



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I, II and III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEES  
JUNE 22, 2016, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of the 2016 championships.** The committees reviewed the 2016 championships, including participant evaluations, and noted changes to be implemented for the 2017 championships.
- a. Hotels. The committees were aware of one issue at one hotel in which bed bugs were found. The hotel took care of it immediately and fixed the situation. The committees were pleased with how the hotel handled it.
  - b. Coxswain meetings. The committees agreed that proper adjustments were made from the previous year, including having more laminated traffic pattern maps available and making sure a local course person was at each meeting, and want to continue these enhancements at future championships. One item the committees believe should be addressed next year is to secure a more secure/quiet area for the meetings.
  - c. Awards. The committees were pleased with the awards ceremonies and plan to replicate the process in 2017 at Lake Mercer, ensuring that the stage is large enough and includes two sets of stairs.
  - d. Banquet. The committees appreciated the social media tagboard at the banquet and noted the high level of student-athlete involvement. The committees will encourage future hosts to supply a healthier option for any favors (this past year they were frosted sugar cookies) and ensure an adequate supply of beverages. The committees encouraged staff to look for ways to enhance the banquet atmosphere by using photo opportunities, signage and other

interactive items. Additionally, the committees emphasized the importance of having an inspiring and experienced public speaker to whom the student-athletes can relate.

- e. Lineups. The committees were pleased with the new electronic lineup registration system. A few adjustments were noted, but overall it was well received.
- f. Announcers. The committees recommended the same three announcers for 2017 but would like to assign each one to a certain position on the course for consistency during the entirety of the championships.
- g. Webcast. The committees expressed concern regarding the quality of the stream and asked staff to address this with the proper personnel. The committee gave examples of other regattas that have better quality streams. The committees also asked staff directed to explore ways to fill the downtime the 12-minute centers created on the web stream and/or video board.
- h. Competition schedule. The committees discussed the competition schedules and were pleased with the 12-minute centers and agreed to continue for 2017. The committees will determine if adjustments are necessary after the site visit but do not believe any are needed at this time.
- i. Institutional names on boats. Moving forward, the committees noted that institutional names must be on the boats prior to weigh-ins on Wednesday the week of the championships. Boats will not be allowed to weigh-in and thus not allowed to enter the water until they are appropriately identified. The additional language requiring names on boats prior to weigh-ins will be added to the 2016 pre-championship manuals. The committees also made an editorial change to the language in the pre-championships manuals. Committee also commented on staff putting a reminder in selection materials about proper oar identification.
- j. Team/boat storage area. The committees want to continue emphasizing that no children be allowed in the boat storage area due to safety concerns. The committees were pleased with the numerous community ergs at the 2016 event, but members believe not as many will be needed at the 2017 event due to better warm-up space and the likelihood that more local teams may bring their own.
- k. Credentials. The committees were pleased with requiring institutions to submit names for the additional four administrator credentials they are allowed to purchase in order to help ensure that those credentials are used solely for institutional staff.
- l. Action/sports cameras. The committees also voted that tri-pods are not allowed on boats at any time due to safety concerns.
- m. Substitution form. The committees asked staff to incorporate the substitution language in the form.

n. Boat transportation reimbursement. The committees asked staff to revisit the reimbursement policies/rates with the travel group. The reimbursement rate has not been changed for many years, and there is little incentive for institutions to transport another institution's boats. However, several schools (particularly in Divisions II and III) rely on other institutions for their transportation needs.

**2. Chief referee's report.** The committees reviewed the post-championship report from the chief referee and noted several items. Members also mentioned the importance of communication among officials, host personnel, and NCAA staff and committee members.

On a recommendation from the chief referee, the committees agreed to standardize the minimum stroke rate for all three divisions. Divisions II and III will adopt the rates Division I is using: Eight boats have a minimum of 32+ and Four Boats a minimum 30+ stroke rating.

**3. Nomination of 2017 chief referee.** The committees discussed potential candidates for the chief referee position and nominated Tiffany Knapp to serve for the 2017 championships with an option for the 2018 championships.

*Committee Chair:* Ashley Armstrong, University of California, Los Angeles, Division I chair  
 Robin Meiggs, Humboldt State University, Division II chair  
 Sharon Sexton, Lewis & Clark College, Division III chair

*Staff Liaison(s):* Ryan Tressel, NCAA Championships and Alliances  
 Kelly Whitaker, NCAA Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division I, II and III Women's Rowing Committees June 22, 2016, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Ashley Armstrong, University of California, Los Angeles; Pac-12 Conference.	
Matthew Baumann, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden	
Lauren Esbensen, Pacific University (Oregon); Northwest Conference.	
Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University; Sunshine State Conference.	
John Gaskin, University of Rochester; Liberty League Conference.	
Chris Hoppe, Eastern Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.	
Jimmy King, West Virginia University, Big 12 Conference.	
Karen Klinger, Smith College; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
Brian Lang, Assumption College; Northeast-10 Conference.	
Kendall Mulligan, Franklin & Marshall College; Centennial Conference.	
Glenn Putyrae, Gonzaga University; West Coast Conference.	
Scottie Rodgers, The Ivy League.	

Sharon Sexton, Lewis & Clark College; Northwest Conference.
Jeff Smith, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Andy Teitelbaum, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Robin Meiggs, Humboldt State University, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Robbie Tennenbaum, College Rowing Coaches Association.
Sheila Tolle, Head Official.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.