



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2024, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Basketball Festival.

- (1) Recommendation. Remove basketball from the Division II National Championships Festival rotation; further, reallocate the \$200,000 set aside for the 2026 Basketball Festival equally across the three years of the joint championships and charge the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees to recommend ways to enhance those championships.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Among the recommendations from the Festival Working Group in June 2019 was to establish a Basketball Festival in what had previously been the off year in the four-year festival rotation. This recommendation, which was ultimately approved by the Division II governance structure, was based on conducting an event that celebrates Division II basketball by bringing the two championships to the same location on a set rotation and devoting dollars to enhance the event. A joint Division II basketball championship had taken place only once previously (2018 in Sioux Falls, SD). The first Division II Basketball Festival is scheduled to take place in 2026 in Pittsburgh.

However, several factors have arisen since then that caused the Championships Committee to consider whether basketball should remain in the festival rotation. The committee considered the following in making its recommendation:

- As part of the 2026-28 bid cycle, the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees sought interest from potential bidders on the opportunity to host a joint championship in one or both of those years. Ultimately, the committees agreed to recommend a joint championship for both 2027 and 2028. The committees anticipate increased attendance and enhancements to the overall experience by holding the championships together and plan to award future bids similarly, provided there is positive feedback from participating institutions.
- Both genders will take part in a joint Divisions I, II and III basketball championship within this three-year timeframe (2026 for men; 2028 for women, both in Indianapolis).

- Conducting the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships as a festival in 2026 would result in different experiences among the three years, since more dollars are allocated to the festivals than to joint championships (i.e., to support opening/closing ceremonies, student-athlete lounges).

Accordingly, the Championships Committee believes removing basketball from the festival rotation is in the best interests of the sport and the participating student-athletes. The committee also believes doing so should not be perceived as a step backward or somehow compromising the student-athlete experience, as the enhanced joint championships will offer an exceptional experience similar to what the festivals are intended to provide.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. The Championships Committee recommends reallocating the \$200,000 already set aside for the 2026 Basketball Festival equally across the three years of the joint championships and charging the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees to recommend ways to enhance those championships without necessarily replicating a festival experience.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will be ensured a more consistent experience (one that does not compromise quality) throughout the three-year period.

b. Date formula change – 2026 Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. Amend the date formula for the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships as follows, due to the men's basketball championship game being conducted as part of the Division I Men's Final Four:
 - Tuesday – women's quarterfinals.
 - Wednesday – men's quarterfinals.
 - Thursday – women's semifinals.
 - Friday – men's semifinals.
 - Saturday – women's championship.

- (2) Effective date. 2026 championships only.

(Note: A similar adjustment will be necessary in 2028 to accommodate the women's championship game that will be conducted as part of the Division I Women's Final Four.)

- (3) Rationale. In 2026, the Division II Men's Basketball Championship game will be played in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four. In the traditional schedule for the Division II joint men's and women's basketball championships, the women's quarterfinals would be played Monday, with the men's championship on Saturday. Since the men's championship game will not take place during the joint championships, shifting the rest of the schedule back one day will allow for games to be scheduled both Friday and Saturday of that week, which will maximize attendance opportunities. The host supports this change, and there is no impact on the broadcast

partner since the semifinals and women's championship game will be streamed on ESPN+.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will have one additional day of rest between the regionals and the Elite Eight.

c. 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 A.

(2) Effective date. 2024-25 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.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and review of agenda. Championships Committee Chair Regan McAthie welcomed the group and introduced new members Christina Paone, interim vice president/director of athletics at Walsh University; Jay Poerner, commissioner of the Lone Star Conference; and Stan Wagnon, vice president for athletics at the University of Central Oklahoma.

2. 2024-25 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 the report from its August 29 videoconference, as presented.

4. Budget review.

a. Budget-to-actuals. The committee reviewed championships budget-to-actuals for the 2023-24 fiscal year, noting that not all expenses have been finalized.

b. Feedback on triennial budget process. Per a request from the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC), the Championships Committee discussed whether Division II should move from its current triennial budget process that was implemented 10 years ago to a biennial process.

Some stakeholders within the Division II membership are concerned that the triennial process negatively impacts the division's ability to be nimble and unnecessarily delays what may be a priority for a given sport, while others regard it as beneficial to gathering input, not compressing the decision-making process, and allowing relevant committees to devote adequate time to other important issues on their agendas rather than spending a majority of meeting time on budgeting.

Championships Committee members weighed the pros and cons of both processes at length. Ultimately, the committee is asking that the SPFC consider the following categories be added as exceptions to the championships triennial budget cycle:

- Championship bracket adjustments, provided a championships policy has been triggered. For example, potential expansion when a sport's current bracket exceeds the 50 percent AQ threshold or the sponsorship of the sport places the access ratio outside of the 4.25 to 6;
- Technology (e.g., video replay, web streaming requirements); and
- Officiating expenses (e.g., adjusting fees to attract quality officials).

The committee believes these additional exceptions would allow for expedited decisions on important matters in the immediate term. The committee is aware that the result of considering such expense allocations outside of the triennial process is that if they are approved, those dollars would be pulled from the budget that is otherwise available at the start of the next cycle. However, the committee believes the exceptions cited are items the committee would be considering as priorities anyway, regardless of when they are being considered.

The committee also believes that these additional exceptions match the intent of the existing exceptions (gender equity, health and safety, and establishing a new championship) in that they are intended to enhance the division's positioning as a membership destination and provide an optimal student-athlete experience.

Additionally, the Championships Committee encouraged the SPFC to consider determining a voting threshold by which items within these exceptions could be approved (e.g., two-thirds, three-fourths).

5. Committee updates.

- a. Summary of actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the Management Council's July meeting and the Executive Board's August meeting as information.
- b. Membership Committee.** The committee received an update from the Membership Committee's summer meeting, noting the following membership items:
 - Four schools – Allen University, Edward Waters University, Emory & Henry University and Westmont College – became active NCAA Division II members September 1 after

successfully completing the provisional membership process. The Division II membership now totals 293 schools in 2024-25.

- The University of South Carolina Beaufort and Thomas More University, both transitioning from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, advanced to year three of the provisional membership process.
- Five schools advanced to year two of the provisional membership process: Jessup University (NAIA), Menlo College (NAIA), Roosevelt University (NAIA), Sul Ross State University (Division III) and Vanguard University (NAIA).
- Four schools were accepted into the provisional membership process. Three of them – Point Park University, the University of California, Merced, and the University of Jamestown – will transition from the NAIA, while the University of Texas at Dallas will transition from Division III.
 - UC Merced, Jamestown and Texas-Dallas were accepted into the two-year expedited provisional membership process. Point Park will enter year one of the three-year provisional membership process.

Additionally, the Membership Committee is continuing to consider the membership status resulting from the merger between the University of Findlay and Division III Bluffton College.

Also, the Membership Committee revisited the request from the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee to increase the minimum participant requirements for men's and women's tennis but based on feedback from the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee decided the change was not warranted at this time.

- c. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed reports from the panel's most recent meetings as information.
- d. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** JJ Hayes and Courtney Medwin updated the committee on the SAAC's summer meeting, including the joint summit with the Division II Management Council.

6. Sport committee reports.

- a. **Baseball.** The committee reviewed reports from the baseball committee's annual meeting as information.
- b. **Men's and women's basketball.**
 - **Date formula amendment for men's basketball.** The committee supported the recommendation from the basketball committees to amend the date formula for the 2026 Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships from Monday through Friday to Tuesday through Saturday due to the Division II Men's Basketball

Championship game being played in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four that year. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b.) The committee also noted that a similar modification will be necessary for the women's championship in 2028 when that final is contested in conjunction with the Division I Women's Final Four.

In a related matter, staff informed the committee that the men's basketball staff will manage the Division II men's championship moving forward.

- c. **Men's golf.** The committee reviewed the report from the men's golf committee's annual meeting as information.
- d. **Women's golf.** The committee reviewed the report from the women's golf committee's annual meeting as information.
- e. **Men's lacrosse.** The committee reviewed the report from the men's lacrosse committee's annual meeting as information.
- f. **Women's lacrosse.** The committee reviewed the report from the women's lacrosse committee's annual meeting as information.
- g. **Softball.** The committee reviewed the report from the softball committee's annual meeting as information.
- h. **Men's and women's tennis.** The committee reviewed the report from the tennis committee's annual meeting as information.
- i. **Men's and women's track and field.**
 - **Indoor track indexing.** The Championships Committee approved the recommendation to use a new conversion chart for Division II men's and women's indoor track and field. The new chart assigns each track a conversion based on its actual size and not a standard category as is currently done. This ensures both accuracy and equity among tracks.
- j. **National Collegiate sport reports.** As it does annually, the committee reviewed reports from National Collegiate sport committees as information.

7. Additional discussion items.

- a. **Basketball Festival and joint championships.** The committee discussed the future basketball championships at length given several factors that have arisen since the approval of a basketball-specific festival in the off year of the four-year Division II National Championships Festival rotation and agreed to recommend that basketball be removed from the rotation. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-a.) The recommendation would result in a consistent joint men's and women's basketball championship experiences in 2026, 2027 and 2028.

- b. **2024-25 access ratios.** The committee approved the access ratios for baseball, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis as specified in Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c.
- c. **2024-25 sponsorship data.** With the adoption of Proposal No. 2024-3 at the 2024 NCAA Convention, which established 35 sponsoring institutions as the new threshold for add a Division II national championship, the Championships Committee will annually review sport sponsorship data to determine whether such action is warranted. The committee noted that two sports, women's bowling and men's volleyball, have met that threshold based on the sponsorship data institutions submitted this summer.

After extensive discussion, the committee asked staff to confirm the 35-school threshold has been met in 2023-24 by verifying with the NCAA research staff that the sponsoring members in both sports comply with sport sponsorship requirements. That information will be available by the committee's October or November videoconference. The committee at that time could formally initiate the process to establish a championship in one or both sports by recommending that the Division II Legislation Committee review during its November meeting whether any sport-specific legislation must be amended. The resulting next steps would include several opportunities for membership and governance structure input throughout 2025, and eventually could culminate in a membership vote at the 2026 NCAA Convention.

d. **Regionalization review.**

- (1) **Potential bracketing principles.** The committee continued its discussion regarding potential bracketing principles that could enhance the division's regionalization approach in championship selections and bracketing. At its June 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed survey feedback from the Division II sport committees as well as the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and Division II Athletics Directors Association board. As outlined in the original regionalization review principles, the committee confirmed that selections should still be conducted regionally (i.e., guaranteeing representation in the field from each region as is currently done). To help inform discussion about bracketing, the committee agreed to test the following principles for the previous three championships in men's basketball and softball: (1) the top seed in each region (or in softball, the top two seeds) should retain the right to host; (2) avoid first-round conference matchups; (3) minimize the number of flights; and (4) where possible, consider competitive balance among the sites.

The committee reviewed these test samples at length and discussed the step-by-step approach proposed for sport committees to use when bracketing. Afterward, committee members went through their own bracketing exercises from the beginning to demonstrate how the process works in real time. Importantly, this exercise included a review after all the principles had been followed of whether the bracket was as competitively equitable as possible. Accordingly, the committee was able to see what tweaks could be made at that final stage to deliver the fairest bracket possible within the stated process. The committee requested staff test additional brackets in attempt to

hone the competitive balance principle, including a review of the potential impact of ensuring the top eight seeds are all in separate regions, for review at a future meeting.

(2) Review of KPI and NPI (NCAA Power Index) data for selections. Staff provided an overview of the analysis conducted for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 men's basketball and softball brackets comparing KPI and NPI data. The analysis showed both metrics produced similar results that do not drastically differ from the fields sport committees actually selected. Staff noted that Division III has adopted use of the NPI effective this coming year and has established a process and timeline within which sport committees can adjust their "dials" (specific components of the metric for their sport) and provide institutions enough lead time to adjust their scheduling accordingly. Staff also noted that the KPI, while perhaps more publicly recognized, is less transparent because it is proprietary while the NPI is owned and operated in house and would be available for the membership to fully understand.

After discussion, the committee encouraged that the membership be formally surveyed about whether to adopt a different selection metric to replace the current selection criteria. Also, however – even before a survey – the committee emphasized the need for the concept to be socialized within the membership to both educate about a selections-based metric and also determine interest so that the subsequent survey questions could be structured to obtain more accurate input.

- e. **Misconduct penalties.** The committee reviewed a misconduct case from the spring championships in men's tennis and agreed with the sport committee's decision regarding the appropriate penalties. No further action was necessary.
- f. **Operating procedures.** The committee approved its operating procedures manual for 2024-25.
- g. **Nullification update.** Per the recommendation in 2022 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 new philosophical approach the enforcement staff began applying in 2021 when examining nullification and whether any adjustments need to be made. Staff noted that the number of cases has continued to decrease over the past three years in conjunction with the shift in the philosophy. The Championships Committee agreed that the enforcement staff should stay the course with its current approach and processes.

8. Staff updates.

- a. **Legal.** The committee heard from the NCAA's legal counsel regarding litigation affecting the NCAA overall and Division II in particular.
- b. **NCAA fan database.** Staff updated the committee on the ongoing progress and success of the NCAA fan database, which was among NCAA President Charlie Baker's priorities when he assumed office.

c. Governance.

- (1) 2024-25 Division II priorities.** Staff reviewed with the committee the division's priorities for the 2024-25 academic year. The document is available [online](#).
- (2) 2025 Convention legislation.** Staff provided an update on the legislative slate for the Convention, noting that the Division II Management Council referred the following two governance-sponsored proposals to the committee for review and a position. (Note: Committee members affiliated with the sponsors of these proposals recused themselves during the position vote.)
 - Proposal No. 2025-4: Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Criteria for Selection of Participants -- Automatic Qualification -- Football. The proposal seeks to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted to all conferences that sponsor football and to eliminate the earned access legislation. The sponsors note that football is the only team sport in Division II that does not require all football-sponsoring conferences to be represented in the championship bracket, and that Division II football is the only team sport across all three divisions that does not use automatic qualification, including Division I FCS football and Division III football. The sponsors contend that Division II football student-athletes should expect that winning a regular-season or conference championship is worthy of postseason selection.

Championships Committee position: Support. The committee believes this proposal resembles the representational model the committee supported last year via the earned access proposal, which was narrowly defeated on the Convention floor in January 2024. The committee believes this proposal, which would ensure conference representation through AQ rather than earned access (which makes the representation automatic rather than leaving it to the sport committee to determine), retains the intent of last year's proposal but tweaks the methodology to a more traditional AQ approach.

The committee also agreed with the sponsors' rationale that the proposal would ensure equity/consistency across all Division II team sports in how teams are selected. Additionally, the committee noted that if approved, the proposal would result in more than 50 percent of the football championship bracket being composed of automatic qualifiers (currently 57 percent), which by policy would trigger the committee initiating a review of bracket expansion. While it is possible that bracket expansion would not be approved/implemented until the next budget triennium, (i.e., the 2027 championship), the committee believes that by policy it could make the case to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee that expansion should be expedited if the budget is available to do so, especially if the SPFC agrees to recommend approval of the additional exceptions the Championships Committee outlined in Informational Item 4-b above.

[Note: Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College of Saint Rose; and Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

- Proposal No. 2025-6: Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Required Day Off -- Civic Engagement -- Exception and Policy Requirement. The proposal seeks to permit a team participating in practice or competition during the segment of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship to engage in countable athletically related activities on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, provided student-athletes are given a day off from countable athletically related activities to participate in civic engagement activities and programming within 15 days before or after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The proposal also specifies that an institution must develop civic engagement policies that must address opportunities available to student-athletes for civic engagement through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches, and senior athletics department staff members to ensure student-athletes are provided adequate opportunities, resources and programming to participate in civic engagement activities.

Championships Committee position: Support. The committee believes requiring institutions to develop specific policies enhances the original civic engagement legislation from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee while allowing institutional flexibility regarding how the civic engagement opportunities are provided.

[Note: Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; and Stan Wagnon, University of Central Oklahoma recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

(3) Selection show analytics. This agenda item will be covered in a future meeting.

(4) Make Game Day Yours update. This agenda item will be covered in a future meeting.

(5) Conflict of interest statement reminder. Staff reminded committee members to complete the 2024-25 conflict of interest statement if they haven't done so already.

9. Other business.

- **Preliminary-round housing policies.** This agenda item will be covered in a future meeting.
- **Committee budget update.** Championships Committee in-person meeting schedule will not be affected from the committee administration budget reductions.

10. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- October 3, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).

- November 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- December 5, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- January 2, 2025, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- February 24-25, 2025 (meeting conducted virtually).

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Division II Championships Committee September 10-11, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College of Saint Rose.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University (via videoconference).	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair, via videoconference).	
Christina Paone, Walsh University (via videoconference).	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville (via videoconference).	
Stan Wagon, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Absentees:	
None.	
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:	

Mitchell Bailey, Eric Breece, Antonio Cannavaro, Donisha Carter, Brooke Dixon, Kelly Groddy, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Brian Higgins (via videoconference), Cara Hubert, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Ryan Rea, Angela Red, Alyssa Rice, Rachel Seewald, CJ Sowards, Lynda Tealer and Jared Tidemann.



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2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Regional berth allocations in baseball.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2024-25 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2023-24 Berths	2024-25 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	29	7	6	4.83
Central	39	8	8	4.88
East	30	7	7	4.29
Midwest	32	7	7	4.57
South	35	8	8	4.38
South Central	21	6	6	3.50
Southeast	35	7	8	4.38
West	25	6	6	4.17
	246	56	56	4.39

- (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. This year's access ratios saw the Atlantic region lose a bid, with the Southeast region gaining one.

- (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 2024-25 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2023-24 Berths	2024-25 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	32	7	7	4.57
Central	36	8	8	4.50
East	31	7	7	4.43
Midwest	34	8	7	4.86
South	25	6	6	4.17
South Central	26	6	6	4.33
Southeast	37	8	8	4.63
West	31	6	7	4.43
	252	56	56	4.50

- (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 Midwest. With changing membership numbers in the West 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 ratios 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 2024-25 sport sponsorship information:

Men's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2023-24 Berths	2024-25 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	18	7	7	2.57
Central	11	4	4	2.75
East	12	5	5	2.40
Midwest	26	8	8	3.25
South	26	8	8	3.25
South Central	8	4	4	2.00
Southeast	31	8	8	3.88
West	10	4	4	2.50
	142	48	48	2.96

Women's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2023-24 Berths	2024-25 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	31	7	7	4.43
Central	26	6	6	4.33
East	21	5	5	4.20
Midwest	29	7	7	4.14
South	31	8	7	4.43
South Central	11	4	4	2.75
Southeast	33	7	8	4.13
West	15	4	4	3.75
	197	48	48	4.10

(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.

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