The NCAA Division II Baseball Committee is providing this information to outline the key actions taken by the committee during the past year. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Eric Breece, NCAA Assistant Director, Championships and Alliances (Phone: 317/917-6781; Email: ebreece@ncaa.org). For additional information regarding baseball, please access the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org.

1. **2015-16 Committee Members.**

   - **Harry Hillson**
     
     Atlantic Region
     
     Head Baseball Coach
     
     Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
     
     Term expires September 2016
   
   - **Mark Clements**
     
     Central Region
     
     Associate Athletics Director
     
     Northwest Missouri State University
     
     Term expires September 2018
   
   - **Rick Giannetti**
     
     East Region
     
     Director of Men’s Athletics
     
     Dominican College (NY)
     
     Term expires September 2017
   
   - **Tyler Madsen**
     
     Midwest Region
     
     Sports Information Director
     
     Truman State University
     
     Term expires September 2018
   
   - **Tommy J. Sadler**
     
     South Region
     
     Director of Athletics
     
     Union University
     
     Term expires September 2019
   
   - **Kevin Brooks**
     
     South Central Region
     
     Head Baseball Coach
     
     Angelo State University
     
     Term expires September 2018
   
   - **Doug Jones, chair**
     
     Southeast Region
     
     Head Baseball Coach
     
     Tusculum College
     
     Term expires September 2016
   
   - **Kenny Leonesio**
     
     West Region
     
     Head Baseball Coach
     
     California State University, Stanislaus
     
     Term expires September 2016

2. **2015-16 Baseball Sponsorship.**

   Division I – 295
   
   Division II – 272 (+1)
   
   Division III – 385 (+5)

3. **Online Schedule Form and Score Reporting.** The NCAA statistics staff will gather schedules and results via each institution’s sports information department. Institutions will no longer be required to report individual game scores in the NCAA score reporting system.

4. **2015 Championship.** The 2015 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship provided for a field of 48 teams. The University of Tampa defeated Catawba College 3-1 to claim their seventh national championship, and their second championship in three years. The championship was co-hosted by the University of Mount Olive and the Town of Cary at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina.

5. **Dates for 2016 Championship.**

   Selections: Sunday, May 15
   
   Regionals: Thursday-Sunday, May 19-23*
   
   Championship: Saturday, May 28-Saturday, June 4

   *Games must be completed by Monday, May 23.

6. **2016 Championship Structure.** The championship will provide for a 56-team, double-elimination tournament. Each region is provided between 6 and 8 bids for teams to advance to the 8-team championship in Cary, North Carolina. Below are the regional bid allocations:

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   The championship bracket will be an eight-team, double-elimination tournament with a bracket crossover after game eight.
7. **Automatic Qualification.** For the 2016 championship, 24 conferences will receive automatic qualification privileges. The remainder of the bracket will be selected at large, based on the selection criteria.

8. **Championship Site.** The Town of Cary, North Carolina, and the University of Mount Olive will co-host the 2016 championship at the USA Baseball National Training Complex.

9. **Future Dates.**

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10. **2016 Selection Criteria.** The following criteria as outlined in Bylaw 31.3.3 of the NCAA Division II Manual shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Overall Division II in-region winning percentage;
- Overall Division II winning percentage;
- Overall Division II strength of schedule;
- Division II head-to-head competition;
- Results versus Division II common opponents

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to use the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams:

- Division II results versus teams with .500 records of better;
- Results versus ranked Division II opponents;
- Division II record on the road

**Tie Breaking Criteria**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the criteria listed will be evaluated in priority order:

1. Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests); and
2. Results versus common opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Baseball Committee.

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an **overall Division II won-lost-record of .500 or better**, and compete in at least 24 contests. (If extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from requirement, the institution may request a waiver from the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee.)

11. **Annual Meeting.** The committee's 2016 annual meeting will take place May 26-27 in Cary, North Carolina.

12. **Division II Championships Committee Actions in 2015:**

   **Bracket Expansion**

   Beginning with the 2016 championship, the bracket will allow for 56 teams to be selected for the championship as indicated above.

   **Travel Party Size**

   Effective August 2015, the travel party size for teams participating in the Division II Baseball Championship will be 29.

   **Mileage Limit**

   Effective August 2015, the mileage limit for teams eligible for air travel to all Division II championships will be increased to 600 miles.

13. **Division II Legislative Proposals Effecting Baseball:**

   **Conference Challenge Events**

   Proposal that would permit two contests to be exempted annually as part of a conference challenge event. The contests must be played during the weekend of the first permissible contest date against in-region, out-of-conference opponents. For the purposes of this proposal, contiguous states do not apply, and only those conference represented by your actual region may be part of the conference challenge event.

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