



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Regan McAthie welcomed the group to the videoconference and previewed key agenda items.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the reports from its April 2 videoconference and April 14 electronic vote as presented.
3. **Budget review.** As it does for every meeting, the committee reviewed whether the agenda includes any items with a potential budget impact and noted there were none for this meeting.
4. **Division II Nominating Committee report.** The committee approved the following recommended appointments to sport and playing rules committees, effective as specified:
 - a. **NCAA Division II Baseball Committee** (one September vacancy; Southeast Region) – **Tom Griffin**, head baseball coach, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference.
 - b. **NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Committee** (one September vacancy; Southeast Region) – **Josh Ealy**, vice president for athletics, Tusculum University, South Atlantic Conference.
 - c. **NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Committee** (one September vacancy; Atlantic Region) – **Malcolm Watts**, head men’s and women’s cross country and track and field coach, Claflin University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
 - d. **NCAA Division II Football Committee** (one September vacancy; Super Region 3) – **Scott Wooster**, head football coach, Grand Valley State University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
 - e. **NCAA Division II Women’s Soccer Committee** (one September vacancy; South Region) – **Courtney Smith**, athletics compliance officer, Valdosta State University, Gulf South Conference.
 - f. **NCAA Divisions II and III Football Rules Committee** (one immediate Division II vacancy replacing Matthew Scott) – **Eric Crandall**, head football coach, Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
5. **Sport committee reports.**
 - a. **Men’s golf.**

- **2027 South Central/West Regional site.** The committee approved St. Mary's University (Texas) to host the 2027 South Central/West Regional at the Dominion Country Club.
- b. Men's and women's tennis.**
- **2028 championship finals site.** The committee approved the Tuscaloosa Tennis Center, in partnership with the University of Alabama and the University of West Alabama as co-hosts, as the site for the 2028 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.
- 6. Joint men's basketball championship recap.** The committee received an update and viewed a video presentation regarding the successful Division II Men's Basketball Championship game that was held in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four in Indianapolis, along with the Division III and the National Invitation Tournament men's championship games.
- 7. Chair election notice.** The committee was informed that those members interested in succeeding or nominating another member to succeed Ms. McAthie as chair when her term on the committee expires at the end of August should notify staff accordingly. The committee will elect a new chair during its June meeting.
- 8. Future meetings and videoconferences.**
- June 23-24 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
 - Aug. 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
 - Sept. 14-15 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Division II Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sean Belzer, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos (Management Council chair).	
Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College.	
Rebekah Gasner, Montana State University Billings.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.	

Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University (Management Council vice chair).
Christina Paone, Walsh University.
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Stan Wagnon, University of Central Oklahoma.
Absentees:
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Emma Neal, Maryville University of Saint Louis.
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Division II Governance and Member Services.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Antonio Cannavaro, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Angela Red and Jennifer Roe.