



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 28, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and the student-athlete voice.** To continue the effort to celebrate notable achievements and benchmarks established by women and ethnic minority student-athletes, and in light of the recently completed NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship, the Competition Oversight Committee joined staff in recognizing the following individuals who have made a positive impact in volleyball, including the committee's own **Nona Richardson**, a standout player at Michigan State University from 1978 to 1981 and then an influential coach at the University of Kentucky (1984-87), Eastern Michigan University (1987-95) and Valparaiso University (1996-99).
 - **Flo Jean Hyman** – Olympic silver medalist in 1984; was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1988.
 - **Rita Buck-Crockett** – Currently an assistant athletics director and head coach of indoor and beach volleyball at Florida International University; played on the 1984 Olympic silver medalist team; became the first African American to win the World Beach Championship; was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2011.
 - **Rose Magers-Powell** – Another member of the 1984 Olympic silver medalist team; founder/director of the Rocket City Volleyball Club in Alabama; currently the head volleyball coach at Alabama A&M University.
 - **Danielle Scott-Arruda** – Played at Long Beach State University; competed in four Olympic Games, winning silver medals in 2008 and 2012; currently a motivational speaker and business owner.
 - **Nadia Edwards** – Led Pennsylvania State University to NCAA runner-up finishes in 1997 and 1998 and to the championship title in 1999; was an assistant coach at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Ohio State University and Ohio University before serving as head coach at DePaul University from 2010 until 2017.
 - **Tara Cross-Battle** – Played at Long Beach State University; competed on four Olympic Teams and helped the USA win the bronze medal in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics; was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2014; currently serves as the head training coach for the Houston Juniors Volleyball Club.
 - **The Oden Sisters (Kim, Elaina, and Bev)** – Affectionately referred to as the Smash Sisters; Kim played for Stanford University and competed in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games, serving as team captain for both teams and leading the 1992 team to a bronze medal. Elaina played for Pacific University and also for the bronze-winning 1992 U.S. Olympic team. Bev also attended Stanford.
 - **Megan Hodge Easy** – This accomplished outside hitter for Pennsylvania State University was named Most Outstanding Player at both the 2007 and 2008 NCAA Championships, which Penn State won; was a member of the silver medal-winning 2012 U.S. Olympic Team; currently plays professionally overseas.

2. Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship Preliminaries.

During its April 21 videoconference the committee considered a request from the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to reconsider an earlier decision to reduce the field size for the 2021 East and West Preliminary Meets from 48 competitors per individual event to 32 but acknowledged that it would need input from the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee before acting.

The sport committee's original recommendation and the Competition Oversight Committee's decision in March to support it were based on suggestions to reduce the number of preliminary-round sites and reduce the field in sports with large numbers of participants to accommodate health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of its decision, however, the Competition Oversight Committee acknowledged that its overarching and primary goal was to remain nimble to react to a fluid and unpredictable environment in ways that support the safety and well-being of student-athletes, coaches, administrators and spectators.

While the track and field committee did not take a position on returning to full capacity, it did acknowledge that doing so could be accomplished in a manner that would support health and safety and testing logistics, though it would require adding a fourth day to the meets to accommodate approximately 22 additional hours in the competition schedule and adjusting for testing. Returning to full capacity and moving to four-day meets would increase costs for participating institutions that have already set travel plans and are responsible for funding their participation at the preliminary meets.

After weighing all of the factors – and acknowledging its primary desire to maximize opportunities for student-athletes to experience postseason competition – the Competition Oversight Committee approved restoring the field at the 2021 East and West Preliminary Meets to 48 competitors per individual event. The committee noted that the fluidity within the health conditions in the country and safety protocols from when the original decision was made until now, along with the sport committee's affirmation that the change could be accommodated both logistically and maintaining safety protocols, helped drive the decision. The committee also recognized the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's well-thought-out presentation.

3. Waiver request in men's golf. The committee approved the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference being granted a waiver to retain its automatic qualification status for the 2021 Division I Men's Golf Championships despite having only four members compete at the conference championship. The committee reasoned that the conference could have met the AQ standard had not one institution withdrawn from the conference championship just before it began due to COVID-19 concerns.

4. Replacement window for individuals. The committee reviewed previously approved replacement window protocols for individual/team sports in light of requests from both the

Division I Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees and the Division I Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee to extend the 24-hour replacement window for individuals once selections have been announced.

The approved policy specifically states: “If an individual sport participant must withdraw from the championships (due to a positive COVID-19 test result or other limiting circumstance), the sport committee will follow its standard procedure for individual replacements (medical scratch). Replacement of an individual participant must occur within 24 hours after the selection announcement.” This replacement policy was in effect for winter championships, and minor exceptions were made for unanticipated selection timing and declaration issues related to indoor track and field/cross country and swimming/zone diving.

The tennis committees asked that the window be extended to five days given the extended time between selections and participation for individuals (the singles and doubles portion of the championships do not begin until the team portion of the event has been completed). Similarly, the track and field committee asked that the window be extended to 10 days for heptathletes and decathletes since those competitors do not participate in the championships’ preliminaries.

Given the unique circumstances in both sports and that the extensions requested would not compromise the health and safety protocols, the Competition Oversight Committee agreed to support extending the replacement window to five days for individuals in men’s and women’s tennis, and to 10 days for heptathletes in women’s track and field and decathletes in men’s track and field for the 2021 championships.

- 5. Preliminary-round site selection for softball.** The committee approved the following 20 sites from which 16 will be selected by the NCAA Division I Softball Committee to host regional competition during the 2021 NCAA Division I Softball Championship.

Host Institution	Venue/Location
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	Rhoads Stadium/Tuscaloosa, AL
University of Arizona	Rita Hillenbrand Stadium/Tucson, AZ
Arizona State University	Alberta B. Farrington Stadium/Tempe, AZ
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Bogle Park/Fayetteville, AR
University of California, Los Angeles	Easton Stadium/Los Angeles, CA
Clemson University	McWhorter Stadium/Clemson, SC
University of Florida	Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium/Gainesville, FL
Florida State University	JoAnne Graf Field/Tallahassee, FL
University of Georgia	Jack Turner Softball Stadium/Athens, GA
University of Kentucky	John Cropp Softball Stadium/Lexington, KY
Louisiana State University	Tiger Park, Baton Rouge, LA
University of Michigan	Wilpon Complex – Alumni Field/Ann Arbor, MI
University of Missouri. Columbia	Mizzou Softball Stadium/Columbia, MO

University of Oklahoma	OU Softball Complex/Norman, OK
Oklahoma State University	Cowgirl Softball Stadium/Stillwater, OK
University of Oregon	Jane Sanders Stadium/Eugene, OR
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Sherrri Parker Lee Stadium/Knoxville, TN
University of Texas at Austin	Red & Charline McCombs Softball Field/Austin, TX
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Tech Softball Park/Blacksburg, VA
University of Washington	Husky Softball Stadium/Seattle, WA

The impact of COVID-19 restrictions and testing requirements necessitated the need to predetermine regional sites. These 20 sites were determined based on the team selection criteria and evaluative information available to the Softball Committee as of April 27. Once regionals are complete, the Softball Committee will select eight sites from the 16 regional sites to host super regionals.

6. Other business.

- **Committee composition.** The committee noted the following term expirations of current members and new members who will be joining the committee as of July 1:

Current COC members whose terms will expire July 1

- Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA
- Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference
- Luis Marcano, University of Delaware
- Kris Pierce, Atlantic Coast Conference

New COC members whose terms will begin July 1

- Peyton Boyd, Women’s Volleyball Student-Athlete, Temple University (non-voting student-athlete representative)
- Jennifer Condaras, Deputy Commissioner, Colonial Athletic Conference
- Tiffany Daniels, Associate Commissioner, Southeastern Conference
- Brad Edwards, Director of Athletics, George Mason University
- Raymond Harris, Senior Associate Director of Athletics, North Carolina State University
- Michael Kelly, Director of Athletics, University of South Florida
- Brandon Martin, Director of Athletics, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Celene McGowan, Associate Executive Director, Ivy League

7. Future videoconferences.

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- Wednesday, May 5, 2-3 p.m. Eastern.
- Wednesday, May 19, 11 a.m.-noon Eastern.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida

Staff Liaisons: Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances

Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Mark Benson, University of Albany.
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York).
Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA.
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
Beth Goetz, Ball State University.
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University.
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.
Luis Marcano, University of Delaware.
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University.
Kris Pierce, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Nona Richardson, University of Utah.
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine.
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.
Julia Ware, Purdue University.
Absentees:
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.

Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
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Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
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Jennifer Fraser, Anthony Holman, Greg Johnson, Tracy McClendon, Kathleen McNeely, Jeff Mlynski, Jeff O'Barr and Jerry Vaughn.
