

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MAY 6, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Feedback on conference waiver requests. Per a request from the NCAA Division I Council, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee reviewed relevant components of the waiver requests submitted by the commissioners of FBS nonautonomy, FCS and Division I subdivision conferences and provided the following feedback for the Council to consider at its May 20 meeting. At this time the committee prefers that any waiver be available only for the 2020-21 academic year, but members indicated they would be willing to consider extending the period in the future should conditions warrant.
 - Minimum contests and participant requirements for sport sponsorship. The committee supported a to-be-determined percentage reduction in the required minimums to provide institutions some level of financial relief without compromising the integrity of the postseason selection process.
 - Scheduling requirements.
 - **Contests against non-Division I institutions.** The committee noted its preference for providing some percentage of reduction in the minimum number of contests required for selection purposes over increasing the number of contests against non-Division I opponents to satisfy the requirements. The committee deferred the decision for football and men's and women's basketball to those sports' respective oversight committees.
 - **Home arena requirement in men's and women's basketball.** While acknowledging that feedback from the basketball oversight committees should be the deciding factor, the committee did support waiving the requirement for institutions to play at least one-third of its regular season games away from home for the 2020-21 season.
- 2. Conference communication/collaboration. Given the fluid circumstances regarding the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the committee agreed that regular communication/ collaboration with conferences is essential in order to inform decision-making going forward, and that the committee should take a leadership role in facilitating the conversation. The committee asked staff to update commissioners as committee decisions are rendered, and to draft a potential survey for the committee to consider at its next meeting to obtain conference feedback on important issues in the coming weeks.
- **3.** Skiing championships appeal request. The committee considered but ultimately did not support a request from an institution to determine a team champion for the truncated 2020

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National Collegiate Men's and Women's Skiing Championships. Two days of the four-day championships had been completed when the NCAA announced that the remainder of the winter sports and all of the spring sports championships were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Committee determined that given the cancellation that not enough of the championships had been completed to determine a team champion. The institution submitting the appeal believes the NCAA Skiing Rules Modifications provide a way for a team champion to be declared, but the committee agreed to uphold the sport committee's decision.

- **4. Future videoconferences.** Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee agreed to continue meeting biweekly for the near future.
 - a. May 20, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
 - **b.** June 3, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.
 - c. June 15, 2020; Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Committee Chair:Lynda Tealer, University of FloridaStaff Liaisons:Sharon Cessna, Championships and AlliancesJennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Troy Dannen, Tulane University.
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.
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.

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Absentees:
Mark Benson, University of Albany.
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
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, Robin Hale, Carol A. Reep and Jerry Vaughn.