The NCAA Division II Baseball Committee is providing this information to outline the key actions taken by the committee during the past year. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Eric Breece, NCAA Assistant Director, Championships and Alliances (Phone: 317/917-6781; Email: ebreece@ncaa.org). For additional information regarding baseball, please access the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org.

1. **2014-15 Committee Members**
   - Harry Hillson, Head Baseball Coach, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Term expires September 2016
   - Mark Clements, Associate Athletics Director, Northwest Missouri State University, Term expires September 2018
   - Rick Giannetti, Director of Men’s Athletics, Dominican College (NY), Term expires September 2017
   - Tyler Madsen, Sports Information Director, Truman State University, Term expires September 2017
   - Mike Mominey, Director of Athletics, Nova Southeastern University, Term expires September 2017
   - Kevin Brooks, Head Baseball Coach, Angelo State University, Term expires September 2018
   - Doug Jones, chair, Head Baseball Coach, Tusculum College, Term expires September 2016
   - Kenny Leonesio, Head Baseball Coach, California State University, Stanislaus, Term expires September 2016

2. **2014-15 Baseball Sponsorship**
   - Division I – 295 (-2)
   - Division II – 271 (+3)
   - Division III – 384 (+6)

3. **Online Schedule Form and Score Reporting**. The NCAA statistics staff will gather schedules and results via each institution’s sports information department. Institutions will no longer be required to report individual game scores in the NCAA score reporting system.

4. **2014 Championship**. The 2014 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship provided for a field of 48 teams. The University of Southern Indiana defeated Colorado Mesa University 3-2 in 12 innings to claim their second national championship. The championship was co-hosted by the University of Mount Olive and the Town of Cary at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina.

5. **Dates for 2015 Championship**
   - Selections: Sunday, May 10
   - Regionals: Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17*
   - Championship: Saturday-Saturday, May 23-30.
   *Games must be completed by Monday, May 18.

6. **2015 Championship Structure**. The championship will provide for a 48-team, double-elimination tournament. Each region will receive six postseason bids, including automatic qualifiers.

7. **Automatic Qualification**. For the 2015 championship, 20 conferences will receive automatic qualification privileges. The remainder of the bracket will be selected at large, based on the selection criteria.

8. **Championship Site**. The Town of Cary, North Carolina, and the University of Mount Olive will co-host the 2015 championship at the USA Baseball National Training Complex.

9. **Future Dates**
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10. **2014 Selection Criteria.** The NCAA Division II Baseball Committee will select teams from each of the eight geographic regions to participate in the championship using the selection criteria outlined in Bylaw 31.3.3 of the NCAA Division II Manual for at-large participants. All regions will select six teams.

- Won-lose record;
- Strength of schedule;
- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; and
- Nullification.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championship Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Baseball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

**Primary Criteria**

- In-region Division II won-lose results;
- In-region Division II strength of schedule (opponents’ average winning percentage and opponents’ opponents’ average winning percentage);
- Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests);
- Results versus common opponents;
- Results against Division II teams .500 or better;
- Results against Division II teams out of conference .500 or better;
- Road results;
- Results versus teams ranked in the previous regional ranking and all teams with a winning percentage of 0.650 and above; and

**Tie Breaking Criteria**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. The criteria listed will be evaluated in priority order:

1. Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests); and
2. Results versus common opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Baseball Committee.

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall Division II won-lose-record of .500 or better, and compete in at least 24 contests. (If extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from requirement, the institution may request a waiver from the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee.)

11. **Annual Meeting.** The committee's 2015 annual meeting will take place May 20-21 in Cary, North Carolina.

12. **Division II Championships Committee Actions in 2014:**

**Selection Criteria**

The below selection criteria will take effect in August 2015 and implemented for selection to the 2016 Championship.

The following criteria as outlined in Bylaw 31.3.3 of the NCAA Division II Manual shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Overall Division II in-region winning percentage;
- Overall Division II winning percentage;
- Overall Division II strength of schedule;
- Division II head-to-head competition;
- Results versus Division II common opponents

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to use the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams:

- Division II results versus teams with .500 records of better;
- Results versus ranked Division II opponents;
- Division II record on the road

**Bracket Expansion**

The Division II Championships Committee recommended to the Management and Presidents Councils that the Division II Baseball Championship be expanded to 56 teams starting with the 2016 championship. This recommendation will become effective August 2015 if approved by the Management and Presidents Councils and the Planning and Finance Committee in February 2015.

The regions will be paired geographically as follows: Atlantic/East, South/Southeast, Central/Midwest and South Central/West. In 2016, the region with the highest access ratio in each pairing would have an eight team regional. In 2017, the opposite region in each pairing would have an eight team regional. In subsequent even years, eight team regionals would be conducted in the same regions as in 2016. In subsequent odd years, eight team regionals would be conducted in the same regions as in 2017. For the 2016 the following would be in effect:

8-team regionals: East, Southeast, Central and West

6-team regionals: Atlantic, South, Midwest and South Central

**Travel Party Size**

Effective August 2015, the travel party size for teams participating in the Division II Baseball Championship will be 29.

**Mileage Limit**

Effective August 2015, the mileage limit for teams eligible for air travel to all Division II championships will be increased to 600 miles.

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