



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and the student-athlete voice.** Staff updated the committee on ongoing efforts in preparation for the upcoming championships and honored the recent passing of diversity and inclusion trailblazers Irv Cross, the first Black sports analyst for network television, and civil rights leader Vernon Jordan.

- 2. Division I championships.**
 - a. Winter and fall championship dates.** The committee reviewed a summary of championship dates both for spring sports and for the 2020 fall sport championships being conducted in the spring.

 - b. Predetermined site selection for spring sports championship preliminary rounds.** As with winter and fall sports, the preliminary-round sites for spring sport championships are being predetermined to reduce the number of sites where applicable and accommodate health and safety and testing protocols. Sport committees are in the process of selecting these sites and will make announcements well in advance of their championship selections to allow sites the adequate time to comply with all the relevant protocols.

 - c. Minimum contest waivers.** The committee noted that only two waiver requests had been submitted to date, one in rifle and one in skiing.

- 3. Individual/team sports report.**
 - a. Wrestling.** The committee noted as information the steps the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee has taken to administer the 2021 championships, many of which have been used in previous years and will accommodate the unusual conditions presented this year. These include using historical data to pre-allocate spots to eligible conference tournaments to reduce the number of at-large berths to be filled at the time of selections, and providing selection criteria flexibility to assist teams/wrestlers that may have had their seasons adversely affected by COVID-19.

 - b. Men's and women's cross country.** Staff updated the committee on the recent recommendation from the sport committee to allow a limited number of spectators – four invited guests per participant – to attend the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships at Oklahoma State University March 15.

- 4. Team sports report.**
 - a. Field hockey.** The committee approved the following recommendations for the predetermined preliminary-round sites for the 2020 NCAA Division I Field Hockey

Championship. Each site will host six teams, four of which will play in two first-round games April 30 with the winners advancing to play two teams receiving a first-round bye in two second-round games May 2.

- Karen Shelton Stadium, hosted by University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Penn State Field Hockey Complex, hosted by Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania.

b. Women's volleyball. The committee received a comprehensive presentation summarizing logistics for the 2020 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship that will be conducted in April at the Omaha Convention Center, including an illustration of how the venue provides a safe and controlled environment that accommodates physical distancing; plans for limited spectator access; and a schedule that will accommodate all 48 teams competing in a six-round tournament over a 12-day period and provide for an exemplary experience for all participants. The schedule affords flexibility for broadcast coverage and provides for at least two days after the completion of the second-round matches and the regional finals for teams to rest and recover. The same information has been presented to and well received by the relevant stakeholders, including conference representatives from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

5. Future videoconferences.

- Wednesday, March 17, 11 a.m.-noon Eastern.
- Wednesday, April 7, time TBD.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida

Staff Liaisons: Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances

Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.	
Mark Benson, University of Albany.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Keisha Dunlap, Conference USA.	
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York).	
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.	
Beth Goetz, Ball State University.	

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Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference.
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University.
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.
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.
Absentees:
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University.
Julia Ware, Purdue University.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
TJ Meagher, University of Houston (Division I Women's Volleyball Committee Chair).
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Kristin Fasbender, Anthony Holman, Greg Johnson, Tracy McClendon and Jerry Vaughn.