



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
MAY 19-20, 2020, VIRUTAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the meeting.
2. **Review of cancelled 2020 championship.** The committee followed up on the cancellation of the spring championship for 2020 and noted that any changes that were to be implemented for 2020 would be implemented in the 2021 championship season. The committee commended Gulf Shores and the University of Alabama Birmingham on their attention to any needs around the cancellation and looks forward to the championship returning in 2021.
3. **Automatic qualification/bracket expansion discussion.** The committee reviewed the report of the Championships Finance Review Working Group and the information provided that would potentially expand the bracket and add automatic qualifiers. The working group will continue to monitor that issue and staff will keep the committee updated on the process.
4. **Growth of the sport.** The committee continues to explore potential growth for the sport and the conversation surrounding playing beach matches on indoor courts. The committee will continue to evaluate and review what this could look like and the impact it would have on schools that are in cooler climates being able to add the sport of beach volleyball.
5. **Rules modifications.** The committee agreed to reduce the discretionary team timeout from 120 seconds to 90 seconds. Members also voted to open the uniform numbering system to 0-99. These items will be sent to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel for final approval.
6. **Television.** Pat Lowry and Dan Margulis joined the committee to touch base on the future bid process and the cancelled championship for this past spring. ESPN continues to show a great passion for this championship with the coverage and engagement they provide. They don't see that changing for the 2021 championship. ESPN continues to desire mic'ing coaches to gain more insight into their philosophy, but staff has noted this is not currently allowed in the bylaws. ESPN also reminded staff to try to identify more time on Thursday for team interviews. Staff will review the current schedule and see whether this can be accommodated. ESPN will also provide feedback to NCAA staff on potential future sites as the bid process continues.
7. **Selection criteria.** The committee noted that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there may be adjustments needed to the selection criteria for the 2021 championship. The committee and staff will continue to monitor what that could look like and keep the membership up to date.

8. Meeting with American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) representatives. The committee met with Kathy DeBoer and Kristen Rohr from the AVCA. These conversations centered on the current state of the pandemic and looking at the potential future impact on the beach championship. Ms. DeBoer did note that there could be great opportunity for growth of the sport in the coming years. The committee will continue to meet and engage with her and the AVCA as they venture into the upcoming season.

9. Committee update.

- a. 2020-21 committee timeline.** The committee will continue its current timeline structure for the 2020 season.
- b. 2021 annual meeting.** The committee will meet virtually in May 2021, with specific dates to be determined.

Committee Chair: Kelcey Roegiers, Georgia State University, Coastal Collegiate Sports Association

Staff Liaison(s): Kristin W. Fasbender, NCAA Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women’s Beach Volleyball Committee May 19-20, 2020, Videoconference
Attendees:
Rita Buck-Crockett, Florida International University.
Julie Cribbs, Louisiana State University.
Andrew Fuller, Stanford University.
Joan McDermott, University of San Francisco.
Kelcey Roegiers, Georgia State University.
Todd Rogers, California State Polytechnic Institute.
Guests in Attendance:
Kathy DeBoer, American Volleyball Coaches Association.
Pat Lowry, ESPN.
Dan Margulis, ESPN.
Kristen Rohr, Grand Canyon University.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances.
Paula Wustrack, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Julie Kimmons.