



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
COMMITTEE AND NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK
AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2018, JOINT MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. DirectAthletics/Track and Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS).** The NCAA Divisions I and III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committees, the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, and the chair of the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee noted that several meet hosts need assistance with altitude conversions when seeding a track and field meet. NCAA staff will discuss possible solutions for this problem with DirectAthletics.

Additionally, NCAA staff will ask DirectAthletics if there is a way to flag double dual meet results that have been uploaded to the system to ensure those results are not included for Divisions I and II championship selection.

- 2. Eagle Eye.** The committees discussed the use of Eagle Eye at all divisional championships and noted there continues to be poor communication with the vendor liaisons, host institution and NCAA liaisons on site. The committees specifically mentioned the need for better communication regarding ideal camera locations prior to setup, and that setup should be completed while staff is at the venue. The group also noted that the number of cameras provided should be reviewed to ensure proper coverage of the entire track oval and when dual facilities are used for field events. NCAA staff will provide the feedback to the vendor and work to ensure improved communication is in place for future championships.
- 3. Rules.** Committee members discussed various rules related items and possible recommendations to pass along to the cross country and track and field secretary-rules editor and the NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee. Specifically, the committees stated their desire for Rule 4-1.4 to fall in line with the 10-event minimum that has been in the qualifying criteria for many years. Additionally, the committees also asked that the rules committee further evaluate Rule 4-1.3 regarding minimum number of competitors and consider possible revision or removal of the rule. Committee members noted that unforeseen

circumstances can occur that are outside the control of other teams and competitors attending a meet, and these circumstances can negatively impact all involved.

The committees also noted issues with the uniform rule and discussed a possible revision to ensure institutions are aware of the penalties for violating the rule. Additionally, the committee recommends removing the word "solid" regarding arm sleeve color to allow greater flexibility for competitors who have varying arm sleeve designs.

The committees discussed Rule 4-3.5, noting all committees have been restricting the type and length of spike allowed during championship competition. The committees will submit a recommendation to limit the maximum length of spike to 9 mm for all events since this is what facilities generally allow.

The committees also discussed possibly splitting the rules book into three sections, one for each of the three sports. The committees agree that the current rules book is not user-friendly and needs to be formatted differently. Therefore, Divisions II and III support separating the current rules book into three sections, which will make it easier for coaches to find specific rules and understand how those rules apply to each specific sport.

Lastly, the committees would like to see greater consistency in the rules interpretations the cross country and track and field secretary-rules editor provides. The committees noted that throughout the season varying interpretations regarding the same rule were provided, which led to confusion and misapplication of the rules.

- 4. Qualifying criteria for indoor and outdoor track and field.** All three divisional committees voted to disallow marks from combined gender 10,000-meter races to be used for qualification purposes. Although combined gender 10,000-meter races will still be allowed per the rules book, pacing by competitors of the opposite gender is a rules violation. The committees noted the number of issues of this occurring as the reason marks from such races will not be allowed for NCAA championship qualification purposes.
- 5. Track and field officials assignor.** The committees discussed the new process of officials selection in conjunction with the officials assignor and noted that overall, championship officiating has improved. The committees will provide feedback regarding specific officials that the committees would not select for future championships directly to the officials assignor and look forward to continued officiating improvement.
- 6. Gill Athletics.** The committees discussed the gifts provided from Gill this past year and noted that the gifts have greatly improved over the past few years. NCAA staff will continue to select different gifts for each of the three championship events and will take the gift recommendations provided by the committees into consideration for future championships.

The committee also noted that they would like Gill to provide javelins for the championship in the event a student-athlete's javelin does not pass inspection. NCAA staff will work with Gill to see if this is a possibility for future outdoor track and field championships.

Committee Chairs: *Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University*
 Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
 Thomas Thomasson, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden

Staff Liaisons: *Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances*
 Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
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Attendees:
Natalie Bach-Prather, Eastern Texas Baptist University.
Marlee Berg, Westfield State University.
Steve Blocker, Emporia State University.
Jessica Devine, University of Minnesota, Morris.
Dara Ford, Otterbein University.
Preston Grey, Azusa Pacific University.
Randi Lydum, Western Oregon University.
Lorne Marcus, St. Thomas Aquinas College.
Colleen Mischke, Black Hills State University.
Jacqueline Nicholson, Albany State University (Georgia).
Don Nichter, Dickinson College.
Michael Orechia, University of Puget Sound.
Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.
Derek Stanley, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.
Thomas Thomasson, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Camden.
Andrew Towne, Hillsdale College.
Adam Ward, Augusta University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.

Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Linda Godby, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.