



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 10, 2023, MEETING**

**Note: This document does not include items incorporated in the NCAA Division I Council report.**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and the student-athlete voice.** As part of its ongoing commitment to celebrating equity, diversity and inclusion, the Competition Oversight Committee begins each meeting by recognizing an influential person, group or initiative that has made a positive impact in intercollegiate athletics. At this meeting, it was customary for the committee to recognize the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and honor his significant influence on American culture, including athletics. The committee also acknowledged and appreciated the efforts from the NCAA's Championships Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Team that was established to enhance EDI in all aspects of the championships program, including the recent implementation of the Minority Mentorship initiative that provides minorities and under-resourced individuals an opportunity to learn more about championship business and operations at select NCAA championships this year.
- 2. Committee focus areas and decision-making priorities.** As it also does at the beginning of every meeting, the committee revisited its focus areas (not in priority order) that will continue to guide its decision-making process going forward:

Student-athlete experience | Equity, diversity and inclusion | Competitive fairness | Student-athlete health and well-being | Fiscal planning
- 3. Review of recent reports.** The committee approved the reports from its November 9 videoconference and December 16 electronic correspondence as presented.
- 4. Division I championships updates.**
  - a. Budget update.** The committee reviewed the final budget-to-actuals for fiscal year 2021-22.
  - b. USOPC sport pilot initiatives.** Susan Baughman, former senior vice president of the Indiana Sports Corporation who has worked for many years with several sports' national governing bodies and has been engaged by the NCAA to collaborate with the USOPC to facilitate the recently established partnership between the NCAA and the USOPC, joined the committee to review initiatives created to enhance select sports and championships. The NCAA Sport Partnership Program is focusing its early work on enhancing men's and women's gymnastics and men's and women's track and field. The group also intends to explore enhancements for field hockey and men's volleyball as well.

- c. **Emerging sports process review.** The committee reviewed the process for emerging sports for women becoming championship sports in light of some sports approaching the sponsorship threshold for meriting championship consideration.

## 5. Individual/Team Sports Subcommittee report.

### a. Men's and women's rifle.

- **Host institution switch.** The COC approved the rifle committee's recommendation that West Virginia University, which was slated to host the 2025 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle Championships, instead host the 2024 championships, and that the University of Kentucky, the original host for 2024, instead host the 2025 championships. Kentucky can no longer host the 2024 championships due to construction impacting the competition venue, and West Virginia is willing to switch hosting years.

### b. Men's and women's skiing.

**Nordic race distances.** The COC noted the recent action from its December 16, 2022, electronic correspondence and is supportive of the skiing committee's goal for an equal distance solution for the 2024 championships for the Skate Interval Start distance.

### c. Men's and women's swimming and diving.

- **2024 championships schedule.** The committee discussed a scheduling nuance in the international swimming calendar for 2024 that was created as a result of the 2022 FINA World Championships being rescheduled to summer of 2023, which pushed the 2024 world meet that had originally been scheduled at that time to February 2024. Because that conflicts with the NCAA swimming season that year, the swimming coaches were asked whether an adjustment should be made. After exploring the matter in detail, however, it was deemed that modifying the NCAA calendar to avoid the conflict would be too drastic and would unduly disrupt the student-athlete experience. Accordingly, the collegiate swimming community decided to maintain the current schedule for the NCAA championships meets in 2024.

### d. Men's and women's track and field and cross country.

- **Annual meeting report.** The COC reviewed the report from the sport committee's annual meeting in November and noted as information the continued discussion regarding whether there should be more days between the regionals and national championships meets. The sport committee will continue working with the coaches association on feedback.

## 6. Team Sports Subcommittee report.

- **Baseball.**

- **Recent meeting report.** The committee reviewed the sport committee's November 2022 videoconference report as information, noting that the baseball committee met jointly with the Division I Softball Committee to discuss issues of mutual interest.

**7. Other business.**

- a. **Media consultant update.** Staff updated the committee on a request for proposals for media strategy companies to work with the NCAA on future broadcast agreements.
- b. **Legal update.** Staff provided an update on legal matters affecting Division I and the Association overall.

**8. Future videoconferences/meetings.**

- Wednesday, February 8, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- Wednesday, March 8, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (AdCom only videoconference).
- Tuesday, April 11, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (quarterly meeting via videoconference).

*Committee Chair: Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances*  
*Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances*  
*John Bugner, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee January 10, 2023, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.	
Mark Benson, University of Albany.	
Jennifer Condaras, Colonial Athletic Association.	
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York) (via videoconference).	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference (via videoconference).	
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference. (via videoconference)	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.	
Raymond Harrison, North Carolina State University (via videoconference).	
Katherine Harston, New Mexico State University.	
Kimberly Johnson, Texas Christian University (via videoconference).	
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida (via videoconference).	
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri-Kansas City.	
Celene McGowan, The Ivy League.	
Eddie Nunez, University of New Mexico.	
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College.	

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Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University.
Billy Walker, American University.
Christina Wombacher, Arizona State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference
Julia Ware, University of Notre Dame.
<b>Guest(s) in Attendance:</b>
Susan Baughman, . NCAA Contractor (via videoconference)
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor (via videoconference).
Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA Chief Medical Officer.
Dr. Tim Russell, Executive Director, Intercollegiate Tennis Association.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances.
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Kristin Fasbender, Greg Johnson, Julie Kimmons, Tracy McClendon, Jeff O'Barr, Leigh Ann Price, Jared Tidemann, Jerry Vaughn, Kelly Whitaker and Leeland Zeller.