



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

*In an effort to connect NCAA Division I Council items to the NCAA pillars of academics, fairness and well-being, items included in this report have an identifying pillar. There is an additional pillar, operational, that is used to denote items that relate to maintaining a stable and efficient Division I.*

**KEY ITEMS.**

- 1. Legislative Actions.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Council took the legislative actions listed below.
  - a. Required Day Off for Civic Engagement. The Council adopted NCAA Proposal No. 2020-4 as noncontroversial legislation to specify that all countable athletically related activities (CARA) shall be prohibited on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This legislation was proposed by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with the goal of providing student-athletes with more opportunities to participate in civic engagement (e.g., voting, volunteering, community service). This legislation is effective immediately but is not applicable to contests scheduled before July 17, 2020.
  - b. Football Playing and Practice Seasons. At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-15 as temporary emergency legislation to implement changes to the 2020-21 football playing and practice season framework for Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions that postpone competition to the spring. This legislation provides flexibility for practice time periods and permits up to eight regular season contests to occur during a period of not more than 13 weeks, with the last regular season contest occurring not later than April 17, 2021. The playing and practice season framework is intended to ensure that legislative requirements mandating specific days/time off (e.g., discretionary weeks) for student-athletes during a traditional fall season will apply in a comparable manner to a spring season. The effective date of this legislation is September 21, 2020.
  - c. Playing and Practice Season Recommendations for Fall Sports Other than Football. Based on recommendations from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, the Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-16 as temporary emergency legislation related to a number of key elements of the playing seasons for fall sports other than football. This legislation specifies that: (1) An institution may break up the fall playing season into multiple segments; (2) Practice during finals and the week prior is prohibited if a team is “in season” but not competing; (3) A break must be taken prior to the start of the spring championship segment; (4) An

institution may determine the first opportunity to practice in the spring based on the institution's needs and other factors; (5) The first permissible date of competition is a consistent, established date for each fall sport (see Attachment A); (6) An institution may extend the spring championship segment beyond the NCAA championship but no later than the conclusion of the institution's academic year; and (7) An institution may exempt an alternate postseason opportunity that occurs outside the playing season.

d. Midyear Enrollee Eligibility.

- 1) The Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-17 as temporary emergency legislation to specify that a midyear enrollee football student-athlete is not eligible for competition in the 2020-21 academic year. This action promotes consistency with existing legislation that does not permit a freshman or transfer midyear enrollee to participate in postseason competition that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the school. This legislation applies to both FBS and FCS institutions and is effective immediately.
- 2) The Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-18 as temporary emergency legislation to specify that a midyear enrollee student-athlete in fall sports other than football is not eligible for competition in the 2020-21 academic year. In adopting this legislation, the Council noted the importance of maintaining consistent eligibility requirements in all fall sports.

e. Basketball Playing and Practice Season. At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the Council took the following legislative actions related to the 2020-21 men's and women's basketball playing and practice seasons. The Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-19 as temporary emergency legislation to:

- 1) Permit an institution to begin a transition from out-of-season activities to on-court preseason practice on September 21, 2020. This period may include a maximum of 12 hours per week of required strength and conditioning activities, sport-related meetings and skill instruction, with not more than eight hours spent on skill instruction per week. Two days off per week are required during this period. Additionally, an institution may not begin on-court preseason practice until October 14, 2020.
- 2) Prohibit institutions from participating in a scrimmage or exhibition contest prior to the first permissible date of competition for the 2020-21 playing season.

- 3) Change the first permissible contest date to November 25, 2020. In addition, the maximum number of contests in which an institution may participate shall be reduced by four contests.
- 4) Reduce the minimum number of contests required to satisfy sports-sponsorship requirements by 50% and waive NCAA Bylaws 18.5.3-(b) (men's basketball eligibility requirements) and 20.02.5.3-(a) (regular season conference competition minimum requirement).
- f. Temporary Recruiting Dead Period. The Council adopted Proposal No. R-2020-20 as emergency legislation to extend the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.5.5) in all sports through January 1, 2021, and preclude complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes and their coaches during the dead period. As a result, effective immediately, it is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes who may be visiting an institution unrelated to recruitment per Bylaw 13.7.3.5 (visit unrelated to recruitment) and it is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to coaches of prospective student-athletes or other individuals associated with prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.8.1 (entertainment restrictions).

**2. Recommendations Related to Fall Sport Championships.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council made recommendations to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors regarding key elements of fall championships. The Council's recommendations were informed by initial recommendations from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee and the Football Oversight Committee. These recommendations will be considered by the Board of Directors on September 22.

- a. Brackets/Field Sizes — Fall Sports Other Than Football. The Council recommends reducing team sport field sizes to 75% of normal, setting the field size for men's and women's cross country at 255 student-athletes per gender and guaranteeing access to all automatic qualifiers.
- b. Selection Criteria — Fall Sports Other Than Football. The Council recommends providing maximum flexibility to allow teams to meet specified minimum contest requirements, counting contests conducted in the fall term for selection purposes and allowing sport committees to consider all available data at the time of selections.
- c. FCS Championship. The Council recommends conducting the FCS Championship from April 18 through May 15, 2021, reducing the field size from 24 to 16 teams, accommodating all eligible automatic qualifiers and considering completed fall competitions when making selections for the championship.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee Composition.** (Operational) The Council approved a revision to the Council policies and procedures to expand the composition of the Council Coordination Committee to include up to 10 members. This action will allow the Coordination Committee to include more representation from Council standing committees and consider additional input and perspectives on key discussions and decisions. Additionally, the Council approved the addition of a third year to the term of Coordination Committee member Lynda Tealer.
2. **NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers Update.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update and provided feedback on elements of the Working Group on Transfers' comprehensive uniform transfer eligibility legislative concept. The Council provided specific feedback related to the inclusion of a notification of transfer date by which a student-athlete must enter the NCAA Transfer Portal. The working group plans to recommend a final uniform transfer eligibility proposal not later than the October Council meeting.
3. **Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The Council received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
4. **Reports of the August 12 and August 19 Council Videoconferences.** The Council approved the reports of its August 12 and August 19 Council videoconferences.

*Council Chair: Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League*  
*Council Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Law Policy and Governance*  
*Jennifer Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance*  
*Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance*  
*Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance*

NCAA Division I Council Videoconference September 16, 2020	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Gary Barta, University of Iowa; Big Ten Conference.	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; Conference USA.	
Kim Capriotti, Faculty Athletics Representatives Association representative.	
Patrick Chun, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference (Division I conference commissioner).	
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.	
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; America East Conference.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Samantha Huge, College of William and Mary; Colonial Athletic Association.	
Mark Jackson, Villanova University; Big East Conference.	
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University, Patriot League.	
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.	
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.	
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).	
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.	
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.	
Martin Newton, Samford University; Southern Conference.	
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.	
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).	
Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.	
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	
Rich Tiner, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Horizon League.	

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference September 16, 2020</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
John Williams, Southland Conference.	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
<b>Absentee:</b>	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Jackie Campbell, Emily Capehart, Sharon Cessna, Meredith Cleaver, Shauna Cobb, Mark Emmert, Curtis Franks, Dan Gavitt, Brian Hainline, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Hebbard, Jennifer Henderson, Anthony Holman, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, PJ Hubert, Charnele Kemper, Jessica Kerr, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Marnae Mawdsley, Corbin McGuire, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, John Parsons, Susan Peal, Carol Reep, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson, Angela Tressel, Cari Van Senus, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.	

# Cross Country

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(Inst. Discretion)

SPRING – First  
Permissible Contest  
(Jan 23)

SPRING – Season  
(Jan 23 – March 5)

SPRING –  
Selections  
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SPRING – First/Last  
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Permissible Contest  
(Feb 12)

SPRING – Season  
(Feb 12 – Apr 23)

SPRING –  
Selections  
(Apr 24)

SPRING - First/Last  
Championship  
(May 7/May 9)



# Men's and Women's Soccer

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SPRING - First  
Permissible Contest  
(Feb 3)

SPRING – Season  
(Feb 3 – Apr 17)

SPRING –  
Selections  
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SPRING - First/Last  
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(Apr 24/May 16)

# Volleyball

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SPRING – Season  
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SPRING – Selections  
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SPRING – First/Last  
Date Championship  
(Apr 9/Apr 25)

# Men's Water Polo

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SPRING – First Permissible Practice (Inst. Discretion)	SPRING – First Permissible Contest (Jan 16)	SPRING – Season (Jan 16 – March 6)	SPRING – Selections (Mar 7)	First/Last Championship (Mar 19/20)
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Conference -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	8/12 and 8/19 Reports	3C Composition and Term	2020-4 as Noncontroversial	2020-4	R-2020-15 as Emergency (FBS Only)	R-2020-15 (FBS Only)	R-2020-15 as Emergency (FCS Only)	R-2020-15 (FCS Only)	R-2020-17 as Emergency (FBS Only)	R-2020-17 (FBS Only)	R-2020-17 as Emergency (FCS Only)	R-2020-17 (FCS Only)	R-2020-16 as Emergency	R-2020-16	R-2020-18 as Emergency	R-2020-18	Fall Sports (Other than Football) Championships Package	FCS Championship Recommendation (FCS Only)	R-2020-19 as Emergency	R-2020-19 Transition, Practice, Science and Exhibitions, Minimum Contests	First Contest Nov. 25 with 4 Contest Reduction- Initial Vote	First Contest Nov. 21 with 3 Contest Reduction	Reconsider First Contest Nov. 25 with 4 Contest Reduction	R-2020-19 - Nov. 25 with 4 Contest Reduction	R-2020-20 as Emergency	R-2020-20
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	N			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke	A	4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colonial Athletic Association -- S. Hugu	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2			A	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			A	Y	A	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- I. Wicker McCree	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	N			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	N			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (Pioneer for FCS)		1			Y	Y			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
SAAC -- C. Lee		1																										
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1			Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		
Yes/Adopt (Y)					61	63	15	15	13	13	15	15	13	13	61	63	61	60			63	61	41	19	53	53	62	60
No/Defeat (N)					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			0	2	21	44	10	10	0	1
Abstain (A)					2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0			0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No Vote Cast (Blank)					1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Total					64	64	15	15	13	13	15	15	13	13	64	64	64	64			64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
Y Percent					100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	95.2%				100.0%	96.8%	66.1%	30.2%	84.1%	84.1%	100.0%	98.4%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy