

**NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING COMMITTEE
MAY 5, 2020, VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2019 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the annual meeting report from the previous year.
- 2. Manuals review.** The committee assigned manual review among members and asked staff to update them once feedback is provided over the coming months.
- 3. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed sport sponsorship and took no action. Members will continue to monitor as information for the upcoming year becomes available.
- 4. Championship official travel party and allowable coaches.** The committee discussed the current structure of the official travel party that is in place for the championships and would like to propose a change in the ratio of student-athletes to non-athletes that make up the official travel party. These changes would allow coaching staffs to better serve their participating student-athletes at the championships, without incurring additional costs to do so. Staff reminded the committee that this would need to be proposed through the budget request process in order to be considered and were also reminded of the current review of championships finances that may influence the timing and possibility of changes.
- 5. Championships structure.** The committee continued to discuss the possibility of having separate team champions for each gender and reviewed various models that have been suggested. The committee does see how this could be beneficial to those institutions that sponsor just one gender but chose to table this discussion, as the current benefits of the championships model outweighs possible unintended consequences that may arise. The committee also noted the ongoing review and recommendations of the championships finance working group and what affect these recommendations may have on future championships.

6. **Rules.** The committee reviewed the policy currently in place regarding the use of US Fencing rules and made no suggested changes. At this time, no changes have been implemented by US Fencing that have not already been implanted for collegiate fencing events. It was noted by coaches familiar with the US Fencing rules change process that there are typically no rules changes made in years in which Olympic games take place, so they do not anticipate anything changing until after the 2021 Olympic games in Japan.
7. **Regionals.** The committee reviewed the regional competitions this year and agreed that they ran smoothly. Members also reviewed and recommended future hosts and locations and will provide updates on securing these hosts for 2021 as soon as possible.
8. **2021 championships.** The committee discussed the upcoming championships being hosted by the Pennsylvania State University. Given they are a repeat host the committee is confident in their ability to put on a great championship. The committee took note of improvements that can be made from the last time they hosted in 2018, including increases to the available space for student-athlete equipment and additional practice strips.
9. **Committee administration.** The committee noted vacancies and appointments to the national committee for the upcoming year. Staff updated the committee that Zoltan Dudas, head coach at Princeton University, will be coming on to the committee in the Mid-Atlantic/South region, and that Christopher Gines, assistant athletics director at the United State Air Force Academy, has been reappointed to a new four-year term.
10. **Future annual meeting.** The committee discussed future meeting dates and will decide in the coming months based on committee and staff schedules.

Committee Chair: Dave Baker, Pennsylvania State University; Big Ten Conference.
Staff Liaison: Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee March 19, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
David Baker, Pennsylvania State University.	
Steve Corder, University of Detroit Mercy.	
Nikki Franke, Temple University.	
Christopher Gines, United States Air Force Academy.	
Jarek Koniusz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.	
Gia Kvaratskhelia, University of Notre Dame.	
Michael Matt, Brandeis University.	
John Moreau, University of the Incarnate Word.	

Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Liaison in Attendance:
Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Carla Laster, Championships and Alliances.