REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 2016, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. 2016 indoor track and field national championships.

   a. The NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee discussed concerns raised regarding the positioning of the weight throw cage enclosure on the right side of the throwing sector at the Birmingham CrossPlex, site of the 2016 indoor track and field championships. In review of the structure, the committee confirmed with Bob Podkaminer, the secretary-rules editor for track and field, that the configuration of the structure is completely legal and cannot be moved due to safety and proximity to the track. However, the Birmingham CrossPlex has readjusted the sector lines so that the distance between the posts on the left-hand side and right-hand side are of equal distance from the sector lines. This ensures fairness, regardless of whether the thrower is left-handed or right-handed.

   b. The committee discussed the team camp area and agreed to wait on making a decision whether to pre-assign team space until the walk-through the Tuesday of the championships. The committee noted that it may not be necessary to pre-assign space since there will be bleacher locations in the team camp area where teams will likely place their bags and set up camp. Committee members also noted that the basketball court in the team camp area can be used as a space for teams that wish to set up medical tables.

   c. The committee elected to approve the use of ESPN as an official piece of video review during the championships. Along with Eagle Eye Video, this will be the only video authorized for review during the championships.

2. Credentials for managers, administrators, and team medical personnel at indoor and outdoor track and field championships. The committee reviewed current allocations for managers, administrators and team medical personnel (e.g., athletic trainers, massage therapists, etc.) at the indoor and outdoor championships. The committee agreed to retain the current policy of allowing only one free manager, one free administrator and one free medical credential to each participating institution (per gender) at the championships. Members also confirmed continuing to allow a maximum of only one administer or one manager and one additional medical credential to be purchased per institution per gender at
the cost of an all-session ticket.

3. **Vertical jump pit assignment in combined events high jump and pole vault.** In the combined events high jump and pole vault, the committee noted that when more than one pit is being used, student-athletes should be assigned to pits based on season best performance from a combined event competition (not an open event competition) and not opening height. The reason is that even though the best jumper or vaulter may open at a low height, they will progress at a much faster rate through the competition. By assigning the best jumpers and vaulters to the higher pit, the competition will take less time to conduct and will ensure the best jumpers and vaulters are competing against each other.

4. **Document detailing how to score a cross country meet.** The committee discussed forming a subcommittee to begin working on a document in conjunction with the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) detailing how to score a cross country meet. The USTFCCCA asked for the document due to issues with how scores are being reported to the NCAA official results reporting site, TFRRS-XC, and then with what is being posted and/or reported to institutional pages. In an effort to form consistency and a clear understanding of scoring a cross country meet, the subcommittee will collaborate over the next several months with the USTFCCCA to identify areas and ideas that should be highlighted and addressed.

5. **Consideration of change from 1500 meters to mile at outdoor track and field championships.** The committee noted multiple inquiries related to consideration being given to changing from the 1500 meters to the mile at the outdoor track and field championships. A vote was taken at the USTFCCCA convention in December, but no official proposal has been submitted to the NCAA sport committee. The committee also noted that the matter would not be considered until the USTFCCCA submitted an official proposal, and even then not until at least the 2017 championships.

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

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<td>Matthew Belfield, University of Vermont; America East Conference.</td>
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<td>Herman Frazier, Syracuse University; Atlantic Coast Conference.</td>
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<td>Julie Levesque, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.</td>
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Ben Paxton, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
Shondell Reed, University of Washington; Pac-12 Conference.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.
Connie Teaberry, Northern Illinois University; Mid-American Conference.
Matt Utesch, Lehigh University; Patriot League.

**Absentees:**
Andy Eggerth, Kennesaw State University; Atlantic Sun Conference.

**Guests in Attendance:**
None.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Anjellica Rospond, Championships and Alliances.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
None.