



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 27, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and opening remarks.** Division I Competition Oversight Committee Chair Michael Kelly welcomed the group and previewed the agenda, noting that he has assumed the position of chair of the committee now that Renee Baumgartner has been selected as a member of the Division I Men's Basketball Committee. Kimberly Johnson has assumed Mr. Kelly's previous role as vice chair. Ms. Baumgartner joined the group to express her appreciation for the committee's work during her tenure as chair. In turn, the committee members expressed their appreciation for her leadership and dedication.
2. **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. For this meeting the committee viewed a short video on understanding Native American Heritage as part of Native American Heritage Month.
3. **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
4. **Review of recent reports.** The committee approved the report from its October 2 videoconference as presented. The committee also reviewed the report from the Administrative Committee's November 13 videoconference, noting the reason for the call was to approve an additional qualifying event for men's and women's swimming and diving.
5. **Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee update.** Jamie Zamrin updated the COC on the SAAC's congressional engagement efforts, including resources being developed for all campus and conference SAACs to promote the value of the student-athlete experience.
6. **Sport committee reports.**
 - a. **Women's volleyball.**
 - **AQ waiver request.** The committee approved a waiver request allowing the Northeast Conference to retain its automatic qualification status for the 2024 NCAA Division I

Women's Volleyball Championship despite conference membership falling below the required five active institutions to be eligible for AQ through the grace period due to conference realignment issues. The committee granted relief for one year and considered this the first year of the two-year grace period. The conference would need to have five active institutions for 2025-26 and six active institutions by 2026-27 or risk losing its automatic qualification. The COC noted that the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Committees previously granted similar waivers to the NEC.

b. Women's beach volleyball.

(1) Automatic qualification. The committee approved the following conferences for automatic qualification into the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship: Atlantic Sun Conference; Conference USA; Big West Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Sun Belt Conference; Southland; Conference; Ohio Valley Conference; and West Coast Conference.

(2) AQ exception request. The committee approved granting the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association a one-year exception to the automatic qualification requirements, which allows for a conference to be granted an AQ with fewer than six teams when the sport is sponsored by fewer than 30% of the membership and the conference previously included six teams that sponsor the sport. The COC agreed with the beach volleyball committee's rationale that the exception was merited due to the recent effect of conference realignment on the CCSA membership. The COC has provided similar one-year exceptions in the past.

7. Future videoconferences/meetings.

- Monday, December 11, 2-3:30 p.m. (videoconference).
- January 9, 2024, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mountain time (in-person meeting in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Phoenix).

Committee Chair: Michael Kelly, University of South Florida
Staff Liaisons: Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Jennifer Condaras, Coastal Athletic Association.
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York)

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Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
Rodrigo Alvarez Gonzalez, Bradley University.
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
Raymond Harrison, North Carolina State University.
Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.
Kimberly Johnson, Texas Christian University.
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida.
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Celene McGowan, The Ivy League.
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College.
Jenna Rogers, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University.
Billy Walker, American University.
Christina Wombacher, Arizona State University.
Jamie Zamrin, Portland State University.
Absentees:
Janet Oberle, Saint Louis University.
Guests in Attendance:
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances.
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Greg Johnson, Tracy McClendon, Jeff O'Barr, Michelle Forte-Osborne and Jerry Vaughn.