



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JULY 1, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** Per a decision during its June 24 videoconference to retain the student-athlete voice as a standing topic for future meetings, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee continued discussing how campuses are addressing ongoing social justice and racial equality issues. Staff also recapped a number of national office initiatives that will leverage social media and the NCAA championships platforms to promote the student-athlete voice in ways that support individuals from all backgrounds.
2. **Update from the NCAA Chief Medical Officer.** NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline updated the committee on new resources and best practices that will be shared in the coming days with the NCAA membership regarding the Resocialization of Collegiate Sport; specifically, what strategies and tactics campus personnel may deploy to safely prepare student-athletes for their return to campus and to athletics competition.
3. **Fall sports sponsorship update.** Staff reviewed processes available (e.g., the NCAA membership database, tracking the number of completed contests, etc.) to monitor trends in sports sponsorship in order to determine whether bracket/field size adjustments or modifications in selection criteria may be necessary as the months progress.
4. **Possible revisions for select fall championships.** The committee continued reviewing potential contingency plans regarding the administration of fall sports championships (particularly those with larger brackets/field sizes and a higher number of preliminary-round sites) given the ongoing and unpredictable impacts from COVID-19.
  - a. **Cross country.** As the result of a previous request from the NCAA Division I Championships Finance Review Working Group, the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee is already working on a revised format to the current "all-comers" meet that creates a qualifying standard which would reduce the number of participants and the number of regionals for future championships. Various models in that regard are currently under review, and whatever is eventually selected will not be implemented until the 2022 championships. However, because of the increasing effects of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, it is becoming clearer that an alternative to the current "all-comers" format will be required for the 2020 championships as well. Accordingly, the Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee has developed a redesigned format that includes fewer participants and fewer sites to help ensure the health and safety of all involved. The committee reviewed the proposed format, and while members did not necessarily take a position on the merits of the proposal, they

did agree that it is developed enough for the sport committee to continue vetting within the cross country community. The committee hopes to review that feedback during its next meeting.

- b. Women's soccer.** Similar to the situation in cross country, the committee reviewed a potential bracket modification in women's soccer that adjusts the number of preliminary-round sites and potentially reduces the length of the tournament by one week. The committee asked to review models that reduced the number of sites and still kept intact the traditional four-week tournament timeline.
- 5. Automatic qualification in women's lacrosse.** The committee approved the Mid-American Conference for automatic qualification to the 2021 Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship. Accommodating the additional conference automatic qualifier also modifies the championship bracket.
- 6. Future videoconferences.** The committee agreed to continue convening biweekly for the foreseeable future via Microsoft Teams in order to manage the fluid and unpredictable athletics landscape moving forward. The next session is scheduled for July 13.

*Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida*

*Staff Liaisons: Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances*

*Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee July 1, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
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.	

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<b>Absentees:</b>
Jade Gates, DePaul University.
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA Chief Medical Officer.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Sharon Cessna and Jennifer Henderson.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Joni Comstock, Jennifer Fraser, Robin Hale, Anthony Holman, Carol A. Reep and Jerry Vaughn.