

USTFCCCA Track Executive Committee Meeting

Day 1

Attendance: Ryan Dall, Kevin Lasure, Dana Schwarting, Lorne Marcus, Mike Barnett, Zach Emerson, Steven Blocker, Jeff Bolender, Scott Byrd, Anne Carlson, Bob Devries, Darren Flowers, Kirby Blackley, Bryan Hagopian, Troy Johnson, Michelle Latimer, Mason Rebarchek, Tom Eisenhower.

Approve 2014 Convention Minutes-

Whole body approves last year's minutes.

Damon Martin stopping in to the meeting. Damon stops in and is thanking the committee helping with the coaches association. He wants to thank all the people in the membership for the hard work that everyone puts.

Nomination Committee/Election Committee

Hall of Fame Committee-Kevin Lasure-

No real updates until this afternoon. Kevin explains the process for the Hall of Fame Committee. Mike Barrett asked how long nominations stay in for? Answer is that they stay for 5 years. Ryan is asking for the committee to talk about the process in the regional breakout session.

Awards Committee-Ryan Dall reporting

3000 awards given out by the **USTFCCCA last year**. Working on getting the awards at the meets. Meeting with the NCAA for the future to give out the medals on the podium. Anne Carlson asked if the SAAC's can ask the NCAA about this issue? Ryan Dall says that the SAAC has a lot of power and it would not be a bad idea and it can not hurt. Anne asked about other sports and how they do this? Ryan Dall says Sam Seemes is looking into it. Regional trophies are now being handed out. Mason wonders if you can just hand out the awards at the site? Ryan

says at the conclusion of the meet at XC. Track the meet still goes on. Committee wants the kids to be able to get there things at the meet. **Kirby Blackledge wondering if we can do a closing ceremony?** Issue is teams leaving after the meet. Bryan wonders if the coaches can get the awards afterwards and then give them to the kids. Division III gave it out at the meet.

Ryan-We are making good progress with the NCAA and we should be careful on how much we push the NCAA so it does not get taken away. We are making progress and let it play out. Remind the people where your dues.

Get the list of members for each region.

LONG TERM HOSTS FOR INDOOR/OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Currently, Pitt State, Birmingham are the rotation for indoors. Outdoor will be Bradenton next two years then Sioux Falls next year.

Morgan: What is the minimum seating capacity for national events?

Long term bids are they still relevant right now in the bid process.

Troy likes the idea of rotation of the meets. Committee likes the alternating the bids. Schools not addressing the issues with facility and why the bids don't getting taking away when updates are not being done with the site.

Committee is asking why the NCAA does not take the bid away?

Pitt State questions on whether they have hosted championships and have they hosted a big meet yet? Two last minute changes which do not meet the process.

Many new sites are now available and we should be reaching out to these facilities.

Issues are being worked out with the Pitt State facility. Seating for the long/triple jump may be an issue. High Jump right foot take off people may have an issue. Committee members who went to the December meet and not may issues at Pitt State.

NCAA STRENGTH AND CONDITION CERTIFICATION, IMPACT AND IMPLEMENTATION

USTFCCCA has a strength and conditioning course

Information on Strength and Conditioning.

SEE OTHER SHEET

UNATTACHED ATHLETES

SEE OTHER SHEET

How do we enforce this rule. How does it work in some occasions? Dave, Ryan and myself said it will be passed this rule. You must inform your kids.

Bob: Rules editor and wanted to introduce himself to the committee. Bob is a great resource.

Discussion of a Structure of an NCAA Competition

Have something done by this year.

We have something down and put down on paper. Minimum number of certain events and relays events.

How do relay events deal with this? Bob says there has been a push by the organization what is a track and field meet? No current rule on what is track meet. Sports committee have done a back door where they tell you how many events must be in a meet. Lets make it rule and codify the meet and what is expected in a track meet and what you are supposed to be in it. It is about getting something down in writing. What do you expect when you go to a track meet,

Multi-events with the clarification that it must be attached to a meet. Discussion that is the meet attached to something does it matter what event.

If we are separating the multi's why does it matter how many days away in the competition? Should it be uniform in when the meet is going to be? We must clear up the multi's on making it a one-day event or multi day event.

Troy Johnson believes that the multi events should not have to be attached to a meet. Ryan Dall believes that people will adjust to the rules.

Some on the committee are agreeing that it must be attached to the meet and there must be a time period.

Is it a logistical issue here or is it because they want to double or triple in an event. If the true multi's are done at NCAA Championships in consecutive days why should it be any different at Conference Championships?

Committee thinks that are if there are points on the board coaches will adjust and put people into the event. Start with something for people to understand and to vote on.

Idea of having for meets to have consecutive days of the multi's or maybe one day in between. Issues with having officials and having the multi's within 7-10 days.

The multi must conclude within 7 days and tied within 8 days of the start of the meet it is attached too.

Dave said that this will be tied within all 3 Divisions and must be brought to the board of directors.

Proposal:

Multi Event meet must be contested in consecutive days and the start of the multi meet must start within 8 days of the start of the competition that it is attached too.

Steve Blocker (Second)

10-2-2 (Passed)

MEET SCHEDULE DATABASE

Meet database that if you host a meet that you would be able to see it in a database. It helps you schedule meets for indoors and outdoors seasons. Is it a mandatory thing for coaches?

INCREASED TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

SEEDING AT INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE 200 METER AND 400 METER.

RECOGNIZE PLACES 9-12 AS 2ND TEAM.

Day 2 12/16/2015

Ryan Dall, Kevin Lasure, Dana Schwarting, Lorne Marcus, Mike Barnett, Zach Emerson, Steven Blocker, Jeff Bolender, Scott Byrd, Anne Carlson, Bob Devries, Darren Flowers, Kirby Blackley, Bryan Hagopian, Troy Johnson, Michelle Latimer, Mason Rebarchek, Tom Eisenhower, Alton Mackenzie

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposals

Create a regional meet for outdoor

Tom Eisenhower

Dana: So the cost of the meet to do for schools.

We are taking people outside the top 50 if you take two from each region. Are we taking the best kids to the nationals?

Have a regional meet per region to take the place of a last chance and would give opportunities to run fast times. We are the only sport that does not have tiered regional.

Super Regional format would give more opportunities and ability to adapt.

Sanctioned last chance meets might be the best move with budgets.

Scheduling the 10k

This year the schedule is all ready out and this is a moot point. This is something that can be for next year. Can they still move the 10k?

Ryan: The schedule has all ready been made and it will be released soon.

Can we ask Morgan if there is any chance that we can get some tents for the outdoor meet.

Concerns about the athlete experience with shade.

There are weight room hours. Not sure if the building will be open to anyone.

Talking Points

Assessment of Cross Country/Track and Field Project

Talking about in General session.

Indoor Rankings

Outdoor Rankings

Polls come out every Tuesday. Everyone likes the preseason poll in the indoor season.

Scholarship Allotment:

Ryan Dall wants to propose that we do the same as beach volleyball and court volleyball. We want to separate the sport of cross country and track and field scholarship allotment. This could

be a way to get an increase in the scholarship allotments for track and field. Professionally this could get you more coaches.

Mason-This proposal is dangerous because it asks for an increase in scholarships.

Division I already is asking for an increase and separating the sports.

Zack- How will you discuss it with your AD? Some AD's will not increase the amount of money given.

Mason/Scott- Is the rich going to get richer?

Zack- Division II is about parity.

Troy Johnson-gives opportunity for you to get more scholarships at your institution.

Motion to put this in front of body

Bob

15 for 2 against 1 abstain

New Business

Troy: Can we get something into our rule book for Safety concerns add hurdles and steeplechase into.

Proposal:

Multi-Events must be attached to a track and field meet and the first event of the multi must start within 8 days of the start of the meet to which it is attached.

LAST CHANCE PROPOSAL

General Session:

USTFCCCA Division II General Session 3:15pm 12/16/15 130 People in attendance

Motion was made to accept the minutes from 2014 USTFCCCA Division II General Session by Ryan Dall, and a second made by Mike Rohl. The body unanimously agreed to accept minutes

Committee Reports:

1. Meet Enhancement Committee Report : Dana Swarting. Cross Country meet enhancement applications due April 1st. here are 12 applications for meet enhancement and there is \$5,000 available. \$3,000 of which will be used for track and \$2,000 will be spent on cross country. There were requests from four different regions in track and field. So, the money will be split among the four regions. The four schools will be informed soon. Approximately \$700 per meet. The effort is to try to give more money to fewer meets in order to make the money more impactful. The money also is to be used on meets that focus on Division II competition.
2. Coaches Scholarship Committee Report : Adrienne Wonderlich. We had 12 applicants for the technical certification and 13 for the specialist certification; all the applicants will get scholarships.
3. Hall of Fame Committee Report : Kevin Lasure. Last minute nominations are being taken. The wrong e-mail address was on the original nomination form, so, some of the nominations may have been misplaced. Hope to pick by tomorrow. The committee members are Kevin Lasure, George Williams, Alery Best and Dana Swarting.
4. Law and Legislation Committee Report : John Papa. There is not report because there have not been any changes.

Old Business:

- 2014 Proposal for NCAA Cross Country Qualification was turned down by the NCAA Sport Committee
- Clarification on Unattached/Partial Qualifier Competition
- Implementation of an Early Signing Period

Clarification on ineligible athletes competing unattached. In eligible athletes cannot compete unattached without using a year of eligibility in a collegiate event or a non collegiate event. Athletes that have used all eligibility can compete unattached as well as athletes with remaining eligibility. Discussion Kevin Gehrke, his question is “can a non qualifier who is not on your roster compete unattached?” Answer, no!

Implementation of the early signing period. We got our early signing period, however, our February date was pushed back to April. Does anyone wish to put a proposal forward to get our February signing date back.

Division II Sport Committee NCAA Liaisons Morgan DeSpain& Rachel Seewald Chair Amber Feldman

Kim Miller Shaw University, Amber Feldman Mid America Athletic Association, Lorne Marcus St Thomas Aquinas, Kelly Kish Nova Southeastern, Ryan Dall Texas A&M Kingsville, Preston Grey Azusa Pacific, Andy Towne Hillsdale College, Matthew Van Lierop University Of Mount Olive

1. Guest Speaker Bob Podkaminer. This is a rules change year. There are no new rules this year. Most important thing is to follow the existing rules. Total reorganization of 2017 rule book, buy one for \$6 or download for free. This is Pod's last year because NCAA has a 4 term limit on rules committee, and he is on term # 12 right now. The group applauded him for his service.
2. Guest Speaker Morgan Despain. Talking about bid process will be opening. :

Regionals:

November 17 or 18, 2018

November 9 or 10, 2019

November 7 or 8, 2020

November 6 or 7, 2021

Finals:

November 23, 2019

November 21, 2020

November 20, 2021

*Note, the 2018 DII Cross Country Championship will be part of the Division II Fall Festival.

Indoor Track and Field:

March 8-9, 2019

March 13-14, 2020

March 11-12, 2022

*Note, the 2021 DII Indoor Track and Field Championship will be part of the Division II Winter Festival.

Outdoor Track and Field:

May 23-25, 2019

May 21-23, 2020

May 27-29, 2021

May 26-28, 2022

Tentative bid timeline

2016

February 1: Bid specifications published on ncaa.org/bids

May 4-5: NCAA Championships Hosting Symposium

June 6: Bid portal opens

June 27: Bid intentions due

August 12: Bid responses due

September: Committee deliberations

October: Finalists (3) announced per championship

November: Recommendations from sport committee made to approving body

December: Site selection announcement

If you are interested in hosting ,this is you bid timeline. If there are any questions call or send or e-mail.

2015 Proposals Submitted for consideration

3. Proposal: Create a Regional Qualifying Round for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Meet submitted by Tom Eisenhauser
 - Eight Regional Championship meets shall be contested on the weekend two weeks prior to the NCAA-II Outdoor National Championship (what is currently the last qualifying weekend).
 - The eight regions shall be the same regions that are currently in place for the Cross Country Championships.
 - Entries to the Regional Championship shall be limited to the top 24 declared individuals in each region.

- There shall be twenty-four entries per event at the NCAA-II Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
- Greater emphasis on head to head competition,
- Greater emphasis on performing at the end of the season and at specific times (“when it counts” or “at the right time”),
- Reduces the need for schools to “chase” qualifying marks throughout the season
- Creates additional recognition for teams and individuals to earn Regional Championships, All-Region Honors
- Establishes a set number of qualifiers per event which is beneficial for meet management purposes when seeding
- Provides a system that is more easily understood by administrators and those not familiar with the sport
 - • Creates additional promotional opportunities
- Eliminates the need for Last Chance meets as well as any speculation surrounding the performances at such meets
- Schools located in a climate with less favorable weather are provided a more equitable opportunity to qualify.
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- Individual selection to the Championships shall be determined by meeting one of the following criteria:
- Finishing first or second in any event at the Regional Qualifying meet
- Individuals that have a time or mark on the national performance list that ranks in the top eight after the sixteen regional qualifiers have been removed.
- A time or mark set at the regional qualifying meet may be used to satisfy criterion number 2 in the event an individual does not meet criterion number
- Notes: • Controlling for regions that may be stronger or weaker in certain events is accomplished by selecting individuals based off of placement and by ranking on the national list, • Seeding for the National Championships would be based on performances at the Regional Championships with priority given to those who advance through placement.

4. Proposal: During the final qualifying weekend of the outdoor season only a conference championship meet or one certified meet per region may be contested. A region may have a certified meet in addition to a conference meet in that same region.

Rationale:

- Last chance meets have been an issue in parts of the country in terms of meet quality and concern for fairness. This addresses that.
- Creates head to head competition within the region.
- Promotes Division II
- Gives more clarity to Regional award voting.
- The meet is scored to promote team competition. People outside of T&F (administrators) like scored meets.
- Promotes great performance at the end of the season “when it counts”.
- We have regional rankings for Track and Field. This gives that ranking some meaning by allowing head to head competition.
- Can create some regional rivalries in our sport that exist in ball sports at our schools.
- How is the site/host selected and certified?

Site selection is by discussion and vote within each region.

- How is it paid for?

Possible Meet Enhancement Funds. Teams will pay entry fees like any other meet we go to.

5. Structure of an outdoor track meet proposal. -10-2-2 (Passed) by the Executive Committee. Proposal concerns the structure and defining of a meet.

We are trying to define what a track and field meet is. The proposal is out there and we are looking to make this a universal all division proposal. There was a modification in the multi event as to how it relates to a track meet. The proposal states that a multi event must be attached to a regular meet and start within 8 days of the meet to which it will be attached.

Separate track and field from cross country scholarships. Ryan Dall. NCAA recently added sand volleyball as a sport. They also added scholarships that will be counted separately from court volleyball. These two sports have a relationship similar to what we have with cross country and track and field. They are two different sports in the eyes of the NCAA and have same athletes doing both sports. We are being treated differently in terms of scholarship. If a person does beach volleyball only there scholarship doesn't also count against court volleyball. In our sport, if an athlete does cross country only, then there scholarship counts against track and field. We need to look at this in order to potentially get some separation between track and cross country scholarships. This could be a step in the direction of asking for more scholarship money. This also could eliminate programs that give all scholarship to distance runners or programs that give all scholarship to non-distance events. This could be good for the sport. We currently have 12.6 scholarships available for track and field cross country combined as one. Schools with only cross country are permitted 5 scholarships. Schools with track only are permitted 12.6 scholarships. The proposal would hope that now there would be a total of 17.6 scholarships available to schools that have both track and field and cross country. Some argue that if scholarships are split between track and field and cross country that cross country will be permitted 5 scholarships and that track then would be 7.6.

Division II General and Voting Session 12/18/15

MOTION: NCAA Cross Country Executive Committee Proposal for Future NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships Qualifying.

Yes 161

No 32

Abstain 4

MOTION: Combined Event Competition may be contested as separate entities and do not have to be attached to a larger track and field competition.

Yes 117

No 25

Abstain 7

MOTION: to amend rule 17.23.8 to read:

A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workout being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in field events, and steeple and hurdle events. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts.

Yes 139

No 7

Abstain 2

MOTION: To Amend rule 17.23.8.

Yes

No

Abstain

MOTION: Structure of an NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Competition

Yes 83

No 35

Abstain 20

MOTION: That the rules committee separate the scholarship allotment from Cross Country and Track and Field. Currently, schools who sponsor Cross Country and Track and Field are allotted 12.6 scholarships. In this proposal we would like to separate Cross Country (5 for men, 6 for women) Scholarship Equivalencies from Track and Field Equivalencies (12.6 for men and women). The idea would be that Track & Field and Cross Country would function as two distinctly separate sports.

Yes 81

No 57

Abstain 7

MOTION: To have a rule change in sport sponsorship and NCAA Championships for the outdoor season to require only 10 people to compete in one meet for it to count for Sport Sponsorship purposes as well as NCAA Championship Requirements.

Yes 87

No 52

Abstain 8

MOTION: For Division II Track and Field to adopt the Division III model for Certification of a last chance meet hosted by a Division II Institution. This would be effective as of 2016-2017 season.

Yes 101

No 35

Abstain 9