



2020-21 NCAA DIVISION II WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team and Individual Replacement Guidelines

Due to the necessary time needed to coordinate travel and successfully follow NCAA Championships medical protocols, including COVID-19 testing requirements prior to departure from campus and upon arrival at the competition location, the following is the replacement policy for the 2021 NCAA Division II Winter Championships.

A. Prior to the announcement of the team championship bracket.

1. Should an automatic qualifier, as determined by each conference, be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in their first game of the championship, then the conference may designate a replacement team, as determined by its AQ policy and submitted by the designated deadline.
2. The replacement AQ team shall be appropriately seeded and placed into the bracket prior to announcement of the championship field and bracket.
3. Any potential at-large team that is determined by the institution to be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in their first game of the championship should notify the respective Division II championship manager prior to announcement of the championship field and bracket.

B. After the announcement of the team championship bracket.

1. Conferences may replace their AQ, if it is unable to participate due to COVID-19, with their pre-approved contingency replacement team if it can produce the required negative tests. The national sport committee has the authority to re-rank the bracket if necessary. If the conference is unable to provide a replacement team, its first game shall be declared a "No Contest" and its opponent shall advance to the next round.
2. For any At-Large team unable to participate, due to COVID-19, the policy for replacing that team is as follows:
 - i. The top teams not selected as at-large teams for the original field shall be notified and must follow all tournament medical protocols to be considered a potential replacement team.
 - ii. All teams will move up in the bracket and the replacement team will be inserted at the bottom of the bracket.

C. After the announcement of individuals selected to the field.

If an individual sport participant must withdraw from the championship due to COVID-19, the sport committee shall follow its standard procedure for individual replacements.

The deadline for consideration of replacing a team or individual unable to participate due to COVID-19 is 24 hours after the selection announcement.

Once the tournament has begun, no teams will be used to replace a team that has COVID-19 issues and can no longer participate in the championship. Their opponent would advance to the next round via the NCAA's "No Contest" rule. This is consistent with normal championship policy.