



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISIONS I, II AND III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD  
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEES  
JUNE 14, 2017, ANNUAL MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. DirectAthletics/Track and Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS).**

- a. The NCAA Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees noted that several meet hosts do not comply with the formation of heats and advancement procedures based on the number of participants as outlined in the 2017-18 NCAA Cross Country and Track and Field rules book. The committees discussed the possibility of DirectAthletics altering the registration system to not allow meet management to conduct meets in a manner that would be in violation of the heat formation and advancement procedure rules.
- b. Members noted the mispronunciation of student-athletes' names in-venue and on web stream and broadcast channels. The members discussed the possibility of DirectAthletics adding a name pronunciation box to be completed when coaches setup their accounts each year on TFRRS.
- c. The committee members discussed the possibility of differentiating between marks achieved with a 4.0 legal qualifying wind reading and a 2.0 legal record wind reading on TFRRS. NCAA staff will work with Direct Athletics to explore this possibility.

**2. Eagle Eye.** The committees discussed the use of Eagle Eye at all divisional championships and noted there continues to be poor communication with the vendor liaisons, host institution and NCAA liaisons on-site. The committees specifically mentioned better communication needs to occur on ideal camera locations prior to set-up. It was also mentioned that the number of cameras provided should be reviewed to ensure proper coverage of the entire track oval and when dual facilities are used for field events. NCAA staff will provide the feedback to the vendor and work to ensure improved communication is in place for future championships.

**3. Rules.** Committee members were joined by the cross country and track and field secretary-rules editor and the chair of the NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee to review and discuss various rules related items. Specifically, it was noted that the concerns raised throughout the season regarding the required number of events listed in rule 4-1.4 will be further discussed. The committees stated their desire for the requirement to fall in line with the ten-event minimum that has been in the qualifying criteria for many years. Additionally, it was noted that further review by the rules committee will continue regarding rule 4-1.14, acceptable entries, which was rescinded in 2016-17.

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The committees also asked that the rules committee to further evaluate rule 4-1.3 regarding minimum number of competitors and consider possible revision or removal of the rule. It was noted that unforeseen circumstances can occur that are outside the control of other teams and competitors attending a meet and these circumstances can negatively impact all involved.

Lastly, the committees noted issues with the new uniform rule and discussed the possibility of making a revision to ensure institutions are aware of the penalties for violating the rule.

- 4. Qualifying criteria for indoor and outdoor track and field.** The committees reviewed the current language regarding the surveyed position and degree of hydraulic tracks and voted to leave the language as is. Members also voted to add language stating student-athletes may use combined event marks to qualify for open events, even if the student-athlete does not finish the combined event competition.

Committee members voted in favor of all rules violations, submitted through the qualifying criteria violation portal, to first be sent to the rules committee for review. Once reviewed by the rules committee, all information on violations would be shared with the sport committees who would make the final decision on whether or not to allow the marks in question to count toward NCAA championship qualification.

- 5. Track and field officials assignor.** The committees reviewed the job description and posting for the search that is underway for the track and field national officials assignor. The committees emphasized the importance of ensuring that the key officials positions for each of the divisional indoor and outdoor track and field championships are taking into consideration officials on a national level and not just a local level.
- 6. Indoor Track Indexing.** The committees discussed the current track indexing formulas and methods that are in place and took no action at this time. Committee members noted that results from certain facilities are competition driven and not necessarily facility driven.
- 7. Altitude adjustments.** The committees discussed the altitude conversions currently in place and took no action.
- 8. Meet entry fees.** Committee members expressed concerns that some meets are denying student-athlete entries, but still keeping the entry fees for those denied student-athletes. Committee members suggested touching base with the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association to see if they could help ensure coaches are refunded their entry fees when meet directors deny them access into the meet.

*Committee Chairs: Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference  
Angie Lansing, Indiana State University, Missouri Valley Conference*

*Bill Ross, Allegheny College, North Coast Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances*  
*Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances*  
*Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division I, II and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees June 14, 2017, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Natalie Bach-Prather, Eastern Texas Baptist University, American Southwest Conference
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
Trey Clark, Lamar University; Southland Conference.
Chris Daymont, St. Olaf College; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Andy Eggerth, Kennesaw State University; Atlantic Sun Conference.
Herman Frazier, Syracuse University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Lee Glenn, University of North Georgia; Peach Belt Conference.
Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University; Pacific West Conference.
Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
Nicole Harvey, University of Central Florida; American Athletic Conference.
Kelley Kish, Nova Southeastern University; Sunshine State Conference.
Angie Lansing, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Conference.
Julie Levesque, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.
Lorne Marcus, St. Thomas Aquinas College; East Coast Conference.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Conference.
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference.
Don Nichter, Dickinson College; Centennial Conference.
Michael Orechia, University of Puget Sound; Northwest Conference.
Ben Paxton, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Bill Ross, Allegheny College; North Coast Athletic Conference.
Kelly Scafariello, Salve Regina University; Commonwealth Coast Conference.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.
Derek Stanley, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Thomas Thomasson, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Camden; New Jersey Athletic Conference.
Andrew Towne, Hillsdale College; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Matt Utesch, Lehigh University; Patriot League.
<b>Absentees:</b>

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None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Mark Kostek, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Dan Rose, Chair of NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Anjellica Rospond, Championships and Alliances.