



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

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Nonlegislative item.**
- **Increase the non-athlete travel party size for both the indoor and outdoor track and field championships as detailed in the letter sent by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association to the Competition Oversight Committee.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve an increase to the official non-athlete party size for both the indoor and outdoor track and field championships to include the institutional head coach as well as the event specific coach for each qualifying student-athlete.

The committee recognizes that it may be difficult to identify the event specific coach as this could vary from institution to institution. At certain institutions, the event specific coach may also be the head coach. If approving the recommendation to have each institutional head coach as well as the event specific coach added to the official travel party is not an option than the committee would be supportive of a more simplified process as well. The committee would also support a general increase to the travel party size by increasing each category of qualifiers by one additional non-athlete. Below is what that recommended change would look like and would be similar to what is currently done with both men's and women's gymnastics.

Number of Qualifiers	Old Non-athlete travel party	New Non-athlete travel party
1-3 student-athletes	1 non-athlete	2 non-athletes
4-6 student-athletes	2 non-athletes	3 non-athletes
7-9 student-athletes	3 non-athletes	4 non-athletes
10+ student-athletes	5 non-athletes	6 non-athletes

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- (3) Rationale. With the number of different disciplines in track and field and the specialized coaching per event many institutions are forced with making difficult decisions to leave certain coaches at home or pay their own expenses to have the proper coaching resources available to their student-athletes on site at the championships. Additionally, some programs do not have the funds to cover

expenses to send additional coaches which can also be significantly impacted by the geographical location of the championships.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Approximately \$520,000.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Will increase student-athlete welfare and provide a better championship experience to the student-athlete by helping ensure proper coaching support is available to the student-athlete onsite during championship competition.

Committee Chair: Angie Lansing, Indiana State University, Missouri Valley Conference
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee March 7, 2018, Meeting
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.