



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 3, 9 AND 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Fall Championship Sports.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a 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:

Championship segment: 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. Institutions that declare a different championship segment for their fall sports would not be eligible to participate in the Division II championship, but a conference championship opportunity may be available. Institutions may divide the championship segment into two segments, but the winter break legislation (NCAA Bylaw 17.02.18) would still apply. 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).

Sport	Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2020 NCAA Division II Championship)
Cross Country	84 days
Field Hockey	89 days
Football	103 days
Men's Soccer	94 days
Women's Soccer	95 days
Volleyball	108 days

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

Alternate playing season in golf and tennis: Permit institutions to extend the fall championship segment and/or spring nonchampionship segment by the number of days the institution delayed the start of the fall 2020 championship segment. Practice during the spring nonchampionship segment may not begin prior to January 10 and competition may not begin prior to February 1 (current parameters for golf and tennis teams that play the championship segment in the spring). For example, if a tennis team is not able to begin practice until August 27, which is a 10-day delay, the institution may continue participating until November 25, start the nonchampionship segment on February 5 or use a combination of the 10 lost days over both segments.

- (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.

The outside competition legislation (Bylaw 14.7) would continue to apply. Student-athletes in team sports may participate as a member of an outside team outside of the institution's declared playing season in that sport. Student-athletes in individual sports may participate as an individual at any time during the academic year, provided the parameters of Bylaw 14.7.3.4 (competition as individual/not representing institution) are met.

The committee does not recommend any adjustments to the playing season for those teams that start the fall championship segment on time and may

ultimately have a COVID-19 related disruption and noted those situations can be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding possible changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee discussed the Core Principles for Resocialization of Sport and potential options for the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship calendars. The committee also reviewed survey feedback from Division II presidents and chancellors, athletic directors and conference commissioners. The committee recommended no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition, and no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines. If the local or national landscape changes, the committee expressed support for potential revisions to championships schedules, as needed.
2. **Approval of the April 30 and May 11, 2020, videoconferences Legislation Committee report.** The committee reviewed and approved its April 30 and May 11, 2020, videoconferences report.
3. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. June 22-23, 2020, videoconference;
 - b. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis); and
 - c. 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

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee June 3, 9 and 16, 2020, Videoconferences	
Attendees:	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College.	
David Marsh, Northwood University (June 9 and 16, 2020, videoconferences).	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Keith Vitense, Cameron University.	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
Absentees:	
David Marsh, Northwood University (June 3, 2020, videoconference only).	
Guests in Attendance:	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Markie Cook, Roxann Frankel, Terri Steeb Gronau, Liz Homrig, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Corbin McGuire, Stephanie Quigg, Roberta Page and Angela Red.	