



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Equity, diversity, inclusion (EDI) and the student-athlete voice.** As part of its ongoing commitment to celebrating equity, diversity and inclusion and recognizing the positive influence that NCAA student-athletes have on national and global scale, the Competition Oversight Committee noted the continuation of Hispanic Heritage Month and the many contributions made by student-athletes of Hispanic descent, including former University of Arizona golfer and recent World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Lorena Ochoa.
- 2. Squad size/travel party/bench size review.** The committee continued discussing its desire to engage in a more holistic review of all team-sport squad, travel party and bench sizes rather than address them as one-off requests. The committee noted this is consistent with the recommendation from the Division I Championships Finance Review Working Group, which recommended a process and a set of principles that the Division I Council subsequently approved to manage future requests to increase the limits or modify the individuals included in the squad size, travel party or bench size.

The committee did, however, begin discussing whether to expedite the review of bench size given that there is no budget impact associated with that component and given that some sport committees already have asked to increase current limits. The Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee in fact has asked to adjust the bench size to accommodate a team's entire roster (as determined by the team's website) plus a specified number of non-student-athletes and two medical personnel.

The Competition Oversight Committee did not take a position on the Men's Lacrosse Committee's request (see Informational Item 4-a), though it did agree to ask all sport committees for input regarding bench size, including the suggestion for accommodating an entire roster, noting that factors such as the possible variance of hosts' abilities to accommodate more individuals should be considered. The Competition Oversight Committee asked that these factors be taken into account when providing feedback. The committee also acknowledged that the Phase II report of the gender equity review will likely have an impact on this issue, and that policies should not be finalized until that report has been received and sport committees have had the opportunity to comment.

3. Individual/Team Sports Subcommittee report.

a. Men's and women's track and field and cross country.

- **2022 cross country regional sites.** The committee approved the following locations for the 2022 Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Championships:

- Great Lakes Regional - Indiana State University.
- Mid-Atlantic Regional – Penn State University.
- Midwest Regional – University of Missouri, Columbia.
- Mountain Regional – University of New Mexico.
- Northeast Regional – Columbia University.
- South Regional – Florida State University.
- South Central Regional – Texas A&M University, College Station.
- Southeast Regional – University of Louisville.
- West Regional – University of Washington.

b. Women’s golf.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved that the following 27 conferences receive automatic bids for the 2022 NCAA Division I Women’s Golf Championships: American Athletic Conference; ASUN Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Big East Conference; Big Sky Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Mountain West Conference; Northeast Conference; Ohio Valley Conference; Pacific-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; Southern Conference; Southland Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; and Western Athletic Conference.
- **Substitution policy – conference championships.** The committee approved allowing substitutions (between stipulated rounds only) during women’s golf conference championships (both stroke and match play) beginning this year. This aligns with policies in place for men’s golf.
- **Inclement weather policy.** The committee approved adjusting the inclement weather policy to require at least 36 holes to be completed at regionals for advancement to the national championships, an increase from a minimum of 18 holes under the current policy. (If a minimum of 36 holes cannot be completed, the top-seeded teams and top-seeded individuals not on an advancing team will advance to the championships, as is the case under the current policy.) This aligns more closely with policies in place for men’s golf.

4. Team Sports Subcommittee report.

a. Men’s lacrosse.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved that the following 10 conferences receive automatic bids for the 2022 NCAA Division I Men’s Lacrosse Championship: America East Conference; ASUN Conference; Big East Conference; Big Ten Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Northeast Conference; Patriot League; and Southern Conference.

- **Additional opening-round game.** Because the ASUN Conference gained eligibility for automatic qualification this year, the total number of AQ-eligible conferences increased from nine to 10. The existing 16-team bracket already requires one opening-round game to comply with legislation stating at least 50 percent of the bracket be allocated to at-large selections. The increase from nine to 10 AQs requires a second opening-round game to be played. The Men's Lacrosse Committee is recommending that the four lowest-ranked automatic-qualifying teams as determined by the committee, regardless of conference RPI, will compete in opening-round games to determine the final two AQ spots in the championship bracket. The estimated budget impact of the additional opening-round game is approximately \$39,000 and will be accommodated by the existing 2021-22 championships budget allocation.
- **Request to increase bench size.** The committee discussed but did not take action on a recommendation from the Men's Lacrosse Committee to adjust the bench size to accommodate a team's entire roster (as determined by the team's website) plus 12 non-student-athletes and two medical personnel. (The current bench size is 50 plus two medical personnel.) The COC agreed to revisit this request once it completes its broader review of squad size/travel party/bench size as noted in Informational Item 2 above.

b. Women's rowing.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved that the following 11 conferences receive automatic bids for the 2022 NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships: American Athletic Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Patriot League; and West Coast Conference.

c. Men's soccer.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved that the following 23 conferences receive automatic bids for the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship: America East Conference; American Athletic Conference; ASUN Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Big East Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Northeast Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southern Conference; The Summit League; West Coast Conference; and Western Athletic Conference.

d. Men's volleyball.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved that the following five conferences receive automatic bids for the 2022 NCAA National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship: Big West Conference; Conference Carolinas; Eastern Intercollegiate

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Volleyball Association; Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association; and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

5. Future videoconferences.

- Wednesday, November 10, 2-3 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University

*Staff Liaisons: Liz Suscha, Championships and Alliances
Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances
Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances*

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Attendees:
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University.
Jennifer Condaras, Colonial Athletic Association.
Mike Cragg, St. John's University (New York).
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.
Alec Dominguez, Florida International University.
Brad Edwards, George Mason University.
Wendy Fallen, Big Ten Conference.
Raymond Harrison, North Carolina State University.
Kathy Keene, Sun Belt Conference.
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida.
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.
Celene McGowan, The Ivy League.
Billy Walker, American University.
Christina Wombacher, Arizona State University (temporarily replacing Nona Richardson as the representative from the Pac-12 Conference).
Absentees:
Mark Benson, University of Albany.
Peyton Boyd, Temple University.
Beth Goetz, Ball State University.
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University.
Julia Ware, Purdue University.
Guest(s) in Attendance:

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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:
Jennifer Fraser, Anthony Holman, Tracy McClendon and Mickie Spears.