



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 26-27, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. 2024 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaws 18.2.4.1 and 18.2.4.2 and 18.2.10 – Minimum Sponsorship for Championships and Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements – 35 and a Three-Year Grace Period.

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor 2024 NCAA Convention legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaws 18.2.4.1 (men’s sports) and 18.2.4.2 (women’s sports) to amend the minimum number of sponsoring institutions required to establish and/or maintain a championship to 35 for either gender (rather than the current requirements of 50 for men’s sports and 40 for women’s sports). (Note: Sports achieving the 35-sponsorship threshold would go through the existing legislative procedures for establishing a championship.) Further, to amend Bylaw 18.2.10 (failure to meet minimum sponsorship requirements) to establish a three-year grace period during which a sport that falls below the minimum sponsorship of 35 may regain the necessary sponsoring institutions before the championship is discontinued, and eliminate the current exceptions in Bylaws 18.2.10.1 (Olympic sports) and 18.2.10.2 (men’s and women’s lacrosse).
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal was among several recommended by the Division II Implementation Committee’s championships subcommittee during its review of Division II bylaws and policies in 2022 and subsequently referred to the Division II Championships Committee for further discussion. The Championships Committee has collaborated with membership stakeholder groups (e.g., Division II sport committees, the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, and the Division II Athletics Directors Association) to vet the proposal and has gathered membership feedback through surveys and the Division II Coaches Connection program indicating broad support not only for reducing the minimum requirement but also making it consistent between genders. The Championships Committee believes 35 is an appropriate benchmark that reflects membership interest and commitment meriting a championship and one that gives emerging sports a reasonable target to transition to championship status.

The Championships Committee notes that the original referral from the Implementation Committee included a five-year grace period for sports that fall below the minimum sponsorship requirement; however, after much deliberation, the committee determined that the grace period should be adjusted to three years, which

the committee believes is a sufficient time for a given sport to recover should it fall below the minimum without unduly extending the grace period and tying up resources that could otherwise be devoted to championships in good standing and emerging sports that merit championship consideration. The grace period would begin at the start of the academic year in which the committee confirms the sport has fallen below the 35-sponsoring institution minimum (sport sponsorship information becomes available annually at the start of the academic year). (The committee noted that as with many other legislated requirements, a waiver process would exist should a sport want to appeal the grace period.)

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary. New Division II championships will come out of the division's budget. If a championship is eliminated, the division will reallocate those funds.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposed minimums will provide more (and gender equitable) opportunities for all student-athletes to participate in championships.

b. 2024 Convention Legislation –Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 – Automatic Qualification and Earned Access.

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor 2024 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 31.3.4 (automatic qualification) to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted in all team sports other than football that meet the 35-institution sponsorship threshold (rather than leave that decision up to a sport committee to determine). Further, in football, to amend Bylaw 31.3.5 (earned access – football) to require representation in the bracket from all football-sponsoring conferences (i.e., include the highest-ranked team in a conference not already represented in the bracket). In addition, to specify that no more than 60% of the bracket in all sports be composed of automatic qualifiers (or the equivalent in football via the modified earned access component).
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee believes that all conferences should be provided access to NCAA Division II Championships in all team sports when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. Currently, sport committees have the option of recommending when and if to apply automatic qualification (AQ) to their selection processes. However, the concept of requiring automatic qualification rather than maintaining it as an option emerged during the Implementation Committee review process as being a core tenet of the Division II championships program. The Championships Committee also notes that automatic qualification has long been regarded as the most effective way to grow a sport, as it establishes an equitable path for member institutions to participate in NCAA championships and an incentive for sponsorship. The Championships Committee settled on the 60% maximum for AQS

(or their equivalent in football via earned access) in a bracket based on all team sports currently being able to meet that standard. To mitigate the possibility of a sport exceeding the 60% AQ limit, the committee will establish as policy that bracket expansion be considered at the next budget opportunity whenever a sport reaches a 50% threshold. However, should a sport exceed the 60% limit while being considered for bracket expansion, the Championships Committee may maintain the AOs while the field size is being addressed.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Requiring all teams sport committees to use AQ provides student-athletes in all conferences an equitable path to championship participation.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Access ratio for championships in team sports.

- (1) Recommendation. Establish as championships policy an access ratio of 4.25 to 6 in team sports on which to determine brackets/field sizes.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. This recommendation was among those referred from the Division II Implementation Committee to the Division II Championships Committee for further review. In interactions with the Division II membership, the access ratio component of the championships structure package has been the most consistently supported during the span of review. The proposed range in the original recommendation was 4.5 to 6, but the Championships Committee subsequently decided, based on a review of current access ratios in all sports (see Attachment A), that expanding the ratio to 4.25 to 6 would further protect existing brackets in those sports sponsored by a large majority of the Division II membership.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary. Potential budget increases pending bracket expansions triggered by implementing the proposed ratio. Championships with a better access ratio than 4.25 would see a bracket reduction and corresponding budget decrease.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposed access ratio would potentially provide more championship opportunities for student-athletes, as brackets would be appropriately determined based on sport sponsorship.

b. Joint men's basketball championship in 2026.

- (1) Recommendation. That the 2026 Division II Men's Basketball Championship game take place at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as part of the Division I Men's Final Four.
- (2) Effective date. April 2026.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Championships Committee previously agreed to the concept of staging the Division II Men's Basketball Championship in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four twice over the next 10 years, and 2026 represents an excellent opportunity, as Indianapolis is a proven site for combined championships (the joint championships were conducted there in 2016). The Championships Committee acknowledges that 2026 also will be the first Division II Festival conducted specifically for men's and women's basketball. Accordingly, the recommendation means that the basketball festival would be shortened by one day, as the men's basketball championship game would be played in conjunction with the Men's Final Four rather than at the festival. The Championships Committee does not believe that compromises the festival but rather provides an enhanced opportunity for the two finalists that advance to Indianapolis.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Approximately \$250,000 (to come from the separate Division II initiatives budget line item devoted to joint championships rather than from the championships budget specifically). These funds have already been allocated as part of the Division II long-range budget.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The student-athletes who advance to the championship game would be able to participate in several different activities surrounding the Men's Final Four, including an opening reception, a community outreach initiative, recognition during the Division I Men's Final Four and the winning team being introduced during the championship game of the Men's Final Four as the Division II national champion. The student-athletes who advance to the championship would miss at most two additional days of class time from a regular Elite Eight experience.

c. Federated rules process for Division II.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt the federated rules process developed for Division II as presented in Attachment B.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee reviewed the feedback on the potential federated rules process for Division II from various membership and governance groups and feels comfortable that the process that has been developed and vetted over the last several months provides appropriate feedback opportunities to inform the relevant Division II governance representatives when differences of opinion

regarding rules proposals occur. The committee also noted that since this is a new process, and because it is policy and not legislation, it can be modified relatively quickly if its early implementation reveals a necessary adjustment.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The federated process helps ensure that playing rules in Division II are in student-athletes' best interests.

d. Nullification transparency.

- (1) Recommendation. Modify the nullification process so that, in instances when nullification is applied, a general statement is included in the bracket release indicating that nullification impacted selections. Further, authorize the Division II Championships Committee to inform the affected regional advisory committee that nullification impacted selections.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee has been considering changes to the nullification process since the Division II Football Committee asked to change the procedures to allow communicating publicly as part of the news release following selections if nullification was involved, and to be able to inform their respective regional advisory committee (RAC) members if nullification had to be implemented during selections. The committee believes its recommendation achieves the desired transparency by acknowledging that nullification occurred without revealing the identity of the institution or individual(s) involved. The committee also believes being granted the authority to notify the affected RAC (again, simply by stating that nullification affected selections) provides a level of transparency to that group without compromising confidentiality.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None. The student-athlete(s) who competed while ineligible and the reason(s) for ineligibility would remain confidential.

e. Preliminary-round streaming policy in men's and women's basketball.

- (1) Recommendation. Amend the preliminary-round streaming policy to require basketball regional hosts to have multiple cameras (at least two).
- (2) Effective date. 2025 Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

- (3) Rationale. Basketball requires regional hosts to provide video replay as part of the bid specifications. Under the current preliminary-round streaming policy, hosts are required only to have one camera. This limits the effectiveness of video replay, which can have a direct impact on the game. Additionally, a single camera limits the visual presentation of the live stream for parents and fans. The basketball committees recognized this would create a situation in which sports are treated differently within the policy. However, with basketball being an indoor sport with reliable Wi-Fi access, this is more easily implemented in basketball than other sports. If approved, the basketball committees will discuss best practices for camera placement and include that information in the basketball host operations manual.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Regional hosts would be responsible for equipment costs. The championships budget would reimburse for personnel costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Multiple camera angles will increase the likelihood that video replay can be effectively used at regionals as well as provide a better broadcast for those who are watching student-athletes compete.

f. Super region placements in wrestling.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve placing the four newly sponsoring institutions (Frostburg State, Grand Valley State, Montevallo and Sioux Falls) into super regions as noted in Attachment C.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. These assignments are consistent with the wrestling committee's stated priorities, including, in order: 1) balanced number of teams per region; 2) geographic proximity and financial feasibility; and 3) conference affiliation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams in each super region, thus providing student-athletes across regions an equitable path to the championship.

g. Sport and rules committee appointments. Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective as indicated.

- (1) **Men's basketball (immediate vacancy)**. Appoint **Daryl Gross**, executive director of athletics at California State University, Los Angeles, to replace Mitch Cox, commissioner of the California Collegiate Athletic Association, who is retiring.
- (2) **Men's and women's cross country (September 1, 2023, vacancy)**. Appoint **Randi Lydum**, director of athletics at Western Oregon University, to replace Chris Bradford,

head cross country coach at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, due to term expiration.

- (3) **Field hockey (immediate vacancy).** Appoint **Renee Hellert**, director of athletics at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, to replace Michael Cerino, director of athletics at Limestone University, who took a new position at the university outside of the athletics department.
- (4) **Field hockey (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** Appoint **Rayelle Wallace**, head field hockey coach at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Stacey Gaudette, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University, due to term expiration.
- (5) **Men's and women's track and field (immediate vacancies).** Appoint **Tabitha Bemis**, assistant coach for cross country and track and field at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Melissa Ferry, head track and field coach at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, who resigned from the committee; and **Shane Drahota**, senior compliance administrator/senior deputy director of athletics/administration and student services at Minnesota State University, Mankato, to replace Brock Hime, head track and field coach at Arkansas Technological University, who resigned from the committee.
- (6) **Men's and women's track and field (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** Appoint **Nathan Cochran**, director of athletics at Walsh University, to replace Doug Lipinsky, deputy director of athletics at Grand Valley State University, due to term expiration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Reid Amos welcomed the group, previewed the meeting agenda and schedule, and welcomed Courtney Medwin, a lacrosse student-athlete at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, as the committee's new Division II SAAC representative. Mr. Amos also recognized Chelsea Hooks from the academic and membership affairs staff as the committee's new AMA liaison.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its May 1 electronic vote and May 4 videoconference as presented.
3. **Division II Nominating Committee reports.** The committee endorsed the recommendations to fill the vacancies identified in Action Item 2-g above. The committee did not support the Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee because the appointment would put the sport committee out of compliance regarding composition requirements (i.e., the balance of coaches and administrators). The committee asked the Nominating Committee to seek an alternative replacement.
4. **Committee updates.**

a. Membership Committee. Staff previewed the Membership Committee's July meeting during which the group will consider the following applications for Division II membership, effective September 1, 2023, if approved:

- Jessup University, Rocklin, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).
- Menlo College, Atherton, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).
- Roosevelt University, Chicago (current NAIA member joining the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).
- Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX (current Division III member joining the Lone Star Conference).
- Talladega University, Talladega, AL (current NAIA member joining the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).
- Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (current NAIA member joining the Pacific West Conference).

The Membership Committee also will begin deliberating the referral from the Division II Implementation Committee regarding Bylaws 18.4.2 (Institutional Eligibility) through 18.4.2.2.2 (Exemption from Maximum Awards Limitation) and 31.3.3.6 (Exclusion of Institution Reclassifying from Division II to Division I) to consider moving to Bylaw 7 (Membership and Institutional Control) or policy.

b. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) and discussion regarding federated playing rules. The Championships Committee reviewed reports from the panel's most recent meetings as information only.

- **Federated rules process update.** The committee reviewed the feedback on the potential federated rules process for Division II. The committee agreed to recommend that the Division II Management Council adopt the revised process (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c). The committee also agreed to monitor the new process regularly and suggest modifications, if necessary.

c. Division I Transformation Committee update. The committee revisited a document tracking the status of recommendations from the Transformation Committee to date and their potential impact on Division II. Relevant Division II governance committees have been charged with monitoring/reviewing the recommendations that pertain to their areas of expertise to help ensure efficient communication and action as needed. In that vein, the Championships Committee has been assigned the recommendations regarding the championships program in Division I, including a potential governance model that appoints oversight committees by sport; a bracketing approach that provides a 25% access ratio for

team sports sponsored by more than 200 institutions and seeds at least 50% of the championship bracket; and elevated travel experiences for championships participants that increases per diem and reimbursements for select expenses.

d. Division II Implementation Committee referrals.

- (1) Championships structure.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the referral from the Implementation Committee to explore a championships structure that (1) sets 35 as a uniform minimum sponsorship requirement to establish/maintain a Division II championship in men's and women's sports (with a five-year grace period if a sport falls below the minimum), (2) continues to offer the best access ratio among divisions (via a range from 4.5 to 6), and (3) grants automatic qualification privileges to a championship once minimum sponsorship is reached (rather than rely on sport committee recommendation), unless AQs would comprise more than 75 percent of the bracket (which may result in a bracket expansion).

The committee discussed each of the components at length and took the actions noted in Legislative Action Items 1-a, 1-b, and Nonlegislative Action Item 2-a above. (Note: The committee's recommendations modify the length of the grace period, the access ratio range, and the AQ maximum as specified.)

- (2) Regionalization Subcommittee update.** As a follow up to the Championships Committee's videoconference in May when the committee agreed the subcommittee would not meet between then and now, the committee recommended that the work of the subcommittee be put on hold at least until September when the committee next convenes in person. At that time the committee's composition will have turned over (committee terms extend from September 1 through August 31), and the group believes it will be appropriate to re-evaluate the subcommittee at that time. The committee also discussed the merits of delaying the subcommittee's work until the NCAA's new media rights agreement is negotiated, which could result in additional funding for the Division II budget and allow opportunities for this review to not have to be budget neutral, which is the assumption under which the committee has been operating to date. The committee emphasized that this recommendation to pause does not end the conversation, as several sport committees (notably, men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball) have expressed significant interest in revisiting regionalization. Rather, the pause helps ensure the review occurs appropriately with all available information.

The committee also discussed a recommendation from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to eliminate Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1.1 (team championship pairings). The committee agreed that this bylaw would ultimately need to be removed if there are changes to the regional bracketing philosophy; however, the committee felt it was premature to remove the bylaw at this time.

5. Division II championships budget.

- a. **Budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed the championships budget-to-actuals for fiscal year 2022-23 through May, noting that some of the expenses for winter and spring sport championships have yet to be recorded.
 - b. **2024-27 triennial budget requests.** The committee resumed its deliberations regarding requests for the 2024-27 budget cycle by reviewing the requests in their entirety, including follow-ups from sport committees regarding previous requests from the Championships Committee to revise recommendations or provide more information. Committee members also reviewed the access ratio impact of proposed bracket/field size increases, as well as a cost per student-athlete analysis to help inform their discussions. The committee will finalize recommendations during its August videoconference and September in-person meeting for the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council to formally consider in the fall.
6. **Sport reports and updates.**
 - a. **Men's basketball.** The committee supported the men's basketball committee's recommendation to conduct the 2026 Division II Men's Basketball Championship game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as part of the Division I Men's Final Four. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b.)
 - b. **Men's and women's basketball.**
 - (1) **Preliminary-round streaming policy.** The Championships Committee supported the basketball committees' recommendation to amend the preliminary-round streaming policy to require basketball regional hosts to have multiple cameras (at least two). (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-e.)
 - (2) **Automatic qualifier deadline.** The Championships Committee also considered the basketball committees' recommendation to require conference championship games to begin no later than 3:30 p.m. Eastern time on selection Sunday to provide the committees the adequate time to develop the bracket and avoid selection shows being broadcast so late in the evening (the recent addition of closed captioning has moved the selection shows to very late on Sunday). The committee debated this recommendation at length, acknowledging the challenges involved with conference broadcast agreements while also wanting to accommodate the committees and ensure that the selection shows are in an optimal time slot that provides the most viewership and membership benefit. Ultimately the committee voted to table the matter and suggested that the basketball committees acquire more information from conference commissioners regarding their game times and projected contract agreements starting in 2024 and beyond before making a decision.
 - c. **Women's basketball.** The committee received the report from the sport committee's recent meeting as information, noting the overwhelming success of the joint championship conducted in Dallas.

- d. **Women's lacrosse.** Staff provided an update on discussions regarding the joint men's and women's championships with Divisions I and III in 2025 and 2026, including feedback from a recent meeting with the chairs of the six affected committees. The groups are continuing to deliberate the options that would best suit each division and gender going forward.
- e. **Men's and women's soccer.** The Championships Committee approved the soccer committees' recommendation that Wingate University host the 2023 Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. The 2023 championships were to have been conducted in Chattanooga; however, the Chattanooga Sports Commission informed the committees in February of some concerns with planned facility renovations not being completed prior to the championships. Wingate, which already had been awarded the 2025 championships, expressed its willingness to also host in 2023.
- f. **Men's and women's swimming and diving.**
- (1) **Sport committee report.** The committee received the report from the sport committee's recent meeting as information, noting that the sport committee adjusted its required participation policy as it relates to eligibility around reimbursement to state that so long as an individual is selected into the championship field and has participated in at least one event, they will be permitted to receive reimbursement.
- (2) **Sport sponsorship requirements.** The Championships Committee also discussed an item not prompted by the sport committee's report but by discussion of the sport in general, which was whether institutions are consistently meeting the minimum sport sponsorship requirements for swimming and diving. Committee members are hearing at least anecdotally that institutions are failing to meet the minimums and asked staff to collect more concrete data to determine whether there is an issue, and if so, how best to address it in both swimming and diving and track and field.
- g. **Wrestling.**
- (1) **2025 super regional site selections.** The committee approved the following sites to host super regionals in 2025:

Super Region	Host	Facility
One	Mercyhurst	Mercyhurst Athletic Center
Two	UNC Pembroke	Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court
Three	Tiffin	Heminger Center
Four	William Jewell	Mabee Center
Five	Augustana	Elmen Center
Six	Western Colorado	Mountaineer Fieldhouse

- (2) **Super region placements.** The committee also supported placing four new sponsoring institutions into super regions as specified. The committee removed Allen

University from the recommendation as the institution is still in the membership process. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-f.)

7. Additional discussion items.

- a. 2024-27 selection criteria recommendations.** Per policy, the Championships Committee reviews and approves selection criteria recommendations from sport committees every three years at its June meeting to be effective the following year (September 1, 2024, in this case) to provide institutions and coaches time to schedule contests accordingly. As such, the committee approved the recommendations listed in Attachment E.
 - **Use of KPI.** The Championships Committee noted that six sport committees have opted to use the KPI as a selection criterion beginning in 2024 (baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, football, softball, and women's volleyball). The committee also noted that the metric currently factors in contests from outside of the division. In line with current selection criteria, which only includes results against Division II opponents, the committee discussed excluding non-Division II results from the calculation but ultimately felt comfortable with the metric as currently designed. However, the committee requested staff speak with Kevin Pauga to discuss the issue further to ensure this is an appropriate approach.
- b. Nullification transparency.** The committee revisited the discussion it had during its February meeting and recommended measures to increase transparency in the process. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-d.)
- c. Misconduct penalties.** The committee continued discussing whether modifying the current misconduct legislation and polices is necessary, particularly related to fines and reprimands, to address the increase in unwanted behaviors in recent years. There was consensus among committee members to provide sport committees with more flexibility to apply increased financial penalties without requiring approval from the Championships Committee to do so, and to authorize the Championships Committee to change a private reprimand to a public reprimand in instances where the membership would benefit from such disclosure. The committee asked staff to work with NCAA legal counsel to draft proposals accordingly for consideration during the committee's August videoconference.
- d. Neutrality pilot.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
- e. Ranking under consideration.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
- f. Bench size limitations.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
- g. Emerging sports process.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.

- h. Automatic qualification.** The committee approved requests from the sport committees specified in Attachment F for automatic qualification in 2023-24.
 - i. RAC and sport committee member confidentiality.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
 - j. Media rights landscape.** The committee received a presentation regarding the current media rights landscape.
 - k. Commercial streaming rights.** The committee received a presentation on commercial streaming rights during its February meeting and heard follow-up at this meeting on new developments within the evolving streaming rights landscape since then. The committee will continue discussions on this topic during its August videoconference.
- 8. Staff updates.**
- a. Legal.** The committee received updates on litigation impacting the NCAA.
 - b. Governance.**

 - (1) **Summary of actions.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
 - (2) **Winter sports media update.** Staff reviewed selection show analytics for the men's and women's basketball championships.
 - (3) **Division II 50th Anniversary Celebration.** Staff updated the committee on the initiatives tied to the division's 50th anniversary celebration that will launch officially on August 7 and extend through the 2024 Division II Baseball Championship in June (the division's final championship of the 2023-24 academic year).
 - (4) **Make Game Day Yours.** Due to time constraints, the committee will discuss this agenda item at a future meeting.
 - (5) **Community engagement.** Jill Willson updated the committee on the community engagement initiatives conducted during the spring sport championships.
 - (6) **Coaches Connection.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the Division II Coaches Connection program.
- 9. Committee business.**
- a. Chair election.** The committee elected Nathan Gibson, director of athletics at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, as its next chair effective September 1, 2023. The committee commended Reid Amos for his service and leadership as chair during the last two years.

- b. **2023-24 sport committee assignments.** Committee members reviewed openings for various sport committee assignments for the 2023-24 academic year, as well as the committee's representative to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

10. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- August 3, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- September 14-15 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- February 14-15, 2024 (meeting via videoconference).
- June 17-18, 2024 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

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

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Attendees:	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Santee 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).	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Karen Bodkin, Endeavor.	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Andrew Demsey, Endeavor.	
Hillary Mandell, Endeavor.	

Jill Willson, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Mitchell Bailey, Eric Breece, Randy L. Buhr, Donisha Carter, Zach Christopher, Noel Couch, Nate Flannery, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Kendee Hilliard, Will Hopkins, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Julie Kimmons, Jeff O'Barr, Angela Red, Rachel Seewald, Mickie Spears, Chris Termini and Jared Tidemann.

Attachment A

	Number of Teams Sponsoring <i>do not include reclassifying or provisional</i>	Total Athletes (Taken from Sports Sponsorship Participation Rates Report)	Championship Bracket/Field Size	Access Ratio*
Men's Cross Country (individual)	264	3,949	262	15.07
Women's Cross Country (individual)	284	3,795	262	14.48
Men's Cross Country (team)	264	3,949	34	7.76
Women's Cross Country (team)	284	3,795	34	8.35
Women's Field Hockey	35	925	6	5.83
Football	161	20,346	28	5.75
Men's Soccer	200	7,414	40	5.00
Women's Soccer	252	8,024	56	4.50
Volleyball	283	5,349	64	4.42
Men's Basketball	296	5,567	64	4.63
Women's Basketball	294	4,912	64	4.59
Men's Swimming & Diving	75	1,732	175	9.90
Women's Swimming & Diving	99	2,249	205	10.97
Men's Indoor Track & Field	180	6,753	270	25.01
Women's Indoor Track & Field	205	6,600	270	24.44
Wrestling	64	2,243	180	12.46
Baseball	247	11,452	56	4.41
Men's Golf (individual)	218	2,355	108	5.45
Women's Golf (individual)	193	1,646	98	6.23
Men's Golf (team)	218	2,355	80	2.73
Women's Golf (team)	193	1,646	48	4.02
Men's Lacrosse	75	3,393	12	6.25
Women's Lacrosse	113	2,906	16	7.06
Women's Rowing	12	439	6	2.00
Softball	272	6,419	64	4.25
Men's Tennis	147	1,642	48	3.06
Women's Tennis	202	1,980	48	4.21
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	222	8,052	377	21.36
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	251	7,923	377	21.02

Individual team sports

* Access ratio determined as follows: Team Sports (Number of teams sponsoring/bracket size); Individual-team sports (Total athletes/field size)

Men's Swimming***	75	1,663	175	9.50
Women's Swimming***	99	2,130	205	10.39
Men's Diving**	26	69	18	3.83
Women's Diving**	30	119	22	5.41

** Swimming and diving sponsorship data is collected jointly through membership reports. The diving membership was asked to complete a survey reporting their current diving specific sponsorship and roster numbers. This reporting did not come from a formalized request, but provides context between the varying sponsorship of swimming and diving.

*** Swimming data with the removal of diving data.



Recommended Division II Process for Federated Review of Playing Rules

The process outlined below for establishing Division II specific playing rules would be consistent with the current process that is used for common rules (see Attachment for an overview of the current playing rules cycle) and would not cause significant changes to the current timeline for review. **Language bolded would be added to the current process to incorporate federated review of rules for Division II.**

1. INFORMATION GATHERING STAGE

During the nonchampionship and championship seasons, the secretary-rules editor and rules committee members compile hot topics from coaches, commissioners, athletics administrators and other stakeholders (e.g., coaches associations, sport management committees, officials, etc.). A Call for Proposals is sent to all head coaches and conference commissioners. Topics are presented and discussed at the coach's convention, if possible.

A rules survey is conducted to determine membership positions on certain issues.

If, based on Division II specific input/information gathered from the rules survey, there does not seem to be a majority support for a specific rules change, the Division II Championships Committee (or a subcommittee of the Championships Committee), along with the Division II members of the rules committee if time permits, will review this initial feedback and determine next steps (e.g., consider a federated playing rule).

2. ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The rules committee meets to discuss and vote on rules proposals.

In order to maintain an appropriate level of consistency among divisions, rules changes should initially be considered as common for all divisions. In particular, rules changes related to fundamental, foundational aspects of the sport or that have a health and safety impact should be recommended as common proposals.

However, based on Division II specific input/information gathered, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee may recommend and vote on rules proposals that are specific to Division II.

Prior to the annual rules committee meeting, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee will meet with the members of the relevant Division II sports committee to provide additional Division II perspectives on the proposals for consideration.

A simple majority vote of Division II rules committee members is required to approve a proposal for the division.

3. COMMENT PERIOD

After the annual meeting, a list of proposals approved by the rules committee is sent to head coaches, conference commissioners and athletics directors for feedback. This two-

week comment period allows the membership to see and respond to the final language of the proposals.

Proposals that are intended to apply to all divisions are sent to all divisions for feedback. Proposals that are approved for Division II by the Division II members of the rules committee are sent to Division II for feedback and may be, at the discretion of the full rules committee, sent to the other divisions for feedback, noting that the proposal would only apply to Division II.

4. RULES COMMITTEE REVIEW OF COMMENT PERIOD RESULTS

At the end of the two-week comment period, the rules committee meets to review the comment period results and qualitative feedback. The respective Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) representative participates in this meeting. The rules committee determines which proposals to send forward to PROP for final consideration.

The Division II members of the rules committee determine which Division II specific proposals to forward to PROP for final consideration. Prior to the review of the comment period results, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee will meet with the members of the relevant Division II sports committee to provide additional Division II perspectives on the proposals for consideration.

A simple majority vote of the Division II rules committee members is required.

5. PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

PROP reviews all proposals the rules committee recommends and all feedback from the membership during the two-week comment period.

A recommendation from a rules committee shall be considered valid unless PROP determines that the recommendation harms the image of the games, creates an unsafe environment for student-athletes or places an unreasonable financial burden on the membership. PROP may request that playing rules committee chairs and/or secretary-rules editors present their cases to PROP when proposed changes are controversial or unusually complicated.

The full PROP votes on common rules proposals. **The Division II members of PROP vote on Division II specific proposals. In addition, if a common rules proposal is not supported by the full PROP, the Division II members of the panel may vote to determine whether the proposal is approved for Division II.**

Rules approved by PROP (or, for Division II specific rules, the Division II members of the Panel) are final and incorporated into the next edition of the rules book.



Playing Rules Cycle - Overview

WHAT ARE PLAYING RULES?

Playing rules are what happens on the field, court, pool, pitch, mat, rink, lane, track or slope when an opponent and officials are present. Playing rules are the same for regular season and championship competition.

INFORMATION GATHERING STAGE

During the non-traditional and regular seasons, the secretary-rules editor and rules committee members compile hot topics from coaches, commissioners, athletics administrators and other stakeholders (i.e., coaches associations, Oversight Committees, officials, etc.). A Call for Proposals is sent to all head coaches and conference commissioners. Topics are presented and discussed at the coach's convention, if possible.

A rules survey is conducted to determine how the membership feels about certain issues.



ANNUAL MEETING

The rules committee meets to discuss and vote on rules proposals to improve the game.



COMMENT PERIOD

After the annual meeting, a list of proposals approved by the rules committee is sent to head coaches, conference commissioners and athletics directors for feedback. This two-week comment period allows the membership to see and respond to the final language of the proposals.



RULES COMMITTEE REVIEW OF COMMENT PERIOD RESULTS

At the end of the two-week comment period, the rules committee meets to review the comment period results and qualitative feedback. The respective PROP representative participates in this meeting. The rules committee determines which proposals to send forward to PROP for final consideration.



PROP REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

The Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) reviews all proposals the rules committee recommends and all feedback from the membership during the two-week comment period. PROP's charge is to review all proposals for financial implications, safety concerns and harm to the image of the game. Items approved by PROP are final and incorporated into the next edition of the rules book.



TWO-YEAR RULES BOOK

A complimentary copy of the rules book is sent to head coaches and conference commissioners. Additional copies of the book may be ordered online at www.ncaapublications.com. This rules book is used for the next two seasons.

2024 SUPER REGION ALIGNMENT CHART

# of Teams	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)	
1	Alderson Broaddus	MEC	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Missouri	MIAA	Augustana	NSIC	Adams State	RMAC
2	American Int.	Ind.	Coker	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Oklahoma	MIAA	Mary	NSIC	Chadron State	RMAC
3	East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Emmanuel College	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GLVC	Drury	GLVC	Mankato	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
4	Fairmont State	MEC	King	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	Indianapolis	GLVC	Moorhead	NSIC	Colorado Mines	RMAC
5	Frostburg St.	MEC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Kentucky Wesleyan	GMAC	Minot State	NSIC	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC
6	Gannon	PSAC	Limestone	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	Maryville	GLVC	Northern State	NSIC	Fort Hays State	MIAA
7	Kutztown	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley	Ind.	McKendree	GLVC	Southwest MN	NSIC	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
8	Mercyhurst	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	Newman	MIAA	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC
9	Millersville	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Notre Dame	MEC	Ouachita Baptist	GLVC	Upper Iowa	GLVC	San Francisco State	RMAC
10	Pitt-Johnstown	PSAC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC	Quincy	GLVC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	Simon Fraser	GNAC
11	Seton Hill	PSAC	UNC-Pembroke	C. Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC	William Jewell	GLVC	Sioux Falls	NSIC	Western State	RMAC
12	Shippensburg	PSAC			Wheeling	MEC						

Additional Sport Specific Selection Criteria - 2024-27

Sport	Availability of Student-Athletes	Application of Nullification	Division II In-Region Winning Percentage	Division II Winning Percentage	Division II Strength of Schedule (Opponents average winning percentage and opponents average winning percentage)	Division II Head-to-head Competition	Results vs. Division II Common Opponents	Division II Record on the Road	Division II Results vs. Teams with 500 Record or Better	Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record	In-Region Division II Non-Conference Won-Lost Record	Kevin Patuga Index (KPI)	Late Season Performance	Performance Indicator (PI)	In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI)	Results vs. Ranked Division II Opponents*	Other Comments
Baseball	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Men's Basketball	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Women's Basketball	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Field Hockey	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Football	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Men's Lacrosse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Women's Lacrosse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Women's Rowing	*	*	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Results vs. teams and Eights already selected (applicable only to at-large team and individual boat selections).
Men's Soccer	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Women's Soccer	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Softball	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Men's and Women's Tennis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Women's Volleyball	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	

*	Required selection criteria
n/a	Not applicable to sport.
*	Additional sport specific criteria as recommended by the sport committee.
*	Opponents ranked (or on under consideration list) in previous week
	New criteria for 2024-27



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 26-27, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Baseball championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Men's basketball championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic

Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Women's basketball championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Football championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 15 conferences receive earned access for the 2023-24 academic year: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for earned access.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

e. Men's golf championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Women's golf championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Men's soccer championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

h. Women's soccer championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

i. Softball championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

j. Men's tennis championships.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 16 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

k. Women's tennis championships.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 20 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2022-23 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

I. Women's volleyball championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2022-23 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; *Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

Note: "*" grace period.

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