



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 8, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **NCAA Division II Softball Championship format in festival years.**

- a. Recommendation. Approve a change to the Division II Softball Championship date formula during years in which the Division II National Championships Festival for spring sports takes place by moving the super regionals a day earlier to begin Tuesday and conclude Wednesday (see the Attachment). The date formula for championship selection and regional competition would remain the same as currently in festival years.
- b. Effective date. 2024 NCAA Division II Softball Championship (the next spring sports festival year).
- c. Rationale. The recent expansion in the finals site format for the softball championship from five days to seven days affects the schedule for the Division II National Championships Festival by compressing the time between each round of the softball championship. To accommodate for travel, weather and student-athlete health and safety, the Division II Softball Committee explored multiple format models and recommended that moving the super regionals to Tuesday and Wednesday would provide the best championship experience and create the least disruption for student-athletes, coaches and administrators. The Championships Committee agreed with this assessment and supports the sport committee's recommendation. (Note: Prior to the expanded finals site format, the super regionals were conducted Wednesday/Thursday in festival years and Thursday/Friday in non-festival years.)
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. The recommendation provides participating teams an additional day between finishing super regionals and arriving on site for the festival.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Reid Amos welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda. Mr. Amos also congratulated all of those involved in

administering the recent Division II National Championships Festival in Seattle for fall sports, including the staff from host institution Seattle Pacific University.

2. Review of previous reports. The committee approved the report from its November 3 videoconference as presented.

3. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- January 5, 2023, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference; tentative).
- February 23-24, 2023 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- June 26-27, 2023 (meeting via videoconference).
- September 14-15, 2023 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

4. Other business. The committee also discussed an opportunity to provide feedback to Warner Bros. Discovery Sports (WBD Sports) on potential development of a new service that would further highlight Division II and III championships. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity as well as forward to any interested individuals on their campuses.

Given the possibility that the January 5 videoconference, which would be the final meeting for current member Courtney Lovely Evans, may be canceled unless pressing agenda items emerge before then, the committee thanked Ms. Lovely Evans for her significant contributions to the committee during her term as a representative from the Division II Management Council. The committee also thanked Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative Thomas Webb Jr. for his service, though his term on the Division II SAAC lasts another year. The SAAC will conduct elections for assignments in 2023 during the January Convention, and while it is possible that Mr. Webb could be reassigned to the Championships Committee, it is also possible that he would be appointed to another committee or council for the coming year.

Committee Chair: Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee December 8, 2022, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	

Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama at Huntsville.
Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University.
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University (Management Council Vice Chair).
Absentees:
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Connor Lancashire, Alyssa Rice and Liv Sappington.

Attachment

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday Opening Ceremonies	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Closing ceremonies
2016	Selection Call	Selection Show			Regionals	Regionals	Regionals				Super Regionals	Super Regionals			Arrive in Denver	Practices	Games 1-4	Games 5-8	Games 9-12	Games 13, 14, F1	Games F2, F3
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1. With no schedule adjustment, a tight turnaround is created for teams from super regionals to Orlando and leaves no room for weather error.
2. With the adjusted schedule, only two game would be played Monday, which would allow teams to attend opening ceremonies. (no team eliminated until Wednesday)
3. Do you want to consider moving the selection show to Sunday night, rather than 10 a.m. Monday morning, to allow for more time for teams to make arrangements for regionals?
 - a. Monday selection show may impact teams ability to practice.
 - b. Sunday selection show would require working with conference commissioners to ensure conference championship are wrapped up by Saturday and only use Sunday in case of weather with a set deadline.

Key: Format selected by DII Softball Committee