



**NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REPORT FROM THE NCAA BOWLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2020, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Automatic qualifiers.** The committee seeks approval of automatic qualifier (AQ) conferences. There will be seven AQ conferences for 2021.
2. **Appointment of committee chair.** The committee seeks approval from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee to approve a waiver to permit Glenn White, head women's bowling coach at Prairie View A&M University, to be appointed as the chair of the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

a. **Automatic qualification.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2021 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; East Coast Conference; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference; Northeast Conference; Southland Conference; and Southwestern Athletic Conference.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended. This will be the fourth year that women's bowling will have automatic qualification bringing the total to seven automatic qualifying conferences.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Continued opportunity for student-athletes to compete in the postseason.

b. **Appointment of committee chair.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee seeks approval from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee to approve a waiver to permit Glenn White, head women's

bowling coach at Prairie View A&M University, to be appointed as the chair of the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current policy does not permit an active head coach to chair a sport committee, though a waiver is available for sports sponsored by fewer than 60 percent of the membership eligible to participate in the championship, which would apply for bowling. Mr. White his fifth year on the committee and has far more experience in administering the work of the group than other members on the roster at this time. He has served as the Central region chair for the past three years.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Continued opportunity for student-athletes to compete in the postseason.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2019 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2019 committee report as submitted.
- 2. National and regional advisory committees.** The committee reviewed committee rosters and noted the possibility of new national committee appointments and the need to possibly find regional advisory committee member replacements. Committee members will continue to seek interested administrators and coaches to fill these vacant regional advisory committee positions.
- 3. Competition Oversight Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions the Competition Oversight Committee took in 2019-20 relevant to the sport. The committee discussed the potential moratorium on single sport conferences receiving automatic qualification which may have an impact on at least one women's bowling conference.
- 4. Review sport sponsorship and conference alignments.** The committee reviewed the 2019-20 sport sponsorship list and was pleased to note several institutions that may be adding the sport in the coming years. In addition, the committee discussed the possibility of additional conferences adding women's bowling starting in 2020-21 which could have implications on current conference alignment.
- 5. Regular-season forms and process.** The committee reviewed forms and processes for regular-season tournaments and score reporting, and asked staff to make noted updates to improve efficiencies. The committee recommended including sports information directors on

the annual head coach webinar as some institutions require sports information directors to input weekly competition results.

6. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the selection process that is in place and recommended no changes at this time. The committee did discuss about the possibility of potential changes to the selection criteria should the season be impacted by Covid-19. At the time of the meeting, it was too early to make any decision about modifying the selection criteria, but the committee will be monitoring the situation closely.
7. **2020 championship.** The committee reviewed the ranking processes and the championship planning that occurred throughout the year. The committee was thanked for the work that they did throughout the season in planning for a new 16-team championship tournament.

The committee also reviewed a number of the bids that were submitted to host future NCAA women's bowling regionals and championship final sites. The committee was thankful for the number of bids received and the combination of previous championships hosts and new hosts demonstrates that the women's bowling championship is an attractive championship for hosts.

8. **Officials.** The committee discussed how to grow the number of officials throughout our sport. Staff thanked the committee for their recommendations and through those recommendations staff will provide opportunities for new officials to officiate NCAA regionals in the future.
9. **Championship format.** The committee thanked the Competition Oversight Committee in investing in women's bowling by providing the opportunity to expand to a 16-team championship format. The expanded championship will enhance the overall student-athlete experience by providing more opportunities for student-athletes to compete for a national championship. The committee looks forward to seeing what this championship format will look like since this the inaugural 16-team championship was cancelled.

The committee reviewed the applications for automatic qualification. The committee is recommending seven conferences to receive automatic qualification for the 2021 championship.

10. **Playing Rules.** Michael Fine, the women's bowling Secretary-Rules Editor (SRE), led the rules discussion during this rules change year. Jen Heppel, who serves as women's bowling liaison to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), joined the committee to aid in the discussion. SRE and the committee discussed a number of rules changes including modifications to the daily warm-up session, the elimination of the use of rosin the bowlers area, a firm six-ball limit and removal of the postgame handshake as there are other ways to demonstrate sportsmanship without direct contact.
11. **Championship Manuals.** The committee was assigned manuals to review and provide feedback on changes that need to be made prior to the start of next season.

12. Future championships. The committee discussed the upcoming championship in Kansas City and looks forward to future planning calls with the host staff from the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation and the University of Central Missouri. Staff also reviewed with the committee the timeline ahead of the start of next season.

13. Committee Chair. The committee elected Glenn White as the new committee chair. Mr. White is the head women’s bowling coach at Prairie View A&M University. Barb Jones, head women’s bowling coach at Mount Aloysius College, and Loree McCary, Associate Athletic Director for Administration/SWA at Stephen F. Austin University, will serve as the northeast and central chairs respectively.

Committee Chair: Tony O’Neal, Bethune-Cookman University
Staff Liaison: Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances

Women’s Bowling Committee April 27, 2020, Meeting
Attendees:
Robert Cincotta, Molloy College.
Barb Jones, Mount Aloysius College.
Kayla Jones, Long Island University.
Loree McCary, Stephen F. Austin University.
Tony O’Neal, Bethune-Cookman University.
Glenn White, Prairie View A&M University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Rick Barbera, Championship Head Official.
Michael Fine, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Jen Heppel, Women’s Bowling Liaison, Playing Rules Oversight Panel.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.
Kim Giles, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.