ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
      
      (1) **Recommendation.** In all team sports, amend current championship policy to permit preliminary-round hosts to give season-ticket holders first right of refusal for the opportunity to purchase ticket and seat location for on-campus NCAA postseason competition; further, approve a one-year pilot in preliminary rounds of the Division II Football Championship, the Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships, and the Division II Softball Championship that permits hosts to run the same kind of pregame promotions and celebrations they conduct during their regular-season contests before resuming neutrality during the course of the contest.

      (2) **Effective date.** Immediate for the season-ticket holder portion of the recommendation; 2019-20 championships for the one-year pilot.

      (3) **Rationale.** The Division II membership has expressed interest in possibly modifying the current neutrality policy in order to create an enhanced experience during preliminary rounds. The Championships Committee obtained feedback from sport committees, coaches connection members, conferences offices, the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the general membership indicating a consensus for giving season-ticket holders first right of refusal for on-campus NCAA postseason competition, and for allowing preliminary-round hosts to run the same kind of pregame promotions and celebrations they conduct during their regular-season contests before being neutral in-game. The membership has indicated a preference to project relationships with season ticket holders by allowing them the opportunity to purchase their seat location for NCAA preliminary round competitions. The Championships Committee is aware that the ultimate goal is to create an enhanced atmosphere for all participating teams, not just the host/home team (including games in which the host is not participating), from pregame throughout the entire contest. SAAC has expressed this desire as well. The Championships Committee believes the membership would welcome the season-ticket holder portion of the recommendation to both enhance the atmosphere, as well as sustain healthy relationships with their primary fan base. At the same time, the committee is also aware that there is less certainty on how
allowing flexibility for pregame activities will affect not only the atmosphere but also the expectations placed on site representatives to monitor and manage those activities, which is why the committee is recommending the pilot approach in select championships in order to determine the impact.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Division II student-athletes (particularly the Division II SAAC) have indicated a desire to loosen the current neutrality restrictions in order to enhance the competitive atmosphere and experience during preliminary rounds.

b. Modified fine structure for failure to adhere.

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(3) Rationale. The current fine structure, which was established in February 2013, outlines three specific categories for levels of violations and prescribes the dollar amount that may be assessed for each. Sport committees have indicated that the current fine structure is not flexible enough to address the types of violations that are occurring (particularly for repeat offenders) and does not adequately address policy violations that occur on site. In addition, sport committees have noted that the current policies and procedures do not serve as an adequate deterrent for gamesmanship by coaches and administrators. The Championships Committee believes these trends warrant strengthening the current penalties.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. A more stringent fine structure incentivizes compliance with policies and procedures, which in turn enhances the championship experience for all participants, especially student-athletes.

c. Date formula change for baseball.

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<td><strong>The finals begin the first Saturday after Memorial Day.</strong> Regionals are the Thursday through Saturday, two weeks before the finals, and super regionals are the Friday and Saturday the before the finals.</td>
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(2) Effective date. 2021 championship.
(3) **Rationale.** This is a clerical matter more than a substantive change. While the date formula was modified recently to accommodate the super-regional format, it did not account for years in which the calendar reverts to the previous date (this occurs in 2021 and again in 2027). This update, while only changing the current dates every six years, allows the championship dates to remain consistent each year. This modification also alleviates the potential of hosting baseball and softball simultaneously.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

d. **Regional berth allocations for baseball.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve the following postseason regional berth allocations based on 2019-20 sport sponsorship:

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(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Basing allocations on the current year’s sport sponsorship is the fairest method and retains an equitable bracket size among regions. Berths are assigned 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 are represented based on sponsorship, which provides the most equal access to the championship for all student-athletes.

e. **Video review at women’s basketball regionals.**
(1) **Recommendation.** Require regional hosts for the women’s basketball championship to provide video review for officials.

(2) **Effective date.** 2020 championship.

(3) **Rationale.** The Championships Committee at its June meeting approved this recommendation for men’s basketball and subsequently asked the Women’s Basketball Committee whether it would support it for the women’s championship to be consistent, which the committee agreed to do.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** Hosts would absorb all costs associated with video review as part of hosting a regional. Some institutions are already set up for review and would incur no additional costs.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Student-athletes will benefit from the potential opportunity for increased accuracy related to officiating.

**f. Regional ranking dates for men’s golf.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Adjust the regional ranking dates as follows to begin in February and conclude with the selection call in late April:

- Friday, February 7, 2020 – first ranking call;
- Friday, March 27, 2020 – second ranking call;
- Friday, April 10, 2020 – third ranking call; and
- Friday, April 24, 2020 – selection call.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2019.

(3) **Rationale.** Adjusting the regional ranking dates will begin the spring season by reflecting the results and performance from the fall season, which for men’s golf count toward selections with equal weight to spring results. The March and April rankings will capture the additional performance and results from early and late spring, respectively.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**g. In-region requirements for men’s golf.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Adjust the selection criteria for team at-large selection to increase the minimum number of in-region opponents from 40 to 50.
(2) **Effective date.** 2021 championships.

(3) **Rationale.** Increasing the required minimum number of in-region opponents will afford both the regional advisory and national committees additional data points to compare and select teams within a given region during the ranking and selection processes. Most teams under consideration for selection are well above both the current and proposed minimums, while some teams annually finish just above the current minimum. Increasing the required number of in-region opponents would encourage those teams to compete in one additional in-region tournament during the season. This would provide additional in-region data.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** This change could provide cost and time savings to member institutions since it encourages in-region play.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**h. Regional ranking dates for women’s golf.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Adjust the regional ranking dates as follows to begin in February and conclude with the selection call in late April:

- Friday, February 6, 2020 – first ranking call;
- Friday, March 26, 2020 – second ranking call;
- Friday, April 16, 2020 – third ranking call; and
- Friday, April 27, 2020 – selection call.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2019.

(3) **Rationale.** Moving the first ranking call to early February will reflect teams’ performance in the fall season. The March call will capture early spring performance and the mid-April call will more accurately reflect the entire season.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**i. Minimum yardage for women’s golf.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Adjust the minimum yardage requirement as follows for competition to count beginning with the 2019-20 season: par 70 – 5,600 yards; par 71 – 5,700 yards; par 72 – 5,800 yards; and par 73 – 5,900 yards.
(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. Current minimum yardage for women’s golf in all divisions is 5,800 yards. The course can be set at any par if it is at least 5,800 yards. Men’s golf yardage is set relative to par (par 70 – 6,100; par 71 – 6,300; par 72 – 6,500). [Note: Institutions affected retroactively by this recommendation could seek a waiver from the Division II Women’s Golf Committee.]

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Golfers will benefit from this recommendation through lower scoring averages and a more accurate comparison of their performance relative to a specific par and yardage.

j. Regional berth allocations for women’s soccer.

(1) Recommendation. Approve the following postseason regional allocations based on 2019-20 sport sponsorship:

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(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Basing allocations on the current year’s sport sponsorship is the fairest method and retains an equitable bracket size among regions. Allocations began with six per region so that all regions would maintain the number of berths allocated in the former bracket size, and then the total number of institutions sponsoring the sport was divided by the regional berths to obtain the access ratio. Regions were then increased to seven or eight berths to bring the access ratios into the tightest range possible within the bracket size of 56. [Note: The Division II Women’s Soccer Committee had to break a tie for the last berth, as three regions had an access ratio of 5.0. To break the tie, the committee awarded the berth to the region with the least favorable ratio from the previous year.]
k. **Bench limit increase for softball.**

   (1) **Recommendation.** Increase the bench limit for the championship tournament from 26 to 28.

   (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2019.

   (3) **Rationale.** NCAA research indicates that in softball, the squad size for the regular season is larger than the bench limit at the NCAA championship (21 versus 20). Teams currently are bringing more players to the preliminary rounds and finals site, and with a larger bench limit those players would now be able to sit in the dugout for the games instead of in the stands. This recommendation does not include an increase in the number of players who can dress (20) or the travel party (26).

   This adjustment would align softball with other sports in Division II that allow bench sizes that are larger than the travel party size.

   (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

   (5) **Student-athlete impact.** This recommendation will have a positive impact by allowing the student-athletes who play and contribute during the regular season to be part of the championship experience.

l. **Method for seeding teams advancing to the final site in softball.**

   (1) **Recommendation.** Modify the method for seeding teams advancing to the final site so that the regional rating percentage index (RPI) uses data only from the regular season and compares where the RPI ranks within a region.

   (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2019.

   (3) **Rationale.** Currently, the Softball Committee uses data from all competition (including regular season and preliminary rounds) to determine regional RPI and then seeds teams advancing to the final site based on that RPI number. Since teams do not control their opponents or whether they play in more games than other teams in the postseason, the committee prefers to use only regular-season data for seeding at the final site. Additionally, the committee feels that evaluating how a regional
RPI compares within a region should factor into the seeding process. For example, two teams’ regional RPI raw number could be .624 but one team could have the highest RPI in its region and the other team could have the fourth-highest RPI in its region. In that case, the team with the highest RPI in its region would be assigned the higher seed for the national championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This method will have a positive impact on the student-athletes by attempting to ensure the best teams at the final site meet in the championship series.

m. Minimum scheduling requirements for men’s and women’s tennis.

(1) Recommendation. Add the following wording to the NCAA Division II maximum and minimum contest requirements for championship selection in men’s and women’s tennis (new wording in **bold**):

Minimum number of contests for selections - 10 (**Division II**)

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committee believes that at least 10 of the permissible 25 contests in men’s and women’s tennis must be against Division II opponents. Member institutions currently eligible for selections are meeting or exceeding the minimum number of 10 Division II contests.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None

n. Regional berth allocations for men’s and women’s tennis.

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(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Basing 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 are represented based on sponsorship, which provides the most equal access to the championship for all student-athletes.

o. **Men’s and Women’s Tennis Rules Subcommittee.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Appoint an eight-member Men’s and Women’s Tennis Rules Subcommittee (from within the existing Divisions I, II and III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees) to oversee the playing rules modifications for all three divisions. The NCAA would continue to follow the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) playing rules; however, the subcommittee would be charged with collaborating with the ITA on potential rules changes and/or recommending rules modifications to the ITA rules. The subcommittee composition would be four
representatives from Division I (50 percent), two from Division II (25 percent) and two from Division III (25 percent), which is consistent with other Association-wide playing rules committees/subcommittees.

(2) **Effective date.** January 1, 2020 (to coincide with the ITA rules-making process).

(3) **Rationale.** In response to a request from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, the Divisions I, II and III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees discussed whether the sport would benefit from having an NCAA playing rules book and/or NCAA playing rules committee/subcommittee to be more involved in the rules-making process for tennis. Currently, the NCAA adheres to the ITA rules. In recent years, several division-specific playing rules have been implemented by the ITA even though NCAA Bylaws 21 and 31 require playing rules and playing rules modifications to be the same for all three divisions. The subcommittee would work alongside the ITA Rules Committee to improve the communication and collaboration during the rules-making process and ensure playing rules are common for all divisions moving forward. After two years, the Divisions I, II and III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees would evaluate the effectiveness of the subcommittee to determine if it should continue or if a stand-alone playing rules committee would be more beneficial.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None during the two-year evaluation period, as business would be conducted via teleconference.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed new members Dick Christy and Reid Amos and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.

2. **Division II strategic plan.** Staff reviewed the timeline regarding the 2015-21 Division II strategic plan, noting that the NCAA strategic plan for 2019-24 is expected to be finalized later this fall. The Division II Planning and Finance Committee will be asked to review the current Division II plan and determine whether to recommend extending it through 2024 to dovetail with the renewal of the NCAA plan and the NCAA’s updated media rights agreement that begins in 2025.

3. **Recent committee reports.** The committee approved its August teleconference report as presented.
4. **Budget update and triennial budget timeline.** Staff reviewed budget-to-actuals for the 2018-19 championship seasons. The committee also reviewed the timeline for the next triennial budget cycle (2021-24), noting that initial budget requests from sport committees are expected by the Championship Committee’s February in-person meeting.

5. **Committee updates.**
   
a. **Membership Committee.** Staff updated the group on the Membership Committee’s recent teleconference, noting that LeMoyne-Owen College has been placed on probation for failure to meet sport-sponsorship requirements.

b. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed the panel’s most recent reports as information only.

6. **Convention proposals.** The Championships Committee was asked to take positions on the following proposals from the Division II membership for the 2020 NCAA Convention:
   
a. **Tryout period for men’s and women’s golf.** The Peach Belt Conference and the Gulf South Conference sponsored a 2020 NCAA Convention proposal that would create an exception to the tryout legislation for golf that would extend the permissible length of tryout activities for a prospective student-athlete from two hours to five. The Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees support the proposal based on the rationale the sponsors provided. Championships Committee position: Support; agree with the golf committees’ position. [Note: The Championships Committee noted that it had supported a similar proposal at its June meeting that came through the governance structure to increase the tryout period from two to four hours. However, the Division II Management Council did not recommend sponsorship of that proposal due to the similarly-worded membership-sponsored proposal.]

b. **Women’s basketball recruiting calendar.** Fifteen institutions sponsored a 2020 NCAA Convention proposal to extend the spring contact period through the third weekend in May and eliminate the May 18-June 14 evaluation period. The Division II Women’s Basketball Committee supports the proposal. Championships Committee position: No position; as it would prefer membership discussion throughout the legislative cycle and into Convention.

7. **Neutrality in the postseason.** The Championships Committee reviewed feedback from various stakeholders and recommended modifying the current neutrality policy as specified in Action Item 2-a.

8. **Championship fine structure.**
   
a. **Failure to adhere.** The committee recommended strengthening the current fine structure as specified in the Attachment (also see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b). The committee
agreed that if coaches egregiously violate failure-to-adhere policies at a championship event or are perceived as repeat offenders, such behavior could be determined as misconduct.

9. Sexual violence prevention attestation document. The committee reviewed a document including the schools from all three divisions that did not sign the sexual violence prevention attestation by the deadline. Holy Names University is the only Division II institution impacted and will not be permitted to host postseason events for the 2019-20 academic year.

10. Sport reports and updates.

a. Baseball. In addition to the date formula change the committee approved in Nonlegistive Action Item 2-c, the committee acknowledged an informational item from the Baseball Committee’s report noting that in a three-team regional, two games will be played on the first day of competition as opposed to one. The change protects the advantages of being a high seed as opposed to requiring the high seed to play two games on day two regardless of the outcome of their first game.

b. Women’s basketball. The Championships Committee supported the Women’s Basketball Committee’s recommendation to require regional hosts to provide video review for officials at the expense of host institutions (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-e). In addition, the Women’s Basketball Committee responded affirmatively to the Championships Committee’s request about making scheduling adjustments for teams participating in the championship that are traveling across multiple time zones.

c. Men’s and women’s cross country. The committee reviewed the report from the Cross Country Committee’s June 17-18 annual meeting.

d. Men’s golf. The committee supported the proposed timeline for regional rankings and minimum requirement for in-region opponents (see Nonlegislative Action Items 2-f and 2-g).

e. Women’s golf. The committee supported the proposed timeline for regional rankings and minimum yardage requirements for countable contests (see Nonlegislative Action Items 2-h and 2-i).

f. Men’s lacrosse. The committee reviewed the report from the Men’s Lacrosse Committee’s July 9-10 annual meeting.

g. Women’s lacrosse. The committee considered a request to increase the roster size for women’s lacrosse from 24 to 30 to accommodate up to six additional student-athletes in uniform. However, given the budget impact, the committee noted it could not act on the
matter at this time and instead asked the Women’s Lacrosse Committee to resubmit the request during the next budget cycle (February 2020).

h. **Women’s rowing.** The committee reviewed the report from the Women’s Rowing Committee’s June 18-19 annual meeting.

i. **Softball.** The committee supported recommendations to increase the bench limit and to modify the method for seeding teams that advance to the final site (see Nonlegislative Action Items 2-k and 2-l).

j. **Men’s and women’s tennis.** The committee supported modifying the minimum contest requirement and the formation of a tennis rules subcommittee (see Action Items Nonlegislative 2-m and 2-o).

k. **Men’s and women’s track and field.** The committee did not support the Track and Field Committee’s recommendation regarding a fine for late check-in (without disqualification), preferring instead to have this handled within the failure-to-adhere revisions noted in Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b.

11. Other discussion items.

a. **Spring sport and National Collegiate Championships recaps.** The committee reviewed summaries regarding spring sport and National Collegiate Championships as information only.

b. **2019-20 access ratios.** The committee approved the access ratios proposed by the Baseball, Women’s Soccer, and Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees (see Nonlegislative Action Items 2-d, 2-j and 2-n).

c. **National Championships Festival updates.** Staff updated the committee on the 2020 spring championships festival being conducted in St. Louis, hosted by Lindenwood University, the St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau and the St. Louis Sports Commission. Staff also noted future festival dates through 2032, including dates for the joint basketball championships that were approved as part of the enhancements recommended by the Festival Working Group.

d. **Independent institutions and lack of Division II contests.** The committee received updated data regarding independent institutions’ low annual percentage of Division II opponents that are currently being reviewed by the Membership Committee.

e. **Potential establishment of a Division II Men’s and/or Women’s Ice Hockey Championship.** Staff noted it has received questions from a member conference about the feasibility of establishing a Division II Men’s and/or Women’s Ice Hockey Championship
and asked the Championships Committee for feedback. The committee understands that the conference request is based on encouraging growth in Division II sponsorship, but members noted the additional potential impact beyond the obvious financial ramifications (e.g., impact on current Division II institutions sponsoring ice hockey at the Division I level, and impact on overall Division I sponsorship) is a concern. While the committee believes this concept is worth exploring, members asked staff to provide hard data on potential Division II sponsors and a better idea of the impact on current Division II schools sponsoring ice hockey at the Division I level before discussing the matter further.

f. **Possible fine for late submission of regional advisory committee appointments.** The committee agreed to establish a fine structure for late submission of RAC appointments similar to that for late submission of the AQ application form. As such, conferences that fail to meet the August 1 deadline to submit RAC appointments will be assessed a fine of $500 and a letter of reprimand will be issued to the commissioner, with copy to the president/chair of the conference board. For repeat offenders (second offense and thereafter), the fine would be $2,500, along with the letter of reprimand.

12. **Staff updates.**

   a. **Championships and alliances.** Joni Comstock, NCAA senior vice president of championships, updated the group on relevant issues that affect NCAA championships operations, including an overview of the timeline and process for selecting hosts for championships from fall 2022 through spring 2026.

   b. **Division II University.** Staff noted more than 12,300 coaches have completed the curriculum requirements for the 2019-20 academic year. The Championships Committee also voted to require regional advisory committee members to complete the modules regarding regionalization and championship selection prior to service. However, given the timing of this recommendation, the committee agreed not to develop a penalty structure for noncompliance until the 2020-21 academic year. Beginning in 2020-21, RAC members will not be permitted to participate on scheduled ranking calls or be permitted to vote via the RAC balloting system until the assigned modules are completed.

   c. **Legal.** Staff updated the committee on current cases and other relevant issues.

   d. **Governance.**

      - **July/August 2019 summary of actions.** The committee reviewed reports from the most recent Management and Presidents Council meetings.

      - **2019-20 Division II Priorities.** The committee reviewed the division’s priority areas for 2019-20.
• **Regular-season and championships media agreements.** Staff updated the committee on the regular-season and postseason media agreements and other initiatives to promote Division II competition.

13. **Other business.**

• **In-person meeting schedule.** Staff updated the committee on a potential two-day meeting schedule that would convene late afternoon one day and adjourn at noon or early afternoon the following day. This would ease hotel arrangements without increasing the time members would spend away from their campuses. Staff will explore this possibility further and report back to the committee during a future teleconference.

14. **Future meeting dates and sites.**

a. February 19-20, 2020 (Indianapolis).

b. June 24-25, 2020 (Indianapolis).

c. September 9-11, 2020 (Indianapolis; includes meeting with sport committee chairs).

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

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<td>Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University (via teleconference).</td>
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Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.

**Absentees:**
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).

**Guests in Attendance:**
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
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 11, 2019.

### Category B Violation – up to $750

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**Failure to submit selections forms, results, team information.**

**Failure to attend coaches/administrative meeting.**

### Category A Violation – up to $1500

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**Failure to submit championship selection form that affects not only your team but other teams.**

**Failure to adhere to on-site championship policies.**

**Game tape exchange.**

**Failure to meet required financial obligations.** Banquet tickets, team tickets*

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

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