



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Regional format change.**
 - a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Championships Committee approve a regional tournament format change from Friday/Saturday (one gender) and Sunday/Monday (the other gender) to Friday/Saturday (one gender) schedule and Monday/Tuesday (the other gender) schedule.
 - b. Effective date. 2022 Championships.
 - c. Rationale. Designating Sunday as an off day, would accommodate schools that restrict competition on Sunday and would allow schools that have the same coach for the men's and women's teams a day to travel to another site, if needed.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would have their head coach at the regional tournament.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks.** Abby Davis welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and schedule.
- 2. Review of 2020 meeting report.** The committee approved the 2020 annual meeting report as written.
- 3. 2021 championships review.**
 - a. **Selections and seeding.** The committee agreed that the selections and seeding process worked well.
 - b. **Pre-championships planning.** The committee agreed that the pre-championships planning was executed well with the COVID-19 challenges.

- c. **Hotels.** The committee agreed that the hotels were accommodating for the teams and committee. The hotel contract process with Anthony Travel presented some challenges.
- d. **Media.** The committee voted to secure Trey Reed to serve as head sports information director at the finals when possible. The host would provide a backup SID to assist Mr. Reed.
- e. **Web-streaming.** The committee would like to see six courts streamed at the championships; currently only four courts are streamed.
- f. **Student-athlete behavior.** Overall behavior was good with occasional frustrations from spectators around COVID-19 rules.
- g. **Misconduct.** The regional misconduct issue was resolved through a private reprimand.
- h. **Suggested improvements.** The committee agreed to add the following items to the bid specifications for finals:
 - a. Team tents and covered area for spectators.
 - b. Cooler jugs rather than bottled product for the courts.
- i. **Survey results.** The committee reviewed the 2021 championships survey results.

4. 2022 Championships, selections, AQ and sponsorship.

- a. **2022 championships.** The 2022 championship will be held in Altamonte Springs, Florida hosted by Rollins College and Greater Orlando Sports Commission.
- b. **Selection date.** Selections will take place May 3, 2022.
- c. **Automatic qualification.** All eligible conferences were approved for 2021-22.
- d. **Sponsorship.** Access ratios will be determined in September.
- e. **Rest day between quarterfinals and semifinals.** The committee was reminded that for the 2022 championships both genders will have a rest day between quarterfinals and semifinals.
- f. **Regional format.** The committee voted to recommend the regional format change to allow an off day between the men's and the women's regional tournaments (see Action Item 2 above).
- g. **Championships format.** The committee voted to support the format of 16 teams advancing to the finals for the men and women that was used in years prior to the pandemic.

- h. Officials.** The committee would like to review the processes that Divisions I and III use to obtain and advance officials to the finals. The committee also will contact the ITA to further discuss its initiative to recruit new officials.
- 5. Manual revisions.** The committee will review the manuals this summer and make edits as needed for the 2022 championship.
- 6. Committee timeline review.** The committee discussed the timeline and made the necessary updates for the 2022 season.
- 7. AMA update.** Karen Wolf met with the committee to provide updates from the Division II Championships Committee and Division II Legislation Committee. The 2022 NCAA Convention will be held in Indianapolis.
- 8. Governance update.** Maritza Jones met with the committee to discuss the division's priorities for the coming year.
- 9. Coaches Connection update.** Coaches Connection continues to be a strong program with the membership and ITA. Pam Arpe will contact the USTA to secure its participation on the videoconferences.
- 10. ITA update.** ITA leadership met with the committee to provide updates on the rules process, the initiative to recruit new officials, 2021 fall regionals, 2022 indoor championships, and the strategic alliance with the USTA.
- 11. Officials update.** Bob Booth joined the committee to report that the officials were very happy with how the tournament was conducted this year and that they look forward to great championships in 2022.
- 12. Tennis strategic plan.** The committee reviewed and revised its strategic plan as necessary.
- 13. 2022 annual meeting dates.** The committee will hold its annual meeting June 14-15.
- 14. Committee chair appointment.** The committee appointed T.J. Budd, assistant athletics director for athletics communications at Palm Beach Atlantic University, as the chair of the committee to replace Abby Davis, interim director of athletics/head tennis coach at Arkansas Tech University. Mr. Budd will provide great leadership and guidance for the committee.

Committee Chair: Abby Davis, Arkansas Tech University, Great American Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Pam Arpe, NCAA Contractor. .

Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee July 6, 2021 Videoconference	
Attendees:	
T.J. Budd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Greg Coache, Southern New Hampshire University.	
Abby Davis, Arkansas Tech University.	
Jessica Incorminias, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
William Powers, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Lee Underwood, Barton College.	
Absentees:	
Scott Linn, Midwestern State University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Bob Booth, Officials Assignor.	
Cory Brooks, International Tennis Association.	
Justin Cerny, International Tennis Association.	
Jerome Simon, Mercyhurst College.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Pam Arpe, NCAA Contractor.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, and Karen Wolf.	