

USTFCCCA

Minutes of the Division I Cross Country Coaches Executive Committee and General Sessions

Orlando, Florida

December 14-19, 2019

I. Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. From the Nominations and Elections Committee

- A. Diljeet Taylor (Brigham Young) for Women's At-Large Representative
- B. From Nominations & Elections Committee
- C. Voting Results
 - 1. Taylor elected (269-20)

B. Reporting of Summer Training

Passed: 276-19

- A. Motion: To direct the Executive Committee to work with the USTFCCCA National Office to create a working group to address issues related to permitting voluntary reporting of Summer/Vacation training.
- B. From Executive Committee: Motion – Mitchell, second
Passed. 22-0. Motion above

C. Gary Gardner Proposal – NCAA Regional and National Championships Race Distances

Passed: 266-66

- A. Motion: To maintain the current NCAA Division I Cross Country championships race distances for men and women of 10,000 meters and 6,000 meters, respectively. In addition, to maintain the current course length requirements for results to count toward at-large selection that the course length must not be less than 75 percent of the championship race distance.
- B. From Executive Committee: Motion – Gardner, second
Passed. Motion above (voting occurred on April 10, 2019 conference call)

D. Division I Cross Country Position on NCAA Legislative Proposal 2019-63

Passed: 225-104

- A. Motion: To direct the USTFCCCA National Office to oppose the NCAA Proposal 2019-63: Recruiting - Recruiting Calendars - Cross Country/Track and Field - Dead Period --- Preliminary Rounds of Outdoor Championships.
- B. From Executive Committee: Motion – D. Smith, second
Passed: 21-0

E. Division I Cross Country Position on NCAA Legislative Proposal 2019-82

Passed: 275-36

- A. Motion: To direct the USTFCCCA National Office to oppose the NCAA Proposal 2019-82: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE – CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND MEN'S WATER POLO
- B. From Executive Committee: Motion – Sleakis, second
Passed: 21-0

(A, B– Membership Vote, C-E– Unit Vote)

II. Executive Committee Votes

A. Playing Rules Proposal adopted by Division II– Scoring Non-College Teams/Clubs/Professionals

- A. Motion: Revise Rule 7.3.3(e) as noted below
7.3.3(e) Collegiate teams ~~Teams~~ that start at least five runners and have fewer than five runners finish the race shall be listed alphabetically at the end of the team results as Did Not Finish(DNF). Non-collegiate teams, regardless of the number of finishers, shall not be listed in the team results
- ii. Motion to reject – Horst, second
Passed: 18-0

B. Playing Rules Proposal adopted by Division III– DNF vs DNS Status

- A. Motion: Revise Rule 7.3.3 as noted below
Add subsection that states:
All entering athletes shall receive a racing bib (or other identifying marker) prior to the start of the competition from meet management. Any entered athlete who will not compete must be identified to meet management prior to competition, or will have been presumed to have participated and will be listed in the results as DNF.
- B. Motion to reject – Gondak, second
Passed: 22-0

C. Playing Rules Proposal adopted by Division III– Meet Scoring Guidelines

- A. Motion: Revise Rule 7.3.3 by adding section (f) as noted below
7.3.3(f) Teams that start fewer than five runners shall be listed alphabetically at the end of the team results as No Team Score (NTS).as DNF.
- B. Motion to reject – Sullivan, second
Passed: 21-0

D. Cathleen Cawley Proposal – To Change Proposal Presentation by Adding Pros and Cons

- A. Motion: Change the method in which proposals are presented to the general body for discussion. Revise the Division I Cross Country Handbook by adding text indicated in bold underscore:

Once the Executive Committee votes upon a proposal, said proposal is deemed an agenda item and will be assigned to a member(s) of the Executive Committee to present the agenda item, and the Executive Committee's position on said proposal **(including pros and cons discussed by the Executive Committee)**, to the membership.

- B. Motion to reject – D. Smith, second
Passed: 18-0

E. Nate Houle Proposal 1 – Equal Cross Country Race Distances for Men and Women

- A. Motion: To make men's and women's cross country race distances equal at any NCAA cross country event..
B. Motion to reject – Horst, second
Passed: 21-0

F. Nate Houle Proposal 2 – Change both the men's and women's championship race distance to 8 kilometers

- A. Motion: To make the men's and women's cross country race distance 8km at the regional and national meets.
B. Motion to reject – Gardner, second
Passed: 19-0

G. Matt Esche Proposal -- Create mandated rules to participate in the NCAA Cross Country Regional and Cross Country National Championships

- A. Motion: In order for student-athletes to be eligible to participate in the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, his or her member institution must meet the minimum contest and participant requirements for sports sponsorship as is detailed in the NCAA Division I Manual. Failure to meet these minimum requirements will preclude institution's student-athletes from being allowed to be declared for participation in the championships
B. **Motion withdrawn**

H. 2019 Conference Call Schedule

- A. January 15, February 12, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11. Scheduled time for all dates: 11:30 am CT.
- B. Motion to approve conference all schedule – Jones, second
- C. Passed unanimous voice vote

I. 2020 Regional Ranking and National Poll Dates

- A. Regional Ranking Dates and Times
August 19 (Pre-season Rankings), Noon CT
September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 18, November 1. All regular season Regional Rankings due by 9:00 pm CT
- B. National Poll Dates and Times
August 21 (Monday, Pre-season Poll), 9:00 am CT
September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 19, November 2. All regular season National Poll rankings due by 1:00 pm CT on Mondays.
November 15 (Sunday, post-Region Meet Poll) 9:00 pm CT
Motion to approve ranking and poll dates– Gondak, Second
- C. Passed unanimous voice vote

III. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

- A. Men's Regional Representatives
Great Lakes: Kevin Sullivan (Michigan—2nd Term)
Mountain: Matt Layten (Air Force—1st Term)
South Central: Stefanie Sleakis (Nicholls State—2nd Term)
- B. Women's Regional Representatives
Mid-Atlantic: Chelsea France (Maryland—1st Term)
Northeast: Joe Pienta (Iona—1st Term)

IV. Executive Committee – Other Topics

- A. Presentations
 - i. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances, Milan Donley – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair
 - ii. Taryn Sheehan – Chair, Championships Structure Working Group
 - iii. John Parsons – Managing Director of the NCAA Sports Science Institute
 - iv. Tom Lewis – USTFCCCA National Office
- B. USTFCCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports
 - i. Secretary's Report – Jones. November 6 Conference Call Minutes—no corrections
 - ii. Polls Committee Report– Gondak. 2020 Ranking Dates. See Executive Committee Votes—II.I above

V. General Session Presentations

- A. Mark Kostek, NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Secretary-Rules Editor

- B. Stacy Stanbush, Oklahoma State, 2020 NCAA Championships Site Preview

VI. Other topics

- A. Next year's Denver, Colorado convention dates: December, TBA, 2020

Executive Committee Meetings 12/15/19-12/19/19

Vicki Mitchell, president, Scott Jones, secretary

12/15/19 Called to order at 7:00 pm. Adjourned at 9:05 pm
(Forest Braden, Sam Bradley, Patrick Cunniff, Matt Esche, Houston Franks, Gary Gardner, John Gondak, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Nate Houle, Scott Jones, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Tim Riley, Andy Ronan, Josh Seitz, Lisa Senakiewich, Stefanie Sleakis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Dan Stults, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy. Guest: Taryn Sheehan)

12/16/19 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 11:30 am. Followed by Regional Breakouts from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.
(Forest Braden, Sam Bradley, Patrick Cunniff, Matt Esche, Houston Franks, Gary Gardner, John Gondak, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Nate Houle, Scott Jones, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Tim Riley, Andy Ronan, Josh Seitz, Lisa Senakiewich, Stefanie Sleakis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Dan Stults, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy)

12/17/19 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 10:05am.
(Forest Braden, Sam Bradley, Patrick Cunniff, Matt Esche, Houston Franks, Gary Gardner, John Gondak, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Nate Houle, Scott Jones, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Tim Riley, Andy Ronan, Josh Seitz, Lisa Senakiewich, Stefanie Sleakis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Dan Stults, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy. Guests: Milan Donley, Jeff Mlynski)

12/18/19 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 9:30 am.
(Forest Braden, Sam Bradley, Patrick Cunniff, Matt Esche, Houston Franks, Gary Gardner, John Gondak, Bob Hamer, Amy Horst, Nate Houle, Scott Jones, Vicki Mitchell, Jon Murray, Adrian Myers, Tim Riley, Andy Ronan, Josh Seitz, Lisa Senakiewich, Stefanie Sleakis, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, Dan Stults, Kevin Sullivan, Ray Treacy. Guests: Tom Lewis, John Parson – audio hookup)

12/19/19 Executive Committee meeting canceled

General Sessions (Vickie Mitchell presiding)

12/17/19 Called to order at 2:15 pm, adjourned at 3:10 pm

12/18/19 Called to order at 1:30 pm, adjourned at 2:15 pm

Voting Session

12/19/19 Called to order at 1:15 pm, adjourned at 1:40 pm