REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2017, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. 2017 indoor track and field championships. The NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee reviewed and verified start lists and determined opening bar heights and progressions for the vertical jumps. The committee also prepared a checklist of various notes and details to be included in the coaches’ packets.

2. Outdoor Track and Field.

   a. The committee completed review and made final updates to the 2017 outdoor track and field technical manual. The final version of this manual is now posted on the Division I outdoor track and field landing page on NCAA.org.

   b. The committee discussed the individual event and relay event awards for the outdoor track and field championships. The committee decided to continue the awards presentation process post-event as was done for the 2016 championships. All awards will be presented after competition on Friday and Saturday, including those final events that take place on Wednesday and Thursday.


   a. The committee began to review and draft revised selection language that better details how to handle situations when there are multiple teams (three or more) tied when reviewing head-to-head competition against each other and records against common opponents. The committee hopes to have revised language to present to the Competition Oversight Committee by sometime in April to be considered for implementation in the fall of 2017.

   b. Committee members reviewed the policy in the participant manual regarding the number of student-athletes that institutions must declare down to during packet pick-up at the regionals and national championships. The committee elected to leave the policy as is, but revise the language to be more clear and encourage teams to declare down as far as possible during initial declaration at packet pick-up. However, teams will still be allowed to declare down to their final seven student-athletes by no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of the race.
c. Members also discussed the idea of having an NCAA official selection show when announcing the teams and individuals that qualify to the Division I cross country championships. Committee members noted that they do not feel this would enhance the championship and there was not enough of a surprise element to warrant an NCAA official selection show in place of the current press release. The committee noted that with published selection criteria, the process is straightforward with little subjectivity. Members also noted that cross country is different from many other sports where institutions are waiting to find out what seed they are, who their opponent is, or the location in which they will be competing. In cross country, all qualifying teams are going to the same site and competing head-to-head against each other in the same race.

4. **Sport sponsorship requirements for cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field.** The committee began to discuss and evaluate several of the current pieces of sport sponsorship that often cause confusion within the membership, including:

a. Review of the differences in sport requirements for men and women and whether they can be the same for both genders.

b. The current rule that requires two-thirds of a competition to be composed of Division I opponents and how the rule is negatively impacting each sport.

c. Double dual scoring and whether it should be allowed.

d. The minimum number of competitions for all three sports and whether this number needs to be re-evaluated, taking into consideration possibly eliminating double duals.

e. The minimum number of events requirement and whether legislation should exist that defines the number of events that must be contested for a meet to count as a competition.
Ben Paxton, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.
Matt Utesch, Lehigh University; Patriot League

**Absentees:**
Herman Frazier, Syracuse University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Julie Levesque, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.

**Guests in Attendance:**
None.

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

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