



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
APRIL 26, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Rounds.** The committee convened and discussed the topic of field size reduction at the preliminary rounds from 48 to 32 per event. At the time of the recommendation to go to 32 per event, the committee weighed COVID-19 concerns that are associated with a large number of participants. The committee noted that constraints and complexities with the administration of the event given the NCAA required testing policies and procedures that are outside the committee's control still remain. The testing component and the logistical challenges with the sheer size of the preliminary events create significant hurdles to ensuring the event is run safely and effectively. The committee acknowledged that conditions continue to change around the country and there is now experience conducting regular season outdoor track and field competition. The committee noted the meet could be conducted with a field size of 48 if:
 - a. NCAA testing policies were adjusted to allow for only testing upon arrival at the championship event and if testing was no longer required every other day during the duration of the event;
 - b. NCAA testing policies were adjusted to allow for only testing upon arrival and for fully vaccinated individuals to be exempt from testing, or;
 - c. The meet went to a four-day schedule with larger testing throughput per hour to account for larger number of athletes and to ensure testing does not impact competition.

The committee also noted the impact that weather could have on the administration and execution of the event not only from a competition standpoint, but also from a testing standpoint.

Lastly, the committee noted that if the preliminary rounds cannot be conducted at 48 per event and remains at 32 per event, consideration should be given to allowing another year of eligibility to student-athletes due to the reduced opportunities available during the 2021 championships.

Committee Chair: Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference
Staff Liaison: Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

**NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee
April 26, 2021, Videoconference**

Attendees:

Blake Boldon, Drake University.

Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.

Elvis Forde, Temple University.

Shawn Green, University of New Hampshire.

Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.

Amy Horst, Loyola University Maryland.

Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.

Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.

Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.

Matt Roe, Butler University.

TJ Shelton, The Ohio State University.

Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.

Absentees:

None.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

None.