



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Sport committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2020.
 - a. **Men's basketball.** Appoint **Rick Costello**, director of athletics director, Purdue University Northwest, to replace Jon Mark Hall, director of athletics, University of Southern Indiana, due to term expiration.
 - b. **Women's basketball.** Appoint **Joshua Prock**, head women's basketball coach, Eastern New Mexico University, to replace Jason Martens, head women's basketball coach, St. Mary's University (Texas), due to term expiration.
 - c. **Women's basketball rules.** Appoint **Tara Owens**, director of athletics and recreation, Central State University, to replace Dean Walsh, head women's basketball coach, Converse College, who had been appointed earlier to replace Terry Rollins, director of athletics, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration, but has since left the institution.
 - d. **Men's and women's cross country.** Appoint **Amelia Maher**, director of external operations and administration, South Atlantic Conference, to replace Lee Glenn, associate director of athletics, University of North Georgia, due to term expiration.
 - e. **Football.** Appoint **Jon Anderson**, head football coach, University of Sioux Falls, to replace John Wristen, head football coach, Colorado State University-Pueblo, due to term expiration.
 - f. **Men's golf.** Appoint **Sara Higley**, associate director of athletics, Ferris State University, to replace Jon Vogl, head men's golf coach, Saginaw Valley State University, due to term expiration.
 - g. **Women's ice hockey.** Appoint **Josh Berlo**, director of athletics, University of Minnesota Duluth, to replace Abbey Strong, assistant director of athletics, University of Minnesota Duluth, due to term expiration.

- h. **Men's and women's ice hockey rules.** Appoint **Matt Curley**, head men's ice hockey coach, University of Alaska Anchorage, to replace Thomas Wilkins, associate director of athletics, Southern New Hampshire University, due to term expiration.
- i. **Men's soccer.** Appoint **Amanda Snodgrass**, assistant director of athletics, Midwestern State University, to replace Claudio Arias, head men's soccer coach/director of soccer operations, Texas A&M International University, due to term expiration.
- j. **Women's soccer.** Appoint **Stephen Fitzgerald**, senior associate director of athletics, Stonehill College, to replace James Moore, head women's soccer coach, University of North Georgia, due to term expiration.
- k. **Softball.** Appoint **Jason Anderson**, head softball coach, Southern Arkansas University, to replace Kristy Bayer, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Emporia State University, due to term expiration.
- l. **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** Appoint **D.J. Bevevino**, associate director of athletics, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, to replace Barbara Parker, head diving coach, University of West Florida, due to term expiration.
- m. **Women's volleyball.** Appoint **Leanne Piscotty**, head women's volleyball coach, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Karen Hjerpe, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania; **Jim Boos**, head women's volleyball coach, University of Minnesota Duluth, to replace Josh Collins, head women's volleyball coach, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and **Joel List**, head women's volleyball coach, Regis University (Colorado), to replace Melanie Robotham, assistant commissioner, Lone Star Conference, all due to term expiration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed the committee to the call and reviewed the agenda, noting specific voting instructions for the purposes of meeting via Microsoft Teams.
- 2. **Recent committee reports.** The committee approved the reports from its February 19-20 in-person meeting and March 31 electronic vote, as submitted.
- 3. **Maximum/minimum contest requirements.** Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division II Administrative Committee asked the Championships Committee to review current contest requirements for championship selection and provide recommendations to the Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council. The Division II membership has expressed concerns that, because of the economic impact, even if sports

resume as scheduled in the fall, many institutions will not be able to afford the same level of travel or be able to meet current standards for selection or sport sponsorship. In addition, institutions are concerned that if Bylaw 17 maximums are not adjusted, it may produce competitive inequity across the country.

The Championships Committee reviewed potential options to reduce both the minimum number of contests for selections and the maximum number of contests/dates of competition for 2020-21 but noted that a formal recommendation is not due until May 11. The committee also noted that the Division II Conference Commissioners Association is currently surveying administrators regarding this issue, and that the Division II Membership Committee and the Division II Legislation Committee will be reviewing the matter as well.

Accordingly, the Championships Committee agreed to collect the survey information and continue monitoring feedback from the Division II membership in order to make a more informed recommendation during its regularly scheduled monthly teleconference on May 7, which will allow the recommendation to be formally submitted to the Management Council and Presidents Council by the stated deadline. Both Councils meet the week of May 18 and will render a final decision at that time.

- 4. Championship banquets and sport committee travel for 2020-21.** Staff noted that the Division II Administrative Committee during its April 22 teleconference determined that for the 2020-21 academic year, the usual banquets held at championships will not be conducted, and all annual sport committee meetings will be held via digital platforms instead of in person. The Championships Committee and sport committees will explore different ways to recognize award winners (e.g., Elite 90 recipients) typically honored at the championship banquets. Staff noted that these decisions were made across all three divisions to support the Association's cost-saving efforts.

- 5. Adjournment.** Ms. Willey adjourned the call at 3:10 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis
Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee April 23, 2020, Virtual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	

Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Chair).
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council Vice Chair).
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
John Lewis, Bluefield State College.
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Leslie Havens, Stephanie Quigg and Angela Red.