



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Committee roster.** The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee reviewed its roster given the departures of two members. The vacancies will be filled through the normal governance process.
2. **Fall sports summer activities.**
 - **NCAA Division I Council update.** Staff provided an update from the I Council's June 17 meeting, noting that the group agreed to extend through July 31 the current waiver that allows up to eight hours of required virtual nonphysical countable activities (e.g., film review, chalk talk, team meetings) per week in sports other than football and basketball, with one required day off per week. The committee had recommended that action during its June 15 meeting.
 - **Summer athletics activities for sports other than football.** The committee at its June 15 meeting also reviewed two waiver requests regarding summer athletics activities in sports other than football, one from the coaches associations and one from the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Council at its June 17 meeting reviewed both proposals but deferred action pending further discussion and review. The committee again reviewed the waiver submissions and also discussed the possibility of early report dates prior to scheduled preseasons for fall sports other than football and agreed to support some form of earlier reporting for preseason.
3. **Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** Committee members discussed the recent emergence of social justice and racial equality issues and noted how their campuses were managing the situation. Staff noted a campaign from the national office that uses social media to promote the student-athlete voice in ways that support individuals from all backgrounds. The campaign also will leverage NCAA championships to deliver a unified message of student-athlete support (e.g., develop a PSA featuring select student-athletes expressing the importance of diversity and inclusion that could be used not only at NCAA championships but also at conference championships by request). Staff noted this topic will be included on subsequent committee agendas moving forward.
4. **COVID-19 Playing and Practice Seasons Working group update.** NCAA staff updated the committee on the work of the internal group addressing playing and practice season issues for the membership resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 5. Potential contingency plans for fall sports championships.** The committee continued its discussion regarding possible revisions to how fall sport championships would be conducted should conditions warrant a change. Committee members emphasized that in whatever scenarios that may emerge, the safety and health of student-athletes, staff and spectators remains paramount, and that fall championships should continue to be conducted in a manner that celebrates student-athletes and provides quality experiences. At the same time, the ongoing and unpredictable impacts of COVID-19 have created the need to develop contingency plans to manage fall championship sites and travel in the event conditions worsen. While such contingencies have not been activated or finalized, the committee began analyzing hypotheticals regarding modified brackets/fields in select fall sports to begin understanding the many nuances and ramifications. The committee also acknowledged the need to continuously monitor and assess ongoing factors such as changes in sport sponsorship, state-mandated travel restrictions, and adjustments in testing protocols to determine how best to conduct fall sport championships.
- 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 1.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida

Staff Liaisons: Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee June 24, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
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.	
Larry Lyons, Illinois State University.	
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.	

Absentees:
Jade Gates, DePaul University.
Luis Marcano, University of Delaware.
Guest in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Sharon Cessna and Jennifer Henderson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Joni Comstock, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser and Ty Halpin.