



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 16, 2022, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Race distances for the 2023 National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Skiing Championships.** The Competition Oversight Committee voted to set the race distances for the 2023 National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Skiing Championships as follows:
 - Skate Interval Start – 5K for women and 10K for men (same as the current distances).
 - Classic Mass Start – 20K for both women and men (previously, the distances were 20K for men and 15K for women).

The committee agreed with the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Skiing Committee’s recommendation to make the Classic Mass Start race equal distance to align with the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) and U.S. Ski and Snowboard (USSA) to promote equal distance racing for men and women in cross country/Nordic skiing. Equal distances are being implemented at national and international competitions and reflect the direction the sport is going. The COC agreed with the sport committee’s assessment that this was the best first step in aligning with this shift.

The Skate Interval Start races are being kept at their current distances of 5K for the women and 10K for the men for 2023 based on feedback indicating that most student-athletes wanted to keep separate distances this year. Additionally, the sport committee felt it would be inappropriate to shorten the men’s distance to 5K from 10K or to double the length of the women’s from 5K to 10K with short notice regarding training and preparation for the championships in March. The sport committee also discussed additional distance options, such as 7.5K, but considered it too tight of a turnaround to ensure course certifications for those distances at all facilities throughout the membership, including regionals and championship facilities, without more research. Accordingly, the sport committee determined it was best to table a decision on the Skate Interval Start race distance until more information is available. The COC noted that the sport committee is committed to finding a solution for equal distances and plans to continue discussing changes for the 2024 championships.

Committee Chair: Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University
Staff Liaisons: Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Jennifer Condaras, Colonial Athletic Association.
Mike Cragg, St. John’s University (New York).

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Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
Katherine Harston, New Mexico State University.
Kim Johnson, Texas Christian University.
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida.
Celene McGowan, The Ivy League.
Eddie Nunez, University of New Mexico.
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College.
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University.
Julia Ware, University of Notre Dame.
Christina Wombacher, Arizona State University.
Absentees:
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Mark Benson, University of Albany.
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Billy Walker, American University.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances.
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Tracy McClendon.