KEY ITEMS.

- **Seeding principles.** The women’s gymnastics committee approved a recommendation to place the unseeded teams (teams 19-36) geographically in the bracket to decrease institutional travel costs and missed class time.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

   a. **Seeding principles.**

      (1) **Recommendation.** That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve a recommendation to allow the NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee to place the unseeded teams (teams 19-36) geographically in the bracket instead of assigning them in pods.

      (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.

      (3) **Rationale.** Since 2011, the women’s gymnastics committee has grouped teams 19-36 into three pods that were then assigned to a regional. While geography is considered when placing the pods, it does not allow for the greatest amount of flexibility to place each team geographically. Institutions pay for travel to the regional, so it is important to keep teams as close to home as possible while maintaining the integrity of the bracket.

      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** No impact on the women’s gymnastics championship budget; however, selected institutions will save money because they will travel a shorter distance.

      (5) **Student-athlete impact.** Student-athletes will benefit from this adjustment because they will have less missed class time and less time on the road.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
1. Review of the 2016 National Collegiate Women’s Gymnastics Championships selections process and timeline. The committee noted that the schedule-of-meets form is due in early December instead of early January.


   a. Bracketing and seeding principles. As stated above, the committee voted to place the unseeded teams (19-36) geographically in the bracket to decrease travel costs and missed class time for participating institutions.

   The committee felt the seeding process for 2016 went smoothly. Members agreed to work with the coaches association to clarify and educate coaches regarding the difference between a team’s seed and its rank. A ranking corresponds to a team’s regional qualifying score (RQS), while the seed is the number associated with its placement in the bracket. Seeding and bracketing principles are outlined in the pre-championship manual and take various items into consideration such as host teams, seeded teams, etc. Therefore, a team’s rank may be different than its seed. This practice is also common in other sports and bracketing principles.

   b. Award ceremonies. The committee is reviewing the awards structure at the regionals and finals site. A motion to adjust the awards structure may come forward in the next budgetary cycle, pending further discussion. Additionally, the committee asked staff to provide regional hosts with a more detailed awards script so that each regional recognizes the teams and individuals advancing to the finals site.

   c. Site representatives. The committee did not mention any issues related to site representatives. Members did note that they would like to increase the pool of potential site representatives, and they asked staff to solicit additional names.

   The committee agreed that site representatives should ensure that hosts who use electronic scoring have back-up hand scoring in place and hand-held flashers at the competition venue.

   d. Practices. The committee confirmed that practices should mimic competition day so teams and individuals are accustomed to how the meet will operate during competition. Members also noted that teams starting on a bye should have the option to complete an open stretch on the floor during warm-ups.

   e. Transition and touch warm-up timing. The committee agreed to add a two-minute transition between the open stretch and the first practice rotation.
f. **Participant evaluations.** The committee reviewed the participant evaluations from regionals and noted a few minor concerns. Participants seemed to enjoy the regionals overall.

3. **Confirmation of 2017 regional host sites.** The committee reviewed the selected regional host sites for 2017. Since not every region submitted a bid, the committee asked staff to note which site corresponds to which region in the 2017 pre-championship manual. This will ensure the membership knows where individuals and all-arounders will compete.

4. **Review regional score verification coordinators and responsibilities.** The committee agreed to move the selection sheet submission deadline to 9 p.m. Eastern for the West score verifier only. This will allow the score verification coordinator to return from the conference meet and finish compiling the necessary information.

5. **Review of the 2016 Women’s Gymnastics National Championships.**
   
a. **Internal working group feedback.** The committee reviewed the feedback from the internal working group regarding improvements that can be made for future championships.

b. **Award ceremonies.** The committee noted ways to improve the individual and all-around award ceremony on the day of the semifinals. The committee also decided to distribute the participant medallions as teams are eliminated so everyone receives an award during the team award ceremony.

   The committee agreed that the coaches association All-America award winners should be notified from the coaches association after the championship has concluded to avoid confusion regarding those awards, since they are not affiliated with the NCAA championship.

c. **Corrals.** The committee recommended an increase in the size of the corrals when the competition floor allows for larger corrals. The committee also suggested placing corrals closer to the podiums to create more excitement for the participating teams.

   The committee voted to increase the number of individuals allowed in the corrals from 21 to 24 per participating team. The NCAA will continue to reimburse only travel and per diem for a travel party of 20 individuals per team. Additionally, only 15 student-athletes in uniform are eligible for award recognition, banquet attendance, practice, warm-up and competition.

d. **Credentials/wristbands and distribution process.** The committee felt the credentialing and distribution process worked well for the championship and will continue the process in a similar manner in the future.
In future championships, the committee will provide reserved seats for team physicians and will assign seats on press row to team administrators. Neither the team administrator nor team physician will be required to purchase a ticket.

e. Competitive rotation. The committee voted to place an individual event specialist who qualifies from the same institution as an all-arounder in the same rotation.

f. Equipment list. The committee reviewed the equipment lists for regionals and nationals and indicated any adjustments for future years.

g. Hotels. The committee asked staff to ensure that participant hotels could accommodate 20 rooms per participating team at the finals site. Also, the committee asked staff to remind team hotels that they should do everything possible to expedite check-in for teams when they arrive at a normal check-in time.

h. March-in and line leaders. The committee was very pleased with the line leaders Texas Woman’s University supplied. Members want to continue the practice of using local gymnasts as line leaders since those individuals are familiar with the flow of a competition.

i. Marketing and promotion plans. NCAA staff updated the committee on ticket sales and attendance at the championship. Ticket sales increased overall from last year. The committee felt the group ticket sales from the youth gymnastics challenge and USA Gymnastics Level 8 Regional boosted the attendance numbers.

The committee discussed a few operational adjustments that would create a better fan experience at the championship.

The committee also asked for participating team ticket allotments to be increased from six tickets per participant to eight. This will increase the team ticket allotment from 90 to 120 tickets.

j. Open stretch. The committee agreed to allow teams that have open stretch on competition day to also participate in open stretch on the practice day.

k. Score flashers. The committee asked staff to work with the official equipment provider to secure five-digit score-flashing units to accommodate the six-judge panels at nationals.

l. Scoring. The committee was pleased with the scoring system and overall meet management from a scoring standpoint.

m. Stretching area. The committee asked staff to identify four stretching areas to place additional panel mats when they visit the 2017 site later this summer.
n. **Scripts.** The committee praised the 2016 announcer for his ability to create an exciting atmosphere for the participants and spectators. The committee encouraged staff to vet future announcers to ensure they have experience announcing at gymnastics meets.

o. **Team videotaping.** The committee agreed to designate a specific space on the floor at each event for a team videographer.

p. **Transitions and touch warm-up timing.** The committee agreed to add a two-minute transition between open stretch and the first practice rotation.

q. **Inquiries.** The committee voted to allow inquiries at the regionals and national championships competition to align with current practices during the regular season.

r. **ESPN coverage.** Staff shared updated ESPN analytics with the committee regarding the championship. The committee was very pleased with the ESPN coverage and is excited for ESPN to generate new ideas to further enhance the viewer experience.

6. **Plans for the 2017 National Collegiate Women’s Gymnastics Championships.** The committee noted items for staff to address with the 2017 championship host. The committee is looking forward to having the championship in St. Louis.

7. **2017 National Collegiate Women’s Gymnastics Championships event order draws.**

   a. **Super Six Draw.** The double-blind, random draw for the 2017 Super Six is as follows:

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   b. **Draw for Regionals.** The double blind, random draw for 2017 regional competition is as follows:

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a. Schedule-of-meets change requests. The committee solidified the process for an institution to adjust the submitted schedule-of-meets form and will include the process in the pre-championship manual. Head coaches must submit the request in writing to the chair of the committee.

b. Definition of home vs. away meet. The committee discussed issues with certain meets throughout the country and how those are designated on the schedule-of-meets form. The committee asked staff to work with the coaches association to distribute a survey seeking more information about the types of meets institutions are participating in, and how they are listing those meets on the form.


10. Review of committee responsibilities at the championship. The committee reviewed various versions of the committee responsibilities and made necessary adjustments for 2017.

11. National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) proposals. The committee reviewed proposals that the NACGC/W and the Women’s Collegiate Program Committee (WCPC) submitted and discussed appropriate actions. The outcomes of the committee’s discussion are listed in Appendix A.

12. Sport Science Institute presentation. Members of the Sport Science Institute staff shared injury report data with the committee. No action was taken.

13. NCAA rules modification recommendations. The committee spoke with the women’s gymnastics rules interpreter regarding editorial changes to the rule-modification document. The rules editor also shared a breakdown on the types of questions she received in 2016.

The committee referred two items to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for further review. These requests are to devalue the following vaults from a 10.0 start value to a 9.95 in the interest of student-athlete safety: 3.19 (1/2 front layout) and 3.21 (1/2 front layout ½). These vaults are listed in the value chart in the women’s gymnastics rule modifications.


NCAA/06_07_2016/MPS
a. **Selection process for championship judges.** The committee reviewed the process for selecting judges to regionals and finals. The group noted a desire to start adding some new judges into regionals so others will have experience when different judges retire. The committee was pleased with the performance of the six-judge panels at the finals site.

b. **Review of judges evaluation forms.** The committee reviewed the evaluation tool that coaches use throughout the season to evaluate judges. The committee asked if some questions could be added to help coaches specify why they assign a certain rating. Staff will work with the coaches association to add those questions to the evaluation.

c. **Selection of 2017 meet referees and judges.** The committee reviewed judge recommendations and assigned meet referees and judges based on the guidelines outlined in the pre-championship manual.

15. **Selection of committee chair.** The committee voted to appoint Adina Stock, assistant athletics director at North Carolina State University, as chair of the committee for the 2016-17 academic year. Ms. Stock has served on the committee for three years and is well equipped to serve as chair. The committee also thanked Carrie Kimball, outgoing chair, for her time and dedication to the sport.

16. **2017 annual meeting date.** The committee agreed to meet June 6-8 in Indianapolis.

17. **Other business.** Staff reminded the committee of the 2018-2022 bid timeline. The committee will convene later in the fall to select regional and national championship sites for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

*Committee Chair: Carolynn Kimball, University of New Hampshire, America East Conference*

*Staff Liaison(s): Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances*

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NCAA/06_07_2016/MPS
**Guests in Attendance:**
- Bobbie Cesarek, National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women’s (via teleconference).
- Evelyn Chandler, National Association of Women’s Gymnastics Judges President (via teleconference).
- Donnalyn Trevethan, National Collegiate Judges Assigner (via teleconference).

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
- John Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.
- Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
- Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
- Cecilia Click, Championships and Alliances.
- Zack Kerr, Sport Science Institute.
The NCAA women’s gymnastics committee reviewed all proposals submitted by the NACGC/W and the Women’s Collegiate Program Committee (WCPC). While the committee reviewed all proposals only those within the committee’s purview are noted in this document. No action items from the committee are final until approved by the Competition Oversight Committee. The women’s gymnastics committee took the following actions:

a. Deduction for coaching a student-athlete during competition. Accepted, in concept, the recommendation to eliminate the deduction for coaching an athlete during competition (non-verbal and verbal cues) during the regular and postseason. The recommendation will not be moved forward until the next rule change year, which is 2017.

b. Routine Inquiries. Accepted the recommendation to allow routine inquiries throughout the postseason, including the regional and national championships.

c. Roster Changes. Accepted the recommendation to move the roster deadline to the same as the alternate deadline for NCAA postseason. The committee will allow changes to the 15 student-athlete roster until 10 p.m. Eastern the day prior to competition. All changes should be made in writing to the meet director, NCAA committee chair and NCAA championship manager.

d. Video Review in Postseason. Tabled the recommendation to allow video review during postseason. The committee discussed some challenges with video review such as what type of deductions are reviewable, pace of the meet and the addition of six-judge panels at finals. The committee asked staff to work with conference offices to ascertain how many video review requests are being received during the regular season. The committee will also work with ESPN to determine what might be necessary from a television standpoint regarding video review.

e. Judges at Conference Championship Meets. Took no action on the recommendation to require judges assigned to nationals to work a conference championship meet. The committee cited issues related to judge confidentiality and difficulty finding enough judges under the current practices. The committee did support having it be highly recommended, but not mandated.

f. Official Score Sheets. Accepted the recommendation that all score sheets placed on Road To Nationals be the signed, official score sheet (no errors or corrections will be accepted). The committee also accepted the recommendation to have specialized logins for the regional score verification coordinators.

g. Regular Season End Date. Took no action on the recommendation to move the last date of the regular season to include Sunday. The committee noted the existing waiver process for Sunday if extenuating circumstances arise. The committee also discussed the increased cost for regional travel if the selection date is moved back.

h. Uniform Deduction. Accepted, in concept, the recommendation to eliminate the rule regarding leotards being above the hip bone. The recommendation will not be moved forward until the next rule change year, which is 2017.
i. **Vault Value Chart.** Accepted, in concept, the recommendation to clarify certain vaults in the value chart. Vaults 3.19 and 3.21 will be moved forward in the rule modification process but will need final approval from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) before going into effect.

j. **Live Double-Blind Draw.** Accepted, in concept, but took different action than recommended. Due to logistical issues associated with the selection show, the committee will continue to conduct the double-blind draw for regional rotations during the annual meeting. The committee will ask staff to add scripting to the selection show regarding the double-blind draw process.

k. **Increase in Squad Size.** Accepted, in concept, the recommendation to increase the squad size to 18 per institution but took different action. The committee decided to increase the allowable number of individuals in the corral to 24 instead of 21. The three additional individuals can be student-athletes or institutional personnel. The number of people reimbursed by the NCAA will remain at 20 and the number of student-athletes allowed in uniform continues to be 15.