



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 24-25, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 – Division Membership – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship – Reduce Cross Country Minimum Contest Requirement and Eliminate Ability to Count Regional Qualifying Meets Toward Sports Sponsorship.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation in cross country, to eliminate NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.3.3.3.2 (regional cross country qualifying meets) , which allows regional qualifying meets to count toward the minimum contest requirement for sports sponsorship, further, to reduce the number of minimum contests required for sports sponsorship from five to four.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation provides cross country with an exception to count regional qualifying meets, which are NCAA postseason events, when calculating the minimum contest requirement for sport sponsorship. This allows for the possibility of an institution to participate in NCAA postseason while subsequently failing to meet sports sponsorship (e.g., a team enters the regional qualifying meet having already completed four events but fails to complete the race at regional qualifying). The proposed changes eliminate this possibility by requiring institutions to compete in four contests and meet sports sponsorship requirements before competing in any NCAA postseason event. This proposal also aligns cross country with indoor and outdoor track and field minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Course length for minimum contest requirements and selections in cross country.

(1) Recommendation. Eliminate the minimum course length requirements for championship selection purposes (6,000 meters for men and 4,000 meters for women) and instead use the minimum distance requirements for sports sponsorship, as outlined in the NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Rules.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The minimum distance requirements for championship qualification have created confusion for coaches and administrators when trying to determine the requirements for sports sponsorship and championship qualification. Aligning sports sponsorship minimums and championship qualification minimums with the distances outlined in the rulebook will eliminate confusion and the need to update requirements in multiple documents should requirements change in the future. Most regular-season cross country meets already run distances above both the sports sponsorship and the current championship qualification minimum distances, so eliminating the distance requirements for championship selections will not change current meet schedules. The recommendation was supported by the Division II Cross Country Coaches Connection group. Also, the Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee has indicated it will continue to only consider results from regular season meets that have a minimum distance of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Misconduct penalty in football.

- (1) Recommendation. Permit the Division II Football Committee to assess a \$3,000 fine (which is greater than what is permissible under Bylaw 31.1.8.3) for a misconduct violation that occurred during the 2019 Division II Football Championship. Also, permit the committee to require the institution to provide additional sexual assault prevention training to its entire football team beyond what is currently required by the institution. This additional training would consist of two activities that are coordinated between the athletics department and the Title IX office on campus, and both activities must be concluded by the end of the regular season. The institution should submit to the chair of the Division II Football Committee the activities that the football team will participate in, as well as verification that all members of the team have completed the training by the end of the regular season.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee supports the Football Committee's assessment that while the investigation was handled sufficiently by the two institutions, the penalties available within Bylaw 31.1.8.3 are not sufficient for this particular incident. Both the Championships and Football Committees believe a strong message should be sent that that these types of incidents are not consistent with the values of intercollegiate competition and should not be tolerated during NCAA championship play. Therefore, penalties beyond those currently prescribed in the misconduct policies should be applied.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. Football student-athletes at the institution in question will be required to participate in additional sexual assault prevention training beyond what is normally done on campus.

c. Regional alignment in wrestling.

- (1) Recommendation. Place two institutions that have initiated sponsorship in wrestling (Glenville State College and Wheeling University) in Super Region Three.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. The recommendation provides for maintaining the appropriate balance of institutions among the super regions. The two new institutions will alleviate the loss of Urbana University, which recently announced it will close. The recommendation also accommodates travel considerations among institutions in Super Region Three.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams as best as possible within each super region.

d. Nullification penalties.

- (1) Recommendation. Modify the nullification policy in all sports to assess a “two-for-one” penalty (i.e., the violating team would lose two contests for every one in which an ineligible student-athlete participated).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for the 2020-21 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. Division II adopted the nullification policy in 2006 and over time it has proven to be an effective method of ensuring fair and equitable access to championships since the penalties affect only the institution that had the ineligible player(s) (rather than having a domino effect on the institution’s opponents as forfeiture would). However, it has become increasingly apparent that the current “one-for-one” penalty structure is not a sufficient deterrent, as the penalty – particularly in sports that have a higher number of contests – often has only a minimal impact on a team’s placement in the bracket (e.g., just one seeding line). A “two-for-one” structure would have a potentially significant impact on not only a team’s seed line but also its overall qualification status. The Championships Committee believes the recommendation sends a strong message to the Division II membership to ensure the eligibility of participants. The committee also noted that, in cases where a clerical error or some other inadvertent miscue caused the violation, there remains an appellate process for institutions.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The strengthened penalty helps ensure the fairness of competition, which is an NCAA and Division II attribute.

e. Extension of the neutrality pilot.

- (1) Recommendation. Extend the pilot program for neutrality in select championships for one more year through 2020-21.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. During its September 2019 meeting, the committee approved a one-year pilot in preliminary rounds of the football, men's and women's basketball and softball championships that permits hosts to run the same kind of pregame promotions and celebrations they conduct during their regular-season contests before resuming neutrality during the course of the contest. While the pilot was able to take place for football, it did not occur in the basketball and softball championships due to the cancelation of those events because of COVID-19. Accordingly, the committee recommends extending the pilot through 2020-21 for football, basketball and softball.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Sport committee appointments. Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2020 unless otherwise noted.

- (1) **Women's basketball**. Appoint **Danelle Bishop**, head women's basketball coach, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to replace Krista Montague, director of athletics, Montana State University Billings, due to term expiration.
- (2) **Men's golf**. Appoint **Renee Yuen**, head men's golf coach, Chaminade University, to replace Craig Stensgaard, head men's golf coach, Northwest Nazarene University, due to term expiration. (*Christopher Hill of St. Edward's University had been previously appointed but St. Edward's has since dropped the sport.*)
- (3) **Women's golf**. Appoint **Brent Nicoson**, head men's and women's golf coach, University of Indianapolis, to replace Susan Vail, head women's golf coach, Wheeling University, due to term expiration.
- (4) **Men's lacrosse**. Appoint **Vince Smith**, head men's lacrosse coach, Colorado Mesa University, to replace Drew Howard, director of athletics, Florida Southern College, due to term expiration.
- (5) **Women's soccer (immediate vacancy)**. Appoint **Ben Schlesselman**, assistant commissioner, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, to replace Kelley Kish, director of athletics, Lake Erie College, who resigned.

(6) Men's and women's track and field. Appoint **Brock Hime**, head cross country and track and field coach, Arkansas Tech University, to replace Steve Blocker, head track and field coach, Emporia State University, due to term expiration.

(7) Wrestling. Appoint **Adam Bracken**, assistant director of athletics, Ashland University, to replace Jackie Paquette, associate director of athletics, University of Indianapolis, due to term expiration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and review of agenda.** Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed the group and introduced the new championships staff intern for 2020-21, Liza Erwin, a former student at Pittsburg State University and most recently a sports administration intern with the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Committee members also discussed on-campus management of social justice and racial equality issues that have emerged over the past several months. NCAA staff noted the use of the Association's social media accounts (by sport, for example) to promote the student-athlete voice, and to begin targeting the NCAA's championships platforms to raise awareness.
- 2. Division II strategic plan.** Staff updated the committee on the timeline for developing a successor to the 2015-21 strategic plan, including asking the Planning and Finance Committee in August to consider extending the current plan through 2023 and launching the new plan at the 2024 NCAA Convention. Staff also noted the likelihood of providing an addendum to the current plan by the January 2021 Convention that highlights successes from the current plan and updates the membership on Division II's management of the COVID-19 crisis in 2020.
- 3. Approval of recent reports.** The committee approved reports from its April 23, April 30 and May 7 videoconferences, as submitted.
- 4. Division II budget items.**
 - a. Championships 2019-20 budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed budget-to-actual reports regarding championship expenses through May 31, 2020.
 - b. 2021-24 triennial budget requests.** Championships Committee members reviewed items initially supported during the group's February meeting, noting that final recommendations will be made during the committee's September 2020 meeting. The committee revisited the entire list of requests to consider whether priorities have changed in light of the COVID-19 crisis and continued to support the items already selected, understanding they can still make revisions at their September meeting.
- 5. Committee updates.**

- a. Nominating Committee.** The NCAA Division II Nominating Committee is seeking approval to change the policies and procedures regarding the process for Division II appointments on Association-wide, National Collegiate sport committees and playing rules committees by establishing an Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee to review nominees for vacancies that occur on those committees.
 - b. Membership Committee.** Staff updated the impact of COVID-19 on membership (e.g., school closures) and noted that the Membership Committee will review institutions in the membership process at its July meeting.
 - b. Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed recent reports from the panel.
- 6. Sport updates and discussion items.**
 - a. 2020-21 automatic qualification recommendations.** The committee approved sport committee recommendations for eligible conferences to receive Aqs for championships in 2020-21. (See Attachment A for the list of Aqs per sport.)
 - b. Selection criteria approval.** Division II allows sport committees to determine up to three additional selection criteria (among 10 provided) every three years. As this is the appropriate time in the rotation, the committee approved requests from sport committees to use specified additional criteria, effective September 1, 2021. (See Attachment B for the list of criteria per sport.) (Note: The Division II Football Committee requested using the KPI, which is not yet an approved criterion and is currently still under review. The Championships Committee tabled allowing the Football Committee to use the KPI for 2021 until it receives a presentation from the NCAA statistics staff on the credibility of the KPI as a selection criterion. Should the KPI be approved as a criterion by 2021, the committee agreed that all sport committees would be given the opportunity to consider using it, rather than waiting another three years to accommodate the selection criteria request cycle. As a result, the Football Committee asked to substitute record vs. ranked teams as its third criterion, which the Championships Committee approved.)
 - c. MIAA waiver request.** In 2019, the committee approved a request from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to move Newman University and Rogers State University from the South Central Region to the Central Region, since these two institutions are associate members of the MIAA. The committee asked the MIAA to update the group on the two institutions' membership status after one year. The MIAA noted its legislated assessment will occur with in-person visits this July. Accordingly, the committee agreed to review the status of the two institutions after the MIAA's July assessment to determine their regional placement.
 - d. Appeals subcommittee guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved the NCAA Division II Championships Appeals Subcommittee policies and procedures.

- e. **NIL update.** Staff noted that the Division II Legislation Committee submitted proposals related to student-athlete name image and likeness for the 2021 NCAA Convention during its recent meeting. (Refer to the article posted on NCAA.org for details of the proposals.)
- f. **Discussion related to championship polices impacted by COVID-19.** The committee continued its discussion regarding possible revisions to how fall sport championships would be conducted should conditions warrant a change. Committee members emphasized that in whatever scenarios that may emerge, the safety and health of student-athletes, staff and spectators remains paramount, and that fall championships should continue to be conducted in a manner that celebrates student-athletes and provides quality experiences. At the same time, the ongoing and unpredictable impacts of COVID-19 have created the need to develop contingency plans to manage fall championship sites and travel in the event conditions worsen. While such contingencies have not been activated or finalized, the committee began analyzing various components of championship administration (selection criteria based on reduced contests, ranking protocols, bracket/field size based on reduced sponsorship, etc.). The committee also acknowledged the need to continuously monitor and assess ongoing factors such as changes in sport sponsorship, state-mandated travel restrictions, and adjustments in testing protocols, among other factors, to be able to determine how best to conduct fall sport championships. Committee members understand that their decisions will be ongoing and based on very fluid circumstances in the coming months.

7. Staff updates.

- a. **Legal affairs.** Staff updated the committee on legal affairs involving or affecting the NCAA.
- b. **Coaches Connection.** Jill Willson from Double L Consulting updated the committee on the Coaches Connection initiative, noting that the program is having the desired effect on engaging coaches in Division II governance and helping them better understand complex issues and share information with their conference constituents. Unlike in previous years, the coaches have asked that the regular calls continue through the summer in light of the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The program will add women's rowing this coming year.
- c. **Community engagement.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the division's community engagement initiatives, noting the ongoing uncertainty of events this coming fall due to COVID-19's impact on the administration of championships. While community engagement can still be conducted safely by administering various protocols, the Championships Committee agreed that steps should be taken to provide a "virtual" option for engagement if teams prefer that approach.
- d. **Governance.**

- (1) April 2020 summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the actions from the Management and Presidents Council's spring 2020 meetings .
- (2) NCAA.com and social media analytics.** Staff updated the committee on NCAA.com staffing assignments and video streaming enhancements and reviewed positive membership feedback on the Championships Committee's recent agreement to reveal the No. 1 seeds in select sports within the first hour of the respective sport's selection announcement.
- 8. Committee chair election.** The committee elected Steve Card, director of athletics at Western Washington University, as chair beginning September 1, 2020. The committee extended its highest appreciation to Sue Willey, who has chaired the committee since 2018 and whose term on the committee expires August 31. Ms. Willey also is retiring from her position as vice president for intercollegiate athletics at the University of Indianapolis after more than 40 years in college athletics administration. The committee thanked Ms. Willey for her numerous and positive contributions to Division II.
- 9. Future meetings through 2021 (others may be added as necessary).**

 - a. July 9, 2020 (virtual).
 - b. August 6, 2020 (virtual).
 - c. September 9-10, 2020 (virtual).
 - d. February 25-26, 2021 (virtual).
 - e. June 10-11, 2021 (tentatively in person).
 - f. September 13-14, 2021 (tentatively in person).

Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee June 24-25, 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; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council vice chair).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
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:	
Dan Calandro, Liza Erwin, Haydyn Gibson, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Jen Roe, Marie Scovron, Micki Spears, Terri Steeb Gronau, Ryan Tressel.	



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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 2020-21 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, 2020.

(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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.

(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 2020-21 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, 2020.

- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.

- (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 2020-21 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, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

Note: “*” grace period.

Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.



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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Baseball.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Baseball Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Men's basketball.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Record vs. Ranked Teams.
- Performance Indicator (PI).

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee is requesting a small adjustment to the current criteria for rankings/selections. The committee would continue to use the RPI along with record vs. ranked teams and the Performance Indicator (PI). However, they are suggesting to narrow the gaps in the PI to .125 from .250. The committee believes there are differences between beating a team that has a winning percentage of .700 and one that is .500 but currently the amount of points provided for winning that game are the same.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Women's basketball.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Basketball Committee.
 - Performance Indicator (PI)
 - In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI)
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Field hockey.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Field Hockey Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.
 - Late Season Performance.

- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

e. Football.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Football Committee.

- Record vs. Teams with a Winning Record.
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- KPI (see action item in football report) – *currently not approved criteria*.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes these criteria will provide a better analysis of a teams resume in ranking and selecting teams. The committee is recommending a gap of .100 in the Performance Indicator to provide the best data in analyzing a teams success.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Men's lacrosse.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

- In-Region Strength of Schedule.
- Performance Indicator (PI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria except for Performance Indicator (PI) replacing Division II results vs. teams with .500 record or better. The committee feels this switch to PI will encompass a team's full resume rather than just having an additional criteria item that may have limited data. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Women's lacrosse.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's lacrosse Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.

- Division II Results vs. Teams with .500 Record or Better.
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

h. Women's rowing.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Rowing Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.

- Late-season performance (defined as competition taking place within 24 days before the selection date for the NCAA championships).
- Results versus Ranked Division II Opponents.
- Results versus Division II In-Region Common Opponents.

Due to the nature of women's rowing, data is not available in three of the five standard criteria (Overall Division II in-region winning percentage, Overall Division II winning percentage and overall Division II strength of schedule). In order to ascertain strength of schedule an additional criteria, Results versus teams already selected, will be used in consideration for selection of the at-large teams.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the current criteria provide a sound basis upon which to rank and select teams to the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

i. Men's soccer.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Soccer Committee.

- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance indicator (PI).
- Division II Results Against Teams with a Winning Record.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

Additionally, the committee is requesting an adjustment to the Performance Indicator (PI) scale (see attached) to better reflect the value of wins, losses and ties against teams in the groupings of winning percentages. The committee believes that the new point values will better reflect the proper reward for match results as well as encourage teams to create their strongest schedule possible. Men's and women's soccer are the only sports that use a PI scale that incorporates a value for ties. As both are requesting this change, the new scale will be consistently used within the sport and division.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

j. Women's soccer.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Soccer Committee.

- In-Region Strength of Schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponent's average winning percentage).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

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(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

k. Softball.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Softball Committee.
 - Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record.
 - In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
 - Results vs. Ranked Division II Opponents.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

l. Men's and women's tennis.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.
 - In-Regional Strength of Schedule.
 - Results versus Division II In-Region Common Opponents.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

m. Women's volleyball.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee. Replace Performance Indicator (PI) with Late Season Performance as the third additional criteria.

- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- In-region Non-Conference Won-Lost Record.
- Late Season Performance.

The committee defines "late season performance" as the last ten (10) matches.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the current criteria provide a sound basis upon which to rank and select teams to the championship; however, also desires an additional criterion to consider improved, or diminished, results over the course of the season.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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