



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JUNE 3, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Championships Finance Review Working Group recommendations and process.** The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee reviewed a comprehensive briefing document from the working group that will serve as a primer for membership feedback on recommendations affecting how Division I championships are funded and administered moving forward. Committee members discussed several of the recommendations in detail, particularly those regarding bracket/field size, in order to further inform their respective conferences as they review and offer comment on all of the recommendations this summer. The following timeline will be used to reach final decisions:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Action</b>
June 1 – July 10	Membership feedback period.
July – August	Working group receives membership feedback.
August 4	Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee reviews concepts.
August 12	Division I Council reviews membership feedback.
October 5	Finance Review Working Group meets to finalize recommendations.
October 7	Division I Council reviews final recommendations.
November 1	Deadline for introduction of proposals.
April 14-15, 2021	Anticipated vote on legislative recommendations.

2. **Review of feedback regarding fall championships.** The committee continued discussing potential parameters for fall sports the committee oversees, and for conducting fall championships should COVID-19 restrictions affect the completion of championships as normal or impact the health and safety of student-athletes and team personnel. Members reviewed survey results from Division I multi-sport conferences regarding their preferences for various alternate models/procedures if modifications to the playing and practice seasons and the conduct of championships are necessary. The predominate comments from the survey were:

- Maintaining student-athlete health and safety is imperative.
- It is still too early to make significant decisions regarding playing and practice seasons and championships given the fluidity of COVID-19 impacts.
- Prefer maintaining the current playing and practice seasons and championship dates.
- Support fall championships being conducted in the traditional fall season, even if the length of the regular season must be modified.
- Minimal support for moving championships to the winter and/or spring.

After further discussion and based on the information available at this time, the committee maintained its commitment to retaining the same formats, the same timelines, and the same previously determined sites for fall championships. The committee acknowledges that the ongoing uncertainty about the spread of the virus and the different actions and approaches states are taking to address it may cause modifications to be made to the playing and practice seasons and the championships as matters progress. The committee also is determined to remain nimble enough to react to a fluid and unpredictable environment in ways that protect the health, safety and well-being of student-athletes, coaches, administrators and spectators. Thus, if circumstances warrant, the committee will consider alternative models based on input from the Division I membership and fall sport committees. The committee believes it will be in a better position to make more informed recommendations by its next meeting June 15.

### 3. Future videoconferences.

- a. June 15, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- b. June 24, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- c. July 1, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
- d. July 15, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.

*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 June 3, 2020, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.
Mark Benson, University of Albany.
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA.
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.
Dawn Lewis, California State University, Fresno.
Larry Lyons, Illinois State University.
Luis Marcano, University of Delaware.

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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>
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
Jade Gates, DePaul University.
<b>Guest 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, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Robin Hale, Carol A. Reep and Jerry Vaughn.