



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
JULY 1 AND JULY 9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. Application of the Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Fall Championship Sports.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee clarify the application of the blanket waiver to permit institutions and conferences that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA championship, to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:

(a) Practice and competition in fall championship sports must end by Monday, May 31, 2021, for those institutions and/or conferences that move the fall championship segment to the spring.

(b) Fall sport student-athletes shall not participate in countable athletically related activities, including workouts designed and conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, for a 14-consecutive day period following an institution's championship segment. For example, if a football team competes on May 31, 2021, the strength and conditioning coach may not design or conduct a workout until June 14, 2021. It would remain permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to monitor a voluntary workout for safety purposes during the 14-day break, provided the activity meets the definition of a voluntary activity per NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.02.17 (voluntary athletically related activities). [Note: It is not permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to design or conduct a workout during the summer for student-athletes in fall championship sports until June 1 (See Bylaw 17.1.6.3.5.1).]

2. Effective date. Immediate.

3. Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for fall 2020

sports. While institutions and conferences may not be able to participate in the traditional fall championship segment, this waiver will provide flexibility to institutions to determine an appropriate playing and practice season to provide fall sport student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity in 2020-21 and, as such, student-athletes would still utilize a season of competition. This flexibility will also assist with institutional management of the impact of COVID-19 and resulting enrollment management challenges. This clarification is necessary to assist institutions and conferences in planning for the 2020-21 academic year.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.
5. Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Winter and Spring Championship Sports.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a blanket waiver to permit institutions and conferences to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II winter and spring championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:

*Basketball:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare multiple segments, not to exceed 114 days of on-court practice and competition. Institutions would be permitted to begin on-court practice prior to October 15 and/or competition prior to November 13.
- (b) Practice and competition would remain impermissible during the legislated seven-day winter break (December 21-27, 2020); however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
- (c) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021.
- (d) Institutions would be eligible to participate in the Division II Championship even if they declare an alternate playing season and may resume practice and competition after the championship, as long as days remain in the 114-days.

*Winter sports other than basketball:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the regular season as listed below.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2021 NCAA Division II Championship).</b>
Swimming and Diving	144*
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field	144* (for institutions that sponsor only indoor track and field).  156* (for institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field).
Wrestling	144*

\* Which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required days off and official vacation, holiday and final-examination period which no practice or competition shall occur.

- (b) Wrestling would be permitted to begin competition prior to November 1.
- (c) Practice and competition would remain impermissible during the legislated seven-day winter break (December 21-27, 2020); however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
- (d) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021.
- (e) Institutions would be eligible to participate in the Division II Championship even if they declare an alternate playing season and may resume practice and competition after the championship, as long as days remain in the season.

*Spring sports – nonchampionship segment:*

- (a) Permit institutions to declare a nonchampionship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year (other than during institutional final exams and the legislated winter break), based on the institution’s adjusted championship segment.
- (b) The nonchampionship segment must end seven calendar days prior to final examinations.
- (c) If the nonchampionship segment precedes the championship segment, student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break between segments.

*Spring sports – championship segment:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the regular season as listed below.

Sport	Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2021 NCAA Division II Championship)
Baseball	131
Men’s Golf	117
Women’s Golf	114
Men’s Lacrosse	123
Women’s Lacrosse	125
Rowing	139
Softball	124
Men’s Tennis	119
Women’s Tennis	121
Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field	144* (for institutions that sponsor only outdoor track and field).  156* (for institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field).

\* Which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required days off and official vacation, holiday and final-examination period which no practice or competition shall occur.

- (b) Institutions may divide the championship segment into two segments, but the winter break legislation (Bylaw 17.02.18) would still apply; however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
  - (c) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021, unless the institution is participating in the NCAA Championship.
  - (d) Student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break at the conclusion of the championship segment in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1-(e).
  - (e) Institutions that declare a different championship segment for their spring sports would be eligible to participate in the Division II championship.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for the 2020-21 academic year. This waiver will provide flexibility to institutions to determine an appropriate playing and practice season to provide winter and spring sport student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity in 2020-21 and, as such, student-athletes would still utilize a season of competition. This flexibility will also assist with institutional management of the impact of COVID-19 and resulting enrollment management challenges.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Subcommittee appointment.** The committee appointed Dr. Kara Lindaman, faculty athletics representative, Winona State University, to the Legislative Review Subcommittee effective immediately.

**2. Future meeting dates.**

- a. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis); and
- b. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division II Legislation Committee July 1 and 9, 2020, Videoconferences</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College (July 9, 2020, videoconference).	
David Marsh, Northwood University (July 9, 2020, videoconference).	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College (July 1, 2020, videoconference only).	
David Marsh, Northwood University (July 1, 2020, videoconference only).	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Roxann Frankel, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Stephanie Quigg, Roberta Page and Angela Red.	