

2019 USTFCCCA Convention- Orlando, FL

12/17/2019

NCAA Division III General Session Meeting Notes

- Overview of meeting agenda
- USTFCCCA Board of Directors report
 - Overview of chain of command for the association
 - Future convention Cites
 - 2020/2023- Denver
 - 2021/2024- Orlando
 - 2022-TBD
 - National and Regional Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards Redesign –Outdoor 2020
 - NCAA Rules Committee
 - Resubmitted rules proposed from 2016 and 2018 for review again.
 - One rule book with three sections (XC, indoor, and outdoor). 2021-2022 Rule Book
 - Membership and Convention update:
 - 97% membership among active cross country and track programs
 - Due to growth in membership, cause for convention site consideration
 - Hall of Fame
 - Discussion of 2020 slate of proposed athletes
- Submitted Proposals
 - Matthew Barreau Proposal 1 (Ryan Chapman Wartburg College presenting)
 - Backup NCAA region rep: proposing that the region rep position should have a replacement in place. If not immediately available the chair of the championship committee shall appoint an interim rep from the following: the last two NCAA region reps or the USTFCCCA Cross Country region representatives:
 - Derrick Stanley, UW Lacrosse: in favor of the proposal on the consideration that the last wording of the proposal is removed. Contention with the USTFCCCA Cross Country Region Rep has no place in this consideration.
 - NCAA XC/TF Coaches Meeting(Ben Raffelson Cal Tech)
 - NCAA coaches meeting is optional. There will be a required sign-off sheet that includes NCAA procedures to be included in packet pick up.
 - Matthew Barreau, Lewis & Clarke: Clarifying that the NCAA want us to have this meeting, but logistically it is very difficult due to the sheer number of teams at Nationals and that we had previously been presented the same info at the regional championships. Meeting would still take place, but no longer be mandatory.
 - Dustin Dimer, Rowan: Clarifying that we had previously tried to get rid of this meeting but that concept was thrown out by the NCAA.
 - Chris Hall, University of Chicago: Questions if this should only be proposed for cross country. Track and Field does not have the same regional meeting as cross country so valuable information may be missed.

- Division III Regional Realignment (we will discuss this more in depth tomorrow at the track and cross country breakouts so that Lauren Peterson may be in attendance)
- NCAA Proposed Legislation
 - 2020-4: Awards and Benefits, housing and meals, exceptions, snacks and nutritional supplements incidental to participation.
 - An institution may provide snack to student athletes incidental to participation in athletics.
 - 2020-6: Athletically related activities, leadership programs out of season involving athletics related information and content are permissible.
 - Leadership building or programming are permissible out of season so long as they are not specific to
- Rules Committee Presentation:
 - Friendly Reminders
 - Running Advancement: want to avoid disallowing of performances.
 - Rule 5.10-5: For outdoor races run entirely in lanes and for indoor races 55m/60m-600m and 4x200m and 4x400m
 - Advancement is based on heat winner or top two placers
 - Advancement based on time only is not permitted for any other circumstances except for when the facility has fewer than 8 useable lanes and 8 competitors/teams
 - Apply Rule 5.11.-3 For preliminary seeding assignments and for final heat and lane assignments.
 - Field Event Time limits
 - No Change to Rule 6-1
 - Publishing Entries
 - Rule 4-1.11 page 58. Meet director should post the entries prior to the event showing how entries are seeded.
 - Code of Conduct and Misconduct
 - Ensuring transparency in the sport. Following code of conduct and understanding Misconduct Rule 4-2.3.
 - Looking Ahead to 2021-2020
 - Newly reformatted rule book
 - New Format will be broken up by Definitions, Cross Country, Indoor track, and Outdoor track all under one rule book.
 - Athlete Video Review
 - Committee is discussing the current rule that disallows the athlete from reviewing video during competition. If video is allowed to be reviewed, how do they manage the process?
 - Committee will define the competition area and venue
 - Mixed gender competition
 - Discussions on whether to allow it at all. Considering this because the NCAA recognizes Men's and Women's championships. Will base decision on wording of the rules.
- Meeting is adjourned.

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NCAAA Division III Cross Country Meeting Notes

- Bobby Van Allen Proposal
 - Proposes the “push” scenario in which the best or most deserving teams are selected
 - Bobby Van Allen, Johns Hopkins: Clarifying that this proposal is designed to prevent deserving teams being left home
 - Brian Cashdollar, Manchester University: Feels that this proposal creates a scenario where we’re assuming a team that was beaten at regionals still ran a good race.
 - Ryan, Wartburg: Disagrees. Feels that this provides the committee more data points to make at-large selections.
 - Kyle Steiner, UW Stout: presents the scenario that a proposal such as this ties the committee’s hands a bit. Using the Loras/St. Thomas scenario, yes St. Thomas was good, but if you select Loras based on taking St. Thomas then the 8 teams in the great lakes that beat Loras should go.
 - Matt, Lewis and Clarke: Clarifies that in the Loras/St. Thomas scenario, we are still simply looking at the 16 deserving teams.
 - Kevin, Levern: Does not feel this adds more data points, just presents a different scenario of entering teams to the national meet.
- Laura’s presentation:
 - Regional Sites
 - Atlantic Region: University of Rochester 2020, Geneseo 2021
 - Central: St. Olaf 2020 and 2021
 - Great Lakes: Oberlin College 2020, Franklin College 2021
 - Mideast: Dickinson 2020 and 2021
 - Midwest: Augustana 2020, UW Eau Claire 2021
 - New England Region: Connecticut College 2020 and 2021
 - South/Southeast: Shenandoah University 2020, Spartansburg, SC 2021
 - West: Whitman 2020, Occidental 2021
 - Request for bids from more schools
 - Regional Realignment:
 - Because of the addition of 2 regions, realignment needs to be brought up legislatively at the meeting in Jan or Feb.
 - Timeline wise we are looking at implementation in the Fall of 2021.
 - Champions committee is looking at regional alignment based on conferences instead of geographic.
 - Kathy, Case Western: question about UAA who’s conference is spread across multiple regions. Those teams would be placed in the geographical region that makes the most sense for them.
 - Concern from Ryan, Wartburg feels that cross country alignment based on conferences makes little sense because we don’t have an AQ much like other sports considered in this realignment.
 - Mike Schmidt, Tuft: Some of the proposed regions based on conferences would have no suitable host sights.

- Regional realignment done by USTFCCCA office without coaches to prevent bias. Currently six conferences are in more than one region so this is not something that's new and should not be a concern with the proposed 10 region realignment. This also provides greater opportunities for inter-regional competition in many conferences which provides more at-large data points for teams.
 - Emily Daum, Trinity (TX): Feels that realignment actually hurts Texas schools. Current participation in Texas in the regional meet is already poor due to travel concerns. Move to the West ensures that this will only get worse. The regional realignment does not consider this and only looks at total number of Division III schools in Texas. Proposal is presented that in regional realignment, all Texas teams stay in the South/Southeast region.
 - Proposal is Seconded
 - Move to Vote. Seconded
 - Proposal will be moved to vote tomorrow
 - Ryan, Wartburg: Feels that we will always have issues with realignment. It will be highly unlikely that we will have a perfect realignment. As a body we need to decide if we want this realignment or not.
 - Matt, Lewis and Clarke: Question for Laura. Some teams are allowed to petition realignment to stay in their current region due to geographic proximity? Laura confirms that in theory this could be the argument that the Texas school may make.
 - Derrick Stanley, UW Lacrosse: Thanks the committee for putting in the time and effort in making this realignment plan. Feels that this 10 region model is what's best for our sport in managing the right sized competitive fields.
- Qualifying for NCAA championship under the 10 region model
 - 2 auto teams
 - 14 at-large teams
 - 6 individual qualifiers
 - 298 athletes, 49 boxes(18+ individuals, 3+ boxes) per gender
 - Ryan, Wartburg: 20% of our field is individuals currently. Under the new plan it would still be 20% individuals. Despite the reduction in individual qualifiers, the number stays the same. Going to 7 individuals per region would mean 25% of the field.
 - Kyle Steiner, UW Stout: Likes the split of conferences as it gives committee an extra data point. Under the new alignment you are giving a team that is maybe not deserving of qualifying. Using the example of Washington and Lee, they would become an Auto qualifier and all the teams that have beaten them would have a significant argument to make as at-large qualifiers.
 - Ryan, Wartburg: Argues against the 1 auto qualifier due to it then promoting the necessity of travel throughout the season to earn at-large criteria.
 - Jordan Carpenter, Pomona Pitzer: CNS doesn't travel out of region and had they not beaten Pomona Pitzer at the conference would have zero wins and zero losses. Under a 1 auto qualifier they may not make it to nationals despite being a top 10 team.
 - Chris Hall, U Chicago: Express concern over growing field size. Last few national meets have included falls. Thinks the original plan of 5 individual qualifiers was adequate.

- Derek, UW Lacrosse: In favor of the 1 auto qualifier. Feels with extra data points coming from the 10 region realignment, still have opportunity to put the best teams out there for nationals.
- Ryan, Wartburg: We got to 6 individuals due to compromise.
- Derek, UW Lacrosse: would like to present a competing proposal that we should move to 1 auto qualifier adjusting the numbers as the committee.
 - Seconded
 - Voted to be on the ballot tomorrow
- Mike Schmidt, Tufts: under a 1 auto qualifier scenario we're looking at 10 teams in which the committee has to work with. Reduces the data points for at-large consideration.
- Dan Moore, Geneseo: 1 auto qualifier will place less emphasis on the regional meet and more emphasis on out of region competition. Might result in a national meet that does not feature some of the nations best teams.
- Jeff Miller, UW whitewater: The regional meet should be a high priority and by going to 1 auto qualifier you take some of the competitiveness out of that regional meet.
- James, Rockford University: Concern with the emphasis on out of region competition from a budget standpoint of school who cannot afford out of region competition.
- Tom, UW Plattsville: Feels that the proposal is being splintered too much and we aren't likely to pass it.
- Clarification of what it will take for this proposal to pass. After a vote, all the information on the proposals will be passed along to the NCAA committee. The info and data will go into the decision made by the NCAA.
- Lexi, McMurray State: Question of a nine region model and if it was considered? Dustin confirms it was, but went with 10 due to number of Division III schools
- Mike Schmidt, Tufts: Clarifying a point that 1 auto qualifier would prioritize competition against the weakest auto qualifier.
- Derek, UW Lacrosse: Clarifies his counter proposal that he wants to ensure that the field is the best quality field. There is already a lot of clarity in selecting the top 20 teams. A 1 auto qualifier would not muddy the waters.
- Meeting is adjourned.

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NCAA Division III Cross Country General & Voting Session

- Review of Agenda
- Larry Cole, Rose-Hulman presentation on 2020 championship site at Terra Haute
 - Two preview meets: One being hosted by Indiana State University in September and the Pre-nationals meet being held in October.
 - Nationals will be held on Saturday November 21st
 - Review of hotels

- On site packet pickup and technical meeting
- Banquet will be held on Rose-Hulman campus
- Course and facilities updates
- Submitted Proposal
 - Emily Daum Proposal to keep Texas schools in the South
 - Voted by executive committee (7-4-4)
 - Derek Proposal for 1 auto-qualifier
 - Voted against executive committee unanimously
- Voting Session
 - USTFCCCA Items- Policy or by law votes
 - Chad Gunnelson Proposal: Additional nomination process of XC national Coach of the Year
 - 192 in favor, 11 opposed, 7 abstain
 - Jay Hartshorn Proposal: Change in number of certificated for academic awards- Cross Country
 - 158 in favor, 13 against, 14 abstain
 - NCAA Playing Rule Proposals
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 7: Reword minimum race distance require for meet consideration in at-large selection process
 - 122 in favor, 31 against, 18 abstain
 - NCAA Championship Policy Proposals
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 3: Banquet ticket for individual qualifiers
 - 184 in favor, 8 against, 15 abstain
- Unit Votes
 - Ncaa Playing Rules Proposals
 - Scoring Non-College Teams/Clubs/Professionals
 - 125 in favor, 79 against, 13 abstain
 - Realign DIII Cross Country to 10-region Model
 - 209 in favor, 30 against, 10 abstain
 - Qualifying for NCAA National XC Meet for 10-region model (2 auto teams, 14 at large teams, 6 individuals per region)
 - 229 in favor, 21 opposed, 4 abstain
 - Back up NCAA Region Rep Proposal
 - 199 in favor, 31 against, 6 abstain
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 5: Increase check in help at national xc championship
 - 170 in favor, 57 against, 13 abstain
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 6: NCAA XC Coaches meeting become optional
 - 169 in favor, 58 against, 13 abstain
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 9a: Team at large selection criteria to include regionals
 - 212 in favor, 23 against, 12 abstain
 - Matt Barreau Proposal 9b: XC at-large selection criteria to define “teams already in the championship field and other potential at-large teams”
 - 191 in favor, 36 against, 18 abstain

- Emily Daum Proposal: Regional realignment would keep all Texas schools in the South
 - 106 in favor, 99 against, 41 abstain
 - Derek Stanley: Qualifying for NCAA national xc meet for 10-region model (1 auto qualifier, 24 at-large teams, 6 individuals per region)
 - 36 in favor, 184 against, 6 abstain
 - Bobby Van Allen Proposal: Update in language for at-large selection
 - 171 in favor, 58 against, 27 abstain
- NCAA
 - 2020-4 Awards and benefits, housing and meals exceptions
 - 198 in favor, 23 against, 0 abstain
 - 2020-6: Leadership
 - 179 in favor, 20 against, 6 abstain
- Meeting adjourned