REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2017, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

   • None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

   • Committee appointments. Ratify the following sport and playing rules committee appointments, all of which are effective immediately (see attachment):

      a. Division II Women’s Golf Committee. Nicholas Bowman, assistant commissioner for strategic communications, South Atlantic Conference, to replace Harold Watson, former assistant director of athletics, Armstrong State University, due to Armstrong having merged with another institution.

      b. NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Committee. Alex Balog, head men’s soccer coach, Montana State University Billings, to replace Frank Kohlenstein, head men’s soccer coach, Colorado School of Mines, due to Mr. Kohlenstein having left the institution.

      c. Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committee. Colleen Mischke, assistant director of athletics, Black Hills State University, to replace Ryan Dahl, head men’s and women’s track and field coach, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, due to Mr. Dahl having left the institution.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and review of agenda. Division II Management Council Vice Chair, Pennie Parker, welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and materials (Ms. Parker was acting on behalf of Division II Championships Committee Chair Jim Johnson, who was unable to attend).

2. Review announcing of No. 1 seeds. Staff reviewed a pilot program conducted last year in which the No. 1 seeds in each region for football, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball were announced via the Division II Twitter feed and the Division II Facebook page approximately one hour before the selection announcement. Based on the positive results and feedback, the committee agreed to adopt the pilot as standard practice not only for those sports, but also for men’s and women’s soccer and men’s and women’s lacrosse, effective immediately.
3. Men’s and women’s soccer bracket expansion proposals.

   a. Equal berths vs. access ratio. The committee revisited one of the budget items for the 2018-21 triennium it recommended to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee that would expand the women’s soccer bracket from the current 48 teams to 56 and would allocate regional berths on access ratio. The committee has heard some concerns since that time regarding the data on which those regional berths would be based on. When the women’s soccer committee originally submitted its recommendation, that group used the most recent data it had at the time from 2015-16 and provided a breakdown of regional berths based on those data as an example. However, the intent was that berths for a given championship would be based on the most recent sports sponsorship data available. The Division II Championships Committee agreed to clarify the matter when the Management Council conducts its initial review of all the budget requests at its October meeting. In addition, the committee’s discussion prompted a broader review of when to announce regional berths for sports that use access ratios (see Informational Item 4 below).

   b. Super regional format (AQs/at-large berths). The Championships Committee also reviewed its approval of a request to modify evaluation regions for men’s soccer into four super regions and add two teams to the bracket (for a total of 40, 10 in each super region), effective with the 2019 championship. The committee reviewed how automatic qualification would apply to this model and clarified that AQs would be awarded to qualifying conferences in the super region, and then the at-large berths could come from any of the conferences/regions in the super region.

4. Timing of announcement of berths for sports with access ratios. Given the discussion in Informational Item No. 3 above, the Championships Committee agreed that beginning in September 2018, regional berths for sports that use access ratios (baseball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s soccer, and women’s soccer beginning in 2018) should be announced after sports sponsorship data is available for that current academic year (approximately September 1) in order to base berths on current data. The committee also noted that when sport committees for sports that use access ratios request bracket expansion in the future, the Championships Committee will weigh the request in concept without applying data available at the time the request is being considered.

5. Sport committee reports.

   • Men’s lacrosse. The committee received a report from the men’s lacrosse committee’s July 18-19 meeting as information only.

6. Other business.

   • Timing of selection announcements. Staff updated the committee on an issue that arose during the group’s September meeting regarding whether the NCAA’s broadcast partner
could provide some flexibility for sport committees that announce selections on the same day in which some conferences conduct their postseason tournament final. Staff noted that the announcements could be pushed later in the evening to accommodate those instances.

7. Adjournment. Ms. Parker adjourned the teleconference at 2:50 p.m. Eastern time.
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.
Catherine Krawiec, Championships and Alliances.
Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance.
Matt Ward, Division II Governance.


2017-18 DIVISION II WOMEN’S GOLF COMMITTEE

Composition: Four members. One from each of the Division II regions: East (East, Atlantic and Midwest regions), South (South and Southeast regions), Central (Central region), West (South Central and West regions). Quota of 50 percent athletic administrators: 2.

Vacancies: One immediate vacancy. Armstrong State is merging with another institution. South region, administrator.

Staff Liaison: Natasha Harris

Chair:

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Qualification Statement:
I have served the past two years on the South/Southeast Region Women's Golf Regional Advisory Committee.

Past or current Committee Service:
I served as the media relations director at the 2017 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship.

Employment History:
I spent 9 years as the Assistant Director of Public Relations at the Big South Conference and the last three years as the Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Communications at the South Atlantic Conference.

Education:
Bachelor's

References:
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference | patrick@thesac.com
Chad Cook, Big South Conference | chadc@bigsouth.org
### 2017-18 MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SOCCER RULES COMMITTEE

**Composition:**
Nine members, including four members from Division I, two members from Division II, two members from Division III and a secretary-rules editor. Within each division, one-half of the members shall represent men’s soccer interests and one-half of the members shall represent women’s soccer interests. An additional member shall be elected as secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: 2. Quota of 50 percent coaches: 4. Each division will adhere to the 50 percent coaches independently.

**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:**

**Vacancies:**
One immediate Division II vacancy. Frank Kohlenstein has left Colorado School of Mines. Coach or administrator.

**Staff Liaison:**
Ashlee Follis

**Chair:**

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Qualification Statement:
I want to serve on the NCAA Soccer Rules Committee because I believe that due to my extensive background in the game I can help finetune our collegiate soccer rules. The difference between NCAA and FIFA rules/laws still creates friction among collegiate soccer coaches (stadium clock vs referee keeping time, substitution rules, overtime,...). The collegiate game is different so I do believe a different set of rules are needed, but we need to get more people (coaches) on the same page.

Past or current Committee Service:
N/A

Employment History:
- Montana State University Billings Head Men’s Soccer Coach (February 2013-Present)
- Montana State University Billings Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach (June 2011-Present)
- Auburn University Montgomery Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach (August 2009-Present)
- Christian Brothers University Women’s Soccer Volunteer Coach (Fall 2006-Spring 2007)

Education:
Master's

References:
- Dave Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference Commissioner, 503-305-8756, dhtaglund@gnacsports.com
- Krista Montague, Montana State University Billings Athletics Director, 406-657-2061, kmontague@msubillings.edu
- Matt Thorne, University of West Alabama Head Men's Soccer Coach, 205-652-3417, mthorne@uwa.edu
### 2017-18 Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committee

**Composition:**
Eight members, including four representing men’s track and four representing women’s track. Three positions are allocated for men, three for women. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4

One from each region: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East.

**Vacancies:**
One immediate vacancy. Ryan Dall has left his institution. South Central region; coach or administrator.

**Staff Liaison:**
Morgan DeSpain

**Chair:**

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Qualification Statement:
I was a Division I track and field athlete at the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln where I competed in the hurdles and multi-events. I was a team captain, honor roll student, and earned academic & athletic all-conference honors. I remained at UNL for two more years as a graduate assistant coach. I then became the first full-time asst. track & field coach at the Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha, where I coached the multi’s, hurdles, and all of the field events; at that time UNO was DII in the NCC. After UNO, I coached at St. Cloud State for 3 years, and the College of St. Benedict’s/St. John’s University(MN) for 5. Currently, I am at Black Hills State as the Senior Woman Administrator, where I work closely with our track & field teams, and am the Meet Director for all of our home meets which have included two Indoor RMAC T&F Championships, one Outdoor RMAC Championship and one Cross Country RMAC Championship. I feel my experience as an athlete/coach/administrator would be an asset to the group.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:
1996-98 - I was the graduate assistant track and field coach at UNL.
1998-2001 - I was the assistant track and field coach at UNO.
2002-2005 - I was a part-time assistant track coach at St Cloud State; I also worked for the Sports Information Dept at SCSU keeping stats for basketball and volleyball games and writing media guide bios for swimming/diving and track & field.
2005-2012 - I was the administrator for St. Cloud Area Youth Basketball Association; this was a part-time, work from home position I did as I raised our kids.
2006-2012 - I was the assistant track and field coach for the College of St. Benedict’s and St. John’s University track teams (DIII)
2012-present - I began at BHSU as a program assistant for two years, than was promoted to my current position which is the Assistant AD/Internal Operations and SWA.
Education:
Master's

References:
Mark Kostek - Head Track & Field Coach at Midland University; 402-941-6085 (w), 515-208-8300 (c)
Sam Johnson - Head Track & Field Coach, Concordia University-St Paul - 612-816-0604
Kirsten Ford - Associate Commissioner for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - 719-440-9694
Jhett Albers - Athletic Director, BHSU; 605-642-6885 (w) 605-645-2640 (c)
Steve Rainbolt - Head Track and Field Coach at Wichita State University - 316-253-4539
Robin Balder-Lanoue - Head Coach at St. Benedict's - 612-598-7292
Scott Walkinshaw - Head Cross Country/Asst. Track Coach - BHSU - 605-645-8607