



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 13-14, 2018, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Committee chair appointment.** The committee recommends the appointment of Mike Powell, head coach at the College of William & Mary, as new committee chair. See informational item 13.
2. **Tiebreaker.** The committee voted to institute a tiebreaker for placement in the individual events and all-around competition at the championships. See informational item 4.d.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**

- **None.**

2. **Nonlegislative item.**

**a. Automatic qualification.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** That the Big Ten Conference receive automatic qualification to the 2019 National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships.
- (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2018.
- (3) **Rationale.** The conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.4 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.
- (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.
- (5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**b. Committee chair recommendation.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** That Mike Powell, head coach at the College of William & Mary, be appointed chair for 2018-19. The committee is seeking a waiver from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to allow a head coach to serve as the chair of the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee.
- (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2018.
- (3) **Rationale.** Current policy does not permit an active head coach to chair a sport committee, through a waiver is available for sports sponsored by fewer than 60

percent of the membership eligible to participate in the championship, which would apply for men's gymnastics. Mr. Powell has served as the head men's gymnastics coach at William & Mary for two seasons and is a veteran committee member. Mr. Powell has the unanimous support of the committee in assuming this position. Of the two administrators on the committee, one joined the committee in the middle of the year and the other will begin her term in September.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2017 committee meeting report.** The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting report as written.
2. **College Gymnastics Association meeting review.** The committee chair reviewed topics from the College Gymnastics Association meetings, including the restructuring of the association and its priorities.
3. **Rules.** The committee reviewed the NCAA rules modifications document and discussed potential rules changes to be considered at the 2019 annual meeting. NCAA staff will have the updated rules modification document available by September 1.
4. **2018 championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2018 championships and noted the following:
  - a. **Selection process.** The committee reviewed the selection criteria and selection process for the championships and made no changes.
  - b. **Schedule.** The committee reviewed the championships schedule of events and recommended adjusting timing of the Thursday practice sessions to an hour of open warmup instead of 45 minutes at the start of each practice session and concluding with 30 minutes of open warmup instead of 45 minutes. This change provides teams with more flexibility to better utilize the open warmup time before timed warmups begin. The committee agreed there was positive feedback on the inquiry process taking place while teams rotate to the next event and will continue with it.
  - c. **Awards ceremony.** Overall, the host conducted the awards ceremony efficiently. The committee noted that the larger award stand was beneficial and the signage was a great enhancement. The committee noted its preference to have the awards ceremony take place on the floor exercise mat in the future instead of on the periphery of the competition area to provide all spectators a better view. For the 2019 championships,

- the committee will present the team awards first followed by the all-around and individual awards. Currently, the individual awards are presented first before the all-around and team awards. This change should improve attendance for the presentation of the team national championship. The committee asked NCAA staff to research whether one additional mini-trophy could be provided for teams in first through fourth place since the squad size is 15 and there are only 14 mini-trophies provided.
- d. Tie awards.** The committee continues to review the number of ties in the top eight places in each event. After increasing from a four-judge panel to a five-judge panel for the 2018 championships, there were still a large number of ties in the top eight. The committee voted to institute a tiebreaker for individual and all-around placing for the 2019 championships. The tiebreakers would be the same currently used to advance from the qualifier to the finals. For the individual events, the tiebreaker will be determined by the highest E score. If still tied, the tie will not be broken. For the all-around, the tiebreaker will be the highest individual event place until the tie is broken. If still tied, the tie will not be broken.
  - e. Results display.** The committee agreed that the results display at the championships was excellent and should be replicated by future hosts.
  - f. Facility/host.** The committee reviewed the facility and host operations, including the podium, layout, corrals, locker rooms and hospitality. Feedback will be shared with the host staff. The committee agreed the podium greatly enhanced the experience for the student-athletes and spectators. The committee applauded the staff at University of Illinois at Chicago, UIC Pavilion and Chicago Sports Commission for providing an excellent championship experience for the student-athletes.
  - g. Banquet.** Feedback indicated that the committee, student-athletes and coaches enjoyed the new banquet format focused on the student-athletes. The committee agreed that the emcee and student-athlete speaker did well and the host staff provided a memorable banquet experience. The committee provided feedback to the coaches association about criteria for their new student-athlete awards. The committee is committed to this streamlined banquet format.
  - h. Credentials.** The committee reviewed all credential types and made no changes.
  - i. Vendors.**
    - (1) American Athletic, Inc.** The committee reviewed equipment supplied at the championship with the representative from AAI. The committee voted to use the newly approved AAI floor exercise apparatus for the 2019 championships. The committee reviewed a proposal to change the apparatus measurement norms to the FIG standard but decided to maintain its current measurement standards.



7. **Financial summary.** Staff provided the financial summary for the past 11 years for committee review and noted the success of the 2018 championships. The committee reviewed merchandise sales from the championship and noted an all-time sales record.
8. **Manual updates.** The committee reviewed updates for the pre-championships, committee operations, participant and host operations manuals and directed staff to make the necessary edits.
9. **Judges.** Mike Juszczuk and Dean Schott from the National Gymnastics Judges Association participated via teleconference.
  - a. **Technical director's report.** The technical director reported on the officials and technical conduct of the championships. There were nine official inquiries during qualification rounds and three during the championships.
  - b. **Judge selection process.** The committee reviewed the selection process of judges for the championships and noted that the first year of the new process went well and will continue. The committee affirmed that judges should judge the conference championship of the conference they are selected to represent at the championships.
  - c. **Other.** The NGJA and the committee were satisfied with the first year of the five-judge panel on each event and will continue for another year. The NGJA president detailed new initiatives to enhance judge performance throughout the season and at the championships. The committee applauded the efforts of the NGJA president and supported these new initiatives. The committee also informed the NGJA that it will continue its new policy to keep the judges out of the competition area during pre-competition warmup at the championships.
10. **USA Gymnastics.** The committee chair provided an update on recent happenings with USA Gymnastics.
11. **COC review.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an update on the review of sports with sponsorship below 50 institutions (timeline and goals). The committee discussed priorities for future championship format discussions.
12. **Committee conference liaisons.** The committee elected Kurt Golder to serve as the liaison for the Big Ten Conference. Mark Williams and Mike Powell will continue to serve as the conference liaisons for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and Eastern College Athletic Conference, respectively.
13. **Committee chair selection.** See Action Item 2-b.
14. **Future meetings.** The 2019 annual meeting will take place June 12-13 in Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Mike Burns, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

*Staff Liaison: John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee June 13-14, 2018, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Shannon Brett, University of Illinois at Chicago.	
Mike Burns, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.	
Ryan Cobb, University of California, Berkeley.	
Kurt Golder, University of Michigan.	
Mike Powell, College of William & Mary.	
Mark Williams, University of Oklahoma.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Ken Cysewski, American Athletic, Inc.	
Mike Juszcyk, National Gymnastics Judges Association (via teleconference).	
Dean Schott, National Gymnastics Judges Association (via teleconference).	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
John E. Bugner, Championships and Alliances.	
Barb Hallam, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	
Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances.	