



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 26, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. 2020 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 17.19.3 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Soccer – First Date of Competition – Championship Segment – Exception – Division II National Championships Fall Festival.

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2020 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Bylaw 17.19.3 (first date of competition – championship segment) to specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition in men's and women's soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation and due to recent changes in the soccer championship date formula, soccer loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the festival. The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches. The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason. This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II's marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season. A similar proposal was previously adopted for women's volleyball at the 2018 NCAA Convention.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The budget impact will vary for each institution.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will have more time to recover between matches.

b. 2020 Convention Legislation –Bylaw 13.11.2 – Recruiting – Tryouts – Permissible Activities – Length of Tryout Activities – Golf.

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.11.2 (recruiting – tryouts) to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a golf prospective student-athlete from two hours to four hours.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. It takes approximately five hours to complete a round of golf, thus exceeding the two-hour maximum time limit on a tryout for a prospective golf student-athlete. Due to the unique nature of the sport, it is imperative that a coach be permitted to observe a prospective student-athlete for an entire round to effectively evaluate a prospect's ability to manage the mental and physical requirements of the sport. This change would permit prospective student-athletes to complete a round of golf during a tryout and would align the tryout legislation with other areas of the legislation - like the daily and weekly hour limits - for which golf has been provided extended time for activities due to the time required to complete a round.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Prospective student-athletes would have more time allotted to complete a full round of golf during a tryout.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation –Bylaw 31.3.4.1 – Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualification – Requirements – Division Championship – Elimination of Two-Year Wait for Automatic Qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 31.3.4.1 (requirements – division championship) to eliminate the requirement that an active Division II conference must conduct competition in the sport for two consecutive years at the time of its application for automatic qualification in that sport.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation an active Division II conference must conduct competition in a sport for two years before gaining access to automatic qualification in that sport. This change will permit a current active Division II conference that adds a sport to gain access to automatic qualification in that sport without a two-year wait, provided it has at least six active members that sponsor the sport and six institutions that participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. This change does not impact the five-year wait for automatic qualification for a new Division II conference.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes and their teams will have access to automatic qualification without a two-year wait.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Alcohol sales at the 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve a waiver of Bylaw 31.1.13 (availability of alcoholic beverages) to permit alcohol sales at the Division II Men's Basketball Championship game in Atlanta as part of the joint championship with Divisions I and III.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. Division II recently adopted noncontroversial legislation (NC-2019-42) to permit alcohol sales at the Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship, which is played annually in conjunction with the Division I and III championships. Consistent with that approach, a waiver should be approved to permit the sale of alcohol during the 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship because it is being held in conjunction with Divisions I and III. The Divisions II and III championship games will be played in State Farm Arena (home of the Atlanta Hawks) and will have all the necessary security and provisions in place as for a home Hawks game. Additionally, approving a waiver will provide a consistent fan experience across the weekend with alcohol sales now being permitted at the Division I championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship format.

- (1) Recommendation. Conduct the 2020 Division II Men's Elite Eight with four quarterfinal games on Thursday and two semifinal games on Saturday afternoon, with the two advancing teams moving on to Atlanta to compete in the championship game on Sunday afternoon of the Division I Men's Final Four weekend.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. The regionals and the Elite Eight would still be conducted within the current date formula; however, the championship game would be played a week later at the Division I Men's Final Four. This is the same format that was approved in 2013 when the championship was last held in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four. CBS Sports Network has indicated it could televise both semifinal games on Saturday afternoon.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The quality of student-athlete experience for the Elite Eight under this format will not be compromised.

c. Video review at men's basketball regionals.

- (1) Recommendation. Require regional hosts for the men's basketball championship to provide video review for officials.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship.
- (3) Rationale. Requiring video review at each of the regional sites will enhance the integrity of the championship and is a reasonable expectation that is in the best interests of Division II men's basketball. Many sites already have the technology capable of handling this request, and many conferences already require video replay for their regular-season play and for their postseason tournaments.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Hosts would absorb all costs associated with video replay as part of hosting a regional. Some institutions are already set up for replay and would incur no additional costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will benefit from the potential opportunity for increased accuracy related to officiating.

d. Course length for minimum contest requirements in cross country.

- (1) Recommendation. That for meets counting toward minimum contest requirements, the course be at least 4,000 meters for women and 6,000 meters for men.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In 2018 the Division II Cross Country Committee established minimum course length requirements for championship selection of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men to ensure all institutions were being held to the same standard when seeking to become eligible for selection to the Division II Cross Country Championships. However, implementing these distances created unintended burdens for institutions because teams had to travel farther and spend additional funds to find enough contests to meet the requirements. After evaluating the feedback from Division II cross country coaches and administrators, the Cross Country Committee voted to scale back the minimum course length requirements to 4,000 meters for women and 6,000 meters for men, which will help alleviate the financial and travel burdens since many invitationals and races throughout the regular season are traditionally these distances. Additionally, keeping a minimum distance requirement for championship selection upholds the original intent of the

requirement, ensuring that teams will not be able to gain an advantage by running shorter distances. For championship qualification purposes, the Cross Country Committee will continue to use results only from meets that have a minimum distance of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men. An institution may compete on a cross country course of any length for purposes of meeting minimum sports sponsorship requirements, but must satisfy the minimum distance requirements outlined above to be eligible for championship selection.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

e. Definition of an “A” team in cross country.

(1) Recommendation. That an “A” team be defined as having at least five (instead of the current four) of the seven members that represent each institution at their NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Changing the number of student-athletes that define an “A” team from four to five will ensure that the Cross Country Committee is considering the results of true “A” teams during the selection process.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Late-season performance definition for cross country.

(1) Recommendation. Revise the definition of late-season performance as follows:

The committee will use data from meets starting with the date that is seven weeks (51 days) out from the NCAA Division II Regional Championships [except for a Fall Sports Festival year when it will be nine weeks (65 days)] and concluding after the culmination of the NCAA Division II Regional Championships.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Adding the last phrase of the definition “*and concluding after the culmination of the NCAA Division II Regional Championships*” allows the Division II Cross Country Regional meet results to be used in team comparisons for selections. Based on the way this definition is currently written, those results are

able to be used only to determine which teams should be considered for selections to the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Selection criteria requirements for women's rowing.

(1) Recommendation. Specify that institutions must meet the rowing required minimum contests (6) for sport sponsorship to be eligible to be selected to the Division II Women's Rowing Championships.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive).

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

h. Selection criteria requirements for men's and women's swimming and diving.

(1) Recommendation. Require institutions to meet the swimming and diving minimum contests (8) and participants requirements (11) for sport sponsorship to be eligible to be selected to the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive).

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

i. Sport sponsorship requirements for wrestling – referral to Division II Membership Committee.

(1) Recommendation. Refer to the Division II Membership Committee the matter of whether the current sport sponsorship requirements for wrestling should be reduced from 12 events with seven participants to nine events with six participants.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive). The committee analyzed all the individual/team sports and realized wrestling had one of the highest percentages of minimum contests numbers compared to the maximums. Accordingly, the wrestling committee believes its recommendation to lower the number will better align with the other sports. The wrestling committee reasoned that because nine is half the number of the maximum contests (which is roughly the average that most other individual/team sports are at) and because six participants is just over 50 percent participating (using a maximum dual of 10 weight classes as an example), the recommendation is appropriate. The wrestling committee is sensitive to making sure the sport is not hindered by any minimums, especially considering that sponsorship numbers are relatively low compared to other individual/team sports.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

j. Super region adjustments in wrestling.

(1) Recommendation. Adjust the super region model to accommodate sponsorship changes (schools dropping and adding programs, along with schools transitioning to Division I). (See Attachment A.)

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (3) Rationale. The recommendation keeps the number of institutions in each of the super regions as equal as possible and makes travel reasonable. With the potential addition of four sponsoring institutions (Fairmont State, Davis & Elkins, Lander and Mount Olive), LIU Post merging with LIU Brooklyn, (a Division I institution) and Truman discontinuing sponsorship, an updated super region model is needed. This recommendation minimizes the number of adjustments from the previous model.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The adjustment continues to maintain a balance of teams as best as possible within each region.

k. Date formula change in wrestling.

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust the language in the date formula to allow the Division II Wrestling Championships to always be conducted the week before the Division I Wrestling Championships.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The current date formula in Division II defines a weekend as Friday through Saturday, while Division I defines it as Thursday through Saturday. Accordingly, there are years (most recently in 2019) in which the Division II championships occur two weeks before the Division I championship, making the qualifying tournaments for Division I the same weekend as the Division II championship. This presents a significant issue with securing officials because the best officials tend to work the Division I qualifying tournaments. This change does not impact the length of the season except when the calendar falls in a certain manner, which is only twice in the next 11 years.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

l. Sport and rules committee appointments. Ratify the following sport and playing rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2019.

- **Women's basketball.** Appoint **Thomas Jesse**, head women's basketball coach, University of Tampa, to replace James Rice, head women's basketball coach, Benedict College, due to term expiration.

- **Men's lacrosse rules.** Appoint **Alex Smith**, head men's lacrosse coach, Saint Michael's College, to replace Vince Smith, head women's basketball coach, Colorado Mesa University, due to term expiration.
- **Women's lacrosse.** Appoint **Katrin Wolfe**, associate director of athletics, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Jesse Balcer, associate director of athletics, Chestnut Hill College, due to term expiration.
- **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** Appoint **Kirk Sanocki**, head men's and women's swimming coach, Wingate University, to replace Nancye Rahn, assistant director of athletics, King University, due to term expiration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed new NCAA interns Ashely Beaton, Nikki Buchannan, Candice Martin and Ian Rewoldt, and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.
2. **Division II strategic plan.** Staff noted that the midterm assessment of the six-year plan has been completed and is now available online, along with supporting materials to help institutions and conferences align the division's goals and objectives within their own strategic planning efforts. Staff also noted that the Association's updated strategic plan should be completed this fall.
3. **Recent committee reports.** The committee approved its May teleconference report as presented.
4. **Budget update.** Staff reviewed game operations, team transportation and per diem expense for the 2018-19 championships and noted that several charges are still outstanding. Staff also reviewed the timeline for the next triennial budget cycle (2021-24).
5. **Division II National Championships Festival Working Group report.** The committee reviewed the working group's report and supported several recommendations (see Attachment C), including a request that the Division II Management Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention that adjusts the start date in soccer during fall festival years (see Action Item 1-a).
6. **Committee updates.**
 - a. **Membership Committee.** Staff updated the group on institutions in the membership process, as well as two additional institutions that have applied for membership (Frostburg State University and College of Staten Island). The Division II Membership Committee will review those applications in July. Staff also noted that the Membership Committee

has formally asked Division I to revisit its policy stating that an institution wishing to reclassify to Division I must spend five years as an active member in good standing in Division II. The Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee is considering the matter.

b. Discussion regarding independent members and minimum contest requirements.

The committee reviewed contest data for the six Division II independent members during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years and expressed concern about the low percentage of Division II opponents. Staff noted that the three Puerto Rico schools are in the second year of a five-year waiver for contest limits due to the impact of hurricane Maria two years ago, but the Championships Committee expressed significant concern about at least one other member. The Membership Committee also will discuss this matter further.

c. Playing Rules Oversight Panel. The committee reviewed the panel's most recent reports and noted the following: 1) PROP's approval of moving the three-point line in men's basketball to the international distance beginning with the 2020-21 season in Divisions II and III (the 2019-20 season in Division I); 2) PROP's denial of a recommendation from the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee to enforce a forfeiture policy; and 3) PROP's approval of a progressive penalty for targeting in football, as well as using the two-point conversion play beginning with the fifth overtime.

7. Sport committee reports.

a. Men's basketball. The committee supported recommendations regarding the 2020 championship that is being conducted in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four, as well as a recommendation to require regional hosts to provide video review for officials (see Action Items 2-a, 2-b and 2-c).

b. Women's basketball. The committee reviewed the report from the Division II Women's Basketball Committee's recent annual meeting as information only, though given the action the Championships Committee took to require regional hosts in men's basketball to provide video review for officials (see Action Item 2-c), the committee agreed to ask the Women's Basketball Committee to consider a similar recommendation.

c. Men's and women's cross country. The committee supported recommendations regarding minimum course length (see Action Item 2-d) and selection criteria (see Action Items 2-e and 2-f).

d. Men's and women's golf. The committee supported requesting the Division II Management Council to sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention that would amend NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2 to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a golf prospective student-athlete to four hours (see Action Item 1-b).

- e. **Women's rowing.** The committee supported a recommendation regarding selection criteria requirements (see Action Item 2-g).
- f. **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** The committee supported a recommendation regarding selection criteria requirements (see Action Item 2-h).
- g. **Men's and women's track and field.** The committee was asked for input on discussions within the sport committee regarding potentially adding a to-be-determined number of regionals to the outdoor track and field championships, similar to the model in Division I. After weighing the pros and cons, Championships Committee members ultimately agreed not to support such a concept.
- h. **Women's volleyball.** The committee reviewed the report from the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee's recent teleconference as information only.
- i. **Wrestling.**
 - **Sport sponsorship requirements.** The committee supported referring a recommendation regarding sport sponsorship requirements to the Division II Membership Committee for review (see Action Item 2-i).
 - **Super region adjustments.** The committee supported super region adjustments to manage changes in sponsorship (see Action Item 2-j).
 - **Date formula change.** The committee supported changing the date formula so that the Division II Wrestling Championships will always be conducted the week before the Division I Wrestling Championships (see Action Item 2-k).
 - **Regional host sites.** The committee approved the following to host regionals in 2020 and 2021:

2020	Host	Facility
Super Region 4	Fort Hays State University	Gross Memorial Coliseum
2021	Host	Facility
Super Region 1	East Stroudsburg University	Koehler Fieldhouse
Super Region 2	Emmanuel College	Shaw Athletic Center
Super Region 3	Tiffin University	Heminger Center
Super Region 4	University of Central Oklahoma	Hamilton Fieldhouse
Super Region 5	Northern State University	Barnett Center
Super Region 6	Adams State University	Plachy Hall

8. Other discussion items.

- a. **Winter championships recaps.** The committee reviewed reports from the 2019 spring championships.
- b. **Placement of Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association associate members.** The committee approved a request from the MIAA to move Newman University and Rogers State University, which the MIAA recently accepted as associate members, from the South Central region to the Central region in which the MIAA is located for selection purposes. However, due to the unique status of the two schools being associate members in every sport the MIAA sponsors, the Championships Committee asked the MIAA to update the committee regarding those schools' membership status next year.
- c. **Feedback on the appropriate number of teams to rank the week before selections.** The committee revisited an issue regarding whether the number of ranked teams prior to selections was causing confusion or issues when teams moved in the rankings from the third week to selections. Based on feedback from the Division II conference sports information directors, who did not feel this was an issue, the committee took no action. The committee will continue to explore ways to educate the membership on why movement can happen in the last few days prior to selections.
- d. **Championships bid timeline.** The committee reviewed the process and timeline for the 2022-2026 bid cycle, which will start in August. Bids are due in February 2020 and committees will deliberate over the spring/summer. Site announcements will be made in October 2020.

9. Automatic qualification items.

- a. **Penalty structure for late submission of AQ application forms.** The committee revisited an issue regarding the penalty structure for repeat offenders who turn in the AQ application form late. Currently, the fine structure is \$500 for the first offense and \$600 for repeat offenders. After discussion, the committee agreed to retain the \$500 fine for first offenders but add a letter of reprimand to the commissioner and the president/chair of the conference board. For repeat offenders (second offense and any thereafter), the fine would be \$2,500 along with the letter of reprimand.
- b. **Two-year waiting period for active conferences that add a sport.** The committee discussed instances in which an active conference adds a sport and recommended that the Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the current two-year waiting period for automatic qualification rather than continually consider waivers of the policy (see Action Item 1-c).
- c. **Automatic Qualification requests for 2019-20 championships.** The committee approved AQ recommendations from sport committees for the 2019-20 championships (see Attachment D).

10. Staff updates.

- a. **Championships and alliances.** Staff updated the committee on relevant issues, including ramifications resulting from the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to allow state-by-state sports wagering, and the Board of Governors' decision to table discussions regarding the NCAA's potential involvement in esports.
- b. **Legal.** Staff updated the committee on current cases and other relevant issues.
- c. **Governance.**
 - **April 2019 summary of actions.** The committee reviewed reports from the most recent Management and Presidents Council meetings in April as information only.
 - **Championships analytics from Turner.** Staff summarized analytics for the editorial coverage for championships on NCAA.com and web stream metrics, as well as the success of announcing No. 1 seeds on social media prior to selection shows.
- d. **Coaches Connection.** Jill Willson from Double L Consulting updated the committee on the Division II Coaches Connection program, noting its continued success as a communication conduit that further engages coaches on issues and hot topics within their respective sport.
- e. **Community engagement.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the various community engagement initiatives that took place at the championship sites in 2018-19.
- f. **Division II University.** Staff presented an update on the DII U platform, noting that more than 12,000 users have registered, and more than 4,200 coaches already have completed the entire required coaches certification curricula. Additional courses are planned for countable athletically related activities (CARA) and voluntary activities (or what have come to be known as "voluntold" activities), as well as courses that help explain regionalization and championships selection processes and policies.

11. Other business.

- **Recruiting and educating site representatives.** Committee members asked staff to increase efforts to educate individuals who agree to serve as site representatives about the expectations of the task, including possibly developing DII U modules or webinars designed to provide instruction, as well as pursue avenues to attract additional qualified reps, such as contacting the commissioners association for potential candidates, and emphasizing the professional development aspect to influence those who are considering service to realize the benefits.

- **Chair appointment.** The committee voted to reappoint Sue Willey to another term as chair.
- **Outgoing committee members.** The committee recognized the outstanding contributions and service from outgoing members Mike Anderson, Pat Britz and Tom Shirley.

12. Future meeting dates and sites.

- a. September 10-11, 2019 (Indianapolis).
- b. February 19-20, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- c. June 24-25, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- d. September 9-11, 2020 (Indianapolis; includes meeting with sport committee chairs).

Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis
Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee June 26, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Michael Anderson, Gulf South Conference.	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.	
Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Mike Cerino, Limestone College.	
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Vice Chair).	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.	
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.	
Tom Shirley, Thomas Jefferson University.	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.	
Absentees:	
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (Management Council Chair).	

Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Ashley Beaton, Eric Breece, Nikki Buchannan, Joni Comstock, Zandria Conyers, Morgan DeSpain, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Liz Homrig, Kelsey Jones, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Candice Martin, Levida Maxwell, Jay Jay Rackley, Ian Rewoldt, Jennifer Roe, Marie Scovron, Stephanie Smith, Micki Spears, Liz Suscha, Ryan Tressel, and Donnie Wagner.

2019-20 Division II Wrestling **Recommended** Super Region Model

# 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	American Int.	NEC 10 - E	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas- SE	Ashland	GLIAC - MW	Central Oklahoma	MIAA - C	Augustana	NSIC - C	Adams State	RMAC - SC
2	East Stroudsburg	PSAC - ATL	Coker	SAC - SE	Indianapolis	GLVC - MW	Central Missouri	MIAA - C	Mary	NSIC - C	Chadron State	RMAC - SC
3	Gannon	PSAC - ATL	Emmanuel College	C. Carolinas- SE	Findlay	GMAC - MW	Drury	GLVC-MW	Mankato	NSIC - C	RMAC - SC	RMAC - SC
4	Kutztown	PSAC - ATL	King	C. Carolinas- SE	Lake Erie	GMAC - MW	Fort Hays State	MIAA - C	Moorhead	NSIC - C	Colorado Mines	RMAC - SC
5	Mercyhurst	PSAC - ATL	Limestone	C. Carolinas- SE	Notre Dame	MEC - ATL	Kentucky Wesleyan	GMAC - MW	Minot State	NSIC - C	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC - SC
6	Millersville	PSAC - ATL	Newberry	SAC - SE	Tiffin	GMAC - MW	Lindenwood	MIAA - C	Northern State	NSIC - C	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC - SC
7	Pitt-Johnstown	PSAC - ATL	Queens	SAC - SE	Urbana 18-19	MEC - ATL	Maryville	GLVC - MW	Southwest MN	NSIC - C	Western State	RMAC - SC
8	Seton Hill	PSAC - ATL	UNC-Pembroke	PBC - SE	West Liberty	MEC - ATL	McKendree	GLVC - MW	St. Cloud St.	NSIC - C	San Francisco State	RMAC - W
9	Shippensburg	PSAC - ATL	Davis & Elkins	MEC - ATL	Davenport 19-20	GLIAC - MW	Newman	MIAA - C	Upper Iowa	NSIC - C	Simon Fraser	GNAC - W
10	Alderson Broadus	GMAC - MW	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas- SE	Wheeling Jesuit	MEC - ATL	Ouachita Baptist	GAC - C	UW-Parkside	GLIAC - MW	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA - C
11	Fairmont State	MEC - ATL	Lander	PBC - SE	Ohio Valley	GMAC - MW	Bellarmine	GLVC-MW				

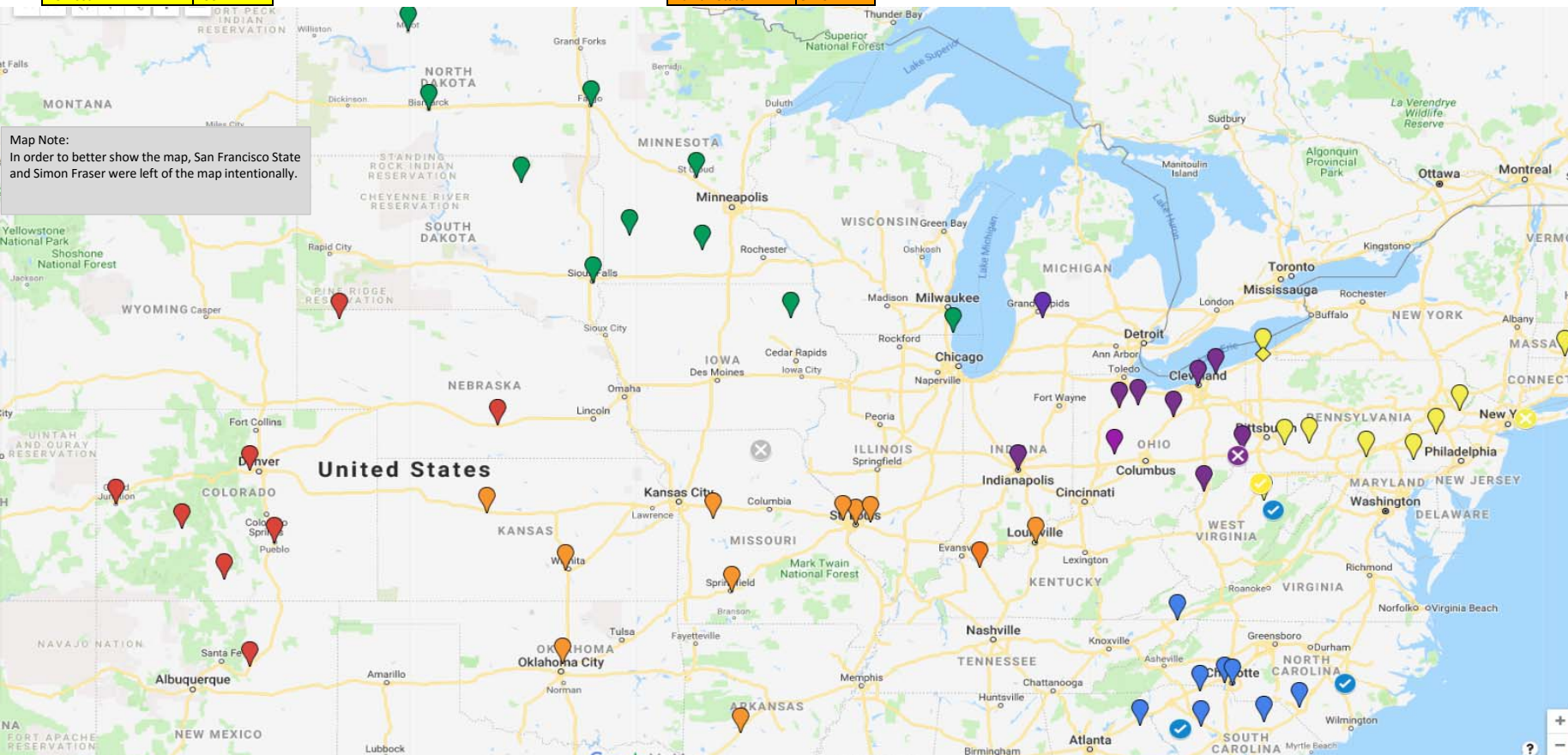
NOTE:
Institutions listed to the left are color coded in what their super region was last year (2018-19) to show how many teams are recommended to be adjusted. Bright green color indicates institutions newly sponsoring wrestling.

Reclassifying to Division I

LIU-Post ECC - E

No longer sponsoring

Truman State GLVC - MW





Division II National Championships Festival Working Group Recommendations – Division II Championships Committee Actions

The Division II Championships Committee during its June 26 meeting supported the following recommendations/proposals:

Legislative action item:

- Allow men's and women's soccer to start a week earlier in festival years. (See Action Item 1-a in the Championships Committee report.)

Legislative recommendations:

- Ensure that no season is shortened due to participation in the festival.
- - Note: *Legislative action is required only if the start dates for practice or competition change in any sport. The festival working group only made a recommendation to the soccer playing a practice season.*
 - Move the spring festival back one week to align with the softball standard date formula (fourth Saturday in May—Memorial Day weekend).
 - Note: *Legislative action is required only if the start date for spring practice or competition changes. The Festival Working Group did not make any recommendations to change start dates for practice and competition*

Recommendations for NCAA staff, sport committee and Championships Committee implementation:

- Make the opening ceremonies at all festivals mandatory.
- Move the opening ceremony for the winter festival to Thursday so that it aligns with the start of wrestling and indoor track and field, and adjust the swimming and diving competition schedule to accommodate this. *(The Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee will be asked to produce a schedule and logistics.)*
- Eliminate the closing ceremony for the winter festival.
- Conduct the men's and women's cross country championships on a different day during the fall festival rather than Saturday (e.g., Friday).
- Conduct a separate men's and women's basketball festival event in the "off" year of other festivals. *(The Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees will be asked to produce a schedule and other necessary logistics.)*
- Allow hotels to be farther from competition venues to ensure championship-caliber facilities.
- Allow exceptions for geographic proximity regarding hotels. If the best venue is farther out for a sport (likely golf, cross country and perhaps tennis), allow those teams to stay

closer to the venue and work to replicate the festival atmosphere as much as possible at that location.

- Develop a comprehensive festival app to include schedule of events, notifications, registration for ancillary events and to distribute the student-athlete survey.
- Create networking opportunities for administrators and coaches.
- Develop a more coordinated approach to recruitment of potential host cities (NCAA staff, sport committees, etc.).
- Develop an “At a Glance” guide for bidding and hosting a festival (one for each season) to be used in conjunction with the full bid specification documents.
- Consider sports with extremely specific facility requirements first when recruiting potential host cities (e.g., tennis with 24 courts).
- Sell an all-access pass for breakfast, opening/closing, etc., for extra team members not included in the official travel party.
- Schedule practice and games to allow teams to attend other championships when possible.
- Reallocate funds from breakfast to provide special offerings in the lounges (e.g., ice cream, milkshakes, smoothies).
- Select hotels within walking distance to restaurants and points of interest.
- For fall and spring closing ceremonies, ensure adequate time between the conclusion of the championships and the start of the closing ceremony to allow time for on-field celebrations and travel, or consider eliminating the closing ceremonies based on site- or season-specific circumstances.
- Discuss ways to incorporate other aspects of Olympic opening and closing ceremonies.
- Develop and share festival highlight videos leading up to the event targeting coaches.
- Provide team pictures (e.g., create a photo opportunity for all the national champions at the closing ceremony).
- Add re-fueling stations with nutritious snacks in lounges and locker rooms.
- Stream all games/events in the hotel lounges.
- Communicate ability to visit student-athlete lounge for all hotel issues that cannot be handled by the front-desk staff.
- Provide transportation for participating teams to other competition venues if the budget allows.



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUNE 26, 2019 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 2019-20 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, 2019.
- (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 receive automatic qualification for the 2019-20 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, 2019.
- (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 2019-20 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, 2019.
- (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 2019-20 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, 2019.
- (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 2019-20 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 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, 2019.
- (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 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas; Great American; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest 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, 2019.

(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 18 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast 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; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(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 2019-20 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; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(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 be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate; 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; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(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 15 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; *East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South 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 Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(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 2019-20 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 Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (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 be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 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, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

Note: “*” indicates grace period.

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