



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RIFLE COMMITTEE
APRIL 25-26, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- 1. Date of Championship Selection Announcement.** The committee request to move the selection announcement for the championships from Thursday, February 23, 2017 to Wednesday, February 22, 2017.
- 2. Committee Chair.** The committee elected Melissa Mulloy-Mecozi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as the committee chair for the 2016-17 academic year.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Itinerary and Agenda.** The committee reviewed the meeting schedule and made no adjustments.
- 2. 2015 Annual Meeting Report.** The committee reviewed and 2015 annual meeting report as submitted.
- 3. Strategic Plan Review.** The committee approved the NCAA rifle committee strategic plan presented by the strategic plan subcommittee. The committee will use the strategic plan guide them in their future work to continue to strengthen the rifle championships and the sport of collegiate rifle in general.

In addition to the strategic plan the committee developed a series of both short and long term goals they will strive to accomplish moving forward.

4. Review of 2016 Championship.

- a. Schedule.** The committee reviewed the championships schedule of events from 2016 and made a few tweaks to the start times on the schedule of events in an attempt to create a more efficient flow to the day.

- b. Championship Evaluations.** The committee reviewed evaluations from the coaches, student-athletes and officials who participated in the 2016 championships. The committee was extremely pleased with the many positive comments regarding the groundbreaking smallbore setup used by the University of Akron. The committee wishes to encourage future hosts to use the new smallbore setup at the championships. The committee noted concerns with the width of the targets during smallbore competition and will work with the Civilian Marksmanship Program to see if a reasonable solution can be found for the 2017 rifle championships.
- c. Banquet.** The committee discussed the championship banquet and pushed staff and future hosts to look at format changes to the banquet to shorten the program and get teams in and out quicker so that they can get into their normal night before match routines.

If a host institution wishes to sell additional banquet tickets to parents of participating student-athletes, the committee requests that the coaches not be a part of the process to avoid the possibility of compliance issues.

- d. NCAA Staff and Committee Notes.** The committee reviewed notes from the 2016 championships and identified the following items for the host of the 2017 championships to address:
- (1) Teaming Preparation Areas. The committee was very impressed with the team preparation areas that were set up at the 2016 rifle championships. Based on the positive feedback of these team preparation areas in the student-athlete surveys, the committee will request that a similar setup be used at the 2017 championships.
 - (2) Atmosphere. The committee has requested NCAA staff and future hosts look at ways to improve the atmosphere at the championships (e.g., playing music during competition, public-address announcer, better use of videoboard, etc.). The committee feels by enhancing the atmosphere it will create a more exciting experience for both student-athletes and fans.
 - (3) Prone Mats. The committee approved NCAA staff's idea of looking at purchasing prone mats with NCAA logos to be used by competitors at the championships.
 - (4) Supplemental Lighting. The committee recalled lighting concerns on the range at the 2012 and 2013 championships hosted at The Ohio State University. As Ohio State will serve as the host again in 2017, the committee suggested that they look into purchasing supplemental lighting to address those concerns.
 - (5) Equipment Check Procedures. Committee members were pleased with changes to the equipment check procedures for the 2015 championships and agreed to maintain them for the 2016 championships.

(6) Awards Presentations. The committee agreed that the smallbore awards (team and individual) presentation take place on Friday following the smallbore individual finals on Friday. The air rifle (team and individual) and the overall awards presentation would then take place following the air rifle individual finals on Saturday.

5. **2017 NCAA Rifle Championships – The Ohio State University**. The committee discussed their initial thoughts on the 2017 championships at The Ohio State University. The committee wishes to encourage Ohio State to consider using the new smallbore set up for the championships. Newt Engle, secretary-rules interpreter and part of the 2016 championships host institution, will reach out to Ohio State to discuss in further detail.

As mentioned above in the 2015 Championships review the committee noted several items to be considered in preparations with Ohio State (e.g., supplemental lighting, teaming area, etc.).

6. **Range Officers**. The committee reviewed the range officers' performance at the 2016 championships. They will revisit potential range officers and extend invitations to work the 2017 championships in the fall of 2016.
7. **Webcast**. The committee discussed the NCAA.com webcast of the 2016 championships and continues to believe that enhancements are necessary. The committee would like to have a call with those broadcasting the championships and show them the type of broadcasts that are being done for International Sport Shooting Federation and Olympic matches. This should allow those producing our shows to get some good ideas on how to enhance the championships broadcast.
8. **NCAA Qualifier and Selections**. The committee believes the current team and individual qualifier selection policy are appropriate for the 2017 championships.

Reviewed the championships selection criteria for both teams and individuals but felt that no changes needed to be made at this point.

For 2017 the committee has requested to move the selection show from Thursday to Wednesday following the NCAA Qualifier match. Moving forward the committee will continue to discuss the logistic of moving the selection announcement/show to the Sunday or Monday following the NCAA Qualifier matches.

9. **Awards at the Championships**. The committee reviewed the number of awards given away at the championships and felt that number was appropriate. The committee will make attempts to improve the awards presentation ceremony at the 2017 championships.
10. **2016-17 Rules Modifications**. The committee reviewed and edited the USA Shooting Rules and made the necessary adjustments to the 2016-17 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications. The only additions for 2016-17 are to include an exception to the definition of a "contest" for dual matches in a range with nine or less firing points, or multi-team events.

The final rules modification document will be submitted to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for comment and approval.

- 11. Rules Education Process.** The committee reviewed the rules education procedures/protocols initiated in past seasons and asked the secretary-rules interpreter to continue enhancing the educational information provided to rifle head coaches for the 2016-17 season.
- 12. Championships Policy Review.** The committee briefly reviewed various championships policies and made no changes for 2017.
- 13. On-Line Score Reporting System.** The committee felt the changes to the online score reporting system for 2015-16 were well received. Allan Lollar will again work with Lincoln Web Design on any tweaks needed for 2016-17.
- 14. Target Equipment/Bullet Bunkers for the Championships.** The equipment used for the backstop at the 2016 championships is being stored at the University of Akron. They will be available for use by future championships hosts. Newt Engle, Chad Tolliver and future hosts will continue to discuss logistics involved with transportation and installation of the setup at host sites.
- 15. Pre-Championships Manual.** The committee reviewed and updated the pre-championships manual as necessary.
- 16. Championships Expenses.** The committee reviewed the championships budget from the current fiscal year (2015-16) and took no action. It was noted that most of the expenses from the 2016 championships were not yet reflected in the budget. NCAA staff will share the final budget report after the close of the fiscal year.
- 17. Open Discussion.**
 - a. Paper Targets.** The committee discussed the issues being faced by schools that shoot on paper targets and how they can encourage others to shoot at their range. The committee took no action.
 - b. Playoff Format for the Championships.** The committee discussed the possibility of structuring the championships in a playoff format. A subcommittee was formed of Eric Sabin, James Greenwell and Melissa Mulloy-Mecozzi to further explore the issue.
- 18. Committee Roster and Changes.** The committee was informed that the NCAA nominating committee was meeting to discuss the two committee vacancies and that those will be communicated in the coming months.

19. Committee Chair. The committee voted to elect Mellissa Mulloy-Mecozi, head rifle coach at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as chair of the committee, effective September 1, 2016. Mrs. Mulloy-Mecozi is entering her second-year on the committee and has proven to be a valuable member in her first year. Mrs. Mulloy-Mecozi will replace current chair John Butler when Mr. Butler’s term as chair expires August 31.

20. Future Dates. The committee reviewed dates for the upcoming championships.

Committee Chair: John Butler, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference

Staff Liaison: Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances

Men’s and Women’s Rifle Committee April 25-26, 2016 Meeting
Attendees:
John Butler, University of Kentucky, Southeastern Conference.
James Greenwell, North Carolina State University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Bill Kelley, United States Naval Academy, American Athletic Conference
Alan Lollar, Murray State University, Ohio Valley Conference.
Melissa Mulloy-Mecozi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Eric Sabin, University of Memphis, American Athletic Conference.
Absentees:
None
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Gina Knutson, NCAA; Chad Tolliver, NCAA.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Emily Parkins, NCAA.