



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2023, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2. – Championship Committee -- Duties – Replacement of Sport and Rules Committee Members.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit the Division II Championships Committee to replace a member of a Division II sport committee or a Division II representative on an Association-wide playing rules committee when such member is not performing their duties properly.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The authority to replace a Division II sport/rules committee member had traditionally rested with the Division II Management Council, as the council had the final approval authority for all such Division II committee appointments. However, under current legislation the Division II Championships Committee has the final authority over these appointments. Therefore, the Championships Committee believes it should accordingly be granted the authority to replace members in cases where they are not performing their duties properly. The Championships Committee regards this recommendation more as policy housekeeping rather than infringing upon the Management Council's oversight and as such believes the noncontroversial legislation path is appropriate.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

a. **Triennial budget recommendations.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee recommend the NCAA Division II Presidents Council approve the attached requests for the triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. (See Attachment A.)

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. The Division II Presidents Council and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee allocated \$1.5 million to the base budget for championships enhancements for the triennial cycle beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The

Championships Committee discussed all requests from sport committees, which totaled more than \$3 million, and prioritized them accordingly, collaborating with sport committees throughout the process to ensure all stakeholders were aware of the conditions and constraints.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. \$1,290,791, leaving \$209,209 in reserve for future championships initiatives.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. All of the recommendations, in one way or another, directly enhance the student-athlete experience at Division II championships, either by increasing participation opportunities or improving championship administration.

b. Softball championship date formula.

- (1) Recommendation. Move the Division II Softball Championship finals to the week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday), resulting in the following date formula:
 - Selection Announcement: Monday prior to regionals.
 - Regionals (16 sites): One week before the super regionals (Thursday-Saturday).
 - Super Regionals (8 sites): One week before the finals (Thursday-Friday).
 - Finals: The week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday).
- (2) Effective date. For the 2026 playing and practice season (spring 2026 championship). (The delayed effective date aligns with the two-year lead time requirement for changes to a sport championship's date formula.)
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the Division II softball selection date is one week earlier than their counterparts in both Divisions I and III. This results in Division II student-athletes playing at least one week of their regular season without the benefit of playing in the same weather conditions as the rest of NCAA softball, which are generally better in May. Aligning the Division II Softball Championship date formula with Divisions I and III would mitigate concerns regarding poor playing conditions due to inclement weather earlier in the season and provide consistency within the sport. This policy would be permissive, meaning that conferences can align their regular-season schedule in a manner with which their membership agrees, continuing to complete conference championships when they do currently, or using the additional week that would be gained with selections being moved a week later.

A National Fastpitch Coaches Association survey of Division II head coaches revealed that of the 138 of the 245 head coaches responding, 79% supported aligning the Division II championship dates with Divisions I and III softball.

Also, Chattanooga Sports, which has been awarded the bid for the 2026 Division II Softball Championship, has confirmed their ability to accommodate hosting in the instance the championship was moved one week later.

The Championships Committee noted that this proposal, if approved, would eliminate softball from future Division II National Championship Festivals (softball would be part of this coming festival in spring 2024; the next spring championships festival is in 2028). While the Championships Committee expressed some reservations about this outcome, members agreed to support the sport committee, which has vetted the proposal at length and is fully aware of the impact on future festivals.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None for the championship budget; however, there is the potential for increased costs to participating institutions due to student-athletes being on campus during a vacation period and participating an additional week during the regular season.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The adjustment to the date formula has the potential to reduce missed class time due to rescheduled contests and have a positive impact both physically and emotionally on student-athletes to begin the postseason after most classes have ended.

c. Regional sites for the 2025 and 2026 Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following sites to host regional competition for the 2025 and 2026 Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Championships. (Note: The Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees are working with NCAA staff to secure enough bids to make recommendations for the remaining regions/years later this fall.)

Men’s Golf			
Year	Region	Site/Venue	Host Institution
2025	Central/Midwest	St. Joseph Country Club	Missouri Western State University
2026	Central/Midwest	Katke Golf Course	Ferris State University

Women's Golf			
Year	Region	Site/Venue	Host Institution
2025	Central	Kickingbird Golf Club	University of Central Oklahoma
2025	East	The Meadows Golf Course	Grand Valley State University
2025	South	Chattahoochee Golf Course	University of North Georgia
2025	West	La Paloma Golf Club	West Texas A&M University
2026	Central	St. Joseph Country Club	Missouri Western State University
2026	West	Pueblo Country Club	Colorado State University, Pueblo

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The recommended sites selected from the bids received will provide the best experience for participating teams while balancing proposed budgets, regional geography, and recent hosting experience, among other items.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The proposed budgets are in line with typical expenditures for regional competition.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The recommended sites will ensure a championship-caliber experience for the participating student-athletes.

d. Substitution provisions in men's and women's golf.

(1) Recommendation. Allow substitutes during all rounds of the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships (this includes stroke play and match play at the regionals and national finals).

(2) Effective date. 2024 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships.

(3) Rationale. Currently, substitutions are permitted only during the match-play portion of the championship finals. The Division II Championships Committee agrees with the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees that allowing

substitutions in all rounds of the NCAA championships is in the best interests of Division II golf and protects the competitive equity of the championships.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. As this is a permissive policy, participating institutions that choose to bring additional individuals beyond their normal travel roster could incur additional costs. (Institutions currently are reimbursed for five golfers at regionals and the recommended substitution allowance would require a sixth golfer.) Therefore, schools may elect to bring only five student-athletes without an additional budget impact.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Substitutions would allow for additional competitive opportunities for student-athletes.

e. Access ratios for select sports.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve regional berth allocations for baseball, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis as specified in Attachment B.
- (2) Effective date. 2023-24 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. The sport committees for these sports based their postseason berth allocations on the current year's sport sponsorship as the fairest method and to retain an equitable bracket size among regions.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Misconduct policies.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve modifications to the misconduct policy as follows: (1) more flexibility to apply increased financial penalties without requiring approval from the Championships Committee to do so (up to \$1500), and (2) to authorize the Championships Committee to change a private reprimand to a public reprimand in instances where the membership would benefit from such disclosure. (See Attachment C.)
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee began a review of the current misconduct policies, particularly related to fines and reprimands, to address the increase in unwanted behaviors in recent years. These recommendations provide both the sport committees and Championships Committee with additional flexibility to appropriately handle misconduct situations as needed. The amended policies will be included in the Championships Policies and Operating Procedures Manual for membership awareness.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Sports sponsorship review referral.

(1) Recommendation. That the Division II Membership Committee, the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, and the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee review sports sponsorship requirements in swimming and diving and track and field to consider whether a potential reduction is warranted in the sports sponsorship and championship selection requirements.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee has discussed anecdotal evidence concerning whether institutions are consistently meeting the minimum sport sponsorship requirements for swimming and diving and track and field. The committee asked staff to compile data to determine whether there is an issue and after review of those data agreed that they merit a referral to the Division II Membership Committee, which oversees sports sponsorship requirements, and the two sport committees for further review to consider whether a potential reduction in the sports sponsorship and championship selection requirements is necessary.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Nathan Gibson welcomed the group and introduced new members Karen Haag of The College of Saint Rose and Terry Beattie of West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
2. **2023-24 sport committee assignments.** Committee members reviewed their sport committee liaison assignments for the coming year and filled vacancies as necessary.
3. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its August 3 and August 11 videoconferences as presented. The committee noted that its recommendation regarding the neutrality pilot becoming policy was approved by the Administrative Committee effective with the 2023-24 academic year.
4. **Division II Nominating Committee report.** The committee approved the following immediate appointments to sport and playing rules committees as recommended by the Nominating Committee. (See Attachment D.)

- a. **NCAA Division II Football Committee** (one immediate vacancy replacing Lonnie Allen). Appointed **Rubin Stevenson**, senior associate director of athletics, Frostburg State University, Mountain East Conference.
 - b. **NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Committee** (one immediate vacancy replacing Carrie Bodkins). Appointed **Todd Diuguid**, senior associate director of athletics, University of Charleston (West Virginia), Mountain East Conference.
 - c. **NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee** (two immediate vacancies replacing DJ Bevevino and Britney Woodhull-Smith). Appointed **Elle Elder**, assistant director of athletics, director of compliance and senior woman administrator, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference; and **Jessica Siegele**, faculty athletics representative, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Conference Carolinas.
 - d. **NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee** (one immediate vacancy replacing Keith Davie). Appointed **Eric Crawford**, associate director of athletics, Georgia Southwestern State University, Peach Belt Conference.
5. **Budget review.**
- a. **Budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed championships budget-to-actuals for the 2022-23 fiscal year, noting that not all expenses have been finalized, but it is expected that the division will be within budget for championships overall.
 - b. **Triennial budget recommendations.** The committee completed its review of requests for the 2024-27 budget cycle and submitted its final recommendations. The Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council will receive the recommendations as information at their fall meetings before the Division II Planning and Finance Committee considers them in December. If approved by the Planning and Finance Committee, the recommendations will be submitted to the Division II Management and Presidents Councils for a final vote at their January meetings during the NCAA Convention. [See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2-a]
6. **Committee updates.**
- a. **Membership Committee.** The committee received an update from the Membership Committee's summer meeting, noting that D'Youville University became an active Division II member as of September 1 after successfully completing the three-year reclassification process from Division III. The Membership Committee also advanced Allen University, Edward Waters University, and Emory & Henry College to Provisional Year Three, and Thomas More University, the University of South Carolina Beaufort, and Westmont College to Provisional Year Two. Additionally, five schools were accepted into Provisional Year One: Jessup University (NAIA), Menlo College (NAIA), Roosevelt University (NAIA), Sul Ross State University (Division III) and Vanguard University (NAIA). The Membership

Committee reviewed the application submitted by Talladega College (NAIA) but did not accept the institution into the membership process.

The Membership Committee also noted that Le Moyne College has made application by the June 1 deadline to reclassify to Division I. Additionally, the committee considered the request from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to consider an expedited, two-year reclassification process for institutions that meet predetermined benchmarks in the provisional membership process. The committee requested additional information on any waivers of the process previously granted and agreed to continue the discussion during its videoconference later this month.

b. Playing Rules Oversight Panel. The committee reviewed reports from the panel's most recent meetings as information.

c. Implementation Committee.

(1) Championships policy updates. The Championships Committee reviewed its newly and significantly revised Policies and Operating Procedures Manual as a result of the recently completed exercise as recommended by the Implementation Committee to examine the Division II Manual and discern which bylaws should be moved to policy or eliminated. During the review, the following policy areas emerged as needing additional discussion or clarification, and the committee took the actions as specified.

- Committee Policies – Sport Committee Appointments – Authority to Replace Members (formerly Bylaw 21.8.3). This authority had rested with the Division II Management Council since the council was the final approval body for sport committee appointments. Now that the Management Council in July approved allowing the Championships Committee to have the final say in the that process, the Championships Committee is asking that the council adopt noncontroversial legislation granting it the authority to also replace members if needed. [See Legislative Action Item]
- Determination of Sites and Dates – On-Campus Sites. This policy had stated that “preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in the buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons ... to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility.” After further review, however, the Championships Committee agreed that the language could be interpreted as being too restrictive and could impede the flexibility necessary to select the best site for competition. Accordingly, the committee approved removing this stipulation from the manual. (The committee noted that the spirit of considering campus sites remains as part of the selection process but does not need to be specifically stated.)
- International Hosting. Given the composition of the Division II membership that includes one member located in Canada, the committee reviewed the following policy regarding international hosting and confirmed it should remain in the manual: “Currently, international institutions are permitted to host only at a site

located in the United States. The Championships Committee will periodically review the eligibility of international member institutions to host NCAA postseason competition. The review is to ensure that the Association and the activities of its members promote the opportunity for equity in competition.”

- Championship Travel Policies – Squad/Travel Party Size. This policy previously specified that the travel party for all sports should be six persons above the squad size, but most Division II team sports are either at or under that maximum. Accordingly, the committee clarified the policy to read: “For all team championships, the travel party shall be no more than six persons above the squad size (with the exception of football).”

After these discussions, the committee approved the manual as amended. Staff will update the policy manual accordingly before posting a final copy in the Championships Committee collaboration zone and on ncaa.org.

(2) Regionalization Discussion update. The committee discussed next steps for discussions regarding regionalization and supported the following schedule:

- September videoconference: The committee convenes to discuss questions for sport committees to consider regarding potential new bracketing approaches, either to set guardrails for the sport committees or questions on which the committee needs sport committee input.
- October videoconference: Staff presents a first draft of the timeline and feedback needed for continued discussion and development.
- November/December videoconferences: Continue discussion during the monthly videoconferences as needed, with a goal of clarifying what will be referred to the sport committees by no later than December. This will ensure that the fall sport committees will be able to discuss these issues at their annual in-person meetings in late January/early February 2024.
- The NCAA’s new media contract is expected to be finalized by spring 2024, which will help guide the committee on additional next steps with an awareness of budget dollars available.
- June 2024 in-person meeting: Review sport committee feedback and continued development of next steps.

d. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is asking the Division II Championships Committee and the Division II Legislation Committee to provide feedback on potentially increasing the number of student-athlete representation on those committees. (The SAAC also is asking Division II governance committees currently without SAAC representation whether there should be.) This recommendation originated with the Division II Implementation Committee and was

referred to the Division II Management Council, which agreed that the committees in question should weigh in on the matter. Championships Committee members discussed the request at length and in general supported the recommendation, however, recommended having current SAAC representatives added to the current composition of the committee, as opposed to current or former student-athletes that are non-SAAC representatives. The SAAC will review committee feedback at its November meeting to inform a potential recommendation.

7. Sport committee reports.

a. Baseball.

- **Potential long-term host recommendation.** The Championships Committee reviewed the Division II Baseball Committee's consideration of a potential arrangement in which the City of Cary, North Carolina, would host the Division II Baseball Championship through 2038, which represents an additional 12 years beyond the current agreement. Cary has expressed interest in serving as a long-term host for the Division II Baseball Championship for some time, as the championship has already been held there every year but one since 2006 and city officials believe they have the enhanced infrastructure and staffing necessary to support this longer-term recommendation. The baseball committee supports the idea but asked the Championships Committee for feedback before considering whether to submit a formal recommendation. Championships Committee members discussed the concept and urged the baseball committee to further deliberate before making a recommendation.

b. Football.

(1) **Potential bracket increase.** The Championships Committee reviewed a request from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to consider increasing the Division II Football Championship bracket from the current 28 teams to 32, and to change the championship date formula to align with that of the Division I Football Championship (FCS), which would add a 12th week to the regular season and adjust the postseason schedule so that the Division II championship game would be played the same weekend as the FCS championship game. Championships Committee members discussed the proposal briefly but agreed to refer the concepts to the Division II Football Committee for further discussion before formally considering any recommendation.

(2) **Super region alignment.** The Division II Football Committee convened just prior to the Championships Committee meeting to discuss a super regional alignment starting in 2025 when Conference Carolinas begins sponsoring football. The Championships Committee reviewed the potential map the football committee is proposing. The Championships Committee supported the potential alignment and agreed that it should be shared with the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, the Division II Athletics Directors Association, and the Division II football Coaches Connection group before an official recommendation is made.

c. Men's golf.

(1) Regional sites for 2025-26. The Championships Committee supported the regional sites as specified, noting that the Division II Men's Golf Committee is working with staff to generate adequate bids from which to select sites for the remaining regionals. [See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c]

(2) Regional replacement policy modification. The Championships Committee noted the men's golf committee's recommendation to adjust the replacement policy implemented last year to increase the window from 48 hours to 96 but agreed that the men's golf committee should communicate with the Division II Women's Golf Committee to gauge that group's interest and submit a joint recommendation if there is common support.

(3) Additional "under consideration" ranking. The Championships Committee noted the men's golf committee's recommendation to add an under-consideration ranking in the fall given that many institutions conduct a fall season in golf but again urged the committee to communicate with the Division II Women's Golf Committee to determine if that group wants to support this recommendation as well.

d. Women's golf.

- **Regional sites for 2025-26.** The Championships Committee supported the regional sites as specified, noting that the Division II Women's Golf Committee is working with staff to generate adequate bids from which to select sites for the remaining regionals. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c.)

e. Men's and women's golf.

(1) AQ/selections deadline adjustment. The Championships Committee considered but tabled the recommendation from the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees to modify the deadline by which conferences determine their automatic qualifiers in men's and women's golf to 12 days prior to the date of regional competition, and to modify the selection date for the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships to 10 days prior to the practice date of regional competition, effective with the 2025 championships. The Championships Committee asked the golf committees to supply additional information and obtain feedback from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association before it reconsiders the recommendation.

(2) Substitutions during regionals. The Championships Committee approved a recommendation from the golf committees to allow for substitutions during all rounds of the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships. (See Action Item 2-d.)

f. Men's lacrosse. The Championships Committee received the report from the lacrosse committee's annual meeting as information.

g. Women's lacrosse.

- **2025 and 2026 lacrosse championships update.** Staff updated the committee on developments in the ongoing discussions regarding the proposed joint men's and women's lacrosse championships in 2025 and 2026. After a review of schedule options, it was determined to not be feasible to move forward with a joint championship with all six championships at one site. However, the Divisions II and III Women's Lacrosse Committees have continually expressed concerns about how the arrangements could compromise their student-athletes' experiences. The committees are currently engaging with a member institution that has expressed interest in possibly hosting the Divisions II and III women's championship finals in both 2025 and 2026 and may submit a recommendation accordingly in the coming weeks. In 2025, all three men's lacrosse championship finals and the Division I women's final would be held at Gillette Stadium. Due to other obligations, Gillette Stadium is no longer able to host any of the championships in 2026 so alternate sites will be identified for all three men's lacrosse championships and the Division I women's lacrosse championship.

h. Softball.

- **Championship date formula.** The Championships Committee approved the recommendation from the Division II Softball Committee to amend the date formula effective with the 2026 championship. [See Nonlegislative Action Item 2b]

i. Men's and women's tennis. The Championships Committee received the report from the tennis committee's annual meeting as information only.

j. Men's and women's track and field.

- **Committee chair.** The Championships Committee approved a waiver to allow Joe Wassink to serve as chair of the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee for a third year (legislatively, chairs are limited to a two-year term). This does not

k. National Collegiate sport reports. As it does annually, the committee reviewed reports from National Collegiate sport committees as information only.

8. Additional discussion items.

a. 2023-24 access ratios. The committee approved the access ratios for baseball, women's soccer and men's and women's tennis. [See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-e]

b. Strategic plans. The committee reviewed sport committees' strategic plans as information only.

c. Bench size limits. The committee reviewed feedback from select sport committees on the bench size limits, noting that those surveyed believe the current limits are appropriate for their sport.

- d. **Emerging sport process.** The committee received an overview of the emerging sport process given that a few emerging sports are approaching the threshold required to potentially become National Collegiate championship sports.
- e. **Misconduct penalties.** The committee recommended modifications to the current misconduct policies, particularly related to fines and reprimands, to address the increase in unwanted behaviors in recent years. The amended policies will be included in the Championships Policies and Operating Procedures Manual [See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2-f].
- f. **Regional advisory committee and sport committee member confidentiality.** The committee conducted an initial discussion regarding confidentiality in the championships selections process, as there have been recent instances in which members of regional advisory committees (RACs) and/or sport committees have compromised the spirit of confidentiality inherent in selections. Confidentiality is expressly stated in the various championships manuals and communicated regularly with RAC and sport committee members. Committee members noted that the issues arise primarily when selections differ from a RAC's final ranking, which the committee acknowledged can put individuals in a difficult position, particularly if they are challenged by people outside of the selection process.

The Championships Committee discussed a number of potential methods to address the concern, including talking points for RAC chairs, having the Championships Committee sport liaison listen in on the final RAC call, and emphasizing to RAC members on the front end that their rankings are advisory in nature and that sport committees have the discretion to differ from them during final selections. At the very least, the Championships Committee recommended an increased emphasis on confidentiality throughout the season so that the issue remains top of mind with all members. The committee also recommended that a similar conversation be conducted with the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.

(Note: Staff also noted ongoing discussions in Division III regarding the use of a computer software called Pairwise to aid the selections process that could mitigate the role RACs currently perform. Pairwise is currently used to select the fields of the ice hockey championships. Staff will provide the committee with updates on the Division III review. If there is interest in using the tool in Division II, it could significantly modify the current selections processes.)

- g. **Sports sponsorship data (swimming and diving and track and field).** The Championships Committee revisited the issue noted during its June meeting regarding whether institutions are consistently meeting the minimum sport sponsorship requirements for swimming and diving and track and field and agreed to refer a review of sports sponsorship requirements in those sports to the Division II Membership Committee and the relevant Division II sport committees. [See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-g]
- h. **Officiating initiatives.** Staff updated the committee on a meeting at the national office attended by national officiating coordinators and secretary-rules editors to review issues.

Staff also noted an online resource called [“Say Yes to Officiating”](#) on ncaa.org that offers best practices and other tips to enhance officiating. NCAA President Charlie Baker has emphasized that improving the officiating environment is a top priority. Conference commissioners from all three divisions have also established a working group to help address issues and generate improvements.

9. Staff updates.

- a. **Gender equity update.** The committee received an update on the review conducted by Lewis Rice LLC to assess the NCAA’s progress in implementing the recommendations from the gender equity report issued in 2021. The progress report supports the NCAA’s concerted efforts to implement gender equity principles to enhance student-athletes’ experiences, especially for those participating at NCAA championships across all sports. The report states that “the NCAA has addressed, or is in progress of addressing, nearly all of the Kaplan recommendations.” The report also states after the Lewis Rice team interviewed dozens of individuals: “We repeatedly heard and sensed that the NCAA is committed to creating lasting and dynamic systems to identify, prevent and address gender disparities.” The report also acknowledged the strong leadership from membership committees in ensuring a commitment to gender equity in all championship operations.

Staff noted that in the two years since the initial report was issued the national office has established an effective platform from which to assess its championships operations from an equity perspective and will continue using this model moving forward. (Note: The committee joined the membership webinar conducted from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. regarding the status of gender equity initiatives.)

- b. **Nullification update.** Per the recommendation from the Division II Implementation Committee’s Championships Subcommittee regarding nullification, the committee received its annual report from staff to ensure the committee continues supporting the philosophical approach the enforcement staff applies when examining nullification and whether any adjustments need to be made. Staff noted that the number of cases has decreased over the past two years in conjunction with the shift in the philosophy.

c. Governance.

- (1) **Summary of actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the Management Council’s July meeting and the Division II Presidents Council’s August meeting as information only.

- (2) **2023-24 Division II priorities.** Staff reviewed with the committee the division’s priorities for the 2023-24 academic year. The document is available online.

- (3) **2024 Convention legislation.** Staff provided an update on the legislative slate for the Convention, noting that the Presidents Council referred the following two membership-sponsored proposals to the committee for review and a position.

- Proposal No. 2024-1: Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Practice and First Contest – First Permissible Contest. The proposal seeks to change the first permissible regular-season contest in football from the Thursday preceding September 6 to one week prior to that Thursday. Sponsors contend this would provide institutions the flexibility to schedule and play the maximum allowable 11 contests over a 12-week period, if desired. As a result, institutions would be able to schedule an off/bye week during the season that would benefit student-athlete health and safety. Sponsors also say the proposal would lessen the burden of finding available nonconference opponents and would create added flexibility and financial benefits to include unique opportunities such as sponsored or destination-site contests with opponents outside or within an institution's own conference. (Note: As the proposal relates specifically to football, only those member institutions sponsoring football will vote on it at the Convention.)

Championships Committee position: No position. Committee members were split on the proposal and thus believe taking a “no position” is appropriate to let the membership decide at the Convention in January.

- Proposal No. 2024-2: Playing and Practice Seasons – Softball – Number of Contests – Maximum Limitations – Institutional and Student-Athlete Championship and Non-Championship Contests. The proposal seeks to add flexibility and equity to the softball playing and practice season by adding eight additional contests that must be played during the nonchampionship segment. Currently, softball teams must limit their playing season with outside competition to 56 contests (games and scrimmages). Student-athletes also are allowed to participate in up to three discretionary exemptions annually that are excluded from the maximum contest limits. Sponsors believe softball is at a disadvantage from a developmental standpoint compared to other sports (i.e., soccer, volleyball) since the current legislation permits only three discretionary exemptions and counts any additional contests against those limits. The sponsors say that permitting eight additional contests during the non-championship segment, in addition to the three discretionary exemptions, would allow for proper in-game development, especially for incoming student-athletes, and scheduling flexibility for institutions.

Championships Committee position: Oppose. Committee members based their opposition on the proposal potentially infringing on the division's Life in the Balance philosophy (i.e., “season creep”) and potentially disadvantaging institutions that are unable to schedule that many contests. The committee also noted that the Division II Legislation Committee has indicated its opposition to the proposal. (Note: Cade Smith, whose institution is sponsoring this proposal, recused himself from the vote.)

- d. **Selection show analytics.** Staff updated the committee on the selection show analytics from the past academic year.

- e. **Make Game Day Yours update.** Staff updated the committee on the Make Game Day Yours regional training sessions. Staff also updated the committee on the modules available in Division II University.
- f. **Division II 50th anniversary update.** Staff provided an update on the division's 50th anniversary celebrations, including activations at championships.
- g. **Conflict of interest statement reminder.** Staff reminded committee members to complete the 2023-24 conflict of interest statement if they haven't done so already.

10. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- October 5, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- November 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- December 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- February 14-15, 2024 (meeting conducted virtually).
- June 17-18, 2024 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- September 10-11, 2024 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee September 14-15, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University of Pennsylvania (Management Council vice chair).	
Absentees:	

Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor (via videoconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
John Baldwin, Eric Breece, Randy L. Buhr, Becca Burchette, Antonio Cannavaro, Zach Christopher, Kelly Groddy, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Kendee Hilliard, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Julia Longo, Ryan Rea, Angela Red, Alyssa Rice, Jennifer Roe, Rachel Seewald, Mickie Spears and Chris Strobel.

**Division II Championships Committee
2024-27 Triennial Budget Recommendations**

Sport	New Initiatives (Sport Committee Requests)	Amount
All	General championship enhancements	\$25,000
All	Preliminary round signage (25% increase)	\$18,690
All	Officiating fee increase (DIII + \$10)	\$24,000
All	Banquets (\$30 to \$50)	\$114,280
Baseball	Finals site format change to best of three series	\$44,330
Baseball	Super regional format change to three days	\$58,810
Baseball	Increase travel party by one (29 to 30)	\$75,000
Basketball - M/W	Regional evaluator stipend (\$6,000 per gender)	\$12,000
Field Hockey	Increase bracket to eight teams (from six to eight)	\$85,000
Football	Increase officiating fees (from \$270 to \$325)	\$10,395
Football	Increase video evaluator fee (from \$110 to \$150)	\$1,080
Football	Increase alternate fees (from \$120 to \$200) and pay travel	\$28,000
Golf - M/W	Live scoring leaderboard at final site (\$10,000 per gender)	\$20,000
Golf - W	Increase regionals field size to 72 teams (from 48 to 72)	\$135,494
Lacrosse - M	Increase bracket to 16 teams (from 12 to 16)	\$135,000
Lacrosse - W	Increase bracket to 24 teams (from 16 to 24)	\$191,000
Soccer - M/W	Staggered start at final site	\$7,500
Soccer - M/W	Separation of third and quarterfinal rounds (Men's - \$35,028, Women's - \$25,244)	\$60,272
Softball	Additional cameras for video replay at final site	\$3,850
Swimming/Diving - M/W	Gifts for relay-only swimmers	\$6,200
Track - Indoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request	\$29,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes	\$136,000
Volleyball	National coordinator of officials	\$17,500
Volleyball	Travel expenses for line judges	\$36,000
Volleyball	Increase game fee for line judges at final site	\$240
Wrestling	Independent video review	\$12,500
Wrestling	Increase officials fees by \$25 per session	\$3,650
		Allocated \$1,290,791
		Remaining \$209,209

*Exact amount pending
DIII FY24 rates.

**Division II Championships Committee
2024-27 Triennial Budget Recommendations**

Sport Committee Requests Not Recommended

All	Honorariums (20%)	\$42,420
All	Mementos (\$75 to \$100)	\$142,850
Basketball - M/W	DV Sport at regional sites (\$85,604 per gender)	\$171,208
Golf - W	Increase final site field size to 20 teams (from 18 to 20)	\$25,506
Softball	Increase squad size to 24, travel party to 30	\$306,000
Softball	Increase squad size to 22, travel party to 28	\$154,000
Swimming/Diving - M	Increase field size by 30	\$72,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Four day outdoor championship; no increase to field size	\$187,590
Wrestling	Expenses for athletic trainer at final site	\$86,000

Items Rendered Moot by Recommendations Above

Field Hockey	Increase bracket to seven teams (from six to seven)	\$42,000
Football	Increase alternate fees (from \$120 to \$200)	\$2,160
Golf - W	Increase regionals field size to 80 teams (from 48 to 80)	\$178,494
Lacrosse - M	Increase bracket to 14 teams (from 12 to 14)	\$68,000
Lacrosse - W	Increase bracket to 20 teams (16 to 20)	\$95,500
Track - Indoor M/W	Set field sizes	\$46,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request option 1	\$96,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request option 2	\$85,000



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14-15 2023, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Regional berth allocations in baseball.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2023-24 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2022-23 Berths	2023-24 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	31	7	7	4.43
Central	38	8	8	4.75
East	30	7	7	4.29
Midwest	32	7	7	4.57
South	35	8	8	4.38
South Central	22	6	6	3.67
Southeast	33	7	7	4.71
West	24	6	6	4.00
	245	56	56	4.38

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. The Division II Baseball Committee believes basing postseason berth allocations on the current year's sport sponsorship is the fairest method and retains an equitable bracket size among regions. The committee assigned championship berths to bring the access ratios into the tightest range possible within the bracket size of 56. The bid allocations remain the same as they were in 2022-23 in the above proposal.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. Regions will be represented in the postseason based on sponsorship in that region, which will provide the most equal access to the championship for all student-athletes.

b. Regional berth allocations in women’s soccer.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2023-24 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2022-23 Berths	2023-24 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	33	7	7	4.71
Central	34	8	8	4.25
East	33	8	7	4.71
Midwest	34	7	8	4.25
South	26	6	6	4.33
South Central	26	6	6	4.33
Southeast	34	8	8	4.25
West	30	6	6	5.00
	250	56	56	4.46

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Women’s Soccer Committee believes basing postseason berth allocations on the current year’s sport sponsorship is the fairest method and retains an equitable bracket size among regions. The only change from last year is an increase of bids in the West and a decrease of bids in the East. With changinh membership numbers in the East the committee felt it was best to adjust the bids accordingly. The committee assigned the rest of the berths to best keep consistency and to bring the access rations into the tightest range possible within the bracket size of 56.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Regions will be represented in the postseason based on sponsorship in that region, which will provide the most equal access to the championship for all student-athletes.

c. Regional berth allocations in men’s and women’s tennis.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2023-24 sport sponsorship information:

Men's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2022-23 Berths	2023-24 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	18	7	7	2.57
Central	10	4	4	2.50
East	14	5	5	2.80
Midwest	26	8	8	3.25
South	28	8	8	3.50
South Central	9	4	4	2.25
Southeast	29	8	8	3.63
West	9	4	4	2.25
	143	48	48	2.98

Women's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2022-23 Berths	2023-24 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	31	7	7	4.43
Central	26	6	6	4.33
East	21	5	5	4.20
Midwest	30	7	7	4.29
South	34	8	8	4.25
South Central	12	4	4	3.00
Southeast	31	7	7	4.43
West	14	4	4	3.50
	199	48	48	4.15

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee believes basing postseason berth allocations on the current year's sport sponsorship is the fairest method and retains an equitable bracket size among regions. The proposed allocation reflects the recently approved requirement that a minimum of four teams per region and a maximum of eight teams per region are selected.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. Regions will be represented in the postseason based on sponsorship in that region, which will provide the most equal access to the championship for all student-athletes.

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

*Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.*

Division II Misconduct Penalties

Overview.

Division II Championships Committee policy permits Division II sport committees to impose one or a combination of penalties to a student-athlete or institution involved in an act of misconduct during an NCAA championship. Specifically, regarding fines, the legislation allows for financial penalties only with the prior approval of the NCAA Division II Championships Committee.

Financial Penalties.

The sport committees are authorized to assess a fine of up to \$1500 for an instance of misconduct (see Attachment). Financial penalties can only exceed this amount with prior approval by the Championships Committee.

This limit does not apply to fines that are restitution based (e.g., costs to repair damage to a facility caused by an act of misconduct). Sport committees can impose such a penalty without a prior approval by the Championships Committee.

Standard for Appeal.

A misconduct determination by a sport or games committee may be appealed by the member institution (on its own or on behalf of its student-athlete) within 14 days of receiving written notice thereof in the following instances:

1. It is asserted that the misconduct determination by the sport or games committee is clearly contrary to the evidence presented.
2. It is asserted that the actions in question do not constitute misconduct as defined in NCAA Bylaw 18.02.4.
3. It is asserted that the sport or games committee did not follow its policies and procedures in reaching its determination and that procedural error significantly impacted the outcome of the original hearing.
4. It is asserted that the sport or games committee abused its discretion in imposing a specific penalty. An abuse of discretion occurs if the sport or games committee imposes a penalty that is not authorized by the bylaws or policy or is unreasonably excessive for the determined misconduct.

The director of athletics must submit a written notice of appeal to the governing championship committee. The appeal must include which of the above four instances the institution believes exists to support the appeal. In addition, the appeal should explain the circumstances and in particular provide information to support the appeal.

Review of Penalties by the Division II Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee.

If an institution appeals a penalty of the sport committee, the Appeals Subcommittee may uphold, reduce, or waive the penalties imposed by the sport committee. The subcommittee shall only reduce or waive the penalties imposed by the sport committee if the subcommittee determines that the sport committee abused its discretion. The subcommittee may not increase the penalties, with the exception of reprimands. The subcommittee has the authority to add a public reprimand to the institution's penalties if not imposed by the sport committee.

Review of Misconduct Cases

The Division II Championships Committee shall review the misconduct cases on a regular basis. This review will take place at the conclusion of each championship season and once all misconduct processes are final (i.e., the appeal window has expired or the appeal has been heard). The committee (or, the Appeals Subcommittee acting on behalf of the committee) has the authority to issue a public reprimand in a case that did not initially include a public reprimand as a penalty in such an instance where the committee deems it necessary to acknowledge publicly to prevent such actions from happening again in the future.

Applicable Division Policy

Penalty for Misconduct. A governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice:

- (a) Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- (b) Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- (c) Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- (d) Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- (e) Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- (f) Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships; (Revised: 8/13/92)
- (g) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and (Revised: 8/13/92)

(h) Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee. (Revised: 8/13/92)

Financial Penalties. Pursuant to established policies and procedures, a governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the Appeals Subcommittee.

**Failure to Adhere to Policy and Procedure and
Misconduct Fine Structure**

(Revised 9/15/2023)

The NCAA Division II Championships Committee established a standardized fine structure that will be used for institutions that do not adhere to various Division II Championship policies and procedures effective September 1, 2023.

Category B Violation – up to \$750	Examples
Failure to submit selections forms, results, team information.	AQ notification form Home team box score Diving score sheet NCAA certification form Line-up forms, rosters, travel schedule Submission of individual/team qualifying results
Failure to attend coaches/administrative meeting.	
Category A Violation – up to \$1500	
Examples	
Misconduct.	
Failure to submit championship selection form that affects not only your team but other teams.	Regional entry rosters Line-up forms Championship scores Submission of line-up forms Declarations (Track and Field) OME (Swimming)
Failure to adhere to on-site championship policies.	Check-in procedures Head coach not attending press conference Not attending the banquet
Game tape exchange.	
Failure to meet required financial obligations.	Banquet tickets, team tickets*

****For repeat Category A and B offenders (individuals/institutions) fines may double per violation.**

Note: Financial penalties may be exceeded beyond the designated amounts with prior approval of the Championships Committee.

2023-24 DIVISION II FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Composition:

Eight members. Two from each of the Division II football super regionals – Super Regional 1 (Northeast-10, PSAC, MEC, GMAC), Super Regional 2 (CIAA, SAC, Gulf South, SIAC, Independents – Limestone, UNC-Pembroke, North Greenville), Super Regional 3 (GAC, GLVC, GLIAC, MIAA) and Super Regional 4 (RMAC, Lone Star, NSIC, GNAC). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Each member must represent a different member conference or independent institution.

Vacancies:

One immediate vacancy, Lonny Allen resigned, Super Regional 1. Administrator.

Preference:

At least two coaches.

Staff Liaison:

Randy Buhr

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
1	AD	N/M	Lonny Allen Tiffin University	Great Midwest Athletic	Allen*			
1	C	N/M	Andy McKenzie Assumption University	Northeast-10	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie*
2	C	N/M	Brett Gilliland University of West Alabama	Gulf South	Gilliland	Gilliland*		
2	Asst AD	Y/M	John Wilson Jr. Virginia State University	Central Intercollegiate Athletic	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.*
3	Assoc AD/SW A	N/F	Meghan Mulcahy Northeastern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic	Mulcahy	Mulcahy	Mulcahy*	
3	AD	N/M	David Sharp Ouachita Baptist University	Great American	Sharp	Sharp	Sharp*	
4	AD	N/M	Dennis Francois Central Washington University	Great Northwest Athletic	Francois	Francois*		
4	C	Y/M	Jas Bains Western Colorado University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Bains	Bains	Bains*	



Division II Football Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Rubin Stevenson
Job Title:	Senior Associate Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Frostburg State University
Conference:	Mountain East Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Game day operations manger for 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championships-regional host
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	RAC D2 Football Super Region 1 committee. 2022
Former college S/A:	Football/Salisbury University,Wrestling/Salisbury
Former college coach (sports):	Football/Central Connecticut State University,Football/ Frostburg State University
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

My qualifications for service on the Division II Football Committee include 21 years as a football coach(7 years as a head coach), 15 years of administrative experience at Division II and III levels, and have served on numerous NCAA committees and Leadership development academies. In addition, I have served as the Compliance Director, responsible for rules interpretation and oversight.

Past or current Committee Service:

NCAA Division 3 Membership Committee 2009-2013

NFLPA - NCAA Coaches Internship Host Institution Selection Committee Member 2009-2012

Employment History:

Frostburg State University 2019- present

Sr.Associate Director of Athletics for internal Operations Associate Director of Athletics

Frostburg State University 2007-2019

Associate Director of Athletics

Frostburg State University 2000-2007

Head Football Coach

Assistant football Coach 1992- 2000

Central Connecticut State University

Assistant Football Coach 1988-1992

Education:

Master's

References:

Troy A Dell

Frostburg State Athletic Director



Division II Football Committee Nominee Information

101 Braddock rd Frostburg Md 21532

301 687-4462

Ernie McCook

Head Football Coach

Shephred University

301N. Kings St

Shepherdstown WV 25443

304 876-5481

Sherman Wood

Head football Coach

Salisbury University

1101Camden Ave

Salisbury Md 21801

410 543-6356

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Division II women's soccer regions: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy Carrie Bodkins resigned; school closed.**

Staff Liaison: Zach Christopher

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
Atl	AD	N/F	Carrie Bodkins Alderson Broaddus University	Mountain East	Bodkins	Bodkins	Bodkins*	
Cen	C	N/M	Mike White Oklahoma Baptist University	Great American	White	White	White*	
East	Assoc AD/C	N/M	Michael Winn Pace University	Northeast-10	Winn	Winn	Winn*	
SoE	Asst. AD/SWA	N/F	Jamie Grodecki Georgia College	Peach Belt	Grodecki	Grodecki*		
So	Deputy AD	N/F	Kathy Kroupa Lynn University	Sunshine State	Kroupa	Kroupa	Kroupa*	
Mid W	C	N/M	Greg Herdlick Rockhurst University	Great Lakes Valley	Herdlick	Herdlick*		
West	C	N/F	Kacey Bingham Western Oregon University	Great Northwest Athletic	Bingham	Bingham*		
SoC	C	Y/M	Baback Abouzar Texas Woman's University	Lone Star	Abouzar	Abouzar*		

*Not eligible for reappointment

08/28/2023



Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Todd Diuguid
Job Title:	Senior Associate Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Charleston (West Virginia)
Conference:	Mountain East Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	I have served as the NCAA host tournament director for baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's soccer. Traveled as the team administrator for men's soccer, softball, men's golf, men's basketball and women's basketball. Coached the women's soccer team at conference tournament and NCAA tournament matches.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	2012-2016 DII Women's Soccer Atlantic Region RAC Chair-National Committee member 2018-2021 DII Men's Golf Atlantic Region RAC member
Former college S/A:	Men's Soccer/ Marshall University
Former college coach (sports):	Women's Soccer/University of Charleston
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

Qualification Statement:

Having served on the DII Women's Soccer National Committee previously, I have an understanding of the processes and purpose of the role. I retired from coaching in the fall 2022 after 22 seasons as the head coach of the women's soccer program at the University of Charleston. I understand the sport, the regional and national teams that compete, the ranking process, the format of the pre-championship and host operations manuals and the culmination of the playing season at the Final Four in a traditional year and/or festival year.

Past or current Committee Service:

United Soccer Coaches Association member 1999-present and Atlantic Regional Ranking Committee 2009-2022 for women's soccer.
NCAA DII Mountain East Conference Coaches Chair 2014-2022

Employment History:

2001-present University of Charleston. Roles included 22 as the head coach for women's soccer, Fitness Center and Wellness Coordinator 2006-2012, Assistant Athletic Director, Associate Athletic Director and current Senior Associate Athletic Director.

1995-2001 Worked with children and families in the foster care system, biological home settings, delinquent youth through the court system and Welfare-to-Work programs. Also coached at the scholastic level during this time-frame as the head coach for high school boys for two years and high school girls for three years.

Education:

Bachelor's

References:

Reid Amos-Commissioner of the Mountain East Conference, MEC.
Dr. Bren Stevens-Vice President and Director of Athletics at the University of Charleston

2023-24 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE

Composition: Five members, including two that represent men's swimming and two that represent women's swimming and one that represents diving (coach preferred). One male and one female. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **3**.

Vacancies: **Two immediate vacancies, DJ Bevevino resigned. Individual must be an administrator that represents diving. Britney Woodhull-Smith resigned, admin.**

Staff Liaison: Micaela Liddane

DIV.	POS.	EM/GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
II (M/W)	C	N/M	Marc Danin Adelphi University	Northeast-10	Danin	Danin	Danin	Danin*
II (M/W)	C	N/M	Andrew Makepeace Augustana University (SD)	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Makepeace	Makepeace	Makepeace	Makepeace*
II (M/W)	SWA	N/F	Britney Woodhull-Smith Barton College	Conference Carolinas	Woodhull-Smith	Woodhull-Smith	Woodhull-Smith*	
II (W)	Asst AD	N/M	Greg Petcoff Western Colorado University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Petcoff	Petcoff	Petcoff*	
II (Diving)	Assoc AD	N/M	DJ Bevevino Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Bevevino	Bevevino*		

*Not eligible for reappointment
08/17/2023



Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Elle Elder
Job Title:	Director of Compliance/Senior Womens Administrator
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Mars Hill University
Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	SWA liaison for South Atlantic Conference Swimming and Diving Committee. Treasurer for Sun Coast Swimming Conference while at Warren Wilson College.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Womens Swimming - Mars Hill University
Former college coach (sports):	Mens and Womens Swimming - Warren Wilson College, Mens and Womens Swimming - Mars Hill University
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I currently serve as the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator but prior to my role in administration I coached Division III swimming for 3 years at Warren Wilson College and coached Division II Swimming for 3 years at Mars Hill University. During my time as a coach and now as an administrator I am very familiar with swimming and diving rules as well as swimming and diving compliance. With one year under my belt as an administrator I am looking to expand my experience to committees outside of Mars Hill and our Conference and this one would be a great fit for my first one.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

Mars Hill University - Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator - April 2022 to present
Mars Hill University - Head Mens and Women's Swim Coach - 2019 - 2022
Warren Wilson College - Head Mens and Women's Swimming Coach - 2016 - 2019

Education:

Master's

References:

Marty Gilbert - mgilbert@mhu.edu - Faculty Athletics Representative at Mars Hill University
Rick Baker - rbaker@mhu.edu - Athletic Director at Mars Hill University
Megan Sanger - megan@thesac.com - Associate Commissioner of the South Atlantic Conference



Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Jessica Siegele
Job Title:	Assistant Professor
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Conference:	Conference Carolinas
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	NA
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	N/A
Former college S/A:	Women's Swimming
Former college coach (sports):	Men's Swimming, Women's Swimming
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I have extensive experience in swimming at the collegiate level. I was a competitive swimmer myself, competing for the University of Kentucky from 2001 – 2005. I was a team captain, NCAA qualifier, and school record holder. I then began a 10-year career in coaching swimming at the club at college level. I have coached in all three divisions of the NCAA: DII Ashland University (2007-2008), DI University of Pittsburgh (2008-2009), DIII California University of Pennsylvania, and my last collegiate stop was DIII Colorado College (2013-2015). In addition, I have coached internationally, spending the 2012-12 season coaching in the Cayman Islands. I then moved into academia where I have been studying college sport for eight years now. I am a professor of sports administration and most of my research centers around the (under)representation of women in leadership positions in college sport. Within this field, I have done research specific to female swim coaches' career experiences.

Past or current Committee Service:

NA

Employment History:

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Assistant Professor (2018 - current)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Graduate Teaching Associate (2015 - 2018)
Colorado College, Assistant Swim Coach (2013-2015)
Camana Bay Aquatic Club, Cayman Islands, Assistant Swim Coach (2012-2013)
California University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Swim Coach (2009-2012)
University of Pittsburgh, Assistant Swim Coach (2008-2009)
Ashland University, Assistant Swim Coach (2007-2008)

Education:

Ph.D

References:

Dick Christy, Athletic Director, UNCP, dick.christy@uncp.edu, 910-521-6227
Christina Chow, Sr. Associate AD, UNCP, christina.chow@uncp.edu, 910-775-4246

2023-24 MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SOCCER RULES COMMITTEE

Composition: Nine members, including four members from Division I, two members from Division II, two members from Division III and a secretary-rules editor. Within each division, one-half of the members shall represent men’s soccer interests and one-half of the members shall represent women’s soccer interests. An additional member shall be elected as secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: **2**. Quota of 50 percent coaches: **4**. Each division will adhere to the 50 percent coaches independently.

Duties: Establish and maintain rules of play consistent with the traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. This committee is subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy, Keith Davie resigned, DII – administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Ashlee Follis

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
FBS (W)	C	N/F	Courtney Sirmans Miami University (OH)	Mid-American	Sirmans	Sirmans	Sirmans*	
FBS (M/W)	Dep AD/SWA	N/F	Amy Calabrese University of Louisville	Atlantic Coast	Calabrese	Calabrese	Calabrese	Calabrese*
FCS (M/W)	Sr. Assoc AD	N/M	Brian ‘Rudy’ Fuller University of Pennsylvania	Ivy League	Fuller*			
DI (M)	C	N/M	Tim Cupello University of California, Riverside	Big West	Cupello*			
II (W)	C	N/F	Kim Sutton California State University Chico	California Collegiate Athletic	Sutton	Sutton	Sutton*	
II (M/W)	AD	N/M	Keith Davie Alliance University	Central Atlantic Collegiate	Davie	Davie	Davie	Davie*
III (M)	C	N/M	Brandon Bianco Denison University	North Coast Athletic	Bianco	Bianco*		
III (W)	C	N/M	Brandon Koons Otterbein University	Ohio Athletic	Koons	Koons	Koons*	

*Not eligible for reappointment 07/11/2023



Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Eric Crawford
Job Title:	Associate Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Georgia Southwestern State University
Conference:	Peach Belt Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Women's Basketball PBC Championship- Managed facilities and game day operations Baseball PBC Championship- Managed facilities and game day operations
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Men's Soccer
Former college S/A:	Men's Soccer
Former college coach (sports):	Men's Soccer
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I am the Associate Athletic Director for Business and Operations and the Head Men's Soccer coach at Georgia Southwestern State University. I recently began a Doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration and hold an MBA and Master of Science. I can bring perspective from a former NCAA soccer student-athlete and an administrative side while understanding the fiscally responsible side of rule change impacts and the coaching and day-to-day side of soccer.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

Graduate Assistant Men's Soccer- Northeastern State University
Head Men's Soccer Coach- Georgia Southwestern State University
Associate Athletics Director- Georgia Southwestern State University

Education:

Master's

References:

Dave Brunk- Commissioner Peach Belt Conference
Mike Leeder- Director of Athletics Georgia Southwestern State University