



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introduction of new committee members.** Committee chair Kurt McGuffin welcomed new committee members Heather Hunter, Jesse Martin, Lori Perez, and Holly Van Vlymen.
2. **Review and approve 2024 NCAA Division I Softball Committee annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2024 annual meeting report as presented.
3. **Devon Park Updates.** USA Softball staff members Cheryl Bond and Jake Magness joined the meeting to provide information on recent updates and upcoming improvements and projects to take place at Devon Park, the venue for the NCAA Women's College World Series.
4. **Softball Umpire Program updates.** NCAA staff relayed several updates from the Softball Umpire Program including personnel changes (the addition of a team member to serve as the Division III national coordinator and the hiring process for a new advisor), plans for an upcoming virtual umpire training clinic and the preparation for this year's launch of the softball playing rules test.
5. **NFCA convention topics.** The committee reviewed NCAA championship topics that will be part of presentations and discussions with coaches in attendance at the upcoming National Fastpitch Coaches Association meeting.
6. **Joint meeting with NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.** The Division I Baseball and Softball Committees participated in a joint meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest involving both sports and championships. The committees noted that they will continue to have additional meetings in the future.
7. **Division I governance report.** NCAA staff updated the committee on key governance topics being discussed by the membership.

*Committee Chair:* Kurt McGuffin, University of Tennessee at Martin, Ohio Valley Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances  
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances  
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kristi Bredbenner, Wichita State University.	
Tara Brooks, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.	
Natalie Gonzalez Honen, Clemson University.	
Heather Hunter, University of California, Davis.	
Jessica Leger, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.	
Jesse Martin, Oklahoma State University.	
Kurt McGuffin, University of Tennessee at Martin.	
Lori Perez, California State University, Sacramento.	
Holly Van Vlymen, South Dakota State University.	
Jane Wagner, Northwestern.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Alford, Florida State University.	
Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University.	
Cheryl Bond, USA Softball.	
Scott Dolson, Indiana University, Bloomington.	
Jon Gilbert, East Carolina University.	
Scott Leykam, University of Portland.	
Jeremy McClain, University of Southern Mississippi.	
Randale L. Richmond, Kent State University.	
Casey Scott, Kansas State University.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Scott Stricklin, University of Florida.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances.	
Sadie Redburn, Championships and Alliances.	
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.	
Jennifer Fraser, Division I Governance.	
Matt Holmes, Championships and Alliances.	
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.	
Natalie Steger, Championships and Alliances.	

Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances.
Michelle Watsky, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Williams, Championships and Alliances.