



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 27-28, 2017, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. 2018 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 17.10.2.1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Practice – First Practice Date – Championship Segment.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Bylaw 17.10.2.1 (first practice date – championship segment) to specify that a member institution shall not begin official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment before 24 days prior to the first permissible contest or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Interassociation Consensus on Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations included a recommendation to discontinue two-a-day practices. Accordingly, the Division II Presidents Council adopted emergency legislation (Proposal No. EM-2018-1) to eliminate multiple on-field practices in the same day. To account for that, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief provided waiver relief for the 2018 football season only to allow institutions additional days for preseason practice. This proposal would amend Bylaw 17.10.2.1 to codify the waiver relief and state that the first practice date in the championship segment is 24 days before the first permissible contest date, or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Adoption of this proposal would ensure that institutions are able to adhere to the emergency legislation without compromising their student-athletes’ preparedness for the upcoming season.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Possible increase in institutional budgets due to additional days in the preseason.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will benefit from additional days in the preseason.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17.18.5 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Skiing – Number of Dates of Competition – Maximum Limitations – 32 Dates of Competition.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.18.5 (number of dates of competition) to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible playing









**3. Committee reports.** The committee approved the reports from its May 4 teleconference and May 18 electronic vote as submitted.

**4. Budget and travel review.**

a. Championships budget update. Staff updated the committee on financial summaries for the 2016-17 fall and winter sport championships.

b. Planning and Finance Committee update. The committee revisited a new standardized budget model to be applied consistently across the Association annually to fund championships travel. The new model allows previously allocated dollars for ground transportation at championships to be absorbed into the base budget. As a result, the \$1.5 million currently allocated to championships for new or enhanced championships initiatives starting in Fiscal Year 2018-19 will not need to be allocated for local ground transportation reimbursement and can be used for other recommendations from the Championships Committee and sport committees. (The Planning and Finance Committee urged the Championships Committee to only bring forward the necessary budgetary requests and retain the remaining funds from the \$1.5 million allocation for budget requests in future budget cycles. )

**5. Triennial budget requests.** Committee members revisited budget requests from sport committees and other groups for the 2018-21 triennium. To better inform final recommendations at the committee's September meeting, members broke into subgroups to begin prioritizing requests. Committee members noted the importance of seeking feedback from the sport committee chairs during the September meeting.

**6. Regionalization Working Group update.** Committee members discussed the status of recommendations from the Regionalization Working Group and subsequent reaction from the membership, including the Division II Athletics Directors Association and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association. Committee members were asked to continue soliciting ideas for the working group to consider.

**7. Committee updates.**

a. Membership Committee. Staff updated the group on membership-related items, including the schools that have recently announced closure, merger or the intent to reclassify. The Membership Committee will meet in July to review schools currently in the membership process. Staff also noted that, as a result of the NCAA Board of Governors adopting the international membership pilot program as permanent legislation, the membership has submitted proposed legislation for the 2018 Convention regarding potential membership for institutions in Mexico.

b. Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Staff reviewed reports from the panel's recent teleconferences and provided an update on the background check pilot program for officials in various sports.

**8. Spring sport championship recaps.** The committee reviewed summaries from the 2017 spring sport championships as information only. Staff noted ongoing discussions regarding potential flexibility in the choice of memento for future championships participants.

**9. Digital streaming report.** Staff reviewed analytics and enhancements implemented for the winter sport championships.

**10. Automatic qualification and earned access.** The committee approved recommendations from sport committees regarding automatic qualification and earned access for championships in 2017-18 (see Attachment B).

**11. Sport committee reports/updates.**

a. Men's basketball.

(1) Practice start date. The Championships Committee did not support a proposal from the men's basketball committee to sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention that would allow for 30 on-court practice sessions during a 42-day window before the first permissible contest. Championships Committee members expressed concern about extending the practice season.

(2) Transparency of data. The Championships Committee did not support a recommendation from the basketball committee to provide team sheets, along with the current score reporting data, to teams after each of the ranking calls. Championships Committee members were concerned that the recommendation could potentially compromise the credibility of the regional advisory committees.

(3) Selection criteria. The Championships Committee did not support a request for the basketball committee to use a new metric (the Kevin Puga Index) on a pilot basis to help evaluate teams for selection purposes beginning in 2018-19. Championships Committee members do not believe that the new criteria would provide significant additional assistance.

b. Football.

(1) Selection criteria. The Championships Committee did not support a request for the football committee to use a new metric (the KPI) on a pilot basis to help evaluate teams for selection purposes beginning in 2018. Championships Committee members do not believe that the new criteria would provide significant additional assistance.

(2) Atmosphere at preliminary-round games. The Championships Committee discussed a football committee recommendation to allow hosts at all games, except the national final, to apply game management operations similar to those used for a regular-season game, thus allowing hosts to create a "home atmosphere" rather than being held strictly to establishing a neutral environment per NCAA policy. The Championships

Committee tabled the matter, pending an internal review of whether the neutrality policy will be modified on an Association-wide basis.

## **12. Other discussion items.**

- a. Hosting status for Simon Fraser University. The committee reviewed and approved Simon Fraser's ability to host postseason competition in the United States under specified conditions. Staff noted that Simon Fraser was granted some flexibility in 2016-17 regarding expenses associated with hosting events on the U.S. side of the border. However, the Championships Committee agreed that going forward, Simon Fraser will be reimbursed in the same manner as any other host regarding operational expenses associated with conducting the championship on campus.
- b. Countable contests for institutions in Puerto Rico. Committee members discussed a recurring concern regarding how results in men's and women's basketball against institutions in Puerto Rico should count in championship selection criteria. Currently, they count in only the overall win/loss record and minimum number of Division II contests required for selection purposes for those Division II institutions competing against them. However, repeated efforts to encourage the three Puerto Rico schools to meet scheduling and score-reporting requirements have not produced desired outcomes. In June 2016, the Championships Committee agreed to recommend retaining the status quo for 2016-17 and 2017-18 but asked the Membership Committee to consider auditing the three Puerto Rico schools as a part of its annual evaluating process to determine whether they are meeting minimum membership requirements. That audit is ongoing.
- c. Teams declining to participate in championships. The committee continued discussing situations when an NCAA member school opts out of participation in an NCAA championship for various reasons, despite current legislation requiring NCAA members to participate in an NCAA championship, if selected. All three divisions are currently reviewing these policies. As such, staff asked the committee for feedback on whether the policies should be modified or clarified and will share that input with staff from Divisions I and III before reporting back with a recommendation at a subsequent meeting.
- d. Institutions exceeding the maximum number of contests. The committee discussed situations that arise in the rare instances when institutions exceed the maximum number of contests in various sports (due usually to an inadvertent mistake or misinterpretation in scheduling). Staff asked the committee for feedback regarding what a sport committee should do in these cases and will propose possible solutions at a subsequent meeting.

**13. Video streaming at preliminary rounds.** Prompted by a request in February from the women's volleyball committee to require video streaming at regional sites beginning with the 2017 championship, the Championships Committee asked staff to identify appropriate sports for which video streaming could be included as part of the bid specifications for prospective regional hosts in upcoming years. At this meeting, the Championships Committee discussed not only the sports for which video streaming will be required to be included in bid



specifications, but also sports for which video streaming will be required at preliminary rounds, and the minimum standards hosts will be required to meet. As such, the committee agreed on the following:

- (1) Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, video streaming must be included in the bid specifications for prospective regional hosts, and will be required to be implemented for regional-round contests in women's volleyball.
- (2) Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, preliminary-round hosts in women's volleyball, as well as in the four sports for which video streaming already is required (football, men's and women's basketball, and wrestling), must meet the following minimum standards related to video streaming:
  - At least one camera must be used. However, institutions are encouraged to produce a multi-camera video stream. In addition, cell phones are not permitted as the camera source.
  - Excluding wrestling, at least one broadcaster must be assigned for each contest to provide commentary in the live video stream.
  - Personnel must be able to deliver neutral audio play-by-play and color commentary. (Host institutions may choose to use personnel who have announced the school's regular-season broadcasts, but those personnel must deliver a neutral commentary during the video stream.)
  - Game action must be visible when competition is in progress.
  - Current score, time and applicable information must be onscreen if technically possible.
  - NCAA public service announcements must be used during breaks if technically possible.
  - Every effort should be made to ensure that graphics are neutral and include only NCAA and NCAA participating institutions' marks.
  - Contests must be recorded and shared with participating schools as requested.
- (3) Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, video streaming must be included in the bid specifications for prospective regional hosts, and will be required to be implemented for preliminary-round contests in the following additional sports: baseball, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and softball. (Hosts will also have to meet the minimum standards listed above.)

**14. Regional advisory committee attendance policies.** The committee asked staff to continue notifying conference commissioners regarding attendance during regional advisory committee calls.

**15. 2018 membership census questions.** Committee members revisited championships-related questions in the 2018 Division II Membership Census to ensure that the most relevant topics are addressed.

**16. Staff updates.**

- a. Winter and spring community engagement events. Jill Willson from Double L Consulting summarized the events conducted during the winter and spring sport championships. More than 1,300 student-athletes and coaches interacted with more than 6,250 youth community members and military veterans.
- b. Legal update. Staff updated the committee on pertinent litigation.

**17. Championships Committee chair election.** Committee members agreed to re-elect Mr. Johnson for a second year as chair. The action not only reflects Mr. Johnson's effectiveness in the role, but it also helps ensure leadership continuity during the completion of the triennial budget review.

**18. Other business.**

- a. Softball playing and practice season in festival years. Staff noted that the softball committee met just before the Championships Committee meeting and asked for feedback regarding how the Division II National Championships Festival affects the sport's playing and practice season. Championships Committee members said they would be willing to entertain further discussion, noting that responses from the 2018 Membership Census should help inform the conversation.
- b. Seeding at the softball championship. The softball committee also asked the Championships Committee to comment on a concept to seed the 16 super regional participants. Championships Committee members agreed to forward the idea to the Regionalization Working Group for comment.
- c. Committee roster. The group acknowledged Barbara Dearing for her exemplary service to the committee. Ms. Dearing will retire at the end of June as the athletics director at Western Oregon University, ending a four-decade career in collegiate athletics.

**19. Future meeting dates.**

- September 11-13, 2017, Indianapolis (includes meeting with sport committee chairs and champ managers)
- February 13-14, 2018, Indianapolis
- June 19-20, 2018, Indianapolis (moved from June 26-27 as previously scheduled due to a conflict with the NACDA convention)
- September 11-12, 2018, Indianapolis

**20. Adjournment.** Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Eastern time, June 28.

*Committee Chair:* Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

*Staff Liaison(s):* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances  
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>Division II Championships Committee June 27-28, 2017, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Michael Anderson, Gulf South Conference.
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.
Tonya Charland, Great Lakes Valley Conference (Management Council vice chair).
Barbara Dearing, Western Oregon University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
Ty Dennis, University of Minnesota, Mankato; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus; California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Great Northwest Athletic Conference (Management Council chair).
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference.
Tom Shirley, Philadelphia University; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Kim Vinson, Cameron University; Lone Star Conference.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.

<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances.
Kelsey Cermak, Championships and Alliances.
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.
Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance.
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.
Catherine Krawiec, Championships and Alliances.
Lauren McLaughlin, Championships and Alliances.
John Pfeffenberger, Administrative Services.
Jennifer Rodgers, Championships and Alliances.
Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances.
Juanita Sheely, Administrative Services.
Naima Stevenson, General Counsel.
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.
Sharon Tufano, Governance.
Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances.
Matt Ward, Division II Governance.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.



## Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Jessica Cousins
Job Title:	Assistant Track and Field/Cross Country
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Nova Southeastern University
Conference:	Sunshine State Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Although I do not have conference championship experience, I do have home meet experience. I was responsible for meet operations such scheduling, updating coaches on meet changes, as well as, meet day operations.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	N/A
Former college S/A:	Cross Country,Track and Field
Former college coach (sports):	Cross Country,Track and Field
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I have knowledge of NCAA rules and regulations. This knowledge also include rules and guidelines for conferences such as SEC, MEAC, Peach Belt and Sunshine State Conference. As a committee member I would exemplify the leadership, discipline, and a strong work ethic developed as a member of the Razorback Track and Field Team and working as a coach as each institution I have worked under. I have great interpersonal and communication skills that helps me to relate well to people from different cultures and ethnicities.

### Past or current Committee Service:

N/A

### Employment History:

Assistant Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach

September 2015-Present Nova Southeastern University Davie, FL

Assist the head coach in planning, developing, and promoting a highly competitive NCAA division II school.

Organize team practice for 100-400m runners, hurdlers, and jumpers.

Work as academic coach liaison for Cross Country/Track and Field.

Meet with at risk student-athletes to promote academic success.

Coordinate team travel

Assistant Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach

October 2012-August 2015 Howard University Washington, DC

Assists the head coach in planning, developing and promoting a highly competitive NCAA Division program

Organizes and implementing practice and training procedures for the development and improvement of individuals and team skills

Displays knowledge and adhere to all rules and regulations, pertaining to the sport of track and field as established by the NCAA, MEAC, and

Howard University

Works extensively with Progress Toward Degree (PTD)

Works hands on with at risk and non-native English speaking international student athletes

Monitors and evaluate academic support programs of athletes

Coaching 60m-800m runners, hurdlers, and some jumpers

Director of Operations for Men's and Women's Track and Field

Ensures that team travel arrangements are in compliance with University, MEAC and NCAA rules and regulations, to include monitoring development of travel itineraries and coordination of travel plans through the travel company.

Oversees selection, purchase, fitting and maintenance of team equipment, to include uniforms, athletic equipment and supplies. • Develops and publishes team rules regarding appearance, practice, class attendance, punctuality, dress code and general standard of behavior, with approval of Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator.

**Education:**

Bachelor's

**References:**

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Associate Director of Athletics/SWA

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**2016-17 DIVISION II MEN’S SOCCER COMMITTEE**

Composition: Eight members. One from each of the Division II men’s soccer regions (West, Central, South Central, South, Southeast, Midwest, Atlantic, East).  
Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy. Robert Cummings has left Cal State-Monterey Bay. West region; coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Eric Breece  
Chair:

REG	POS	EM/	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/16-9/17	9/17-9/18	9/18-9/19	9/19-9/20
Cen	Asst AD	GEN N/M	Brock Wissmiller	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Wissmiller*	(Cochran)	(Cochran)	(Cochran
	(Sr Assoc AD)	(N/M)	Upper Iowa University (Matt Cochran Northeastern State University)	(Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics)				9/21*)
SoC	C/Dir of	Y/M	Claudio Arias	Heartland	Arias	Arias	Arias	Arias*
	Soccer Operations		Texas A&M International University					
East	C	N/M	Matt Thompson	East Coast	Thompson	Thompson*		
			University of the District of Columbia					
SoE	C	N/M	Gary Hamill	South Atlantic	Hamill	Hamill*		
			Wingate University					
West	C	Y/M	<b>Robert Cummings</b>	<b>California Collegiate</b>	<b>Cummings</b>	<b>Cummings</b>	<b>Cummings</b>	<b>Cummings*</b>
			<b>California State University, Monterey Bay</b>	<b>Athletic</b>				
Atl	Assoc	N/M	Gavin Donaldson	Mountain East	Donaldson*	(Beattie)	(Beattie)	(Beattie
	AD/C (Assoc AD)	(N/M)	West Virginia Wesleyan University (Terry Beattie West Chester University of Pennsylvania)	(Pennsylvania State Athletic)				9/21*)
So	C	N/M	Bill Elliott	Gulf South	Elliott	Elliott	Elliott*	
			University of West Florida					
MidW	Asst Com	N/M	Kevin Alcox	Great Midwest Athletic	Alcox	Alcox	Alcox*	
			Great Midwest Athletic Conference					

\*Not eligible for reappointment 4/1/17



## Division II Men's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Phillip Billeci-Gard
Job Title:	Associate Athletic Director of Internal Operations
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Dominican University of California
Conference:	Pacific West Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Pacific West Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	N/A
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	West Region Men's Soccer Advisory Committee
Former college S/A:	Men's Soccer
Former college coach (sports):	Men's Soccer
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

Phil is a former NCAA Division II men's head and assistant coach and was also a NCAA Division II assistant women's coach. He currently serves as a member on the West Region Men's Soccer RAC. He is passionate about the student athlete experience and soccer. He directly supervises our men's soccer program and student athlete advisory committee. He is eager, passionate, reliable, ready and prepared to be more involved within the conference and NCAA. He is a rising star that puts the experience of the student-athlete first and looks through a lens very dimensional and not one way. He would be a great addition to the Men's Soccer Committee.

### Past or current Committee Service:

N/A

### Employment History:

Human Resources Manager at Nordstrom San Francisco  
Associate Director of Men's and Women's Soccer - Dominican University of California  
Head Men's Soccer Coach - Dominican University  
Present - Associate Director of Athletics - Dominican University

### Education:

Bachelor's

### References:

Amy Henkelman - Director of Athletics - Dominican University of California  
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Dr. Chris Leeds - Faculty Athletics Rep - Dominican University of California  
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Cassandra Urroz - Senior Woman Administrator - Dominican University of California  
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**2016-17 MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES COMMITTEE**  
(ASSOCIATION-WIDE RULES ADMINISTRATION)

Legislated Requirements: Nine members. Four Division I, including each subdivision: two Division II, two Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: **2**. Quota of 50 percent coaches: **4**.

Duties: Establish and maintain rules of play consistent with the traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. This committee is subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Policy: Each division will adhere to the 50 percent coaches independently.

**Preference:** **One Division I diving coach.**

**Vacancies:** One Division I September 2017 vacancy. Diving coach. (Jim Stillson was appointed to fill the position but he has retired.) **One Division II, coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Ben Brownlee

Chair:

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/16-9/17	9/17-9/18	9/18-9/19	9/19-9/20
FBS	Diving	F/N	Leslie Hasselbach	Atlantic Coast	Hasselbach*			
FCS	C Dir of	F/N	Clemson University Jamie Lindsay	Colonial Athletic	Lindsay	Lindsay*		
D1	Comp Assoc	N/M	Drexel University Joseph Nicastro	Big East	Nicastro	Nicastro	Nicastro*	
FBS	AD C	N/F	Providence College Petra Martin	Big Ten	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin(
<b>II</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>M/N</b>	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick <b>Todd Peters</b>	<b>Northern Sun</b>	<b>Peters*</b>			
<b>II</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F/N</b>	<b>Minnesota State University Moorhead</b> Mary Samko	<b>Intercollegiate</b> Northeast-10	<b>Samko</b>	<b>Samko*</b>		
III	C	N/M	Bentley University Peter Solomon	New England Small College Athletic	Solomon	Solomon	Solomon*	
III	C	N/M	Wesleyan University (CT) Dan Gelderloos	Michigan	Gelderloos	Gelderloos	Gelderloos	Gelderloos*
			Calvin College	Intercollegiate Athletic				

\* Not eligible for reappointment 4/13/17



## Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Rebecca Tidwell
Job Title:	Head Swimming and Diving Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Conference:	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Women's Swimming and Diving
Former college coach (sports):	Women's Swimming and Diving
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I am a new coach and I believe that with me being a part of this committee it will help me better understand the sport from the coaching stand point. I am always up for learning and would love to be a part of this committee just to better understand. I am trying really hard to be the best coach that I can be and with being the only female coach in RMAC for swimming and diving I believe that I will be able to bring a different side to our committee.

### Past or current Committee Service:

#### Employment History:

Head Women's Swimming and Diving Coach-August 2016 to present  
Manager of Anytime Fitness Columbus May 2016-August 2016

#### Education:

Bachelor's

#### References:

Paul Plinske-Athletic Director  
Rachael Page-Compliance Officer



**ATTACHMENT B**

**DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EARNED ACCESS**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Nonlegislative Items.**

- 1. Baseball Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Great Northwest Atlantic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

- 2. Men's Basketball Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 24 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2018 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference;

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**3. Women's Basketball Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 24 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**4. Football Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 14 conferences with earned access for the 2017 NCAA Division II Football Championship: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star

Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for earned access.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- f. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**5. Men's Golf Championships.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**6. Women's Golf Championships.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic

Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
  - c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. 2017-18 will mark the first year of automatic qualification for women's golf.
  - d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
  - e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.
- 7. Men's Soccer Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 18 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**8. Women's Soccer Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, and Sunshine State Conference.

- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
  - c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
  - d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
  - e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.
- 9. Softball Championship.**
- a. Recommendation. That the following 24 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Great Northwest Athletic, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic, and Sunshine State Conference.
  - b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
  - c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
  - d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
  - e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.



**10. Men's Tennis Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 16 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference, Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**11. Women's Tennis Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**12. Women's Volleyball Championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 24 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for 2017-18 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective Date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**Note:** "\*" indicates year three of three-year grace period.

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