



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 8, 2018, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Adjustment of regional host sites for 2019-22.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve the following adjustments for regional competition. Competition will start the Thursday preceding the first Saturday in April (Thursday-Saturday).

- University of Oklahoma at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Oklahoma, in 2020.
- Auburn University at the Auburn Arena in Auburn, Alabama, in 2022.
- University of Washington at Alaska Airlines Arena in Seattle, Washington, in 2022.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee noted that the recommended adjustments for these years was necessary due to the approved format change that will begin in 2019, when regional sites will be reduced from six to four. In revising its host site recommendations, the committee considered several factors for each of the eight sites that had previously been approved as hosts for 2019-22, including specific years each of the competition venues were available, how recently an institution had hosted, and geographic location.

The five institutions awarded a regional in the previous format and ultimately not selected for this cycle due to the new format will be given strong consideration in the next bid cycle, should they decide to bid again.

Regarding the date formula, conducting competition Thursday through Saturday provides for the least amount of missed class time since Sunday can be used for a travel day. This formula also allows for the maximum amount of recovery time between competitions for advancing teams, since teams competing in the evening session in the second round will need proper recovery before the regional final.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. All selected sites have proven to be great venues, and host staffs are skilled in providing memorable student-athlete experiences.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Naming of rounds for the format beginning in 2019.** The committee discussed the naming of rounds for the new format to ensure participants and the public can clearly understand the progression of teams and individuals throughout the tournament. The committee also wanted to align with naming policies for other NCAA championships. The rounds will be identified as follows:
 - First round (one session with two teams on Thursday at each regional site);
 - Second round (two sessions of four teams on Friday at each regional site);
 - Regional final (one session of four teams on Saturday at each regional site);
 - Semifinals (two sessions of four teams on Friday of championship weekend); and
 - Final (one session of four teams on Saturday of championship weekend).
- 2. Regional alignment beginning in 2019.** The committee determined that women's gymnastics sponsorship should still comprise six regions, since the regions will be used only to identify committee representatives in the new format. In the new format, only national qualifying data will be used, so regional assignment is less impactful.
- 3. Other business.** The committee discussed the new electronic signoff procedure for head coaches to confirm regional qualifying scores within the women's gymnastics scoring provider, Road to Nationals. The committee will work with regional score verification coordinators and the coaches association to communicate the changes and ensure coaches comply with the new requirements.

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