



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. One-year waiver of regional site determination.

- (1) **Recommendation.** For the 2020-21 academic year only, waive NCAA Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (criteria for regional site determination) to provide sport committees flexibility in selecting regional hosts.
- (2) **Effective date.** 2021 winter and spring championships.
- (3) **Rationale.** Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 states that the top-seeded team, as determined by the governing sports committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition as long as specific criteria developed by the sport committee and specified general site-selection criteria are satisfied. The Championships Committee believes it is prudent to waive the bylaw for this academic year to prepare for a scenario in which a top-seeded team is unable to host regional competition. Sport committees would be compelled to follow the bylaw otherwise, but if COVID-19 conditions dictate a change, this waiver would provide the necessary flexibility.
- (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.
- (5) **Student-athlete impact.** While student-athletes on a team that is top seeded but cannot host might lose an otherwise earned competitive advantage, the recommendation helps broaden regional site options that can meet the enhanced health and safety standards to conduct 2021 championships.

b. Sport committee appointments. Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective immediately.

- (1) **Women's golf.** Appoint **Melanie Robotham**, assistant commissioner, Lone Star Conference, to replace Jackie Wallgren, senior associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Colorado State University-Pueblo, who resigned from the committee.
- (2) **Wrestling.** Appoint **Dale Lennon**, director of athletics, University of Mary, to replace Ann Traphagen, former deputy director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augustana University (South Dakota), who resigned from the committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Steve Card welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its November 5 videoconference, as presented.
3. **Return-to-championships plans.** NCAA Championships and Alliances Managing Director Anthony Holman updated the committee on work being done within the championships and alliances staff to develop return-to-championship plans in order to meet the enhanced health and safety standards for conducting NCAA championships in 2021. Staff will be reaching out to host sites to share these plans and ensure that hosts can comply with the new standards. Mr. Holman also noted that the bid process for hosting preliminary-round sites will begin December 10.
4. **Nominating Committee report.** Championships Committee members reviewed the Nominating Committee’s November 20 report and supported sport and rules committee appointments as specified in Action Item 2-b.

5. Sport committee reports.

- a. **Men’s and women’s cross country.** The Championships Committee approved the following regional sites and hosts for the 2021 Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships:

Region	Institutional Host	Location
East	Rochester NY Sports Commission and Roberts Wesleyan College	Matt St. James Cross Country Trials; Rochester, New York
South Central	Visit Lubbock and Lubbock Christian University	LCU Cross Country Course; Lubbock, Texas

- b. **Men’s and women’s swimming and diving.** Due to the cancellation of the 2021 Division II National Championships Festival for winter sports, the Championships Committee approved the Division II Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Committee’s request to revise the order of events as specified for the 2021 Division II Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships. (See Attachment A.)
6. **Top five attendance at championships.** The committee discussed the policy in typical years that offers complimentary championship admission for the “top five” administrators from participating institutions. Given the reduced attendance for winter and spring sport championships in 2021, the committee agreed to suspend this policy for this year only in order to allow more student-athlete spectators within the reduced capacities.

7. **Criteria for regional site determination.** In its ongoing review of contingency plans to manage COVID-19 conditions, the committee reviewed and supported a one-year waiver of the current bylaw pertaining to top-seeded teams being assured the opportunity to host regional competition (see Action Item 2-a).
8. **Selection criteria review for winter and spring sport championships.** The committee reviewed the required selection criteria for team sports and the additional criteria sport committees have opted to use and agreed that, given the challenges inherent within the selection process this year with reduced competitions (particularly nonconference competitions), sport committees and their regional advisory committees will be allowed to use any or all of the optional criteria, as long as the criteria are applied consistently throughout the season.
9. **Men's and Women's Basketball Committees' selection criteria recommendation.** The committee reviewed the recommendation it made in November regarding reduced bracket/field sizes for winter and spring sport championships and discussed input from the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees related to how those reduced brackets would be populated. The sport committees had been concerned about potentially compromised selection tools based on the fact that most conferences that have agreed to play this year are conducting primarily conference-only schedules, which will make it difficult for the basketball regional advisory committees and sport committees to rank and select teams, respectively. Accordingly, the basketball committees had proposed allowing more flexibility for conferences to determine the bracket and thus mitigate the use of potentially inadequate selection criteria. Championships Committee members appreciated the input but noted its decision at this meeting to allow sport committees to use any and all criteria available to them for this academic year only (see Informational Item 8), which they believe will alleviate the concern. Accordingly, the Championships Committee agreed that for now, the basketball committees should continue their criteria-based selection procedures to determine participants for the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

10. Other business.

- **Winter break.** The committee discussed the application of legislation and policies surrounding the winter break.

11. Future meetings/videoconferences.

- January 7, 2021 (via videoconference).
- February 25-26, 2021 (via videoconference).
- June 10-11, 2021 (via videoconference).
- September 13-14, 2021 (potentially in person; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Steve Card, Western Washington University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
 Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
 Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee December 3, 2020, Videoconference
Attendees:
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.
Steve Card, Western Washington University.
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC representative).
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council chair).
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Anthony Holman, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Corbin McGuire.

**Proposed
Four-Day NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships Program**

TRIALS – WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m.

Event No.

3. 1,000-yard freestyle (W) – All but last heat of time finals
4. 1,000-yard freestyle (M) – All but last heat of time finals
5. 200-yard individual medley (W)
6. 200-yard individual medley (M)
7. 50-yard freestyle (W)
8. 50-yard freestyle (M)
9. Diving – Trials 2 p.m.*

FINALS – WEDNESDAY, 6 p.m.

Event No.

1. 200-yard medley relay (W) – Time finals
5-minute intermission
2. 200-yard medley relay (M) – Time finals
5-minute intermission
3. 1,000-yard freestyle (W) – Last heat of time finals
4. 1,000-yard freestyle (M) – Last heat of time finals
5. 200-yard individual medley (W)
6. 200-yard individual medley (M)
7. 50-yard freestyle (W)
8. 50-yard freestyle (M)
9. Diving - Finals*
10. 200-yard freestyle relay (W) – Time finals
11. 200-yard freestyle relay (M) – Time finals

TRIALS – THURSDAY, 10 a.m.

Event No.

12. 100-yard butterfly (W)
13. 100-yard butterfly (M)
14. 400-yard individual medley (W)
15. 400-yard individual medley (M)
16. 200-yard freestyle (W)
17. 200-yard freestyle (M)
18. Diving – Trials 2 p.m.*

FINALS – THURSDAY, 6 p.m.

Event No.

12. 100-yard butterfly (W)
13. 100-yard butterfly (M)
14. 400-yard individual medley (W)
15. 400-yard individual medley (M)
16. 200-yard freestyle (W)
17. 200-yard freestyle (M)

18. Diving - Finals*
19. 400-yard medley relay (W) – Time finals
5-minute intermission
20. 400-yard medley relay (M) – Time finals

TRIALS – FRIDAY, 10 a.m.

Event No.

21. 500-yard freestyle (W)
22. 500-yard freestyle (M)
23. 100-yard backstroke (W)
24. 100-yard backstroke (M)
25. 100-yard breaststroke (W)
26. 100-yard breaststroke (M)
27. 200-yard butterfly (W)
28. 200-yard butterfly (M)
29. Diving – Trials 2 p.m.*

FINALS – FRIDAY, 6 p.m.

Event No.

21. 500-yard freestyle (W)
22. 500-yard freestyle (M)
23. 100-yard backstroke (W)
24. 100-yard backstroke (M)
25. 100-yard breaststroke (W)
26. 100-yard breaststroke (M)
27. 200-yard butterfly (W)
28. 200-yard butterfly (M)
29. Diving – Finals*
30. 800-yard freestyle relay (W) – Time finals
5-minute intermission
31. 800-yard freestyle relay (M) – Time finals

TRIALS – SATURDAY, 10 a.m.

Event No.

34. 100-yard freestyle (W)
35. 100-yard freestyle (M)
36. 200-yard backstroke (W)
37. 200-yard backstroke (M)
38. 200-yard breaststroke (W)
39. 200-yard breaststroke (M)
20-minute intermission – TBD based on facility.
32. 1,650-yard freestyle (W) – All but last heat of time finals
33. 1,650-yard freestyle (M) – All but last heat of time finals
40. Diving – Trials 2 p.m.*

FINALS – SATURDAY, 6 p.m.

Event No.

32. 1,650-yard freestyle (W) – Last heat of time finals

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33. 1,650-yard freestyle (M) – Last heat of time finals
34. 100-yard freestyle (W)
35. 100-yard freestyle (M)
36. 200-yard backstroke (W)
37. 200-yard backstroke (M)
38. 200-yard breaststroke (W)
39. 200-yard breaststroke (M)
40. Diving – Finals*
41. 400-yard freestyle relay (W) – Time finals
5-minute intermission
42. 400-yard freestyle relay (M) – Time finals

* Board order is TBD pending diving coach survey results. Current 3, 1, 1, 3 or 1, 3, 3, 1 or 1, 1, 3, 3.
Women compete on first day in even-numbered years. Men compete on first day in odd-numbered years.