



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 9-10, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of the 2020 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships selections process and timeline.** The committee agreed that the timeline went well for 2020. Given the cancellation of the 2020 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championship prior to selections occurring, the committee was not able to go through the process and did not believe changes should be made to the selection process as this time.
- 2. Review 2023-26 bids.** The committee reviewed all bids received for the current 2023-2026 bid cycle for regionals and nationals. Formal recommendations for all sites will be made to the Competition Oversight Committee by the stated deadline.
- 3. Review regional score verification coordinators and responsibilities.** The committee reviewed the score verification coordinator roster and will solicit replacements for those no longer able to serve. Members discussed whether coordinators are still needed in the new format and with electronic submission of regular-season results but agreed that the coordinators should continue to verify scores as a failsafe for the data in Road to Nationals.

Given the difficulty of finding people willing to serve in this role, the committee determined the three-year term for verification coordinators should be eliminated and allow for those willing to stay in the role longer to do so. The committee noted it should be part of the regional judges assignor's role to fill any vacancies for verification coordinators. Additionally, the committee reiterated that head coaches should sign off on all scores used for selection purposes. If a coach does not meet the deadline, then a committee member will notify the administrator. If the coach still does not comply with the deadline, then he or she will be issued a failure to adhere to policies and procedures, which could result in a fine of up to \$750.

- 4. Judges.** The committee reviewed the process for selecting judges for all rounds of the championship and believed the blind draw process implemented in 2020 was much better and created more equal opportunities for judges across the country. Given the blind process used

in 2020, which eliminated judges' names when making assignments, and the committee now knowing the names of those selected judges and their ratings from the 2020 season, the committee felt it was necessary to redraw judges for all rounds of the 2021 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships, with the exception of regional meet referees. Regional meet referees serve a two-year term and will serve as meet referees for 2021, which will be viewed as the second year of their term. The group reiterated its desire to keep adding some new judges at regionals so others will have experience when various judges retire. Additionally, members discussed the importance of coaches submitting regular-season evaluations since that information is used to make postseason assignments.

The committee also discussed ways to ensure judges understand the process for being selected as a postseason judge. The committee will work with the national coordinator of officials to ensure the language for guidelines outlined in the pre-championship manual for assigning meet referees and judges updated and distributed to the judging community.

5. **Division I and National Collegiate championships update.** A member of the NCAA championships and alliances department joined the call and discussed the Division I Championships Finance Review Working Group's recommendations pertaining to women's gymnastics. The committee went through the survey questionnaire and provided answers and recommendations for the women's gymnastics championships.
6. **Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) proposals.** The committee reviewed proposals the WCGA and the Women's Collegiate Program Committee (WCPC) submitted and discussed appropriate actions.
7. **Review of Road to Nationals services.** The committee reviewed updates to the results reporting services that Road to Nationals (RTN) currently provides and what the system would include if the judging evaluation application was added to the site. The committee confirmed the score verification deadlines for the 2021 season and asked staff to continue working with RTN to improve the efficiency of the selection process.
8. **NCAA rules modification recommendations.** The committee spoke with the women's gymnastics rules interpreter regarding editorial changes to the rules modification document. The rules interpreter also shared a breakdown on the types of questions and groups of individuals she received them from (coaches, judges, NCAA, etc.) in 2020.
9. **Review of 2020 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships regionals.**
  - a. Bracketing and seeding principles. The committee discussed the modifications made to the language for placing seeded hosts during the selection process and the placement of teams into the second round to ensure bracket integrity and believed the modifications should remain for the 2021 championship.

- b. Look-throughs. The committee discussed adding time in the schedule to allow for coaches equipment checks and did not feel it was necessary to add at this time.
- c. Warm-up timing. The committee discussed previous issues with hosts being inconsistent with timing and not following what is outlined in manuals. The committee noted the importance of hosts educating the warm-up timers on the timing allotments and reiterating the times outlined must be followed at each site.

**10. Preview of 2021 regional host sites.** The committee reviewed the selected regional host sites for 2020 and noted any concerns for staff to address with those hosts.

**11. Review of the 2021 Women's Gymnastics National Championships.**

- a. Internal working group feedback. NCAA staff noted the internal working group had a wrap-up call following the cancellation of the championship and areas the group was focusing on for the 2021 championship.
- b. Equipment list. The committee reviewed the equipment lists for regionals and nationals and discussed potential equipment needed at regionals in future years. A representative from the equipment supplier, AAI, joined the meeting to discuss needs at the championships and equipment trends in the sport. Committee members noted that the new equipment being created by AAI does not need to be phased into the championship equipment at this time.
- c. ESPN coverage. Representatives from ESPN joined the meeting to discuss regional coverage in future years and how that will look compared to championship coverage.

**12. 2021 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships event order draws.** The committee discussed the blind draws that were done for the 2020 championship and determined those draws should be used for the 2021 championship, given they were not used this year. The event order draws will be posted in the 2021 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Pre-championships Manual.

**13. Review of 2020 championship manuals.** The committee reviewed the manuals and made appropriate updates for 2021.

**14. Discussion on women's gymnastics committee strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made adjustments given some goals have been completed.

**15. Reappointment of committee chair.** The committee voted to reappoint Jessica Chrabaszcz, associate athletics director at Yale University, as chair of the committee for the 2020-21 academic year. Reappointing Ms. Chrabaszcz will provide consistency for the committee and

membership, which the committee believed to be very important given the current landscape of college athletics.

**16. 2021 annual meeting date.** The committee agreed to meet June 7-9 via Microsoft Teams.

*Committee Chair:*      *Jessica Chrabaszcz, Yale University*  
*Staff Liaison(s):*      *Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee June 9-10, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jessica Chrabaszcz, Yale University.	
Kasey Crawford, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.	
Erin Kido, Eastern Michigan University.	
Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart, University of Denver.	
Jenny Rowland, University of Florida.	
Randy Solorio, California State University, Sacramento.	
Maria Woods, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Morgan Ainslie, ESPN.	
Catherine Batsche, National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges President.	
Chrystal Chollet-Norton, NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Interpreter.	
Lois Colburn, National Collegiate Judges Assigner.	
Ken Cysewski, AAI.	
Jason Fredericks, Road to Nationals	
Dan Margulis, ESPN.	
Maria Soares, ESPN.	
Kerrie McKinney Turner, Bowling Green State University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.	
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	
Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances.	
Steve Clar, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Phil Pierce, Championships and Alliances.	
Natalie Steger, Championships and Alliances.	