ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Video exchange requirement in the postseason.
     (1) **Recommendation.** That beginning with the fall of 2019, video exchange be required starting in the second round of the tournament, with host institutions bearing the responsibility to upload game video and provide links to advancing teams.
     (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2019.
     (3) **Rationale.** With regional host streaming requirements starting in 2019, the committees felt it would be the best opportunity to require video exchange to better equip coaches advancing in the tournament. Video exchange can also save money since institutions will not have to pay for coaches to attend games in-person for scouting purposes.

     The committees agree that conference buy-in will be vital to the successful implementation of the video exchange process in the postseason since some conference policies may need to change to allow teams to exchange video.

     In this proposal, the committees would require hosts to record and upload game film starting in the second round and then either provide links to advancing teams or upload to an NCAA-hosted site for dissemination to teams. The committees will impose a fine if hosts fail to upload video links.

     (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None anticipated at this time. Since this policy is being paired with the webstreaming requirement, all hosts should already have game video.

     (5) **Student-athlete impact.** This change will benefit student-athletes by allowing support staffs to better prepare for future opponents.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2017 meeting report.** The committees reviewed and approved the 2017 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. United Soccer Coaches update. United Soccer Coaches representative Rob Kehoe provided an update on the United Soccer Coaches convention. The primary topic was the path forward for a possible 2019 NCAA Convention membership-sponsored proposal regarding the practice start date. Mr. Kehoe highlighted the emphasis of making the student-athlete experience paramount when making this type of decision. The coaches group supports adding four days to the practice portion of the season to allow for proper acclimatization before the start of competition. Mr. Kehoe noted this proposal would not give soccer more time, it would simply align it with other sports such as football, softball and baseball. It would also decrease the risk of injuries in the regular season, which could lead to healthcare savings for institutions.

The committees agreed that obtaining injury data through the injury surveillance system would be essential in helping to show how this legislation could affect injury rates. The committees asked Mr. Kehoe to continue gathering feedback from coaches and student-athletes on this proposal. Some committee members said their leagues would be hesitant to sponsor this legislation because of budgetary concerns for bringing teams in early and the impact it could have on life in the balance.

3. Review of 2017 championships. The committees reviewed the championships and commended the Kansas City Sports Commission, MIAA and Rockhurst University for two great years of hosting the championship.

a. Practice times. The committees agreed to limit practice at future final sites to 60 minutes to remain consistent with practice times in the preliminary rounds.

b. Community engagement. The committees agreed that community engagement continues to be a success at the championships but would like more details and structure so that teams know exactly what they will be doing when they attend. Staff agreed to provide more details at the coaches meeting.

4. Preview of 2018 championships. The committees noted that the championships will be in Pittsburgh at Highmark Stadium in 2018 and 2019. The committee asked staff to address a few facility concerns before the championship. These include ensuring player benches are separated from fans and finding a place for pregame warm-ups before competition. The committees confirmed game times and rotations for 2018.

5. Video exchange discussion. The committees discussed possibly implementing video exchange for future championships. See Nonlegislative Item above for additional details.

6. Division II governance update. NCAA staff updated the committees on the 2017-18 priorities and shared educational information for Division II coaches and administrators. Staff also reminded the committees about the Division II census and reiterated the importance for all coaches and administrators to participate so various governance committees can use the data to guide decision-making. Additionally, staff shared information from the injury surveillance
task force and announced the group’s goal to have 30 percent of institutions reporting on at least two sports in the next year.

Staff presented information on social media and the success of announcing the No. 1 seeds before the selection show. The committees were pleased with the data and asked staff about ways to further improve the selection show, including interviews with top coaches and using more team video or photos.

7. **Academic and membership affairs update.** The committees received an update on the proposals adopted at the 2018 NCAA Convention. This led to a discussion on the date formula in Festival years, since volleyball will start a week earlier in Festival years to account for a shorter season.

Staff noted that Festival date formulas would be reviewed in the coming year and the committees agreed that should the date formula stay the same, they would support legislation to allow soccer to report a week earlier as well, to keep the length of the season the same in Festival and non-Festival years.

Staff also shared an update on the online coaches education program (Division II University) and potential implications for the learning tool to replace the annual coaches test. Members were pleased with the update and possibilities of the new tool. Both committees agreed that they prefer a yearly test instead of quarterly testing, should the new tool replace the current test.

8. **National coordinator of officials update.** National assigner Ryan Cigich joined the meeting to review the selection process for officials. Mr. Cigich reiterated the importance of feedback from conferences and the committee to select officials for the postseason. The committees expressed concern for lack of tracking on how many times an official has seen a team throughout the regular season and postseason before making an assignment. The group discussed an instance when an official had seen a team three times before officiating the quarterfinal round. The committees noted possible ways to avoid this issue from happening again, such as having officials upload game logs through Arbiter. Mr. Cigich and staff will follow up on these concerns to address in the future.


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### NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Soccer Committees

**January 30, 2018, Joint Meeting**

#### Attendees:
- Claudio Arias, Texas A&M International University; Heartland Conference.
- Terence Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
- Phillip Billeci-Gard, Dominican University of California; The PacWest Conference.
- Matt Cochran, Northeastern State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- Bill Elliott, University of West Florida; Gulf South Conference.
- Gary Hamill, Wingate University; South Atlantic Conference.
- Matt Thompson, University of the District of Columbia; East Coast Conference.
- Jennifer Bell, Coker College; South Atlantic Conference.
- J.B. Belzer, Regis University (Colorado); Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
- Jason Carmichael, California State University, East Bay; California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- Lisa Liotta, University of Findlay; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- James Moore Jr., Georgian Court University; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
- Lewis Theobald, University of Central Missouri; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- Jonathan Thayil, Shepherd University; Mountain East Conference.

#### Absentees:
None.

#### Guests in Attendance:
- Ryan Cigich, National Coordinator of Officials.
- Rob Kehoe, United Soccer Coaches.

#### NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
- Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
- Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.

#### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
- Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.
- Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.
- John Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.