

Championships & Alignment Committee
Meeting #1 Agenda
9/3/25 | 11am EST

1. Introductions
2. Cell Phone Numbers
3. Head Shots
4. Committee Responsibilities
 - a. To review the overall structure of NJCAA Region and District alignment, championship pathways, and Men's, Women's, and Coed championship site selections, including football bowl games. All recommendations from this committee will be provided to the NJCAA Office and approved by the NJCAA Board of Regents.
 - i. Championship Site Selections
 1. Discussed past site selection processes and how this group will take on those responsibilities. Also discussed improving these processes with more planning to come.
 - ii. Championship Pathways
 1. Discussed evaluation of championship pathways, looking to use DI and DII Baseball as well as DI and DII Softball as sports to evaluate and use as trial runs for NCAA DII/NAIA like design. Mike Saddler will provide the committee an example of what has been worked on thus far for DI Baseball.
 2. Brett is setting up meeting with Katie Willingham (Committee Member and DI Softball Chair) to discuss how softball could transition to a smaller world series and how "region/district/super district" sites would look. Will also follow up with Ron Riggle (DII Baseball Chair) and Chris Robinson (DII Softball Chair).
 3. DIII Committee Members felt strongly that this potential format change may not be in the best interest of the non-scholarship division. More conversation to come as we develop these new processes.
 4. Bidding of "region/district/super district" sites was discussed at length. Committee agreed that championship environment was critical to this process, knowing where these sites would be at least 12 months in advance, and aligning expectations in a document for potential hosts to review were also important components to this process.
 - iii. National Alignment
5. Divisional Commitment Cycle
 - a. Timelines and recommendations

- i. Rod Lovett discussed the history of the divisional commitment cycle with the committee and requested suggestions from the group on how this should look moving forward. Ultimately the committee agreed that an updated process should be put into place to evaluate member institutions that wish to change divisions. This process will be developed over the course of the current academic year by this committee.
- ii. Rod Lovett shared the handbook language that currently exists for the committee to review. Committee will begin work on this language between September call and October 1st meeting. One of the priorities of the October 1st meeting will be to work on this language and process.
- iii. Suggestions were made to add more “teeth” to this process. Recommendations such as an 18 month notice of change was suggested.

6. Future Meetings

- a. First Wednesday of each month
 - i. Next meeting October 1st
- b. Subcommittee Meetings as necessary
 - i. Will develop these as necessary over the course of the academic year