



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
MARCH 6 AND 7, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. 2018 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 list of last-minute notes and details to be included in the coaches' packets.

2. Outdoor track and field.

- a. The committee completed its review and made final updates to the 2018 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 concern with the location of the pole vault pits at the outdoor track and field West preliminary in Sacramento. Due to the obstruction caused by one pit blocking the plant box of another pit, the committee has decided to allow a coach's box on the infield at the West preliminary for the pole vault competition only.

The committee has stressed that safety be a top priority. Any coach that wishes to access this space must have a student-athlete in the event and must be marshalled across the track. Additionally, the committee has asked the host to create a defined area for the coaching box on the infield with cattle gate so coaches do not roam the infield.

3. Cross country.

- The committee discussed possible start times for the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships to be held this upcoming November at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Discussion included weather, West Coast teams, and travel home post-championships. Tentatively, the committee has decided the women's race will start at 11 a.m. Central time and the men's race will start at noon Central time. Finalized times will be determined once the committee discusses the options further with the web stream production team.

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4. United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) proposals.

- a. The committee began to have preliminary discussion on a proposal from USTFCCCA to add an East and West preliminary round of competition to the Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The committee started developing a list of pros and cons and will continue further discussion on the topic in the months ahead.
- b. The committee supports a proposal to mandate the use of starting blocks at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships, Outdoor Track and Field East and West Preliminary rounds and the Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 60 hurdles, 100 hurdles, 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay.

The committee noted, however, that per the 2017 and 2018 NCAA Cross Country and Track and Field Rules Book student-athletes are allowed to run these events without the use of blocks. Before making this a championship policy, the committee will review whether current rules allow for this mandate or if a change would need to be made in the rules book.

- c. The main reason for the committee's support of item 4b above is to explore requiring starters to use the electronic start information system to determine whether a false start warrants disqualification from an event. Currently the electronic start information system is used at the indoor track and field championships and the final site of the outdoor track and field championships, but it is the committee's understanding that by rule it can be utilized only to help the starter ensure a fair start and cannot be used to disqualify a student-athlete from competition. The committee will share its support of this proposal with the NCAA Cross Country and Track and Field Rules Committee to see how they can proceed with using the electronic start information system to its fullest capabilities during NCAA championship competition.
- d. The committee supports the USTFCCCA's proposal to have a formal selection show replace the current press release announcing the full slate of teams and individuals that have been selected to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country championships.

Concern has been expressed with having limited access to regular-season footage at no cost to the NCAA. However, the committee would still like for NCAA staff to explore the possibility with the NCAA broadcasting department on highlighting top teams and individuals, educating on the selection of the 13 at-large teams, and creating an enhanced viewing opportunity for student-athletes, institutions and fans.

- e. The committee has accepted a proposal from USTFCCCA to make a formal written policy to immediately announce and post "unofficial results" during the cross country

championships. Although, this is current practice and was in place during the 2017 championships, the committee would like for this to be a written policy that is added to NCAA championship manuals.

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Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Trey Clark, Lamar University; Southland Conference.
Milan Donley, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.
Andy Eggerth, Kennesaw State University; Atlantic Sun Conference.
Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
Nicole Harvey, University of Central Florida; American Athletic Conference.
Angie Lansing, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Conference.
Wendy McFarlane-Smith, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Conference.
Sharlene Milwood-Lee, Farleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference.
Mike Nelson, Marquette University, Big East Conference.
Ben Paxton, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
Absentees:
Herman Frazier, Syracuse University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Julie Levesque, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.
Guests in Attendance:
Sam Seemes, USTFCCCA.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances. Anjellica Rospond, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.