REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN’S ROWING COMMITTEE
JUNE 12-13, 2018, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Modification to the definition of “competition” regarding minimum competitions for championship eligibility.
     (1) **Recommendation.** Currently the NCAA Division II Women’s Rowing Pre-championships Manual defines a competition as “a race between two or more teams regardless of heat, semifinal or final.” The committee believes progressions of any discipline (e.g. heat, semifinal and final) are a single event. Races within a progression are not separate competitions and cannot be counted as such.
     (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.
     (3) **Rationale.** The committee analyzed other sports, specifically track and field and swimming and diving, and found that neither sport considers an event that advances teams from a preliminary round to a final round as two separate competitions. No matter the progression of the event, the committee believes one progression of races should count only as one competition. Only separate events should count as multiple competitions.
     (4) **Estimated budget impact.** Will vary based on institutional schedules.
     (5) **Student-athlete impact.** Student-athletes will have more opportunities to race prior to being selected for the championship. This will provide additional experiences for student-athletes, and they will be better prepared for the championship.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of committee’s 2017 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its report from the 2017 annual meeting.

2. **Review joint meeting agenda.** The committee reviewed the joint agenda and noted items to address (the joint meeting report is attached).

3. **Ranking and selection process.** The committee reviewed the ranking and selection criteria. The committee also discussed the minimum requirements for sponsoring the sport and for championship selection but took no action. There are concerns about institutions
not scheduling competitions as a full team. For a competition to be counted toward selections, a team must race an Eight and a Four boat in regular-season regattas. Further, student-athletes cannot race in both the Eight and the Four in the same event.

NCAA staff is exploring the possibility of having schools enter their lineups for each regatta with Row2K, the current results provider. Negotiations for a new contract with Row2K are pending, and NCAA staff will gauge the feasibility of implementing this procedure. The committee believes having a more user-friendly website, such as having institutions enter lineups and being able to search by institution, will be beneficial and allow them to be more efficient throughout the year and during selections.

4. **2019 championship format change.** The committee addressed the change in format that was previously approved through the divisional budget cycle and talked about its impact. When selecting the six teams, the committee will ensure each of the three regions is represented. After that, the next three teams selected will be at-large selections, similar to how the committee selected the at-large team and at-large boats in the previous format.

The committee adjusted the schedule on the final day of competition to accommodate for the Fours petite final that was not previously part of the championship. The committee also adopted an adjusted point scoring system similar to what was in place in years prior to accommodate for the additional two teams.

5. **2018 championships review.** The committee reviewed the championships site, including the banquet, evaluations, hotels, head official’s report and other pertinent policies and procedures related to the championships. Webcast data was not available at the time of the meeting. The committee discussed best practices learned through the championship to implement for future sites. In particular, the committee:

   a. Noted the lack of volunteers at the championship. While the weather was unpredictable and caused the schedule to shift, volunteers were lacking every day. NCAA staff will outline specific numbers and roles of volunteers to be better prepared when the championship returns to Sarasota.

   b. Directed NCAA staff to continue communicating with hotels regarding the importance of quality and quantity of food for breakfast. NCAA staff will collaborate with Anthony Travel (the NCAA’s hotel sourcing partner) to better articulate the breakfast concessions within upcoming hotel contract negotiations for the site selection cycle ranging from 2018-22.

6. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the current list of institutions sponsoring the sport (and their regional alignment).

The committee noted that numerous institutions do not race the minimum number of competitions to be eligible for selections. In addition, institutions do not conduct events with the proper number of student-athletes. They believe that educating administrators and
coaches across the country on the requirements for selection to the Division II rowing championship will help to ensure teams are competing in events that will count toward championship selections. NCAA staff will send a letter on behalf of the committee outlining the selection criteria for the championship, along with other educational material about sponsoring Division II rowing and to become eligible for the championship.

The committee will also look into presenting information to administrators in-person at various conventions.

7. Committee chair election. The committee elected Marlon Furlongue, assistant athletics director for compliance and rules education at Nova Southeastern University, as chair of the committee for 2018-19. Mr. Furlongue served as the chair of the women’s rowing committee for one year and served on the committee for two additional years.

8. Championships administration. The committee reviewed the various committee rosters, manuals, timelines and agendas and made the appropriate updates.

9. 2019 annual meeting dates. The annual meeting will be June 18-19 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Marlon Furlongue, Nova Southeastern University
Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances

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