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Proposal Title: Replace the 1500 Meters with the Mile

Proposal: To replace the 1500 meters in Outdoor Track & Field with the Mile for the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship Preliminary and Final Rounds. Amend Rule 4, Section 4 of the NCAA Cross Country & Track & Field Rules 2015 and 2016 as follows:

STATE THE ISSUE YOU WANT TO ADDRESS

RULE:
SECTION 4. The Competition

Events

ARTICLE 1 as follows: Track and Field championship events shall be as follows:

a. Indoor

60 Meter	Distance Medley Relay (1200, 400, 800, 1600)
60 Meter Hurdles	High Jump
200 Meters	Pole Vault
400 Meters	Long Jump
800 Meters	Triple Jump
Mile	Shot Put
3000 Meters	Weight Throw
5000 Meters	Pentathlon
4x400 Meter Relay	Heptathlon

b. Outdoor

100 Meters	100/110 Meter Hurdles	Shot Put
200 Meters	400 Meter Hurdles	Discus Throw
400 Meters	4x100 Meter Relay	Hammer Throw
800 Meters	4x400 Meter Relay	Javelin Throw
1500 Meters <u>Mile</u>	High Jump	Decathlon
3000 Meter Steeplechase	Pole Vault	Heptathlon
5000 Meters	Long Jump	
10,000 Meters	Triple Jump	

THEN LIST THE RULE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE, INDICATING WHERE THE CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE. STRIKE THROUGH'S SHOULD BE USED FOR TEXT TO BE ELIMINATED AND UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED.

Effective Date: Immediately

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR PROPOSAL TAKE EFFECT.

Rationale: Track & Field has experienced a decline in interest with major TV markets, which has and will continue to effect interest from potential athletes, spectators, and athletic administration. The way athletic administration determines the value of this sport, beyond just the cost effectiveness it brings to an institution, is ultimately the motivation for this proposal. Interest in Track &Field is and has been on the decline for the last 30 years.

PROVIDE A CLEAR AND COMPLETE REASON FOR YOUR PROPOSAL. WHY IS THIS CHANGE NEEDED?

Bringing the Mile back to Outdoor Track & Field would be one step toward changing this decline of coverage, interest, and support. All sports try to relate to their audience and/or modify the rules of the game to keep interest in that particular sport. Everyone has run a mile, for time, at some point in their life. To allow the audience to experience our top collegiate men and women running that same mile will not only increase interest in the sport, but it will also inspire the next generation of athletes, audience, and TV marketers. In addition, the IAAF agrees with the need to run the mile. They now allow qualifying into the World Championships using the mile.

Supporting Documents:

Attach a word document or PDF that contains any supporting documentation. If replacing a section of the form with an attachment, please clearly mark the section in your document.