



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SKIING COMMITTEE
JUNE 5-6, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2018 regional site selections.**

(1) Recommendation. That the 2018 West Region Championships be held at Mt. Werner and Howelsen Hill on February 23-24 and hosted by the University of Colorado, Boulder; that the 2018 East Region Championships be held at the Snow Bowl and Rikert Nordic Center on February 23-24 and hosted by Middlebury College; and that the 2018 Central Region Championships be held at Al Quaal Nordic Center on February 17-18 and hosted by Northern Michigan University.

(2) Effective date. 2018 championships.

(3) Rationale. The regionals are selected on a rotating basis by each of the region institutions, and these were the only bids received. In addition, there is no formal budget process, as the host institutions receive a set stipend for hosting. These institutions have all hosted successful events previously.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The stipend is \$3,500 per region.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Each of the venues will provide a top-caliber facility and experience for the competing student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review agenda and meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the annual meeting agenda and schedule.

2. Review 2016 meeting report. The committee reviewed and approved the 2016 meeting report as presented.

3. Review of 2017 championships. The committee reviewed participant survey responses and discussed the 2017 championships, which were hosted by the University of New Hampshire in Franconia and Jackson, New Hampshire. The committee noted ample positive feedback

on the competition venues for the championship events. However, the committee also noted areas for future improvement, including distance between the two competition venues, championships meeting schedule, post-event barbeque logistics, and general infrastructure needs at competition venues.

4. **2018 championships updates.** The committee discussed the 2018 championships, which will be hosted by the University of Colorado, Boulder, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, including the competition schedule and championship banquet. The committee discussed the 2016 championships conducted at the same venues and requested that NCAA staff provide detailed feedback from championship surveys to the host institution to assist with planning.
5. **Qualification/selection processes.** The committee discussed at length the regional allocations for the championships. The committee also reviewed and discussed regional qualification criteria.
6. **Proposals.** The committee discussed several proposals from the skiing membership.

The committee supports a format change to the Nordic schedule of events at the championships that would incorporate sprint races, short-distance races, and long-distance races into the schedule on a consistent, rotating basis. The committee will seek feedback from the skiing membership before taking formal action on this format change.

The committee supports adjusting the allocation formula for the championships, wherein the “minus one” rule would be reinstated for the 2019 championships, allowing the maximum number of qualifiers from a given region to be equal to three times the number of teams sponsoring the sport in the region, minus one. The committee will seek feedback from the skiing membership before taking formal action on this change to championship allocations.

The committee supports instituting an additional adjustment to the championship allocation formula, stating the following: “If a discipline has more than two regions, the maximum number of allocations for a single region must be less than 50 percent of the total number of allocations for the given discipline.” The committee will seek feedback from the skiing membership before taking formal action on this additional change to championship allocations.

The committee supports, in concept, basing Nordic championship allocations on the bottom finishers in the championship field annually, rather than on the entire field. This concept would preserve minimum levels of championship access for each region while also measuring the relative strength of each region’s lowest-placing finishers to ensure the most competitive field at the championships. The committee will seek feedback from the Nordic skiing membership before taking formal action on this concept.

The committee also reviewed and took no action on proposals from the membership related to the following topics: an increase in coaching limits, the championships scoring format,

separate Nordic and Alpine team champions, a reduction in the championships schedule, and age limits on skiing student-athletes.

7. **2016-17 sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the most recent sponsorship report and discussed some of the recent changes within the skiing membership.
8. **Regional information.** The committee reviewed information from each of the three recent regional meetings, including discussion on various membership proposals.
9. **Webcast review.** The committee discussed the webcast from the championships and noted a lack of satisfaction with the on-site production of the event in 2017. Committee and staff noted a desire for the production schedule and wireless needs to be finalized earlier in the championships planning process to ensure a successful experience for all involved.
10. **Rules discussion.** The committee met with NCAA Assistant Director of Playing Rules and Officiating Ben Brownlee and Director of Playing Rules and Officiating Dan Calandro to discuss potential changes to the 2018-19 NCAA Skiing Rules Book. The committee reiterated its support for a proposal that was voted on during last year's annual meeting to remove the option of changing the start order within teams from the NCAA Skiing Rules Book, effective with the publication of the 2018-19 edition. This and other recommended adjustments to the Skiing Rules Book will be forwarded to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel for approval following a comment period for the skiing membership.

Mr. Brownlee also discussed with the committee the likelihood that skiing will move to a rules modification document in place of the current rules book beginning in the 2019-20 academic year.

11. **Scoring/timing.** The committee discussed scorers and timers at the championships and noted no issues from the 2017 championships.
12. **Coaches association update.** The committee discussed the coaches association and noted no major updates from the most recent meeting at the 2017 championships.
13. **National committee/regional advisory committee replacements.** The committee discussed upcoming vacancies and the overall composition of the national committee.
14. **Committee Chair appointment.** The committee voted that Shanna Kornachuk, assistant director of athletics at Harvard University, be named chair of the committee. The term for Ethan Townsend, current chair of the committee, expires August 31, 2017.
15. **Review committee timeline.** The committee reviewed and approved a timeline for the 2017-18 academic year.

16. Manual review. The committee reviewed and made suggested updates to the committee operations, host operations, participant, and pre-championships manuals.

17. Future annual meeting dates. The committee determined that the dates for the 2018 annual meeting will be June 4-6.

Committee Chair: Ethan Townsend, St. Lawrence University, Liberty League

Staff Liaisons: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances

National Collegiate Men's and Women's Skiing Committee June 5-6, 2017, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Jamie DiLoreto, Boston College; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Kevin Francis, Montana State University, Bozeman; Big Sky Conference (via teleconference).	
Shanna Kornachuk, Harvard University; Ivy League.	
Fredrik Landstedt, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.	
Richard Rokos, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pacific-12 Conference.	
Ethan Townsend, St. Lawrence University; Liberty League.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.	
Nancy O'Hara, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances.	