



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 4, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

**1. Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Nathan Gibson welcomed the group and previewed the agenda.

**2. Sport committee assignments.** The committee reviewed sport committee liaison assignments for the coming year.

**3. Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its December 7 videoconference, as presented.

**4. Division II Nominating Committee report.**

**a. Sport committee appointments.** The committee approved the following sport committee appointments, effective immediately:

(1) **Baseball** (immediate appointment replacing Miles Gallagher) – **Guy Robertson**, senior associate director of athletics, Frostburg State University, Mountain East Conference.

(2) **Men's and women's track and field** (immediate appointment replacing Jackie Duvall) – **Austin Weyant**, assistant director of athletics, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference.

**b. Sport committee nomination review process.** The Division II Nominating Committee asked the Division II Championships Committee for input regarding whether there is value in enhancing or adding steps to the process the Nominating Committee uses to gather feedback on the slate of nominees for sport committees. The Championships Committee agreed that the current process works well and did not indicate a desire to alter it at this time; however, the committee did ask staff to explore internally how information regarding individuals who have been involved in misconduct violations can be shared with the Nominating Committee as a factor in evaluating candidates. Staff will work on this and report back to the Championships Committee at a subsequent meeting.

5. **Golf date formula review.** The Championships Committee reviewed feedback from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) regarding the recommendation from the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees to modify the deadline by which conferences determine their automatic qualifiers in men's and women's golf to 12 days before the date of regional competition, and to modify the selection date for the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships to 10 days before the practice date of regional competition, effective September 1, 2025. The CCA did not express concerns with moving the dates for men's golf but cited potential issues on the women's side. The CCA feedback also has been shared with the golf committees, and they will provide input to the Championships Committee for further review during its February meeting.
6. **2025 Division II Wrestling Championships super region replacement host.** The committee approved the University of Central Missouri as a replacement host in Super Region Four for the 2025 Division II Wrestling Championships. The original host is no longer able to fulfill its commitment.
7. **Regionalization review.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated discussion document for sport committees to use during their annual meetings in 2024 regarding the Division II regionalization model and opportunities to revise the current approach to bracketing. The committee noted that its liaisons to sport committees will participate in the portions of sport committee meetings during which the regionalization document is discussed in order to clarify issues and hear the deliberations. The Championships Committee will review the sport committee feedback and make recommendations accordingly during upcoming meetings.
8. **Other business.**
  - a. **NCAA media rights agreement.** The committee noted the [announcement](#) made earlier today regarding the agreement between ESPN and the NCAA on a new, eight-year media rights contract beginning Sept. 1, 2024, that includes domestic rights to a record 40 NCAA championships – 21 women's and 19 men's events – and international rights to those same NCAA championships plus the Division I men's basketball tournament. The agreement includes coverage of the Division II Men's Basketball Championship semifinals (the men's championship game will continue to be televised on CBS as part of the current contract through 2032), the Division II Women's Basketball Championship semifinals and final, and the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship semifinals and final. The Division II Football Championship semifinals and final will also continue as part of the agreement. Division II also will realize an increase in revenue because of the new agreement, and the governance structure will begin deliberating those allocations in the coming weeks.
  - b. **Outgoing members.** The committee acknowledged the outstanding contributions of members Kristy Bayer and Courtney Medwin. Ms. Bayer will begin serving on the Division II Management Council after the 2024 NCAA Convention. Ms. Medwin has another year remaining on her term with the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee but may be assigned to a different Division II governance committee for 2024. Championships

Committee members also expressed their heartfelt thoughts to Karen Haag, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at The College of Saint Rose, regarding the recent announcement that the school will cease operations at the end of the 2023-24 academic year.

**9. Future meetings and videoconferences.**

- February 14-15 (meeting conducted virtually; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time both days).
- March 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- April 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- May 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- June 17-18 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- July 11, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- August 8, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- August 29, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (site selection meeting).

*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

<b>Division II Championships Committee January 4, 2024, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University of Pennsylvania (Management Council vice chair).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	

<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Lindsey Eldred, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Kendee Hilliard, Ashley Jenkins, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Angela Red and Jennifer Roe.