



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE
JUNE 18-20, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships selection process.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Division II Championships Committee approve an edit to the selection process when the maximum championship field size is exceeded after each event has been filled to the desired minimum field size (270 per gender for indoor track and field, and 377 per gender for outdoor track and field). In an effort to focus on balanced field size and event strength, the committee will remove one student-athlete from all events when the maximum championship field size is exceeded. If this results in the total number of selected student-athletes falling below the maximum number of participants, the committee will add student-athletes to the strongest events until the maximum field size for the championships has been reached.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. In adjusting the process for removing student-athletes when the maximum championship field size is exceeded, the committee eliminated the step of removing one student-athlete from all events across the championship. By removing this step, the committee learned the main focus of strength of event was being skewed and this step was vital in selections.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes who have been successful in the stronger events for a given year will be selected to the championships.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the schedule and made no adjustments.

2. 2017 annual meeting reports. The committee approved its 2017 annual meeting report as written, as well as the report from the 2017 joint meeting with the NCAA Divisions I and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees.

3. **Joint meeting agenda.** Committee members reviewed the joint meeting agenda and made no adjustments.
4. **Review of DirectAthletics and Track and Field Results Reporting System.** The committee discussed issues with conversions during the regular season and the time it takes meet directors to make changes to marks that may have an altitude or track conversion. Members also noted that when conversions are taken into account, some meet directors are selecting to which events the conversions will be applied. The committee feels it should be all or no events when looking at adjustments. The championship manager will explore possible ways to make this process easier with DirectAthletics on the championships wrap-up call to be held on a future date.
5. **Minimum contest requirements.** The committee discussed the increase in indoor minimum contest requirements and noted there did not seem to be any major issues with institutions meeting the increased requirement. The committee also discussed the significant decrease in institutions not meeting the minimum contest requirements for indoor and outdoor track and field. The committee will continue to educate the membership on these requirements and work with institutions to ensure all requirements are met.
6. **Code of conduct procedures.** The committee discussed the code of conduct fine process and made no changes. The committee noted there needs to be a better educational process for institutions and student-athletes on exactly what is being signed and what it means for the championships.
7. **Media access at championships.** The committee discussed ongoing issues with misuse of media credentials and access for media. The committee will continue working with future hosts to better monitor the misuse of credentials and limit media access on the infield as much as possible.
8. **Indoor and outdoor track and field.**
 - a. **Strength of events.** The committee believes the changes made for the 2017-18 championships for determining strength of events helped in getting closer to its goal. Currently, when evaluating the strengths, members compare the strength of a particular event to itself and then look at that number compared to other events' strengths. This method does not provide a holistic approach in calculating the strength of the entire championships, which is the committee's ultimate goal. The committee will use Division II event records and the formula used for the International Association of Athletics Federation Track and Field Scoring Tables to devise a method that is relevant to Division II performances.
 - b. **Scratches.** The committee discussed the need for a medical scratch deadline and potential penalties for not meeting deadlines. Medical scratches must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern

- time the Tuesday of championship week for the indoor track and field championships and 5 p.m. Eastern time the Monday of championship week for the outdoor track and field championships.
- c. Preferences.** The committee noted preferences made based on a teammate or other field competitors will not be accepted for selections.
 - d. Eligibility waiver deadline.** The committee determined that any student-athlete eligibility waivers must be approved by the close of declarations.
 - e. Performance challenge timeline.** The committee will mirror deadlines set by Divisions I and III for performance challenges. The challenge period will end at 8 a.m. Eastern time Monday of declarations. A performance challenge must be filed within 72 hours after the results of the meet have been posted or by the challenge deadline, whichever is earlier. If there is a change in the performance list due to updated meet results, a challenge may be filed within 72 hours of the updated results being posted. Challenges made outside the 72-hour deadline may be considered by the committee in extenuating circumstances.
 - f. Wind readings in combined events.** The committee discussed concerns with wind reading calculations for combined events and whether there should be a maximum wind reading that would deem marks from combined events ineligible. The committee believes adding a wind reading requirement to combined events would hinder the event as a whole given combined event student-athletes do not compete at every meet in which their institutions compete.
 - g. Banquets/socials.** The committee will explore banquet or social options for all championships. Due to the size of the outdoor track and field banquet and issues in the past, the committee will look to provide other student-athlete enhancements in place of the banquet beginning in 2020.
- 9. Indoor track and field.** The committee felt Pittsburg State University staff did a great job hosting the 2018 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. Overall, the feedback from the student-athletes and coaches was very positive. The committee discussed some areas for improvement and will work with the Pittsburg State staff to make the necessary adjustments for the 2019 championships.
 - 10. Outdoor track and field.** The committee discussed issues encountered at the 2018 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The committee noted ways in which these issues can be prevented in the future and asked staff to communicate accordingly with future hosts.

The committee reviewed facility information for the 2019 championships and noted questions for the upcoming site visit. The committee also noted possible scheduling concerns given the extreme heat in Texas during that time of year. For safety reasons, the committee will explore ways to adjust the schedule to reduce the number of events being conducted during the warmest parts of the day.

The committee discussed potential misconducts for not following policies and procedures during the championships and will inform the institutions of any disciplinary action taken.

- 11. Officials.** The committee reviewed the complete pool of officials used for the 2018 indoor and outdoor track and field championships. Members noted that the officials in all positions were strong at the indoor championships but there were some issues at the outdoor championships. NCAA staff will discuss the concerns with the NCAA national assignor of officials and find ways to improve officials selection in the future.
- 12. Qualifying standards and conversions.** The committee reviewed the process for setting the automatic and provisional qualifying standards for the indoor and outdoor track and field championships and made no changes.
- 13. Academic and membership affairs update.** A representative from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on Division II legislation.
- 14. Committee.** Steve Blocker, head track and field and cross country coach at Emporia State University, was voted as the chair.
- 15. Other business.** The secretary-rules editor provided updates on potential rules changes and discussed issues that had come up during the season.

Committee Chair: Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee June 18-20, 2018, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.	
Random Lydum, Western Oregon University.	
Lorne Marcus, St. Thomas Aquinas College.	
Colleen Mischke, Black Hills State University.	
Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University (Georgia).	

Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.
Andrew Towne, Hillsdale College.
Adam Ward, Augusta University.
Guests in Attendance:
Mark Kostek, Secretary-Rules Editor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Ryan Jones, Governance.