



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RIFLE COMMITTEE
JUNE 1-2, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed the NCAA rifle committee strategic plan and made a few changes.
2. **Bid cycle recommendations.** The committee reviewed the bids for the 2023-26 cycle and recommended host sites for the Competition Oversight Committee to review this summer and fall.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**
 - None.
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2019 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **Strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed the NCAA rifle committee strategic plan and made the following changes:
 - Modified short-term goal #1 from “to best fit the championships” to “to best fit the unknown parameters of the championship.”
 - Modified short-term goal #5 from “banquet and hospitality” to “banquet if applicable and hospitality.”
 - Added short-term goal #7 – “Emphasize responsible and safe handling of firearms throughout the entire regular season and postseason, including all training sessions.”
 - Modified long-term goal #1 from “Championship playoff format. Reviewing and researching. (playoff or general format adjustment)” to “Ongoing research, review and modifications of NCAA Championship selection procedures to ensure fair and equitable selection of the highest quality championship field to include development of more qualifying contests and a playoff format.”
 - Modified long-term goal #2 from “Moving the selections/selection show up to Sunday” to “Conducting the selections/selection show as soon as possible following qualifiers.”

Committee members continue to use the strategic plan to guide their work to strengthen the championships and the sport in general.

3. **Review of 2020 championships.** The committee applauded the exemplary effort of the University of Kentucky staff to host a great championship even though the event was cancelled just after practice day due to COVID-19.
 - a. **Schedule review.** The committee reviewed the championships schedule of events from 2020 and made no changes for the 2021 championships.
 - b. **Equipment checks and button checker.** The committee reviewed policies and procedures used for both voluntary pre-event and post-competition equipment checks. The committee reviewed the button checker gauge and procedure for checking buttons during equipment checks. The committee was pleased with the use of a drill press to calibrate the gauge at the championship. Again, there will be only one button checker gauge used to check buttons at the championship and student-athletes need to pass inspection on that specific gauge. The same gauge will be used for the voluntary pre-event and post-competition equipment checks and the same individual will perform the checks. This is consistent with how other major rifle events operate.
 - c. **Credentials.** The committee reviewed the credentials at the championship and reaffirmed that only student-athletes, coaches, committee members, NCAA staff, officials and select host institution staff should have access to the firing line, equipment storage, student-athlete hospitality and team camp areas.
 - d. **Range officers.** The committee reviewed the range officers' performance at the championships. The committee will consider potential range officers and extend invitations to work the 2021 championships in early fall of 2020.
 - e. **Score monitors.** The committee noted positive feedback on the scoring displays the host provided, especially the large videoboard display that was visible to all spectators, student-athletes and coaches. This was a major enhancement to the championship experience. The committee will continue to investigate ways to display a team score during competition in the future.
 - f. **Hotels.** The committee reviewed the team and headquarters hotel in Lexington and noted positive feedback.
 - g. **Team areas.** The committee noted that the team areas provided adequate space for the teams and individuals to unpack their cases and set up their guns. The members request future hosts try to provide adequate areas for the teams. The committee also wants to continue giving teams notices about the time left on the countdown clock. The committee received positive feedback on the storage and security of the equipment in the locker rooms.
4. **2021 NCAA Rifle Championships – The Ohio State University.** The committee discussed initial thoughts on the 2021 championships at The Ohio State University and noted some items to be considered in preparations with Ohio State (e.g., scoreboards, team areas, hospitality, marketing).

5. **NCAA qualifier and selections.** The committee reviewed the team and individual selection policies, procedures and criteria for the championships.
 - a. **Team selection.** The committee discussed the process and criteria for team selections and made no changes.
 - b. **Individual selection.** The committee reviewed the championships selection criteria for individuals and made no changes. The committee did discuss an option for the individual selection criteria to mirror the team selection criteria but took no action. The committee will seek feedback and data analysis from the membership on this topic before further discussion and possible changes at its next annual meeting.
 - c. **Selection dates.** The committee reviewed the selection date. The committee made no change to the date at this time but will continue to monitor the ability to move it closer to Sunday from its current date of Tuesday after the qualifier matches. The committee will require all NCAA qualifier hosts to submit the graphic scorecards from the match to NCAA staff after the qualifier matches to help expedite score verification before selection.
6. **2020-21 Rules Modifications.** The secretary-rules interpreter shared updates regarding 2020-21 rules modifications and the committee reviewed rules proposals for the 2020-21 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications. The group discussed gun safety at regular-season and postseason events. The committee also noted there will be no changes to the rules modifications for the 2020-21 season. Once finalized, the rules modifications will be posted on the NCAA rifle rules landing page.
7. **Bid cycle recommendations.** The committee reviewed the bids for the 2023-26 cycle and recommended host sites for the Competition Oversight Committee to review this summer and fall.
8. **Championships policy review.** The committee briefly reviewed various championships policies and made no changes for 2021.
9. **Online score reporting system.** The committee was pleased with the NCAA online score reporting system and recommended adding the ability for the site to interface directly with regular-season event results. This would potentially allow for immediate score updates on the site.
10. **USA Shooting.** The president of the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association reviewed recent activity of the national governing body. A board member from USA Shooting also updated the committee on return-to-play discussions for USA shooting for upcoming events.
11. **Competition Oversight Committee.** NCAA staff reviewed recent Competition Oversight Committee activity.

- 12. Review of championships manuals.** The committee directed NCAA staff to make appropriate updates and additions to the committee operations, host operations, participant and pre-championships manuals.
- 13. Championships budget.** Committee members reviewed the revenue and expenses from the 2020 championships.
- 14. Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed sport sponsorship information.
- 15. Committee roster.** The committee reviewed the committee roster and noted Kathryn Kroupa, senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator at The Citadel, will begin her term on the committee Sept. 1. The committee thanked David Kooger from the University of Texas at El Paso for his service on the committee. The committee kept Richard Fletcher, deputy athletics director at Morehead State University, as chair of the committee for the 2020-21 academic year.
- 16. Future dates.** The committee reviewed and approved of the dates for the 2020-21 academic year.
- a. NCAA qualifier.** Friday, Feb. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 21.
 - b. Team and individual selections.** Tuesday, Feb. 23.
 - c. Rifle championships.** Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 12 – The Ohio State University.
 - d. Annual meeting.** The committee will determine the 2021 annual meetings dates at a later time.

Committee Chair: Richard Fletcher, Morehead State University, Ohio Valley Conference
Staff Liaison: John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Marsha Beasley, University of Mississippi.	
Zach Eckert, West Virginia University.	
Newt Engle, NCAA Secretary-Rules Interpreter.	
Richard Fletcher, Morehead State University.	
David Kooger, University of Texas, El Paso.	
Ryan Tanoue, The Ohio State University.	
Webster Wright, U.S. Military Academy.	

Absentee:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Alan Lollar, Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association.
Matthew Suggs, USA Shooting.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John M. Kuzio, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.