



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Automatic qualification exception – Conference USA.**

- a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee grant a waiver to allow Conference USA to receive automatic qualification for the 2023-24 academic year as the conference absorbs the former Southland Conference.
- b. Effective date. 2024 NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship.
- c. Rationale. In 2023-24, the current nine Southland affiliate members will be transitioning to Conference USA with the addition of two C-USA full members (Louisiana Tech University and Sam Houston State University), which will bring the conference to 11 total members. The committee felt that the intent of Bylaw 31.3.4.2 was not to prevent conference members from an automatic qualification opportunity when transitioning name and administration of the same core members and therefore voted to approve Conference USA's waiver request for 2023-24.

The current Southland Conference bowling league membership includes Arkansas State University, Louisiana Tech University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Tulane University, Valparaiso University, Vanderbilt University, and Youngstown State University, and given the impacts of conference realignment, the Southland Conference will no longer have any full-member institutions sponsoring women's bowling. C-USA will assume management of the sport to ensure quality participation opportunities and access to championship experiences for the same composition of members as it includes Louisiana Tech University and Sam Houston State University as full-member institutions of Conference USA and the Southland Conference will no longer sponsor women's bowling.

The committee felt that these institutions have been committed to sponsoring and growing the sport. The committee continues to feel that it is in the best interests of the continued growth of the sport and that it is appropriate to reward the commitment the conference has shown by granting this exception.

- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. This positively impacts the student-athlete experience as they have a potential path to the championship through the automatic qualification process.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

Committee Chair: Glen Brittich, Elmhurst University
Staff Liaison(s): Aaron King, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Bowling Committee November 16, 2022, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Glen Brittich, Elmhurst University.	
Jody Fetterhoff, Duquesne University.	
Jeff Walsh, Medaille University.	
John Williamson, Vanderbilt University.	
Jana Woodson, Tulane University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Michael Fine, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.	