

USTFCCCA

Division I General Session and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 12-15, 2017

Phoenix, AZ

- I. **General Session Meetings – Connie Price-Smith– presiding President**
12/13 Opening General Session at 4:30-6:00pm; 12/14 conference breakouts at 8:30am-9:15am, General Session at 3:30-5:15pm; 12/15 General Session at 1:15-3:15pm; Voting session at 4:15-4:45pm.
- II. **Call to order and Welcome: Connie Price-Smith, presiding President**
- III. **Approval of 2016 Convention Minutes-** Connie Price-Smith, no objections or corrections to minutes made.
- IV. **Board of Directors Report-** Connie Price-Smith
 - a. From Division III: To submit to the NCAA Division III Track & Field Committee / Track & Field Rules Committee that we eliminate the procedure of seeding the 3-4-6-8 seed in Heat #1 and the 1-2-5-7 seed in Heat #2 of the indoor finals in the 200m, 400m, and 4x400m relay (Rule 5-11-3b). Instead, the last 4 qualifiers will run in heat #1 and the top 4 qualifiers will run in heat #2. Preferred lanes wouldn't change based on what we currently use. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
 - b. Rule Book re-organization: to use existing rules and create three separate rule books for each sport of cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- V. **Standing Committee Reports-**
 - a. Awards (Shoehalter) – No report.
 - b. Law & Legislation (Raske) – No action taken this year.
- VI. **Legislative Report- Shannon Wright (update on NCAA Legislation)**
 - a. Provide Flexibility in 156/144-day season (2013 Convention)
 - i. 2017-77 – Playing and Practice Seasons — Segments of Playing Season — Eliminate Two Segment Limit — Cross Country and Track And Field
 - b. Military/Service Exemption from Organized Competition/Delayed Enrollment (2014 Convention)
 - i. 2017-20 – Athletics Eligibility — Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule — Delayed Enrollment — Seasons of Competition — Service Exceptions
 - c. Recruiting Calendar Working Group Recommendation (2016 Convention)
 - i. 2017-44 – Recruiting — Recruiting Calendars — Cross Country/Track and Field
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. To increase staff to 4 staff members per gender (2008 Convention; Institutional Vote: Passed 194-43-0), but no conference sponsor.
 - b. Executive Committee Action: Amended:-To increase the number of countable coaches to 4 per gender (33-1). Passed.

VIII. New Business- Submitted Proposals

- a. Todd Lane- To eliminate second team All-American Award. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
- b. Todd Lane- To eliminate "honorable mention" award status. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
- c. Scott Hall- Impermissible run of jump approaches in opposite direction in warm up. Executive Committee Actions: Rejected. Motion from floor to move proposal forward to ballot for vote (Henry, seconded). Vote: 203-73-14. Passed.
- d. Doug Molnar- Permissible use of video in coaching box. Executive Committee Action: Rejected (12-18-1).
- e. Shantel Twiggs- Increase in non-athlete travel party to include at least the head coach and the event coach of each qualifying student-athlete. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- f. Dennis Shaver- Require a Start Information System be used at the NCAA Indoor Championships, NCAA Preliminary Outdoor Championships and the NCAA Final Outdoor Championships. The starter, and/or an assigned recall starter, shall wear headphones in order to hear clearly any acoustical signal emitted when the System indicates a false start. The electronic sensors attached to each block will indicate the reaction and be produced on results. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- g. Ben Paxton- Establish a Preliminary Championships Round as the initial segment of the NCAA Division I Indoor Men's and Women's Track & Field Championships. This proposal would closely follow the model of the Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships format. Executive Committee Action: Approved (33-1).
- h. Wendy McFarlane- Increase single gender program's staff limit to four paid coaches for single gender track and field programs. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- i. Chris Bucknam- To allow institutions the ability to add one graduate assistant coach for men's track and field/cross country and one graduate assistant coach for women's track and field/cross country. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- j. Dennis Shaver- Amend Bylaw 11.01.6 "Coach, Volunteer" to specify that 1. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, and 2. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career education program. Executive Committee Action: Approved.
- k. From NCAA Division II: To make a standard for indoor track sizes in the rulebook. Change Rule 1, Section 1, Article 2b to: "The standard indoor running track must be one of the following types: 200 meter flat, 200 meter banked or 300 meter flat." The last sentence under Rule 1 Section 1 Article 2b can then be removed: "The length of any indoor track constructed after January 2004 shall not exceed 300 meters." Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
- l. Beth Alford-Sullivan- Additional scholarships for the sport of men's and women's cross country. Maximum of 6 for women and 5 for men. Executive Committee Action: Approved (26-3). Motion from floor: to amend and eliminate wording "max of 6 for women and 5 for men" (Alford-Sullivan, seconded). Vote: 234-16-4. Passed.

- m. Mark VanAlstyne- Create an exception to 13.1.1.1 (Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts—General Rule) that would allow contact with Junior prospects at either their educational institution or after competitions: Exception—Cross Country/Track & Field. In Cross Country and Track & Field, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution or after competitions per 13.1.6.2 (no in-home visits). Executive Committee Action: Rejected (32-1). Motion from floor: to move proposal forward to ballot for vote. (Frye, seconded). Vote: 190-59-2. Passed.
- n. Taryn Sheehan- Set the initial date of telecommunications and off campus face to face contacts and evaluations for January 1st of a prospect's Junior year of high school. Executive Committee Action: Postponed.
- o. Dennis Shaver- To require athletes to use starting blocks at the NCAA Indoor Championships, NCAA Preliminary Round, and NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 60 Hurdles, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles, 4x100, and 4x400. Executive Committee Action: Approved.

IX. New Business- NCAA Proposed Legislation

- a. 2017-33- Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- One Visit Limitation -- Additional Visit After Commitment And Departure Of Head Coach -- Sports Other Than Football. Executive Committee Action: In Favor (20-12-2).
- b. 2017-60 - Playing And Practice Seasons -- Time Limits For Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside The Playing Season -- Sports Other Than Basketball And Football. Executive Committee Action: In Favor.
- c. 2017-61 - Playing And Practice Seasons -- Time Limits For Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations - Outside The Playing Season -- Sports Other Than Football. Executive Committee Action: Against.
- d. 2017-108 - Recruiting and Infractions Program -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- Notification of Transfer. Executive Committee Action: Against. Created a working group to establish talking points.
- e. 2017-119 - Division Membership -- Minimum Contests Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track And Field. Executive Committee Action: In Favor (28-5-1).
- f. 2017-120 - Division Membership -- Scheduling Requirements -- Cross Country and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track And Field. Executive Committee Action: In Favor (31-1-2).

X. New Business- NCAA Playing Rules Survey

- a. Extend relay exchange zone to 30 meters to mirror IAAF. Executive Committee Action: Against (32-0-2).
- b. Expand the indoor curbing rule requiring all newly-constructed or resurfaced tracks to have a regulation curb in place to outdoor track & field. Executive Committee Action: In Favor.
- c. Responsibility for uniform rule. Executive Committee Position: Head Coach.

- d. Penalty for non-compliant uniform rule. Executive Committee Position: Warning, Letter (34-0)
 - e. Only competitors or coaches directly involved in the event allowed to protest. Executive Committee Position: Against (33-1-1).
- XI. **NCAA Sport Committee Report** – Jeff Mlynski gave legislative update on championships eligibility, results reporting, waiver opportunity, and proposals in the 2017-2018 cycle.
- XII. **NCAA Rules Representatives-** Mark Kostek/Dan Rose presented status of acceptable entries and rule 4-1.14.
- XIII. **NCAA Championships Hosts Report-** University of Oregon presented the Outdoor NCAA. Texas A&M presented the Indoor NCAA host site details. Sacramento State for the West preliminary championships. No presentation for East preliminary championships.
- XIV. **Conference Breakout assignments presented.**
- XV. **Accusplit Relay Awards Presented by Accusplit.**
- XVI. **Other Business: Recognition of Past President Dennis Shaver.**
- XVII. **Voting Session with Results:**
- a. Move forward with organization of the rule book by sport with the existing rules into separate books for Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field, and Outdoor Track & Field. **Vote: 298-12-3. APPROVED.**
 - b. Shantel Twiggs- Increase in non-athlete travel party to include at least the head coach and the event coach of each qualifying student-athlete. **Vote: 289-19-3. APPROVED.**
 - c. Dennis Shaver- Require a Start Information System be used at the NCAA Indoor Championships, NCAA Preliminary Outdoor Championships and the NCAA Final Outdoor Championships. The starter, and/or an assigned recall starter, shall wear headphones in order to hear clearly any acoustical signal emitted when the System indicates a false start. The electronic sensors attached to each block will indicate the reaction and be produced on results. **Vote: 269-61-8. APPROVED.**
 - d. Ben Paxton- Establish a Preliminary Championships Round as the initial segment of the NCAA Division I Indoor Men’s and Women’s Track & Field Championships. This proposal would closely follow the model of the Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships format. **Vote: 160-152-4. APPROVED.**
 - e. To increase the number of countable coaches to 4 per gender. **Vote: 270-34-7. APPROVED.**
 - f. Wendy McFarlane- Increase single gender program’s staff limit to four paid coaches for single gender track and field programs. **WITHDRAWN BY WENDY MCFARLANE.**
 - g. Chris Bucknam- To allow institutions the ability to add one graduate assistant coach for men’s track and field/cross country and one graduate assistant coach for women’s track and field/cross country. **WITHDRAWN BY CHRIS BUCKNAM.**
 - h. Dennis Shaver- Amend Bylaw 11.01.6 “Coach, Volunteer” to specify that 1. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach’s sport, and 2. Volunteer coaches may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career education program. **Vote: 275-32-5. APPROVED.**
 - i. Beth Alford-Sullivan- Additional scholarships for the sport of men’s and women’s cross country. **Vote: 140-165-3. REJECTED.**

- j. Mark VanAlstyne- Create an exception to 13.1.1.1 (Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts—General Rule) that would allow contact with Junior prospects at either their educational institution or after competitions: Exception—Cross Country/Track & Field. In Cross Country and Track & Field, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or after competitions per 13.1.6.2 (no in-home visits). **Vote: 120-183-7. REJECTED.**
- k. Dennis Shaver- To require athletes to use starting blocks at the NCAA Indoor Championships, NCAA Preliminary Round, and NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 60 Hurdles, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, 400 Hurdles, 4x100, and 4x400. **Vote: 296-16-4. APPROVED.**

NCAA Proposed Legislation

- l. 2017-33- Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- One Visit Limitation -- Additional Visit After Commitment And Departure Of Head Coach -- Sports Other Than Football. **Vote: 228-73-7. APPROVED.**
- m. 2017-60 - Playing And Practice Seasons -- Time Limits For Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside The Playing Season -- Sports Other Than Basketball And Football. **Vote: 278-16-2. APPROVED.**
- n. 2017-61 - Playing And Practice Seasons -- Time Limits For Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations - Outside The Playing Season -- Sports Other Than Football. **Vote: 267-32-17. APPROVED.**
- o. 2017-108 - Recruiting and Infractions Program -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- Notification of Transfer. **Vote: 42-244-10. REJECTED.**
- p. 2017-119 - Division Membership -- Minimum Contests Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track And Field. **Vote: 204-89-8. APPROVED.**
- q. 2017-120 - Division Membership -- Scheduling Requirements -- Cross Country and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track And Field. **Vote: 275-18-8. APPROVED.**

NCAA Playing Rules Survey

- r. Extend relay exchange zone to 30 meters to mirror IAAF. **Vote: 135-164-21. REJECTED.**
- s. Expand the indoor curbing rule requiring all newly-constructed or resurfaced tracks to have a regulation curb in place to outdoor track & field. **Vote: 255-36-12. APPROVED.**
- t. Responsibility for uniform rule. Vote: 198 Head Coach; 74 Competitor; 38 Abstained.
- u. Penalty for non-compliant uniform rule. **Vote: 226-51-28. APPROVED.**
- v. Only competitors or coaches directly involved in the event allowed to protest. **Vote: 82-204-4. REJECTED.**
- w. From NCAA Division II: To make a standard for indoor track sizes in the rulebook. Change Rule 1, Section 1, Article 2b to: "The standard indoor running track must be one of the following types: 200 meter flat, 200 meter banked or 300 meter flat." The last

sentence under Rule 1 Section 1 Article 2b can then be removed: "The length of any indoor track constructed after January 2004 shall not exceed 300 meters." **Rejected by NCAA Division II, no vote conducted.**

XVIII. Executive Committee Meetings –Connie Price-Smith – presiding President

Roll Call- 12/12/17 (2:45-5:45pm);12/13/17 (8:00-10:30am); 12/14/17 (10:00am-12:05pm); 12/15/17 (8:00-9:30am) Roll taken each meeting with same attendees for all meetings: Price-Smith, Shoehalter, Shaver, Paxton, Raske, Wolin, Bell, Fetzer, Eggerth, Kittley, Dopek, Cawley, Kelly, Green, Brown, Frias, Laaksonen, Rice, Ireland, Pierce, Martin, Teaberry, Twiggs, Hoover, Molnar, Drake, Donner, Waters, McDaniel, Mistretta, Banks, Carter, Huber, Flowers (not present: Meaders.)

Additional Executive Committee Work/Discussions:

- a. Conference Breakouts agenda developed/reviewed. Representatives reported back from the conference breakout sessions a summary of items discussed.
- b. Guest presenters: Jeff Mlynski-NCAA T&F/XC Sports Committee and NCAA Rules Representatives.
- c. Motion: To charge the USTFCCCA and Board of Directors to make a focus and provide teaching/training sessions pertaining to legal issues of the coaching profession at next year's convention. (Raske; seconded). **Vote: *Approved unanimously.***

XIX. **Closing comments** by Connie Price-Smith. Motion to Adjourn (Twiggs, seconded). Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kathleen Raske, Secretary (January 3, 2017)