



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 10 AND AUGUST 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Division I fall sport championships. During its August 17 meeting, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee recommended that the 2020 Division I fall sport championships be conducted during the 2021 spring semester and suggested the following parameters:

- Brackets/field sizes would be reduced by 50 percent, which adheres to one of the NCAA Board of Governors' directives to reduce bracket sizes and the number of competitors in order to move forward with planning for any fall championships.
 - Prior to finalizing its recommendation, the committee also considered bracket/field sizes of 25 percent of current brackets.
- All AQs will have access to the brackets.
 - Prior to finalizing its recommendation on conference access, the committee also considered brackets of all at-large teams as well as brackets comprised of 50 percent at-large teams and 50 percent AQs.
 - Sport committees will be asked to submit more specific details to the committee if the recommendation is adopted.

In addition, the committee will make recommendations regarding the most feasible length of a regular season for each of the fall sports conducted in the spring as well as finalize dates for fall sport championship competitions at its next meeting.

Finally, the committee noted its support for maximum flexibility for season-of-competition waivers for fall sport student-athletes to eliminate barriers for those student athletes to participate.

2. NCAA fall championships update. The committee met August 10 to discuss the feasibility of conducting fall sport championships in the fall given the Board of Governors' directive issued August 4 for specific requirements to be met if fall sports are to be conducted safely, including a 50-percent sponsorship threshold for a championship to be held. The committee recommended conducting fall sport championships in the spring semester based on the information known at that time. Subsequently, all sports the committee oversees fell below the 50-percent sponsorship threshold, informing a decision by NCAA leadership to not conduct fall championships in 2020.

Accordingly, the committee reconvened August 17 to continue its due diligence to explore all viable options for providing fall sport student-athletes with a championship experience in the 2020-21 academic year. The committee reaffirmed its earlier commitment to conducting fall sport championships in the spring semester and recommended parameters around which the events would be conducted as outlined in Item No. 1 above. These recommendations were informed in part by responses to the recent Division I multi-sport conference survey about conducting fall sport championships in the spring semester based on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 3. Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** Staff updated the committee regarding the search for the new senior vice president for equity, diversity and inclusion at the NCAA national office and noted decisions to continue funding various grant and internship opportunities for minorities.
- 4. Future videoconferences.** The committee's next videoconference is August 26.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida

Staff Liaisons: Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee August 10 and August 17, 2020, Videoconferences	
Attendees:	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.	
Mark Benson, University of Albany.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA.	
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.	
Beth Goetz, Ball State University.	
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference.	
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University.	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.	
Larry Lyons, Illinois State University.	
Luis Marcano, University of Delaware.	
Kris Pierce, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Nona Richardson, University of Utah.	
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.	
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guest in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Sharon Cessna and Jennifer Henderson.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Joni Comstock, Jennifer Fraser, Robin Hale, Anthony Holman, Greg Johnson, Kathleen McNeely, Jeff O'Barr, Carol A. Reep, Liz Suscha and Jerry Vaughn.	