



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Regan McAthie welcomed the group and previewed key agenda items.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its June 25-26 in-person meeting, as presented. Staff informed the committee that the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Executive Board subsequently approved in concept the committee's recommendations to sponsor legislation for the 2026 NCAA Convention to add a Division II Women's Bowling Championship and legislation specifying that team sports will use the NCAA Power Index (NPI) as the sole results-based metric for championship selection. The council and board also adopted a high-cost city per diem policy and approved to sunset the Division II National Championships Festivals after the fall festival in 2026. However, the council and board did not support the committee's recommendation to move the Division II Football Championship game to early January.
3. **Sport committee reports.**
 - **Men's wrestling.** The committee approved the wrestling committee's recommendation to place Vanguard University, which recently entered active Division II status and sponsors men's wrestling, into super region six. [Attachment]
4. **NPI Q&A review and education timeline.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on a Q&A and educational timeline regarding potential implementation of the NPI as the sole results-based metric for championship selection in team sports. The committee will review these documents again during its September meeting before distributing them to the membership.
5. **Sport and committee assignments.** Committee members reviewed sport and committee assignments open effective September 1, 2025, and were advised to reach out to staff if interested in switching sports or adding the Playing Rules Oversight Panel or Appeals Subcommittee roles.
6. **Recognition of outgoing members.** The committee during its in-person meeting in June acknowledged the contributions from Chris Colvin and Gary Pine, who are completing their terms on the committee at the end of August, but the committee reiterated that gratitude during this videoconference, as it is the final official committee meeting for both members.
7. **Other business.**

- **Division II playing rules structure.** Given the Division II Management Council's approval of a Division II playing rules structure, staff noted that the openings on the new Division II/III Playing Rules Oversight Panel and sport-specific playing rules committees are available for nominations. The new structure will begin operating in September. The recommendations from the Division II Nominating Committee will be reviewed during the September meeting.

8. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- September 16-17, (virtual meeting).
- October 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- November 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- December 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- January 8, 2026, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- February 19-20, 2026 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- June 23-24, 2026 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee August 7, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sean Belzer, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Christina Paone, Walsh University.	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Stan Wagon, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Haley White, Rollins University.	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.	
Absentees:	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).	

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.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jess Gaumer, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Angela Red and Sarah Shoffner.

2025-26 DII Wrestling Super Regional Model

Super Region One (Yellow on map)		Super Region Two (Blue on map)		Super Region Three (Purple on map)		Super Region Four (Orange on map)		Super Region Five (Green on map)		Super Region Six (Red on map)	
American Int'l	Ind.	Allen	C. Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Mo.	MIAA	Augustana	NSIC	Adams State	RMAC
East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Okla.	MIAA	Mary	NSIC	Cal Poly Humbolt	GNAC
Fairmont St.	MEC	Coker	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GLVC	Drury	GLVC	Mankato	NSIC	Chadron State	RMAC
Felician	CACC	Emmanuel (GA)	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	UIndy	GLVC	Moorhead	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
Frostburg St.	MEC	King (TN)	C. Carolinas	Emory & Henry	C. Carolinas	Ky. Wesleyan	GMAC	Minot State	NSIC	Colorado Mines	RMAC
Gannon	PSAC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Maryville (MO)	GLVC	Northern State	NSIC	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC
Kutztown	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	McKendree	GLVC	Southwest MN	NSIC	Fort Hays State	MIAA
Millersville	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley St.	Ind.	Newman	MIAA	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
Pitt.-Johnstown	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	Ouachita Baptist	GLVC	Sioux Falls	NSIC	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC
Seton Hill	PSAC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	Salem	Ind.	Quincy	GLVC	Upper Iowa	GLVC	San Francisco State	RMAC
Shippensburg	PSAC	Shorter	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC	Thomas More	GMAC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	Simon Fraser	GNAC
Wheeling	MEC	UNC-Pembroke	C. Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC					Western State	RMAC
										Vanguard	PACWEST

