



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee members took several moments to acknowledge the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, noting how continuously and stridently she worked to support equity and diversity in applying policy and law throughout her professional and civic life.

2. **Division I governance update.** Staff updated the committee on the following:
 - a. **Division I Council.** Among the more important items from the NCAA Division I Council's most recent meeting were establishing November 25 as the first date for competition for men's and women's basketball; continuing discussion regarding resocialization guidelines for basketball participants; and adopting noncontroversial legislation requiring an annual day off for student-athletes on the first Tuesday after November 1 to provide more opportunities for them to participate in civic engagement (i.e., voting or community service).

 - b. **Presidential Forum review of sustainability.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors authorized the Presidential Forum to take a lead role in recommending strategies and initiatives to protect and enhance intercollegiate athletics at the Division I level. The review is prompted in large part because of the financial pressures being exerted on intercollegiate athletics and higher education in general due to COVID-19. The review dovetails to some degree with the work the committee has already done in the sustainability arena to date, as well as recommendations from the Championships Finance Review Working Group, which includes several committee members, to manage championships administration.

 - c. **Championships Finance Review Working Group.** The working group reconvened September 17 to review membership feedback from the survey distributed in late spring, noting that many of the group's policy recommendations were generally supported while recommendations to adjust bracket/field size in certain sports were less supported. The working group will meet again October 7 to finalize recommendations for the 2020-21 legislative cycle, though many of the decisions regarding bracket/field size will be held for the 2021-22 cycle due to the uncertainty of sports sponsorship moving forward, among other reasons.

3. **Preliminary discussions regarding winter and spring sports.** With the Council approving the committee's recommendations for fall sports, members turned their attention to winter and spring sports. The committee noted that the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, which has primary oversight of playing and practice season issues, is reviewing parameters for winter and spring sports and as of now is comfortable with the current structure, though it could be revisited as conditions warrant. Committee members also began discussing

the same kinds of items related to winter and spring sports as they did with fall sports, such as sport sponsorship levels required for conducting a championship in a given sport, minimum and maximum contest limits, and potential suspension of the ".500 rule," among other issues. The committee will continue those discussions at its October 5 meeting.

- 4. Division I championships update.** Staff noted the consensus appreciation expressed throughout the governance structure for the committee's diligence in recommending solutions for conducting fall sport championships during the spring term. Staff also noted that budget projections for conducting the fall sport championships, while still significantly more than usual for previous years, are less than had been expected. Additionally, staff informed the group that NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline will visit with the committee during an upcoming meeting to discuss resocialization issues affecting winter and spring sports.
- 5. Future videoconferences.** The committee will next convene for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting via videoconference October 5.

Committee Chair: Lynda Tealer, University of Florida

Staff Liaisons: Sharon Cessna, Championships and Alliances

Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee September 23, 2020, Videoconference	
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.	
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference.	
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University.	
Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno.	
Larry Lyons, Illinois State University.	
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.
Julia Ware, Purdue University.
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University.
Absentees:
None.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Sharon Cessna and Jennifer Henderson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Joni Comstock, Amanda Conklin, Robin Hale, Greg Johnson, Carol A. Reep and Liz Suscha.