



***DIVISION II  
REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ORIENTATION***

**Men's Soccer**



# Welcome

- Introduction
  - Championship manager: Eric Breece (ebreece@ncaa.org)
  - Support staff: Carla Laster (claster@ncaa.org)
  - Committee chair: Gary Hamill(Hamill@wingate.edu)
- Goals of Training Session
  - Outline RAC responsibilities
  - Provide consistent information across Division II regarding process and philosophy to evaluate and rank teams
- Topics Overview
  - Committees Overview
  - 2017-18 DII Selection Criteria
  - Online Score Reporting System
  - Suggested Best Practices for Rankings
  - RAC Balloting System
  - Suggested Best Practices for Selections
  - Sport Specific Information



# RAC Members

- Each conference appoints representatives to their RAC
- Participate on RAC ranking calls
- Submit rankings via confidential online ballot
- Provide information regarding facilities of potential hosts during bid evaluation process
- Act as site representatives for preliminary rounds
- Assist the national committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season
- Confidentiality



# RAC Chairs

- Serve as chair and spokesperson on behalf of the RAC
- Ensure that RAC conversations are confidential
- Ensure that RAC members are making decisions based on policies and appropriate information, and not position as coach/administrator at a specific institution
- Serve as and/or recommend individuals to serve as site representatives at preliminary rounds
- Participate on national sport committee



# National Sport Committee

- Each national committee member serves as their region's RAC chair
- Consider rankings from each RAC
- Select and bracket teams for the championship
- Chair serves as spokesperson for national sport committee



# Sport Specific Criteria

- In-Region Winning Percentage;
- Division II Winning Percentage;
- Division II Strength of Schedule;
- Division II Head to Head Competition;
- Results Versus Division II Common Opponents;
- Division II results versus teams with a winning record;
- In-region strength of schedule; and
- Performance Indicator (PI).



# Overall Process

- Scores are due to NCAA Statistics **by Noon Eastern time, Monday.**
- NCAA Statistics will push out data through the Score Reporting System **by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday.**
- Committee members will receive an email once the Score Reporting System has been updated with data and the system is open.
- Rankings will be published: Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1.



# Suggested Best Practices

- Go into the Score Reporting System frequently to stay comfortable with how to analyze data, double check data, etc.
- Pair a veteran committee member with a new committee member as their “mentor”.
- Don’t count columns, consider the entire body of work.
- Maintain a consistent ranking process and rationale in-region.
- Speak to factual information from the given Selection Criteria.
- Imagine the names of the institutions were hidden or that this RAC were ranking another region’s institutions, would the same decisions be made?



# Overall Process

- Participate in each RAC call
  - You cannot vote if you were not on the call.
- Vote immediately after each RAC call
  - Make sure to SUBMIT the vote
- Ballots are accessed and tallied by your NCAA Staff liaison, then the anonymous ranking is sent to the National Sport Committee for consideration.
- Log-in information / Demo



# Selection Criteria FAQs

- Many of the criteria appear to be objective criteria. Is there any room for subjectivity?
  - The national sport committees focus on the objective criteria for selections. If more comparisons are needed once the whole body of work has been analyzed, the national sport committee may consider subject selection criteria as long as it is within the context of the objective selection criteria.
- Are conference standings considered in the selection process?
  - No, unless an institution is designated as the automatic qualifier by the institution's conference.
- If an institution does not have head-to-head competition during the regular season, how does this affect the rankings for this team?
  - Although head-to-head competition is listed as a selection criterion, teams that do not have any head-to-head results will not be penalized and this category will not be evaluated in the selection process for this institution.



# Score Reporting System FAQs

- What does it mean if an institution is highlighted in the Score Reporting System?
  - Institutions that are highlighted are currently in the membership process and are not eligible for ranking or selection until they have completed the process.
- If there is an error in the data listed on the Score Reporting System, who should I contact?
  - Committee members should reach out to their RAC chair and/or NCAA championship manager with any edits or changes.



# RAC Balloting System FAQs

- **How will I get my user ID and password?**
  - NCAA staff will provide send this information via email within the next few days.
- **What should I do if I forget or lose my password?**
  - Contact Carla Laster at [claster@ncaa.org](mailto:claster@ncaa.org).
- **Can I vote using a mobile device or tablet?**
  - Not currently, but that availability is coming soon.
- **What do I do if I can't access the balloting system? (i.e. I only have a mobile device or tablet)**
  - Contact your NCAA staff liaison immediately.

***THANK YOU!***



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