



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 12, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Winter sports participation data.** The committee revisited its previously approved policy to determine bracket/field size for winter sports by the number of eligible conferences competing (team and individual/team sports) or institutions participating (individual sports) 30 days before selections and noted that all winter sports are above the 51 percent threshold required for conducting a championship at full bracket/field size capacity. The committee noted that for women's bowling, while the bracket will remain at full capacity, one of the seven eligible automatic-qualifying conferences is not participating. Per the committee's previously agreed-upon contingency plan, an additional at-large berth will be allocated to round out the field of 16 teams.

- 2. Relay protocol for swimming and diving.** In order to conduct the 2021 Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships as safely as possible while protecting the integrity of the student-athlete experience, the committee approved the sport committee's recommended protocol for relay events to effectively manage the number of participants in the venue and allow for the appropriate physical distancing:
 - All relay events will be timed finals to be competed in the evening finals sessions. There will be no relay events in the prelim sessions.
 - Only four relay teams will compete per heat with an open lane between each.
 - Institutions with eligible relays must declare which relays they intend to compete in and the number of relay alternates they will bring to the championships within 24 hours after the selection announcement.
 - All relay alternates on site at the championships must compete in at least one relay.
 - Relay alternates may not replace another swimmer scratched during the competition.

- 3. Code of conduct for championship participants.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated code of conduct to help ensure the health and safety of all participants during an NCAA championship in light of COVID-19 concerns and testing protocols.

- 4. Future videoconferences.** The committee plans to continue its biweekly videoconference and quarterly meeting schedule as follows:
 - Wednesday, February 17, 11 a.m. – noon Eastern.
 - Wednesday, March 3, 3-4 p.m. Eastern.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida
Staff Liaisons: Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances
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Attendees:	
Mark Benson, University of Albany.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA.	
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York).	
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.	
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.	
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:	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.	
Luis Marcano, University of Delaware.	
Guest(s) in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances.	
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Joni Comstock, Kristin Fasbender, Anthony Holman, Greg Johnson, Tracy McClendon, Chad Tolliver and Jerry Vaughn.	