



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. 2027-30 Division II triennial budget recommendations.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee recommend that the NCAA Division II Management Council and Executive Board approve the attached requests for the triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2027-28. [See Attachment A.]
- (2) Effective date. Sept. 1, 2027.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Executive Board allocated approximately \$7.6 million to the base budget for championships for the triennial cycle beginning in fiscal year 2027-28. The Championships Committee discussed all requests from sport committees, which totaled approximately \$6 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. \$4,185,830, leaving approximately \$3.4 million in reserve for additional bracketing/regionalization review and future championships initiatives.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. All recommendations either directly or indirectly enhance the student-athlete experience at Division II championships by increasing participation opportunities or improving championship administration.

b. Selection criteria in women's golf.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve an updated list of primary selection criteria for participation in the NCAA Division II Women's Golf championships as follows:

Current Verbiage	Updated Verbiage
• Head-to-head competition; • Results vs. common opponents; • Results vs. in-region opponents; • Spring results compared to fall results; • Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and head-to-head grid vs. par); • Strength of schedule (number of teams in tournaments, rounds of competition and overall strength-of-tournament fields); and • Eligibility and availability of student-athletes. <i>NOTE: The criteria will be prioritized in the above order if a decision cannot be reached.</i>	• Head-to-head competition; • Results vs. common opponents; • Results vs. in-region opponents; • Scoring average; • Strength of schedule; and • Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

(2) Effective date. Sept. 1, 2027, for the 2028 championship.

(3) Rationale. The recommended chart removes the “spring results compared to fall results” criterion, which clarifies the evaluation of a team’s entire season schedule rather than placing greater emphasis on one season over the other. The chart also removes the note stating that the selection criteria will be prioritized in the order listed if a decision cannot be reached. In addition, because the men’s golf criteria state that the criteria are “not necessarily in priority order,” the Division II Women’s Golf Committee recommended updating the same language to provide consistency across genders, particularly for coaches who oversee both men’s and women’s golf programs. Finally, the parentheses next to scoring average and strength of schedule are removed to match the men’s criteria.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The revised criteria clarify how rankings and selections are determined, making it easier for student-athletes to understand what qualifications are required to be ranked or selected for regionals.

c. Eliminate altitude conversions in men’s and women’s track and field.

(1) Recommendation. Eliminate the altitude conversions for qualification to the Division II Men’s and Women’s Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

(2) Effective date. 2027-28 academic year. [The delayed effective date accommodates scheduling.]

(3) Rationale. The recommendation originated with the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and is supported by the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. These groups reason that while altitude impacts every individual differently, a uniform standard conversion nonetheless is being applied, which is an inconsistent approach. Also, the conversion system converts only certain events although altitude impacts performance in every event; and conversions are not applied for other geographical conditions such as heat, humidity and cold, all of which affect performance. Additionally, outside of the NCAA, no other level of track and field competition uses altitude conversions. The Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee also reviewed the matter and approved eliminating altitude conversions beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Access ratios for select sports.

(1) Recommendation. Approve regional berth allocations for baseball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis, as specified. [See Attachment B.]

(2) Effective date. 2026-27 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 Terry Beattie welcomed the group and asked members to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members Melanie Brundson, deputy athletics director and senior woman administrator at Winona State University; Abby Davis, athletics director at Arkansas Tech University; and Jamie Joss, director of athletics at Florida Institute of Technology. Beattie also previewed key agenda items and reviewed the schedule of presenters and guests.

2. Committee operations.

- a. **2026-27 sport assignments.** Committee members reviewed their sport assignments for the coming year, including those filled by the new members.
 - b. **Conflict-of-interest statement.** Committee members were reminded to complete the annual conflict-of-interest statement by Sept. 25.
3. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its Aug. 6 videoconference as presented.
4. **Budget review.**
 - a. **Budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed championships budget-to-actuals for the 2025-26 fiscal year through August, noting that the report is not final as some year-end items remain to be closed out.
 - b. **2027-30 triennial budget process.** The committee conducted its final review of requests for the 2027-30 budget cycle and approved moving them for final approval by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Executive Board this fall. [See Action Item 2-a.]
 - c. **High-cost city per diem.** Staff recapped the first year of the high-cost city per diem and noted that based on an internal review, no changes are being recommended to the rate for 2026-27 beyond the previously planned \$10 increase.
5. **Committee updates.**
 - a. **Management Council/Executive Board summary of actions.** The committee reviewed highlights from the Management Council and Executive Board meetings in July and August as information, noting specifically the actions related to the committee's recommendations regarding in-region nonconference contests [see Agenda Item 7-b].
 - b. **Membership Committee.** The committee was informed that seven schools – Menlo College; Point Park University; Roosevelt University; Sul Ross State University; the University of California, Merced; the University of Jamestown; and the University of Texas at Dallas – were approved to become active NCAA Division II members Sept. 1 after completing the provisional membership process. Menlo, Point Park, Roosevelt, UC Merced and Jamestown transitioned from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), while Sul Ross State and UT Dallas reclassified from Division III. The actions bring the Division II membership total to 297 schools in 2026-27. Schools still in the three-year provisional membership process are Middle Georgia State University, which advanced to the second year; and Texas A&M University-Texarkana (NAIA), which was accepted into the process and will be joining the Lone Star Conference. Schools in the two-year expedited provisional membership process are Ferrum, which advanced to the second year, and Shawnee State University (NAIA), which was accepted into the expedited process during the Membership Committee's February meeting and is joining the Mountain East Conference. The Membership Committee also amended its policies and procedures and

proposed noncontroversial legislation surrounding the establishment of new Division II conferences and the applicant institution processes. This was done to further assist with the growth of the division by providing more streamlined and uniform application deadlines and to expand the opportunities for future conferences to attract new member institutions.

c. Nominating Committee.

(1) Sport committee appointments. The Championships Committee approved the following sport committee appointments, effective Sept. 1 unless otherwise specified:

- **NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Committee** (immediate vacancy) – **Jeff Morgan**, director of athletics, Harding University, Great American Conference.
- **NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee** (immediate vacancy) – **Nick Papanicolas**, head men's soccer coach, Wilmington University (Delaware), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
- **NCAA Division II Softball Committee** (immediate vacancy) – **Brenda Holaday**, head softball coach, Washburn University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- **NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee** – **Andrew Huber**, assistant athletics director, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee** (immediate vacancies) – **Kirby Ronning**, head men's and women's tennis coach, Washburn University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; and **William Macom**, director of tennis, St. Mary's University (Texas), Lone Star Conference.

(2) Playing rules committee appointments. The Championships Committee approved the following playing rules committee appointments, effective immediately.

- **NCAA Divisions II and III Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee** – **Kerri Brace**, associate athletics director/senior woman administrator, D'Youville University, East Coast Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Softball Rules Committee** – **Codee Yeske**, head softball coach, University of South Carolina Beaufort, Peach Belt Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Women's Volleyball Rules Committee** – **Dan Sempkowski**, director of athletics, Georgian Court University, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.

d. Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel. The committee reviewed reports from the panel's recent meetings as information. Staff also provided a summary of the panel's

first year operating as a separate Division II/III group and noted positive feedback regarding the efficiencies gained and the flexibility to act in the best interests of the two divisions.

- e. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Sean Belzer and Emma Neal updated the committee on the SAAC's July meeting that included the annual summit with the Division II Management Council.

6. Sport committee reports.

- a. **Baseball.** The committee reviewed the baseball committee's annual meeting report as information.
- b. **Men's golf.**
 - **Regional access policy.** The committee considered but ultimately did not support the men's golf committee's recommendation to approve a policy stating that if a region has fewer than 20 sponsoring institutions, the access of that region to their regional is based on the proportionality to the total teams eligible to make the regional (with the region at jeopardy of losing bids getting the benefit of the round-up). The committee was not convinced that the recommendation ensures equal access per region to the championship and thus opted not to support it. The policy approved in Sept. 2025, which requires the men's golf committee to apply access on a proportional basis when a region falls below 16 teams remains in effect.
- c. **Women's golf.**
 - **Updated selection criteria.** The committee supported the recommendation to update the selection criteria verbiage by removing the "spring results compared to fall results" criterion. [See Action Item 2-b.]
- d. **Men's lacrosse.** The committee reviewed the men's lacrosse committee's annual meeting report as information.
- e. **Women's lacrosse.** The committee reviewed the women's lacrosse committee's annual meeting report as information.
- f. **Women's rowing.** The committee reviewed the rowing committee's annual meeting report as information, noting that the rowing committee is not recommending any format changes to its championship despite having been asked by the Championships Committee to consider doing so based on the sport's sponsorship numbers.
 - **Rowing sponsorship discussion.** While the rowing committee did not recommend any format changes because it believes that reducing its current field size (six) compromises the integrity of the event, the Championships Committee remains concerned about the overall sponsorship numbers in the sport, which have remained stagnant (between 14 and 16 institutions) since 2015-16. While legislation was adopted at the 2026 NCAA

Convention to exempt field hockey and women's rowing from the minimum sponsorship threshold (35 institutions) to sponsor/maintain a championship, the Championships Committee cited inconsistencies in how current sponsors in women's rowing conduct their events. Specifically, of the current 14 sponsoring institutions, only seven satisfy requirements for championship selection by participating in events that race the required four- and eight-person boats. This in effect results in an access ratio the committee believes does not align with the division's principles regarding the championship experience. The committee discussed options to mitigate the issue, including whether seeking legislation requiring the four- and eight-person boat component to also apply for sport sponsorship would incentivize all sponsoring schools to conduct the sport at the level required for championship consideration. While the committee did not reach a conclusion on the matter during this discussion, members agreed to continue exploring options that would grow the sport or, if that proves unfeasible, to consider legislation that removes rowing from the exemption status.

- g. Softball.** The committee reviewed the softball committee's annual meeting report as information.
- h. Men's and women's tennis.** The committee reviewed the tennis committee's annual meeting report as information.
- i. Men's and women's track and field.**

 - **Eliminate altitude conversions.** The committee supported the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee's recommendation to eliminate altitude conversions in track and field beginning with the 2027-28 academic year. [See Action Item 2-c.]
- j. Men's wrestling.**

 - **2026-27 super regional alignment.** The committee approved the recommendation to place newly sponsoring Point Park University into Super Region One as illustrated in Attachment C. The assignment is consistent with the wrestling committee's stated priorities: 1) balanced number of teams per region; 2) geographic proximity and financial feasibility; and 3) conference affiliation.
- k. Supplemental sport committee reports.** The committee reviewed additional reports from sport committees that required no action to be taken.
- l. National Collegiate sport committee reports.** The committee reviewed recent reports from National Collegiate sport committees as information.

7. Additional discussion items.

- a. Bracketing/regionalization review.** The committee continued its ongoing review of bracketing/regionalization principles, focusing specifically on key questions that have arisen during testing in several sports, and next steps for implementing the process and

educating the membership accordingly. Committee members provided significant feedback on the questions at hand, which included: (1) Revising the time zone principle from a requirement to a preference. The committee noted that sport committees should have the flexibility to place teams in the bracket where needed to adhere to the main principles, while taking into consideration the impact of travel on participating teams; (2) Support for sport committees having the flexibility to determine the number of teams at each site in brackets without a standard format. The committee noted that potential hosts would need to be prepared to host the maximum number of teams, which already occurs if there is an uneven number of bids in the region; and (3) Consensus that the bracketing changes should be implemented as soon as possible (i.e., the 2027-28 academic year) pending continued positive membership feedback.

The committee also began discussing whether to impose deadlines by which conferences determine their automatic qualifiers (i.e., complete their conference championships) to help sport committees have the time necessary to construct an optimal bracket, accommodate production needs regarding selection shows, and provide adequate time for travel arrangements. The committee will continue considering the matter at future meetings.

- b. In-region, nonconference opponent requirements.** The committee noted that the Division II Management Council during its July 2026 meeting did not support the committee's recommendation to establish minimum in-region, nonconference contest requirements by sport to help ensure that the necessary comparative data exist for championship selection purposes. The recommendation was made after lengthy discussion and review with sport committees to enhance the championship selection process, but the Management Council cited concerns about the requirement's potential cost impact on institutions in conferences with large geographic footprints and the fact that the division has not yet experienced the effects of adopting the NCAA Power Index that is being implemented in 2026-27. Accordingly, both the council and Executive Board advised that the Championships Committee continue monitoring this issue for the coming year to determine the NPI's impact on institutional scheduling and then, if further action is still deemed necessary, potentially consider a policy that allows institutions in conferences that play only a closed-conference schedule in a given sport rather than seeking in-region nonconference opponents to be eligible only for automatic qualification for selection purposes and not for at-large bids.

The committee discussed this matter at length and agreed to seek additional feedback from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association on that option as well another that would require at least one in-region nonconference contest in all sports except football (for which the nonconference contest would not have to be in region). That feedback will be collected to further inform discussion and potential recommendation by the Championships Committee and when the Management Council and Executive Board convene in October.

- c. **2026-27 access ratios.** The committee reviewed and supported recommendations from sport committees in baseball, field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis, as specified. [See Action Item 2-d.]
 - d. **Sport committee review of selection requirement waivers.** Per a request from the committee, staff provided an update on the selection requirement waiver process, which is under the purview of the sport committees (unlike automatic qualification waivers, which the Championships Committee oversees). Staff noted the number of waiver requests that have been submitted over the past two years and also noted these will be moving to the Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) system to further streamline the process.
 - e. **Review of spring championship misconduct issues.** The committee reviewed the one misconduct case from the spring championships and agreed with the actions taken by the sport committee. No further action was necessary.
 - f. **2026-27 policies and operating procedures manual.** The committee reviewed and approved the revised policies and procedures manual for 2026-27, which included the updated meeting cadence in which the committee will meet in person once annually. The committee agreed to conduct its in-person meeting in September in non-budget years.
 - g. **Nullification update.** The committee received its annual update from the enforcement staff regarding nullification and agreed that no adjustments to the policy were necessary at this time. The committee also reviewed the policies for 2026-27 that have been updated to acknowledge the transition to the NCAA Power Index as the sole results-based metrics for championship selections, and to acknowledge the committee's recent approval of nullification being applied in men's soccer when rules regarding red-card suspensions are not properly followed.
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. **Governance and member services.**
 - i. **2026-27 Division II priorities.** The committee reviewed the division's priorities for 2026-27 that the Management Council and Executive Board approved during their summer meetings.
 - ii. **Mental Health First Aid.** Staff provided an overview of the new Division II mental health first aid initiative available to the membership.
 - c. **Selection show analytics.** Staff reviewed the analytics from the previous academic year.
 - d. **Web streaming updates.** Staff also updated the committee on the web streaming plan for 2026-27.

9. Other business.

- **Committee roster.** Committee members extended their appreciation to Emma Neal, who had served as a representative from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee but is resigning from the SAAC to focus on her academic obligations in graduate school. The committee also thanked staff member Leslie Havens, who is retiring in October, for supporting the committee's operations so well during her career.

10. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- Feb. 16-17, 2027 (meeting via videoconference).

Committee Chair: Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances
Jordan Lysiak, Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sean Belzer, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (via videoconference).	
Melanie Brundson, Winona State University.	
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos (Management Council chair).	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Abby Davis, Arkansas Tech University.	
Rebekah Gasner, Montana State University Billings.	
Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology.	
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.	
Emma Neal, Maryville University of Saint Louis (via videoconference).	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University (Management Council vice chair).	
Christina Paone, Walsh University (via videoconference).	
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.	
Stan Wagon, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.	
Absentees:	
None.	

Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor (via videoconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Micaela Kapsalis, Karen Kirsch and Jordan Lysiak.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Eric Breece, Donisha Carter, Zach Christopher, C.C. Colwell, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Cara Hubert, Maritza Jones, Maya McEwen, Katie Mucci, Jennifer Roe, Rachel Seewald, CJ Sowards, Chris Strobel (via videoconference), and Jared Tidemann.

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Items Recommended for Implementation

Sport	Title	Description	Budgetary Impact
Baseball	Travel party size increase	Increase travel party from 30 to 32	\$ 207,000
Baseball	Officials increase	Increase the number of officials at 4-team regionals from four to five	\$ 26,000
Football	Change squad size and travel party numbers	Increase the squad size from 58 to 66 for all rounds and official travel party from 70 to 78 for the first-round, second-round, and quarterfinal-round, and from 80 to 88 for the semifinal-round and the championship game	\$ 185,000
Football	Eight-person crews, all rounds	Eight-person crews, no alternates at all rounds	\$ 3,930
General - All DII Championships	Medallions to travel party	Provide participant medallions to all members of the travel party (currently squad size only)	\$ 62,500
General - All DII Championships	Patches to travel party	Provide patches to all members of the travel party (currently squad size only)	\$ 6,900
General - All DII Championships	Trophy allocation	Amend trophy allocation to award in a celebratory moment and create consistency across sports	\$ 40,000
General - All DII Championships	Signage increase	Signage increase for all sports (20%)	\$ 50,000
General - All DII Championships	Banquets	Increase budget for banquets (or substitute) from \$50 to \$75, banquet sports only	\$ 34,000
General - All DII Championships	Participant Gifts	Increase value of participant gifts from \$85 to \$110	\$ 140,000
General - All DII Championships	Officiating fees	Increase officiating fees 7%	\$ 55,000
General - DII Individual-Team Sport Championships	Increase to non-athlete travel party (S&D, track, wrestling)	Amend the number of NAs included in travel party based on SAs participating	\$ 173,000
General - Various DII Championships	Game presentation	Base budget enhanced game presentation costs (banquet videos, intro videos)	\$ 75,000
General - Various DII Championships	Streaming enhancements	Streaming costs (more cameras, track enhancements, etc)	\$ 416,000
Men's Golf	Cover regional travel	Due to increased costs of travel the current per diem does not cover travel expenses	\$ 810,000

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Men's Golf	Increase regional travel party	Increase the travel party for regionals from 7 to 8 to accommodate substitutions and an assistant coach	\$ 24,000
Men's Lacrosse	Travel party increase	Increase travel party from 34 to 37.	\$ 56,000
Men's Soccer	Bracket expansion (4 teams)	Increase the size of the bracket by four teams and add to the appropriate super region, according to access ratio	\$ 173,000
Men's Soccer	Finals site officials structure	Assign officials by match at the finals site, paying a per match fee	\$ 2,000
Men's Wrestling	Increase the number of individual qualifier for finals only	Increase number of qualifiers for finals by 20 wrestlers	\$ 57,000
Men's Wrestling	Add another day to Super Regionals	Add another day for Super Regional competition (one to two days)	\$ 48,000
MW Basketball	Change tournament format	Move to a three weekend format (two games per weekend).	\$ 107,000
MW Cross Country	Videoboards at regionals	Increase game expense budget to require and pay for videoboards at regionals	\$ 60,000
MW Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field	Competition Managers	Select individuals to serve as competition managers for the throws, jumps and running events at the championship	\$ 22,500
MW Indoor Track & Field	Increase field size to 20 per event except relays	Increase the set field sizes from 18 in individual events to 20 in each.	\$ 144,000
MW Indoor Track & Field	Three day meet	Extend the indoor championship to 3 days from 2 days of competition	\$ 159,000
MW Outdoor Track & Field	Increase field size in combined events to 22	Increase the number of combined events (heptathlon and Decathlon) athletes in the championship	\$ 33,000
Softball	National coordinator of officials	Establish a national coordinator of officials for softball to align with DI/DIII	\$ 13,000
Women's Golf	Cover regional travel	Due to increased costs of travel the current per diem does not cover travel expenses	\$ 653,000
Women's Golf	Add an individual qualifier for finals	Increase individuals from 8 to 9 at the finals for three groups of threesomes and mitigate pace of play concerns.	\$ 4,000
Women's Golf	Increase regional travel party	Increase the travel party for regionals from 7 to 8 to accommodate substitutions and an assistant coach	\$ 23,000

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Women's Golf	Add two officials for finals	Increase finals officials from 8 to 10 to more closely aligning the ratio officials at both the Men's and Women's Finals sites	\$ 5,000
Women's Lacrosse	Increase squad size and travel party	WLA is asking for an increase of 30 for squad size and 35 for travel party	\$ 124,000
Women's Rowing	Increase travel party	Increase the travel party from 21 to 22 to allow for a spare coxswain to be included.	\$ 18,000
Women's Soccer	Bracketing by super regions	Moving to a super region format similar to men's soccer	\$ 43,000
Women's Soccer	Finals site officials structure	Assign officials by match at the finals site, paying a per match fee	\$ 2,000
Women's Volleyball	Day of rest	Add a day of rest between the semifinal and final match at regionals and finals.	\$ 131,000
Total			\$4,185,830

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Items Not Recommended for Implementation

Sport	Title	Description	Budgetary Impact
Baseball	Bracket expansion (4 teams)	Increase the size of the bracket by four teams and add to the appropriate region(s)	\$254,000
Baseball	Bracket expansion (2 teams)	Increase the size of the bracket by two teams and add to the appropriate region(s)	\$128,000
General - All DII Championships	Decrease in officials mileage from 500 to 400 for flights	Reduce mileage for flights for officials from 500 to 400	\$91,000
General - All DII Championships	Decrease in officials mileage from 500 to 400 for flights, except football 1st/2nd rounds	Reduce mileage for flights for officials from 500 to 400, except football 1st/2nd rounds	\$50,000
M Swimming and Diving	Increase to the men's participant cap (+30)	Increase the participant cap for the men's swimming field to align with the women (+30)	\$86,000
MW Swimming and Diving	Adjust the diving qualification meet date	Adjust the diving qualification meet from Tuesday of championship week to Monday.	\$97,000
Men's Golf	Add one official per regional site (4)	Increase regional officials from 5 to 6 to adjust for larger field sizes	\$7,000
MW Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field	DV Sport Enhancements	Additional cameras for long jump/triple jump events	\$22,000
MW Outdoor Track & Field	Preliminary round competition for outdoor track and field	Add a first-round prelim competition (East and West) to the championship	\$498,000
MW Outdoor Track & Field	Four-day outdoor championship meet	Extend the championship to 4 days from 3 days of competition	\$230,000
Women's Golf	Add one official per regional site (4)	Increase regional officials from 5 to 6 to adjust for larger field sizes	\$7,000
Total			\$1,470,000

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Sport	Title	Description	Budgetary Impact
General - All DII Championships	Officiating fees	Increase officiating fees 5%	\$40,000
Men's Soccer	Bracket expansion (2 teams)	Increase the size of the bracket by two teams and add to the appropriate super region, according to access ratio	\$87,000
Men's Soccer	Bracket expansion (6 teams)	Increase the size of the bracket by six teams and add to the appropriate region, according to access ratio	\$262,000
MW Indoor Track & Field	Increase field size in combined events to 18	Increase the number of combined events (heptathlon and pentathlon) athletes in the championship	\$14,000
Total			\$403,000



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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 2026-27 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	29	6	6	4.83
Central	40	8	8	5.00
East	28	6	6	4.67
Midwest	34	8	8	4.25
South	34	8	8	4.25
South Central	23	6	6	3.83
Southeast	36	8	8	4.50
West	24	6	6	4.00
		56	56	4.43

- (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, given the number of teams in each region and 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.

b. Regional berth allocations in field hockey.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2026-27 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	18	5	5	3.6
East	16	3	3	5.33
	34	8	8	4.25

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Field Hockey 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 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 eight teams.
- (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 lacrosse.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2026-27 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
North	36	8	8	4.5
South	45	10	10	4.5
	81	18	18	4.5

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Men's Lacrosse 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 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 18.

(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.

d. Regional berth allocations in women's soccer.

(2) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2026-27 sport sponsorship information:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	33	7	7	4.71
Central	36	8	8	4.50
East	30	6	6	5.00
Midwest	37	8	8	4.63
South	25	6	6	4.17
South Central	28	6	6	4.67
Southeast	36	8	8	4.50
West	31	7	7	4.43
	256	56	56	4.57

(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 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.

e. Regional berth allocations in men's and women's tennis.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason berth allocations for each region based on 2025-26 sport sponsorship information:

Men's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	18	7	7	2.57
Central	11	5	5	2.20
East	8	4	4	2.00
Midwest	25	8	8	3.13
South	22	8	8	2.75
South Central	9	4	4	2.25
Southeast	31	8	8	3.88
West	7	4	4	1.75
	131	48	48	2.73

Women's Tennis:

Region	No. of Institutions	2025-26 Berths	2026-27 Berths	Access Ratio
Atlantic	32	7	8	4.00
Central	24	6	6	4.00
East	13	5	4	3.25
Midwest	28	7	7	4.00
South	27	7	7	3.86
South Central	10	4	4	2.50
Southeast	32	8	8	4.00
West	12	4	4	3.00
	178	48	48	3.71

- (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: Terence Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

*Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.
Jordan Lysiak, DII Governance and Membership Services.*



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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Super regional alignment.**
 - a. Recommendation. Place one newly sponsored institution (Point Park) into Super Region One as noted in the attachment.
 - b. Effective date. Sept. 1, 2026.
 - c. Rationale. This assignment is consistent with the committee's stated priorities, including, in order: 1) balanced number of teams per region; 2) geographic proximity and financial feasibility; and 3) conference affiliation.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams in each super region.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. National Wrestling Coaches Association PowerPoint.** The committee reviewed the PowerPoint presentation to be shared with the Coaches Association, highlighting updates for the 2026–27 season stemming from its annual meeting.
- 2. National committee and seeding committee vacancies.** The committee reviewed rosters and noted the vacancy on the national committee in region four and the need to recruit members on the seeding committee.

Committee Chair: Ryan Courtney, Fairmont State University.
Staff Liaison(s): Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:	
Marc Bauer, University of Nebraska at Kearney.	
Rocky Burkett, Northern State University.	

Christina Chow, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Ryan Courtney, Fairmont State University.
Shawn Nelson, University of Findlay.
Jason Warthan, University of Indianapolis.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Jackie Paquette, National Wrestling Coaches Association.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Tracy McClendon.

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Attachment

2026-27 DII Wrestling Super Regional Model											
Super Region One (Yellow on map)		Super Region Two (Blue on map)		Super Region Three (Purple on map)		Super Region Four (Orange on map)		Super Region Five (Green on map)		Super Region Six (Red on map)	
Bridgeport	Ind.	Allen	C. Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Mo.	MIAA	Augustana	NSIC	Adams State	RMAC
East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Okla.	MIAA	Jamestown	NSIC	Cal Poly Humbolt	MPSF
Fairmont St.	MEC	Coker	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GMAC	Drury	GLVC	Mary	NSIC	Chadron State	RMAC
Felician	Ind.	Emmanuel (GA)	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	UIndy	GLVC	Mankato	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
Frostburg St.	MEC	King (TN)	C. Carolinas	Emory & Henry	C. Carolinas	Ky. Wesleyan	GMAC	Moorhead	NSIC	Colorado Mines	RMAC
Gannon	PSAC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Maryville (MO)	GLVC	Minor State	NSIC	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC
Kutztown	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	McKendree	GLVC	Northern State	NSIC	Fort Hays State	MIAA
Millersville	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley St.	GLVC	Newman	MIAA	Southwest MN	NSIC	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
Pitt.-Johnstown	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	NSU	MIAA	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC
Point Park	MEC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	Salem	MEC	Ouachita Baptist	MIAA	Sioux Falls	NSIC	San Francisco State	MPSF
Seton Hill	PSAC	Shorter	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC	Quincy	GLVC	Upper Iowa	GLVC	Simon Fraser	Ind.
Shippensburg	PSAC	UNC-Pembroke	C. Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC	Thomas More	GMAC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	Western State	RMAC
Wheeling	MEC									Vanguard	MPSF

