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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE JULY 29-30, 2024, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Review of agenda**. The committee reviewed the agenda for the meeting and made no adjustments.
- 2. **Review of 2023 annual meeting report**. The committee reviewed and approved the 2023 annual meeting report as presented.
- 3. **Review of Division III Championships Committee reports**. The committee reviewed reports from the past year and agreed that no follow-up discussion or action was needed.
- 4. **Diving regional review**. The committee reviewed the diving regional setup for qualification, noting concerns and improvements that can be made. Securing sites interested and willing to host has become an increasing issue with certain regions of the country.
 - a. Simultaneous events. The committee will allow simultaneous event in a facility that is capable of running simultaneous events (requirements listed below), the host may offer this option to the participating institutions. For this format to be utilized, all participating institutions must agree to the format. The host will inform the committee and championship manager of their desire to run simultaneous events, prior to the entry deadline. The committee and staff will poll all participating institutions on Wednesday morning after the entry deadline. The competition format and schedule and all details will be provided to the participating institutions by Wednesday evening prior to regional meets starting on Friday. An institution running events simultaneously, the host have two diving recording tables running simultaneously with two judging panels and two Referees. This will require a total of six table workers, and a minimum of twelve judges.
 - **b. Diving at last chance meets.** The committee will no longer accept qualification scores achieved at a last chance meet. Given the subjective nature of diving, qualification scores achieved at a last chance competition will no longer be accepted for entry into the regional qualification meets. While the host of the meet may still offer these events to serve other purposes, scores achieved will not be included in the qualification process. All qualification performances must be achieved during the traditional season or conference championships.
 - **c. Conference championships.** In the past, it was proven that it was exceedingly difficult to achieve a qualification score at a conference championships. However, over the last

ten years, we have seen a shift. Last year, over 80% of our divers in the qualification process achieved a score at their conference championships. Of that number, for more than half, this was their only score. As a result of this observation over time, the committee no longer sees value in the exemption for a single qualification performance at a conference meet to gain entry into the selection process. Every diver will need to achieve a qualification score, at least twice on the same board, for entry at the regional meet.

- 5. **Review of championships.** The committee reviewed the championships in Greensboro and discussed improvements and changes that should carry over in 2025. Overall, Greensboro did a great job, and the committee looks forward to returning in 2025.
- 6. Championship schedule. The committee review and discussed the schedule as in the past few years certain sessions are running longer. To assist in alleviating the longer days to have more consistent days, the committee decided to move the 200 medley relay from Wednesday to Friday and move the 400 medley relay from Thurs to Wednesday. With these adjustments to the schedule the impacts will extend Wednesday prelims by ten minutes, reduce Thursday prelims and finals each reduced by thirty minutes, and extend Friday prelims by twenty-five 25 mins to prelims and twenty minutes to finals.
- 7. **Discussion of action plan for 2025.** As part of its preparations for the 2025 championships, the committee noted items implemented that helped improve the 2025 championships that it will want to continue for 2025, improvements to the officials selection process, increasing the number of volunteers as compared to previous events at Greensboro, and minor changes to select operations that will be outlined in the participant manuals (cooldowns, backstroke flags, lane assignments for warm-ups, etc.).

8. Review selection process.

- **a.** Number of individuals/relays. The committee continues to evaluate expanding the men's cap and is conducting a more comprehensive examination of the equity between the men and women. The committee discussed a few proposals to present to the championships committee with the budget cycle.
- b. **2024-25 qualifying standards.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2024-25 qualifying standards.

9. Site review/future sites.

a. 2025 – Greensboro, North Carolina. The championships will take place at the Greensboro Aquatic Center on March 19-22, 2025.

b. 2026 – Indianapolis, Indiana. The championships will take place at the IU Natatorium

10. Committee.

March 18-21.

- **a. Committee chair election.** The committee voted unanimously that Kiki Jacobs, director of athletics at Roger Williams University be appointed chair of the committee.
- **b.** Annual meeting. The 2025 annual meeting will meet virtually in April.
- 11. **Manuals review.** The committee will review the pre-championships, participant and host operations manuals over the fall, and NCAA staff will incorporate the recommended modifications as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.

Committee Chair: Leslie Shevlin, Willamette University, Northwest Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee
July 29-30, 2024, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Andrew Brabson, California Institute of Technology.

Dean Brownley, Centre College.

Nancy Carney-DeBord, Denison University.

Andy Hendricks, Franklin College.

Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.

Doug Milliken, Case Western Reserve University.

Carolyn Miles, Williams College.

Chris Sykes, Illinois College.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:

Will Hopkins, Mitchell Bailey.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.