

**USTFCCCA Convention  
NCAA Division III Track & Field General Session  
JW Marriott Hill Country  
San Antonio, TX  
December 13-15, 2011**

The regular annual meeting of the USTFCCCA NCAA Division III Track & Field was held on Tuesday-Thursday, December 13-15, 2011, at the JW Marriott Hill Country in San Antonio, Texas, the President, Chris Hall, University of Chicago, being in the chair and the Secretary, Garrick Larson, Concordia-Moorhead, being present. The 2010 minutes of the last meeting were available online prior to the meeting and approved.

1. Committee Reports

1. Law & Legislation Committee (Garrick Larson, Secretary; Chair of L&L)
  - i. Minor revisions to USTFCCCA Bylaws (Association-wide).
  - ii. Minor revisions to the USTFCCCA Division III Handbook.

2. Awards & Rankings Committees

1. Redefine the performance cutoff for the All-Academic Award
2. Change when the Outstanding Performer of the Meet Awards are distributed.
3. Announce the USTFCCCA Dual Meet Ranking submission and release dates.
4. Announce the USTFCCCA National Rankings release dates.
5. Rankings Committee
  - i. Confirm 2012 Dual Meet Indoor & Outdoor rankings submissions schedule

**Indoor (submission):**

January 24, 2012  
January 31, 2012  
February 7, 2012  
February 14, 2012  
February 21, 2012  
February 28, 2012  
March 5, 2012 (Mon)  
March 13, 2012

**Outdoor (submission):**

April 3, 2012  
April 10, 2012  
April 17, 2012  
April 24, 2012  
May 1, 2012  
May 8, 2012  
May 15, 2012  
May 21, 2012 (Mon)  
May 29, 2012

ii. 2012 Dual Meet Indoor & Outdoor rankings release schedule

**Indoor (Wed releases):**

January 25, 2012  
February 1, 2012  
February 8, 2012  
February 15, 2012  
February 22, 2012  
February 29, 2012  
March 5, 2012 (Mon)

**Outdoor (Wed releases):**

April 4, 2012  
April 11, 2012  
April 18, 2012  
April 25, 2012  
May 2, 2012  
May 19, 2012  
May 16, 2012  
May 21, 2012 (Mon)

iii. Confirm 2012 National Indoor & Outdoor rankings schedules

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**Indoor (Wed releases):**

**January 11, 2012**  
**(preseason)**  
**January 25, 2012**  
**February 1, 2012**  
**February 8, 2012**  
**February 15, 2012**  
**February 22, 2012**  
**February 29, 2012**  
**March 7, 2012**

**Outdoor (Wed releases):**

**March 28, 2012**  
**(preseason)**  
**April 4, 2012**  
**April 11, 2012**  
**April 18, 2012**  
**April 25, 2012**  
**May 2, 2012**  
**May 9, 2012**  
**May 16, 2012**  
**May 23, 2012**

3. Nominating Committee
  1. Nominations for 2nd Vice-President of the USTFCCCA Track & Field Executive Committee (Barb Hartwig, Past President)
    - i. 8yr commitment; 2yrs each at 2nd VP, 1st VP, President, and Past President. Duties progressively increase.
    - ii. Must be at the USTFCCCA Convention, including early attendance.
    - iii. Chair awards committee as 2nd VP.
    - iv. At-Large representative on the Board of Directors (association-wide) as 1st VP.
    - v. Monthly conference calls.
    - vi. Broad understanding of the sport of track & field.
4. Law & Legislation Committee
  1. Amend Bylaw 1.03H to match wording of the association's Bylaws
    - i. To provide assistance to ~~and meet the needs of~~ the body of people who make up the athletic community of Division III track and field; (strike words in yellow) [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive] \*USTFCCCA Association-wide Bylaws.
5. Awards Committee
  1. All-Academic (page 38 USTFCCCA Track & Field Handbook)
    - i. Proposal: The top 35 indoor and outdoor individuals and the top 25 indoor and outdoor relays (one per institution), shall be eligible for the All-Academic award.
    - ii. In addition, athletes beyond the top 35 individuals/25 relays indoor and outdoor will also be eligible if they participated in the NCAA Championship. (Gary Aldrich, Chair Awards Committee; Amended by Jay Hartshorn, Bates) [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive]
    - iii. Amend to add: All the individuals from the teams that have multiple relays within the top 25 will be recognized. Aaron Decker, UW-River Falls.
  2. Outstanding Performers of the Meet-Award Distribution (page 37 USTFCCCA Track & Field Handbook)
    - i. Proposal: Awards shall be distributed on April 1 (indoor) and June 15 (outdoor) ~~at the site of the competition following the completion of the Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships.~~ (Replace words in yellow) (Gary Aldrich, Chair Awards Committee). [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive]
6. New Business
  1. Proposed Playing Rules Changes
    - i. Rule 5. Section 8. Relay Substitution. Article 2.
      1. Replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete are limited to student-athletes who are eligible to compete in the competition. There is no

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limitation on the number of replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete.

2. In championships competitions, a replacement may be a substitute or an alternate. A substitute is a student-athlete who is already in the competition in any event. **Not more than two alternates can be named.** The games committee shall set the declaration process for relay alternates. Replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete are the limited to qualified substitutes or alternates, as defined above. There is no limitation on the number of replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete. (Board of Directors) Amended to strike sentence in yellow. (Chris Hall, University of Chicago).
- ii. Rule 5, Section 11. Formation of Heats/Assignment of Lanes. Article 3. The following procedures shall be used in drawing/assigning lanes:
  1. PROPOSAL to add sentence in yellow: In the first round of competition, lanes shall be drawn by lot. **In championships competition, the games committee may assign preferred lane by entry performance.** In an event in which no preliminary round is contested, the games committee may assign preferred lane by entry performance. (Board of Directors) [Membership Vote, Time-Sensitive]
- iii. The focus of the playing rules should be better defined by creating a rulebook for the regular season and a separate championships rule book and technical manual. (Board of Directors) [Membership Vote, Time-Sensitive]
- iv. Point of Information: The event names have been standardized. Drops terms like dash, run, etc. (Approved by the USTFCCCA Board of Directors) No action.
- v. Point of Information: Adoption of Standardized Conversion Factors. (Approved by the USTFCCCA Board of Directors) No action.
2. Proposal: For the NCAA Indoor Championship, the declaration list shall include the top 40, for the NCAA Outdoor Championship the top 50. (Kari Kluckhohn) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive]
3. PROPOSAL: Maintain auto standards and use TFRS for remaining selections (Tyler Wingard, Christopher Newport and Jen Potter, Ithaca) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive]
4. PROPOSAL: NCAA tie-breaker procedure for the vertical jumps.
  - i. 1) The 1st tie-breaker will be the number of times the athlete made the highest height.
  - ii. 2) The 2nd tie-breaker will be the least number of misses at the highest height cleared.
  - iii. 3) The 3rd tie-breaker will be the total number of misses in the competition where the qualifying performance was made.
  - iv. 4) Procedures 2 and 3 will be repeated for the next highest height(s) made.
  - v. 5) If a tie still remains, follow the remaining tie-breaking procedures. (Colin Tory, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive]
5. NCAA tie-breaker procedure all events.
  - i. PROPOSAL: For tie-breaking purposes in all events, performances achieved during the same week (Monday-Sunday) will be considered **to have been achieved on the same date.** Amend to add in yellow. (Kari Kluckhohn, North Central). [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive]
  - ii. PROPOSAL: When all tie-breaking procedures have been exhausted and the tie still remains, both/all athletes shall be accepted into the meet. A coin flip will **NOT** be considered as a tie-breaker. (Jeff Wettach, Luther). [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive]
  - iii. PROPOSAL: Allow indoor marks achieved after the NCAA Indoor Championship to count for NCAA Outdoor Qualifying. (Garrick Larson, Concordia College-Moorhead). [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive] Amend to include: ...if forced indoors due to poor weather.

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6. PROPOSAL: Recommend the NCAA Division III Track & Field Committee allow NCAA qualifying marks achieved during a co-ed Pole Vault competition. (Jeff Heitzenrater, University of the South). Died. NCAA Rules Secretary, Bob Podkaminer, noted that the rule book only precludes coed competition in the track events (except 10k) and does not apply to the field events.
7. PROPOSAL: If the NCAA adds 44 bodies per gender to the NCAA Indoor Championships, the 200 Meter and the 3000 Meter will be added. For the men, the field sizes will be 15 per individual event and 10 relays. For the women, the field sizes will be 17 per individual event and 10 relays. (Executive Committee) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive]
  - i. If the previous motion does NOT pass, then
  - ii. If the NCAA adds 44 bodies per gender to the NCAA Indoor Championships, the field sizes will be increased without adding additional events. For the men, the field sizes will be 17 per individual event and 10 relays. For the women, the field sizes will be 19 per individual event and 10 relays. (Executive Committee) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive]
8. PROPOSAL: Contest a 4x400 Meter Relay preliminary round at the NCAA Indoor Championship. (Brett Witt, Carthage) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive]
  - i. Noted that we will vote on this issue before the schedules.
9. PROPOSAL: Adopt the Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Championship schedules and advancement procedures. (Dave Svoboda, Trinity University, Texas) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive]
  - i. Move to divide vote for Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Championship schedule and advancement procedures.
  - ii. Move to table both motions to allow discussion tomorrow. Get schedules emailed out post-meeting today. Discussion starts at 830am Thursday.
10. Tie-breaker (Jim Pennington, Springfield)
  - i. 1) 1st tie-breaker is broken by how many times an (please come up to clarify)
7. Elections (voted on at Regional Breakout Sessions)
  1. Regional Representative Election Results:
    - i. Atlantic-Matt LoPiccolo, Oneonta
    - ii. Midwest-Brett Witt, Carthage
    - iii. South/Southeast-Kenneth Cox, Birmingham Southern
    - iv. West-Matt Lea, California Lutheran
  2. 2nd Vice-President Nominees
    - i. Kristen Morwick, Tufts
    - ii. Jim Pennington, Springfield
    - iii. Colin Tory, RPI
    - iv. Mike Johnson, UW-Whitewater
    - v. Mathew Barreau, Christopher Newport
    - vi. Nate Hoey, Washington & Lee
    - vii. Jeff Heitzenrater, Sewanee
    - viii. Josh Buchholz, UW-LaCrosse
    - ix. Jason Maus, Ohio Northern
    - x. Tony Boston, Pomona Pitzer
    - xi. Rob Bartlett, Occidental
8. Appointments
  1. Awards Committee
9. Guest Speakers
  1. Will Freeman, Grinnell College, 2012 NCAA Indoor Championship
10. John Goldhammer and Kelly Beck, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College, 2012 NCAA Outdoor Championship
11. Bob Podkaminer, Indexing & Playing Rules

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Meeting called to order by President Chris Hall at 9:20 am.

**Voting**

12. Proposal: The top 35 indoor and outdoor individuals and the top 25 indoor and outdoor relays shall be eligible for the All-Academic award. All-Academic (page 38 USTFCCCA Track & Field Handbook). In addition, athletes beyond the top 35 individuals/25 relays indoor and outdoor will also be eligible if they participated in the NCAA Championship. (Gary Aldrich, Chair Awards Committee; Amended by Executive Committee) [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted as Amended. Accept – 132; Reject – 2; Abstain – 2.
  1. Amend to add: For relays, the top 25 institutions on the relay descending order list are eligible for All-Academic awards. In addition, any institutions with multiple relays within this top 25 list will also constitute eligibility of their relay members for the All-Academic award. (Aaron Decker, UW-River Falls) [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive] Amendment Adopted. Accept – 121; Reject – 18; Abstain – 7.
13. Proposal: Outstanding Performer of the Meet Awards shall be distributed on April 1 (indoor) and June 15 (outdoor) ~~at the site of the competition following the completion of the Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships.~~ Outstanding Performers of the Meet-Award Distribution (page 37 USTFCCCA Track & Field Handbook) (Gary Aldrich, Chair Awards Committee). [Membership vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted by voice vote.
14. Proposed Playing Rules Changes
  1. Proposal: Rule 5. Section 8. Relay Substitution. Article 2.
    - i. Replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete are limited to student-athletes who are eligible to compete in the competition. There is no limitation on the number of replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete.
    - ii. In championships competitions, a replacement may be a substitute or an alternate. A substitute is a student-athlete who is already in the competition in any event. ~~Not more than two alternates can be named.~~ The games committee shall set the declaration process for relay alternates. Replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete are limited to qualified substitutes or alternates, as defined above. There is no limitation on the number of replacements to the specific team that has qualified to compete. (Board of Directors) [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 139; Reject – 3; Abstain – 4.
  2. Proposal: Rule 5, Section 11. Formation of Heats/Assignment of Lanes. Article 3.
    - i. The following procedures shall be used in drawing/assigning lanes:
      1. In the first round of competition, lanes shall be drawn by lot. In championships competition, the games committee may assign preferred lane by entry performance. In an event in which no preliminary round is contested, the games committee may assign preferred lane by entry performance. (Board of Directors) [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 123; Reject – 23; Abstain – 12.
  3. Proposal: The focus of the playing rules should be better defined by creating a rulebook for the regular season and a separate championships rule book and technical manual. (Board of Directors) [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Rejected. Accept – 41; Reject – 83; Abstain – 27.
15. Proposal: For the NCAA Indoor Championship, the declaration list shall include the top 40. For the NCAA Outdoor Championship the declaration list shall include the top 50. (Kari Kluckhohn) [Unit vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 131; Reject – 6; Abstain – 16.
16. Proposal: Maintain automatic standards and use TFRS for remaining selections. (Tyler Wingard, Christopher Newport and Jen Potter, Ithaca) [Unit vote, Time-Sensitive]. Proposal Rejected. Accept – 44; Reject – 73; Abstain – 36.
17. Proposal: The NCAA tie-breaker procedure for the vertical jumps shall be:

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1. The 1st tie-breaker will be the number of times the athlete made the highest height.
  2. The 2nd tie-breaker will be the least number of misses at the highest height cleared.
  3. The 3rd tie-breaker will be the total number of misses in the competition where the qualifying performance was made.
  4. Procedures 2 and 3 will be repeated for the next highest height(s) made.
  5. If a tie still remains, follow the remaining tie-breaking procedures. (Colin Tory, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Rejected. Accept – 63; Reject – 68; Abstain – 14.
18. Proposal: For tie-breaking purposes in all events during NCAA national meet participant selection, performances achieved during the same week (Monday-Sunday) will be considered to have been achieved on the same date. (Kari Kluckhohn, North Central). [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 146; Reject – 0; Abstain – 4.
19. Proposal: For tie-breaking purposes in all events during NCAA national meet participant selection, when all tie-breaking procedures have been exhausted and the tie still remains, both/all athletes shall be accepted into the meet. A coin flip will NOT be considered as a tie-breaker. (Jeff Wettach, Luther). [Unit Vote, Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 149; Reject – 3; Abstain – 11.
20. Proposal: Allow indoor marks achieved after the NCAA Indoor Championship to count for NCAA Outdoor Qualifying if forced indoors due to poor weather. (Garrick Larson, Concordia College-Moorhead). As amended. [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Rejected. Accept – 25; Reject – 121; Abstain – 15.
1. Amend to include: ...if forced indoors due to poor weather. Amendment Accepted. Accept – 78; Reject – 50; Abstain – 20.
21. Proposal: If the NCAA adds 44 bodies per gender to the NCAA Indoor Championships, the 200 Meter and the 3000 Meter will be added. For the men, the field sizes will be 15 per individual event and 10 relays. For the women, the field sizes will be 17 per individual event and 10 relays. (Executive Committee) [Unit vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 126; Reject – 19; Abstain – 18.
22. Proposal: Contest a 4x400 Meter Relay preliminary round at the NCAA Indoor Championship. (Brett Witt, Carthage) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Rejected. Accept – 54; Reject – 62; Abstain – 27.
23. Proposal: Adopt the Indoor NCAA Championship schedules and advancement procedures. As amended. (Dave Svoboda, Trinity University, Texas) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 123; Reject – 6; Abstain – 18.
1. Amend indoor schedule to reflect that the men's and women's open High Jumps will be contested on Saturday (not on the same day as the Pentathlon and Heptathlon High Jumps). [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Amendment Accepted. Accept – 110; Reject – 12; Abstain – 18.
24. Proposal: Adopt the Outdoor NCAA Championship schedules and advancement procedures. As amended. (Dave Svoboda, Trinity University, Texas) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Adopted. Accept – 112; Reject – 12; Abstain – 19.
1. Amend outdoor schedule to reflect a move of the open High Jumps to Saturday. (Kyle Steiner, UW-Stout) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Amendment Accepted. Accept – 85; Reject – 42; Abstain – 11.
  2. Amend the amendment to additionally reflect moving the 10k to Thursday between the Steeplechase and 4x4. (Matt Barreau, Christopher Newport) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Amendment Accepted. Accept – 125; Reject – 8; Abstain – 10.
  3. Amend the amendments to start the Thursday schedule 1 hour earlier. (Colin Tory, RPI) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Amendment Accepted. Accept – 125; Reject – 8; Abstain – 13.
25. For tie-breaking purposes during NCAA national meet participant selection, ties shall be broken in the High Jump and the Pole Vault by how many times the highest mark was achieved. If a tie still remains then move to the next highest height and repeat process. (Jim Pennington, Springfield) [Unit Vote. Time-Sensitive] Proposal Rejected. Accept – 29; Reject – 43; Abstain – 58.

**Elections**

1. Regional Representative Election Results [Membership Vote by Region]
  - a. Atlantic-Matt LoPiccolo, Oneonta

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- b. Midwest-Brett Witt, Carthage
  - c. South/Southeast-Kenneth Cox, Birmingham Southern
  - d. West-Matt Lea, California Lutheran
- 2. 2nd Vice-President Election Results [Membership Vote]
  - a. Jason Maus, Ohio Northern, was elected 2nd Vice-President.
  - b. Eliminated in Final Round
    - i. Tony Boston, Pomona Pitzer
  - c. Eliminated in Round 3
    - i. Josh Buchholz, UW-LaCrosse
  - d. Eliminated in Round 2
    - i. Colin Tory, RPI
  - e. Eliminated in Round 1
    - i. Jim Pennington, Springfield; Rob Bartlett, Occidental; Kristen Morwick, Tufts; Mike Johnson, UW-Whitewater; Matthew Barreau, Christopher Newport; Nate Hoey, Washington & Lee; Jeff Heitzenrater, Sewanee.

**Appointments**

- 1. Awards Committee (Presidential appointment)
  - a. James McCowan, Vassar

**Recognition**

- 1. Thank you to our outgoing USTFCCCA Presidents
  - a. Greg Huffaker, Illinois Wesleyan, NCAA DIII Cross Country President
  - b. Chris Hall, Chicago, NCAA DIII Track & Field President

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.