



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES  
JANUARY 28, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Regional alignment for 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships.**

(1) Recommendation. Adjust the current regional alignment to reflect the following blended regional alignment:

- a. Atlantic – Mountain East Conference/Great Midwest Athletic Conference and members of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association still competing.
- b. Central – Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
- c. East – East Coast Conference/Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and members of the Northeast-10 Conference still competing.
- d. Midwest – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference/Great Lakes Valley Conference.
- e. South – Gulf South Conference/Peach Belt Conference and members of the Sunshine State Conference still competing.
- f. Southeast – South Atlantic Conference/Conference Carolinas and members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference still competing.
- g. South Central – Lone Star Conference/Great American Conference.
- h. West – Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference/Pacific West Conference.

Traditional Regional Alignment							Total
Atlantic	MEC	12	CIAA	0	PSAC	3	15
Central	MIAA	14	NSIC	16	GAC	12	42
East	ECC	6	CACC	7	NE-10	1	14
Midwest	GLIAC	12	GLVC	15	GMAC	12	39
South	GSC	13	SIAC	9	SSC	3	25
South Central	RMAC	14	LSC	16			30
Southeast	SAC	13	CC	11	PBC	12	36
West	PWC	11	GNAC	2	CCAA	0	13

Blended Regional Alignment									Total
Atlantic	MEC	12	GMAC	12	PSAC	3	CIAA	0	27
Central	MIAA	14	NSIC	16					30
East	ECC	6	CACC	7	NE-10	1			14
Midwest	GLIAC	12	GLVC	15					27
South	GSC	13	PBC	12	SSC	3			28
South Central	LSC	16	GAC	12					28
Southeast	SAC	13	CC	11	SIAC	9			33
West	RMAC	14	PWC	11	GNAC	2	CCAA	0	27

- (2) Effective date. Immediate and only for the 2021 men’s and women’s basketball championships.
- (3) Rationale. In response to COVID-19, the committees believe adjusting the traditional regional alignments to a blended regional alignment for 2021 will provide a more equitable opportunity for teams to compete in the postseason.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Regional advisory committee alignment.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust basketball RAC assignments for 2021 to reflect the blended regional alignment in Action Item 2-a above.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate and only for the 2021 men’s and women’s basketball championships.
- (3) Rationale. RAC members would be responsible for evaluating teams competing during the regular season in the blended regional alignment.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Protocol for listing teams “under consideration.”**

- (1) Recommendation. List schools “under consideration” in alphabetical order for the first two scheduled ranking calls rather than in rank order due to the limited data available.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate and only for the 2021 men's and women's basketball championships.
  - (3) Rationale. Due to the disparity of games played this season, listing teams in alphabetical order allows more flexibility to manage COVID-19-related scheduling changes.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. Recommendation allow for a more fair selection based on sponsorship number during 2021 season.
- d. Waiver process for institutions not meeting minimum-contest requirements for selections.**
- (1) Recommendation. That the Division II Championships Committee authorize staff to grant waivers according to the criteria outlined for institutions not meeting the minimum number of contests for selections. (The waiver request form is attached.)
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate and only for the 2021 men's and women's basketball championships.
  - (3) Rationale. The committees believe that if institutions have demonstrated they have done all they can to compete but are unable to because of circumstances beyond their control, staff should be able to grant waivers for efficiency purposes.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **None.**

*Committee chair: Lori Hopkins, Northwest Missouri State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Women's Chair  
Fran Reidy, Saint Leo University, Sunshine State Conference, Men's Chair*

*Staff Liaison: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances  
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees January 28, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Danelle Bishop, California State Polytechnic University.	
Darrell Brooks, Bowie State University.	
Rick Costello, Purdue University Northwest.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Steve Hardin, Lees-McRae College.	
Lori Hopkins, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Ted Hotaling, University of New Haven.	
Thomas Jessee, University of Tampa.	
Michael McBroom, West Texas A&M University.	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.	
Josh Moon, Northern State University.	
Jenni Morrison, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Rusty Osborne, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Josh Prock, Eastern New Mexico University.	
Fran Reidy, Saint Leo University.	
Wendell Staton, Georgia College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.	
Kerstin Hunter, Championships and Alliances.	
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.	
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	