**A Qualifying Concept Being Discussed by the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee for the**

**NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships**

(as known as of 5/12/2020)

**TIMELIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**When would a new championship qualifying format be implemented?**

* Earliest date would be the 2022 NCAA Division I Cross Country season

**TEAM QUALIFYING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Number of Regions**

* Five (5) regions comprised of designated NCAA Division I Conferences and their member institutions

**Number of conferences per region**

* Three (3) regions of six (6) conferences per gender and two (2) regions of seven (7) conferences per gender

**Number of overall teams in the championships**

* Eighty (80) teams per gender

**Number of overall teams in the championships in each region**

* Sixteen (16) teams per region, per gender

**Number of overall teams that would be awarded Automatic Qualifier status to the championships**

* Thirty-two (32), the team champion from each of the thirty-two (32) NCAA Division I Conferences per gender

**Number of overall At-Large teams selected to the championships**

* Forty-eight (48) At-Large teams per gender

**Number of teams that would be awarded Automatic Qualifier status in each region**

* Six (6) Automatic Qualifier teams in three (3) of the regions per gender and seven (7) Automatic Qualifier teams in two (2) of the regions per gender

**Number of At-Large teams selected in each region**

* Ten (10) At-Large teams selected in three (3) of the regions per gender and nine (9) At-Large teams selected in two (2) of the regions per gender

**INDIVIDUAL QUALIFYING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Number of overall individuals not on a qualifying team in the championships**

* One hundred twenty-eight (128) individuals per gender

**Number of overall individuals not on a qualifying team in the championships in each region**

* Twenty-four (24) individuals in three (3) of the regions per gender and twenty-eight (28) individuals in two (2) of the regions per region

**Number of overall individuals not on a qualifying team that would be awarded Automatic Qualifier status to the championships**

* One hundred twenty-eight (128) per gender, the top four (4) individuals from each of the thirty-two (32) NCAA Division I Conferences not on a team, that is either an Automatic Qualifier to the championships or an At-Large team selected to the championships

**Number of overall At-Large individuals not on a qualifying team selected to the championships**

* Zero (0)

**Number of individuals not on a qualifying team that would be awarded Automatic Qualifier status in each region**

* Twenty-four (24) individual Automatic Qualifiers in three (3) of the regions per gender and twenty-eight (28) individual Automatic Qualifiers in two (2) of the regions per gender

**Number of At-Large individuals not on a qualifying team selected in each region**

* Zero (0)

**TEAM ADVANCEMENT TO THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE**

**Number of overall teams that would advance to the Final Championships site**

* Thirty-two (32) teams per gender

**Number of teams that would be awarded Automatic Qualifier status from each region meet to the Final Championships site**

* Three (3) teams per region, per gender

**Number of teams that would be selected At-Large from the region meets to participate at the Final Championships site**

* Seventeen (17) teams per gender

**INDIVIDUAL ADVANCEMENT TO THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE**

**Number of overall individuals not on a team advancing from region meets to the Final Championships site**

* Thirty-two (32) individuals per gender

**Number of individuals not on a team advancing from a region meet to the Final Championships site that receive Automatic Qualifier status from each region meet**

* Six (6) per region, per gender

**Number of individuals not on a team advancing from a region meet to the Final Championships site as an At-Large selection**

* Two (2) per gender

**SUMMARY OF CONCEPT BEING DISCUSSED**

**5 Regions: 80 Teams + 128 Individuals per gender Final Site: 32 Teams + 32 Ind per Gender**

Automatic Qualifiers

* Top 3 teams from each Region
* Top 6 Individuals from each Region

At-Large Qualifiers

* 17 teams selected as At-Large qualifiers
* 2 individuals selected as At-Large qualifiers

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| Region 1: 6 Conferences Assigned   * 6 Automatic Qualifying Teams * 10 At-Large Qualifying Teams * 24 Automatic Qualifying Individuals |
| Region 2: 6 Conferences Assigned   * 6 Automatic Qualifying Teams * 10 At-Large Qualifying Teams * 24 Automatic Qualifying Individuals |
| Region 3: 6 Conferences Assigned   * 6 Automatic Qualifying Teams * 10 At-Large Qualifying Teams * 24 Automatic Qualifying Individuals |
| Region 4: 7 Conferences Assigned   * 7 Automatic Qualifying Teams * 9 At-Large Qualifying Teams * 28 Automatic Qualifying Individuals |
| Region 5: 7 Conferences Assigned   * 7 Automatic Qualifying Teams * 9 At-Large Qualifying Teams * 28 Automatic Qualifying Individuals |

**AT-LARGE SELECTIONS**

**How would teams be selected for At-Large access to the championships?**

* Undetermined

**How would teams be selected for At-Large participation from the region meets to the Final Championships site?**

* Undetermined

**POLICIES USED BY ALL OTHER NCAA DIVISION I SPORTS THAT SELECT TEAMS TO THEIR NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS**

* All NCAA Division I Championship sports that advance teams to their championships abide by the following policies:
  + Each NCAA Division I Conference that sponsors the respective sport is awarded an Automatic Team Qualifier
  + Uses an At-Large selection component for access to their championships
  + Their At-Large selection component is accessible to all NCAA Division I member institutions that sponsor the respective sport regardless of their geographic location, conference affiliation, or conference classification
  + All teams in the championships field are seeded after selections are completed and then assigned to a region site

**METHODS NOT USED BY ANY OTHER NCAA DIVISION I SPORTS THAT SELECT TEAMS TO THEIR NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS**

* No NCAA Division I Championship sport that advances teams, or teams and individuals to their championships applies the following methods:
  + Limits access to their At-Large selection component by region, geographical location, conference affiliation, or conference classification
  + Uses conference affiliation for region assignment
  + An At-Large component to advance a team or individual from one round of a championships forward to the next round of the championships
  + Awards Automatic Qualifier status to anyone other than a conference champion

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**How many teams participate in the championships of other NCAA Division I Championship sports that select teams to their championships?**

* Baseball - 64
* Basketball Men - 68
* Basketball Women - 64
* Field Hockey - 18
* Golf Men - 81
* Golf Women - 72
* Ice Hockey Men - 16
* Lacrosse Men - 17
* Lacrosse Women - 28
* Rowing - 22
* Soccer Men - 48
* Soccer Women - 64
* Softball - 64
* Tennis Men - 64
* Tennis Women - 64
* Volleyball Women – 64