a draft document staff prepared that includes recommendations the three divisional championships committees are being asked to consider. The concepts address potential hotel location requirements, high room rate policies, permissible lodging options, and hotel release policies. Committee members reached consensus on the following:
 - Continue to prefer the current policy of hotels being located within 30 miles of the competition venue but allow flexibility for hotels to be located within a 60-minute drive so long as the prospective host provides sufficient rationale for contracting these properties.
 - Establish a policy clarifying permissible lodging options that ensure the quality of the experience (e.g., hotels only, safety precautions/assurances).
 - Explore establishing a financial penalty as follows for a participating institution that chooses to not stay at a hotel contracted by the host in favor of staying at an alternate hotel property:
 - If the hotel contract is one to three nights, the institution would be required to pay for one night.
 - If the hotel contract is four or more nights, the institution would be required to pay for two nights.

The committee agreed to continue discussing these additional concepts in greater detail during a future meeting:

- Explore establishing both a maximum room rate for Division II and a high-cost city per diem. (The committee asked staff to collect data to inform potential specific recommendations.)
- Explore establishing a policy related to hotel releases for institutions that elect to drive to and from campus to the host institution in lieu of staying in a hotel.

5. Recognition of outgoing members. The committee formally thanked Carol Rivera, whose term expires August 31, for her outstanding contributions during her term. Committee members also reiterated their appreciation for outgoing member Nathan Gibson regarding his leadership as chair over the last year.

6. Other business.

- **Bracketing concepts.** The committee received an update on the work staff has conducted on the bracketing/regionalization concepts in recent weeks that will be presented in detail during the committee's September meeting.

7. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- September 10-11, (in-person meeting in Indianapolis).
- October 3, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- November 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- December 5, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee August 29, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	

Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Absentees:
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College of Saint Rose.
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Brooke Dixon, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Angela Red, CJ Sowards, Lynda Tealer and Ryan Tressel.