**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Clarification regarding nullification.
     (a) Recommendation. Change the wording in the nullification policy to state that nullification **begins** at the time of selections.
     (b) Effective date. Immediate.
     (c) Rationale. The committee reviewed the division’s nullification policy given the requirement that sport committees seed teams that advance to the championship finals. The current policy states that nullification is applied **only** at the time of selections, but the committee agreed to change the policy to clarify that nullification **begins** with selections and continues throughout the championship.
     (d) Estimated budget impact. None.
     (e) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey was unable to attend, so Vice Chair Chris Graham served as chair on her behalf for this teleconference. Mr. Graham welcomed members to the call and reviewed the agenda.

2. Recent committee reports. The committee approved its February 20 meeting report as presented.

3. Sport reports.
   a. Men’s and women’s golf.
      - Tryout activities. The committee discussed a legislative recommendation from the golf committees to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a golf prospective student-athlete from two hours to a round of 18 holes, not to exceed five
hours, but agreed to table the matter until the committee’s June in-person meeting. The committee wants to gain further clarity on the intent and rationale for the proposal and to further consider whether the issue is noncontroversial in nature or would need to be addressed via a 2020 NCAA Convention proposal.

b. Softball.

- **Future site.** Championships Committee members approved Lee University and the Chattanooga Sports Commission to host the 2020 Division II Softball Championship at Frost Stadium at Warner Park in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Division II Softball Committee sought bids to host the 2020 championship after the softball championship was removed from the 2020 Division II National Championships Festival on a one-time basis because of the way the date formula conflicted with the calendar that particular year. Of the four bids received, the Softball Committee believes the facility in Chattanooga would provide the best experience for the student-athletes, coaches and fans. There are many hotel options nearby for the teams and fans, as well as tourist attractions that will provide a great overall experience.

4. **Fines for late AQ form submission.** The committee discussed concerns related to late submission of AQ forms, noting that the current policy is to assess a $500 fine and issue written correspondence to the conference commissioner. The committee discussed whether the financial penalty is enough of a deterrent (particularly since instances keep occurring) and noted there is no increased penalty for a repeat offender. The committee agreed to discuss the issue further at its June in-person meeting, including whether the letter to the commissioner should be cc’d to the president/chair of the conference board.

5. **Other business.**

- **Review of rankings process.** Committee members revisited an issue they broached briefly during the February meeting regarding concerns with the regional ranking process prior to selections, noting that the rankings immediately before selections may give ranked teams a false sense of security. Committee members generally agreed that the issue is worth pursuing further at their June in-person meeting and noted that the conference sports information directors also will discuss the matter at its meeting prior to the Championships Committee’s June session.

6. **Adjournment.** Mr. Graham adjourned the teleconference at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis  
*Staff Liaisons:* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
  Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances  
  Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs
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