NCAA DIVISION II MEN’S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT

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The NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as future dates and other pertinent information. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Donnie Wagner, NCAA Championships and Alliances, at 317/917-6222 or via e-mail at dwagner@ncaa.org.

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2. 2016-17 Men’s Basketball Sponsorship. There are 319 institutions that sponsor Division II Men’s Basketball. This number includes those institutions that were ineligible for the championship (e.g., provisional members, reclassified members, etc.).

3. 2017 Championship. The 2017 NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship provided for a field of 64 teams. Eight teams were selected from each of the eight regions. The regional tournaments were all hosted on the campus of one of the teams selected for the tournament. The eight regional champions advanced to the Men’s Elite Eight in Sioux Falls, South Dakota hosted by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

4. 2018 Championship Structure. The championship will provide for a 64-team, single-elimination tournament. There will be eight teams selected from each of the eight regions, and these teams shall be paired strictly within each region. All eligible conferences will receive automatic qualification for its conference champion, while all other teams will be selected on an at-large basis. It should be noted that for the 2017 championship, 24 conferences were awarded automatic qualification, while the remaining 40 teams were selected at-large by the Division II Men’s Basketball Committee.

5. Dates for the 2018 Championship.

   Selections: Sunday, March 4
   All games must be ideally completed by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
   Regionals: March 10-13
   Men’s Elite Eight: March 21, 22 & 24
   Championship Game: March 24
   Sioux Falls, South Dakota
   [Championship will be held in conjunction with Division II women’s championship]

6. Selection Requirements and Selection Criteria. The following selection requirements and selection criteria were used during the 2016-17 academic year.

   In order to be considered during the selection process, a team must have:
   a. An overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better, and;
   b. Compete in at least 22 contests against Division I or II institutions, of which a minimum of 18 games must be played against in-region Division II opponents.

   A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in the sport of basketball in any one year to 26 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded per NCAA Bylaw 17. The committee selected teams for the championship based on a complete review of the following:
   - Overall Division II in-region winning percentage;
   - Overall Division II winning percentage;
   - Overall Division II strength of schedule;
   - Division II head-to-head record;
• Results versus Division II common opponents;
• Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships, and;
• Nullification.

The Division II Men’s Basketball Committee also received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams (not necessarily in priority order):
• Rating percentage index (RPI);
• Performance indicator (PI); and
• Records vs. Division II ranked opponents.

If you have any feedback that you would like to share with the men’s basketball committee prior to their upcoming annual meeting regarding the selection criteria or any other issue, please send those comments directly to Donnie Wagner at the NCAA national office by April 12.

8. Tentative Future Dates.

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• Annual Meeting. The committee's 2017 annual meeting will take place April 12-14 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

10. The Division II Men’s Basketball Committee Took the Following Actions on Championship Issues Recently.

• Split regional. In the event a top ranked team in the region is the same institution for both genders, the regional automatically becomes a split regional. The #1 seed hosts a sub-regional including the #4 seed, #5 seed and #8 seed and the #2 seed hosts a sub-regional including the #3 seed, #6 seed, and the #7 seed. The highest remaining seed would host the regional final. This format would guarantee the regional championship game would include the host team, which would serve to improve attendance, atmosphere and student-athlete experience.

• Squad size. The men’s basketball committee voted to increase the squad size from 14 to 15 to accommodate one additional student-athlete. The majority of men’s basketball teams, the roster size is larger than 14. Increasing the squad size to 15 will allow an additional student-athlete to travel and practice with the team during the post-season.

• The men’s basketball committee seeded the eight teams that advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in 2016. The committee used the selection criteria, in addition to individual team sheets to make their decision.

• The committee provided teams playing in the first session of the day 60 minutes (with basketballs) on the playing floor for warm-ups.

11. The Championships Committee Took the Following Actions on Other Issues Regarding Division II Men’s Basketball.

• The Regionalization Working Group met in February to discuss options for amending current bracketing procedures to minimize instances where teams match up with a conference opponent in the first round of an NCAA championship. This review did not include consideration of changes to the current regional alignments or current selection criteria.

After reviewing membership feedback and discussing multiple options, the working group ultimately decided to recommend the following options to the Division II Championships Committee:

a. No change in bracketing procedures; or

b. A model that would allow seed lines to be adjusted in order to avoid a first-round conference match-up. The working group would like to further discuss specific details for the model. For example:
   1. Should committees protect the No. 1 seed?
   2. Should committees protect the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds?
   3. Should committees only adjust lines No. 3 through No. 7?

The working group considered models that would have greater budgetary impact, but opted to support models that would be cost neutral or potentially result in cost savings (i.e. if any adjustments also resulted in teams in closer proximity playing one another).

• The committee approved an increase in championship travel policies for team sports from 500 to 600 miles for ground transportation. This new mileage allowance was effective in 2015.

• The committee weighed the requests related to reimbursement for local transportation costs to institutions and determined it would prioritize increased championships opportunities for student-athletes rather than reimbursement of local transportation costs. The importance of assisting the membership from a financial perspective was also strongly supported by the committee. Therefore, the committee forwarded a recommendation to the Planning and Finance Committee to utilize any annual championships budget surpluses of more than $1.2 million toward a reimbursement fund to member institutions having participated in NCAA postseason championships.

• The committee began an in-depth review of officiating. This review will take place to develop key areas for discussion with initial items identified as follows: fees, education and skill requirements, the environment surrounding officiating and retention.

• Beginning in 2016, the championships committee voted to allow selection criteria used by the respective sports committee to be shared with the membership.

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