



**NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Automatic Qualification for 2023 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.**

- 1) **Recommendation.** That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve the following 30 conferences to receive automatic bids for their conference champion into the 2023 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship:

America East Conference, American Athletic Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pac-12 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

- 2) **Effective date.** 2023 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

- 3) **Rationale.** All 30 of the eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. The remaining eligible teams from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) will be affiliate members of the Northeast Conference. Thus, the MEAC will not receive its own AQ in 2022-23 but will be eligible for AQ through the Northeast Conference.

- 4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

- 5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. ESPN Feedback.

- a. **Potential start time change.** The committee and NCAA baseball staff have asked ESPN to consider moving the start of the first Men's College World Series (MCWS) game each day up an hour, possibly to 1 p.m. ET/Noon CT (currently 2 p.m. ET/1 p.m. CT). ESPN programming staff will explore the feasibility of this adjustment and report back.

2. Additional topics for discussion.

- a. Game length (e.g., 10-run rule in the championship; eight inning format). NCAA staff will provide the committee with additional historical information on the number of games that would have been impacted by a 10-run rule in past years' championships.
- b. Championship format.
 - 1) Championship format (32 host sites vs. regionals/super regionals). The committee briefly discussed what an alternate championship format with 32 two-team sites might be but did not feel the need to explore any further at this time.
 - 2) The committee briefly discussed what an alternate 68-team championship format might be but did not feel the need to explore any further at this time.

3. Other business.

- Committee chair. John Cohen, Director of Athletics at Mississippi State University, was appointed the committee chair for the 2022-23 academic year.

Committee Chair: Mike Buddie, United States Military Academy
Staff Liaisons: Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances
 Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances
 Chad Tolliver: Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Baseball Committee August 11, 2022, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jeff Altier, Stetson University.	
Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University	
Mike Buddie, United States Military Academy.	
Sherrard Clinkscales, Indiana State University.	
John Cohen, Mississippi State University.	
Matt Hogue, Coastal Carolina University.	
Bob Moosbrugger, Bowling Green State University.	
Nathan Pine, United States Air Force Academy.	
Absentees:	
Jennifer Cohen, University of Washington.	
Kirby Hocutt, Texas Tech University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Liz Clifford, CWS of Omaha, Inc.	
Khari Climes, ESPN.	
George Drouches, NCAA National Coordinator of Umpires.	
Michael Feinberg, ESPN.	
Scott Gustafson, ESPN.	

Amy Hornocker, CWS of Omaha, Inc.
Dan Margulis, ESPN.
Bill McGillis, University of San Diego.
Phil Orlins, ESPN.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
Kristen Jacob Smith, Championships and Alliances.
Julie Kimmons, Championships and Alliances.
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Williams, Championships and Alliances.