



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Joint championship in men's and women's tennis.**
 - a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Championships Committee recommend that Division II host a joint championship with Division I and Division III in men's and women's tennis in 2022-23; further, to amend the current date formula by one week to align with championship dates for Divisions I and III to permit such a joint championship in 2022-23.
 - b. Effective date. 2022-23 Championship.
 - c. Rationale. Given the success of other joint Division I, II and III championships, there has been support and feedback from the NCAA membership and tennis committee to request consideration of a joint tennis championship. Representatives from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and International Tennis Association (ITA) fully support this initiative based on feedback from their members. A joint championship is an opportunity to grow and develop college tennis and provide for an enhanced student-athlete experience.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. Approximately \$11,500 (\$5,750 per gender).
 - e. Student-athlete impact. The student-athletes who advance to the final site would have an elevated experience in a premier tennis facility where all competition courts and practice courts are at the same location with a staff whose main job is staging tennis events. The student-athletes will have the opportunity to play on courts that have live streaming capabilities and the opportunity to celebrate the sport in a college tennis atmosphere with all three divisions at the same site.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks.** Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee chair Abby Davis welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and presentation schedule.

2. **Review of 2019 meeting report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report as written.
3. **Coaches Connection.** The committee commended Pam Arpe on the job she does with Coaches Connection. The committee recommended adding the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to upcoming calls.
4. **Site selection recommendations.** The committee reviewed the bids for the upcoming site selection process, including the Division II Championships Festival in 2023-24.
5. **2021 championships.**
 - a. **Committee members' on-site responsibilities.** The chair will assign on-site duties for committee members on practice and competition days.
 - b. **Schedule of events and start times.** The committee would like to stay with the current start times and continue to alternate which gender plays first each year. The men will play first in 2021.
 - c. **Changes/challenges due to COVID-19.** The committee discussed the importance of maintaining sporting conduct among competing teams and officials as plans are being made for the 2021 Championship.
6. **Selections, AQ and sponsorship.**
 - a. **Selection date.** Selections will take place May 4, 2021.
 - b. **Automatic qualification.** All eligible conferences were approved for 2020-21.
 - c. **Sponsorship.** Access ratios will be determined in September.
7. **Manual revisions.** The committee reviewed the 2020 manuals and will make the necessary edits for the 2021 championship.
8. **Committee timeline review.** The committee discussed the timeline and made the necessary updates for the 2021 season.
9. **ITA update.** ITA leadership met with the committee to provide their support of the USTA joint championship proposal.
10. **Governance update.** Maritza Jones, interim vice president of Division II, and Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II, met with the committee to discuss the priorities of the division.
11. **Tennis strategic plan.** The committee discussed the development of a strategic plan for Division II tennis. Short- and long-term goals were developed as well as the overall vision.

12. 2021 annual meeting dates. The committee will hold the next annual meeting July 6, 2021, in conjunction with Divisions I and III.

13. Committee chair appointment. The committee voted to reappoint Abby Davis, head tennis coach/senior woman administrator at Arkansas Tech, University as the chair of the committee. Ms. Davis will provide great leadership and guidance for the committee.

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

Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.

Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee July 7, 2020 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.	
Scott Linn, Midwestern State University.	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
William Powers, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Absentees:	
Lee Underwood, Barton College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Pam Arpe, Coaches Connection.	
Cory Brooks, International Tennis Association.	
David Mullins, International Tennis Association.	
Tim Russell, International Tennis Association.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Karen Wolf.	