



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEM.

1. Nonlegislative item.

a. Host for the 2019 South Regional Cross Country Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve Florida State University as the host of the 2019 South Regional Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional Park.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The site originally awarded the 2019 regional can no longer host the event. Florida State has hosted numerous NCAA regional cross country championships and will host the 2021 national championships.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Nothing above normal operational expenses in conducting the regional championships.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Host for the 2021 Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve University of Massachusetts Lowell as the host of the 2021 Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships at Franklin Park in Boston.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The site originally awarded the 2021 regional can no longer host the event. The University of Massachusetts Lowell has hosted NCAA Division II events on this same course prior to becoming a Division I member. Additionally, several Division I regional championships have been contested on this same course at Franklin Park.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Nothing above the normal operational expenses in conducting the regional championships.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

1. Number of allowable countable coaches for men's and women's track and field programs, and men's and women's cross country/track and field programs.

- The committee voted unanimously to support a proposal from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) to increase the number of countable coaches for men's and women's track and field programs, and men's and women's cross country/track and field programs from three to four countable coaches.

The committee noted that with the sheer roster sizes of these programs and the various disciplines in track and field (distance/middle distance, sprints and hurdles, throwing events, and jumping events), this ensures more specialized coaching in specific disciplines, allowing student-athletes to succeed at the highest levels. The currently legislated three allowable coaches does not offer student-athletes the best opportunity to succeed, as coaches are spread thin across multiple disciplines and there is a high coach to student-athlete ratio. This also helps ensure proper coaching during competition, as coaches are better able to manage coaching responsibilities when there are multiple events occurring simultaneously as is common in track and field. The committee also noted that track and field rosters rival those of football, which is allowed 11 coaches. Ultimately the committee believes this is important to the overall success, safety and well-being of the student-athletes and creates a more realistic coach to student-athlete ratio, allowing for more effective and positive coach and student-athlete relationships.

Committee Chair: Angie Lansing, Indiana State University
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee August 16, 2018, Meeting
Attendees:
Trey Clark, Lamar University.
Milan Donley, University of Kansas.
Andy Eggerth, Kennesaw State University.
Herman Frazier, Syracuse University.
Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
Angie Lansing, Indiana State University.
Julie Levesque, University of Texas at El Paso.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware.
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University.

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Mike Nelson, Marquette University.
Ben Paxton, Winthrop University.
Absentees:
Nicole Harvey, University of Central Florida.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.