



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RIFLE COMMITTEE
JUNE 9, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed the NCAA rifle committee strategic plan and made changes as specified in Informational Item 2.

ACTION ITEMS.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2020 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2020 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **Strategic plan review.** The committee reviewed the NCAA rifle committee strategic plan and made the following changes:
 - Added long-term goal #6 – “Standardization and implementation of regular-season officiating.”
 - Moved and modified short-term goal #3 to long-term goal #7 – “Continue to advise and assist the host with a community engagement project at the championships.”
 - Moved short-term goal #6 to long-term goal #5 – “Standardization of equipment control.”

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

3. **Review of 2021 championships.** The committee applauded the exemplary effort of The Ohio State University staff to host a great championship while following all prescribed COVID-19 health and safety protocols.
 - a. **Schedule review.** The committee reviewed the championships schedule of events from 2021 and made changes to move back to the 2020 schedule for the 2022 championships as COVID-19 restrictions are removed.
 - 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 2022 championships in early fall of 2021.
 - e. **Hotels.** The committee reviewed the team and headquarters hotel in Columbus and noted positive feedback.
 - f. **Team areas.** The committee noted that given the restrictions placed on the championship by COVID-19 health and safety protocols the team areas were a good compromise. The committee looks forward to having a team area at the 2022 championships that will allow for teams to intermingle.
- 4. **2022 NCAA Rifle Championships – North Carolina State University.** The committee discussed initial thoughts on the 2022 championships at North Carolina State University and noted some items to be considered in preparations with North Carolina State staff (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 and made no change to the date at this time but will continue to monitor the option of moving 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 that there are no impending rules modifications for the 2021-22 season. There will likely be changes to International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) rules after the Olympics, but those rules will not go into place until the 2022-23 season. The group discussed gun safety at regular-season and postseason events. Once finalized, the rules modifications will be posted on the NCAA rifle rules landing page.
7. **Championships policy review.** The committee briefly reviewed various championships policies and made no changes for 2022.
8. **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.
9. **USA Shooting.** The president of the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association reviewed recent activity of the national governing body. The head coach of the United States National Team also met with the committee to discuss changes to the national team selection process.
10. **Competition Oversight Committee.** NCAA staff reviewed recent Competition Oversight Committee activity.
11. **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.
12. **Championships budget.** Committee members reviewed the revenue and expenses from the 2021 championships.
13. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed sport sponsorship information.
14. **Committee roster.** The committee reviewed the committee roster and noted that a decision is still pending on whether Richard Fletcher, deputy athletics director at Morehead State University, will be granted an additional year on the committee. The group decided to postpone voting on a chair until the committee roster is finalized.
15. **Future dates.** The committee reviewed and approved key dates for the 2021-22 academic year.
 - a. **NCAA qualifier.** Friday, Feb. 18 – Sunday, Feb. 20.
 - b. **Team and individual selections.** Tuesday, Feb. 22.

- c. Rifle championships.** Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 – North Carolina State University.
- d. Annual meeting.** Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7.

Committee Chair: Richard Fletcher, Morehead State University, Ohio Valley Conference
Staff Liaison: Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee June 9, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Marsha Beasley, University of Mississippi.	
Zach Eckert, West Virginia University.	
Newt Engle, NCAA Secretary-Rules Interpreter.	
Richard Fletcher, Morehead State University.	
Kathy Kroupa, The Citadel.	
Ryan Tanoue, The Ohio State University.	
Webster Wright, U.S. Military Academy.	
Absentee:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Dan Durbin, USA Shooting.	
Alan Lollar, Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	

