

12/17/2009
Division II Voting Session
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Cross Country Voting (Vavra)

- I. The top two teams from each region automatically (A) qualify for the championships. The remaining qualifying spots are awarded to the top eight ranked teams (Q) not earning automatic berths according to the final season rankings posted the week after regional championships. (Simmons)
 - a. Point of clarification. A yes vote would decline furthering TJ's proposal and forward this proposal.
 - b. Scott Simmons amends. Top two from each region. Top four auto berths to top four regions from top four teams from the previous year's championships after the top team from each region has been removed. The four remaining berths are determined Second Gardner.
 1. Combines strengths of both proposals. Region strength as well as at-large berths.
 - c. Friese, Alaska. Adding more teams makes this something to look at when we add the teams. Right now the numbers aren't there to support the proposal.
 - d. Martin, Adams State, This year's point spread in his region was very large, but the third place team in the region was third at nationals
 - e. Simmons, Review of last year's proposal.
 - f. TJ A.A. reviews last year's proposal.
 - g. Simmons reviews new proposal. Extra berths is partially based on previous year's strength of region, and partially on a strength of the current season.
 - h. Watts, how do we get rid of an overwhelming vote from last year.
 - i. Call question on amendment
 - j. Amendment defeated Motion 6-64-43
 - k. Call to question on proposal
 - l. Motion fails 4-83-29
- II. In order to qualify for regionals you must finish in the top half of your conference meet or be ranked in the top 25 in the National Rankings (Evilsizer)
 - a. Removes from consideration to work on and re-present it next year.
- III. That no cross country championship be held above an elevation of 3500 feet unless it is the only bid submitted. (Towne)
 - a. Martin, NCAA DII provides opportunities for unique and diverse universities and situations. This proposal prevents them from ever hosting. Doesn't want to be excluded.
 - b. Meade, This is a bigger NCAA problem with our Division II regional philosophy. Need to go to our presidents and commissioners to discuss a better solution to the problem

- c. Helman, Augustine College. More concerned with fair playing field for all. Unfair advantage for those training and competing at altitude. Research proves sea level athletes going to altitude to compete have a major disadvantage to athletes living at sea level.
 - d. Simmons, Queens, supports the proposal. We want a fair national championship. Undisputed that a championship at altitude puts sea level athletes at a major disadvantage.
 - e. Motion passes 98-24-3
- IV. To strike the rule from the Division II regional and national cross country handbook that limits the use of flags on poles at the regional and national championship meets. (Towne)
- a. Motion passes 115-0-6