



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD  
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 23, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Track and field.**

- a. Indoor track and field championships schedule.** Staff updated the Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee on the indoor track and field championships schedule options. Both a two-day schedule and a three-day schedule have been developed, reviewed and approved by the committee for further consideration. The committee continues to discuss the feasibility of the three-day option due to the financial implications of adding another day to the championships format.
- b. Conduct of indoor track and field conference championship over two weekends.** The committee reviewed a question from a coach regarding whether a conference could be prohibited from conducting its indoor track and field championships over two weekends. NCAA Track and Field Secretary-Rules Editor Mark Kostek confirmed there is nothing in the rules book to prohibit this. In addition, the committee reviewed and noted there are no championship policies that prohibit this. Special emphasis was placed on making sure all rules within the NCAA rules book are followed (e.g., medical clearance rule that must be followed from one weekend to the next).
- c. United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) proposal.** The committee reviewed but did not support a proposal from the USTFCCCA to consider allowing outdoor marks to be considered for at least four of the 16 qualifying positions for individual events and three of the 12 qualifying positions for relay events at the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The committee will allow for outdoor marks only to be used toward qualifying in the shot put and weight throw, as was noted in the September 23 committee report. Outdoor qualifying marks for the shot put and weight throw can be used for any and all of the 16 qualifying spots at the NCAA indoor track and field championships.

The committee felt there were too many variables that impacted the integrity of championship qualifying performances by allowing outdoor marks for other events (outside of shot put and weight throw) to be used in qualifying, including track radius and outdoor elements such as wind and temperature. The committee noted that the two sports

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of indoor and outdoor track and field may conduct many of the same events indoors and outdoors, but how they are contested and the venues on which they are contested make the two sports fundamentally different.

- d. Minimum contest requirements for outdoor track and field selections.** The committee supported the preference posted in the November 18 Competition Oversight Committee report to reduce spring sports by 50 percent. If this is ultimately adopted, institutions that compete in outdoor track and field this spring would be required to have at least two meets with 14 student-athletes in each to be eligible for selection to the NCAA Division I outdoor track and field championships.

## 2. Cross Country.

- a. Tentative start times for March 15, 2021 cross country championships.** The committee in working with broadcast partners has tentatively approved start times of noon Central time for the women's race and 12:45 p.m. Central time for the men's race.
- b. NCAA Division I Cross Country Championship race distances for March 15, 2021 championships.** The committee decided to go on record to confirm that the race distances for the March championships will be the traditional championship distances with the women running 6k and the men running 10k.
- c. Clerking and student-athlete check-in at the March 15, 2021 championships.** In an effort to encourage physical distancing the committee has elected to not require full teams and student-athletes to have to clerk and check-in at the national championships and is allowing the coach of the institution to complete the check-in process on behalf of their teams and/or student-athlete(s). Coaches will be required to ensure student-athletes comply with all uniform and logo requirements as well as ensuring they report to the starting line not only wearing their bibs and chips, but that they are wearing the proper bibs and chips. Failure to comply with the championship policies and requirements surrounding uniform and logo rules may result in disqualification at the championships.
- d. Road race consideration for cross country qualifying consideration.** For cross country the committee discussed the possibility of road race allowance for winter cross country races with potential weather issues (snow/ice) and voted to ONLY allow this for conference championship competition, and only when all other options have been exhausted to try and conduct the championships via a traditional cross country type course. A road race should NOT be the planned course for the conference championship, but if it is required to move to the roads due to weather and safety when all other options have been exhausted, that will be allowed for conference championships only.

*Committee Chair:* Milan Donley, University of Kansas, Big 12 Conference  
*Staff Liaison:* Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee November 23, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Blake Boldon, Drake University.	
Abbie Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.	
Milan Donley, University of Kansas.	
Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.	
Elvis Forde, Temple University	
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.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	