



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JULY 29, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** Staff updated the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee on topic-related initiatives, including a playing rules modification that will accommodate uniform/jersey patches with images/messages supporting equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as development of a training module for officials and other key game-ops personnel about how to effectively de-escalate issues or situations if they should occur.
2. **NCAA fall championships update.** Staff provided an update on discussions from recent NCAA Board of Governors meetings and a review of objectives and logistics if championship modifications become necessary. Primarily there are three options for fall sport championships: (1) conducting them as planned in the fall; (2) postponing them until the spring semester; and (3) canceling the fall sport championships altogether. Challenges associated with conducting the championships in either the fall or the spring semester include sport sponsorship levels by sport, state-imposed travel restrictions, site and hotel availability, availability of officials, time delays necessary between selections and start of competition because of testing, and increased costs related to testing protocols. Depending upon the circumstances, particularly sport sponsorship, championship brackets/field sizes also may need to be adjusted or reduced. Committee members acknowledged that their standing recommendation made several weeks ago is to conduct fall sport championships as they were originally scheduled. However, the committee is also aware that the Board of Governors convenes again August 4 and information coming out of that meeting may cause the committee to adjust. Regardless, the committee is determined to explore all possible options in order to provide as many Division I student-athletes as possible in all sports with a quality championship experience in 2020-21.
3. **Waiver of minimum contest requirements for fall sports other than football.** The committee noted that per its request, the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee approved a blanket waiver of the minimum contests requirements (NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.9.6.3) for the 2020-21 academic year for the fall sports of men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, men's water polo and women's volleyball. The committee supported application of the blanket waiver to continue even if fall sport championships ultimately are conducted in the spring semester. Additionally, the committee agreed to discuss whether a similar waiver should be available for winter and spring sports if the pandemic continues to affect those sports accordingly.

- 4. Future videoconferences.** Given the fact that the Board of Governors will meet August 4, the committee agreed to meet via Microsoft Teams August 5 to deliberate next steps.

*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 29, 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.	
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.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guest(s) in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Sharon Cessna and Jennifer Henderson.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Joni Comstock, Jennifer Fraser, Greg Johnson, Robin Hale, Anthony Holman, Carol A. Reep and Jerry Vaughn.	