

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DECEMBER 14, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- Nonlegislative items.
 - Men's Basketball Eligibility Requirements Waiver of NCAA Bylaw 18.5.3-(a).
 - (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. That the NCAA Division I Council waive the requirement that a conference must determine a conference championship in at least six men's sports (two of which must be team sports) in order to be eligible for automatic qualification in the men's basketball championship for 2020-21.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) <u>Rationale</u>. Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, the committee has concerns about the likelihood that conferences will determine conference champions in six men's sports. Currently no conference champions have been determined in any sports, when at this time during previous years a conference champion would have been determined in at least four sports. Section (b) of Bylaw 18.5.3 was previously waived by the Council.
 - (4) <u>Estimated budget impact</u>. None.
 - (5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. Will help to allow participation in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship for deserving student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Racial/social justice programming insights from NCAA Diversity and Inclusion. The committee received an update on NCAA racial and social justice initiatives and the structure for which the programming will occur. The committee reaffirmed its support of the creation of a senior minority administrator for all institutions and their support will be noted when the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee reviews the topic in February 2021. The committee also encouraged the NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity to review ways to enhance the pool of diverse individuals (i.e., ethnic and gender) for consideration on NCAA committees.

Further The committee also received an update on the professional development designee which will be referred to the autonomy five legislative group for review in spring 2021. Further, the committee was provided an update on its recommendation to encourage all institutions to play "Life Every Voice and Sing" prior to the start of contests.

- 2. Provide feedback on three-day winter break waiver request. The committee reviewed a legislative relief waiver request of the requirement that institutions must provide basketball student-athletes with three consecutive days off during the winter break. The committee recommended that staff modify its (November 19) blanket waiver to permit institutions to provide a consecutive three-day winter break period that may include required athletically related activities only or a nonconsecutive three-day winter break period with no required athletically related activities or countable athletically related activities permitted during those days.
- 3. Review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-10 (official and unofficial visits, camps and clinics during NCAA College Basketball Academy). The committee reviewed NCAA Proposal No. 2020-10, which it previously recommended to the Council and is included in the 2020-21 legislative cycle and scheduled for vote in January. The committee did not recommend any amendments or modifications to the proposal and noted its continued support of the proposal to ensure the success of the NCAA College Basketball Academy. Further, the anticipated change to conduct the NCAA College Basketball Academy in one geographic location in July 2021 may provide more efficient evaluation opportunities for men's basketball coaches and financial savings for institutional recruiting budgets.
- **4. Regular season tagline.** The committee provided feedback on planned promotions for the 2020-21 college basketball regular season.
- 5. **2021** NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship update. The committee received an update on the 2021 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The NCAA staff will create a comprehensive communication plan for the championship in the coming months.
- **6. NCAA men's basketball playing rules COVID-19 update.** The committee received an update on a rules interpretation related to the expansion of the team bench area.
- 7. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee November 20 and 30 videoconference reports. The committee reviewed and approved its November 20 and 30 videoconference reports.
- **8. Future Meeting Schedule.** Through the conclusion of the basketball season, the committee will plan to meet every three weeks and continue to meet monthly with the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.

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Committee Chair: Judy MacLeod, Conference USA

Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships

Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:

Scott Barnes, Oregon State University.

Lindsey Blom, Ball State University.

Barry Collier, Butler University.

Kery Davis, Howard University.

Jeff Jackson, Big 12 Conference.

Judy MacLeod, Conference USA.

Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference.

Martin Newton, Samford University.

Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University.

John Williams, Southland Conference.

Absentees:

Jared Butler, Baylor University.

Cuonzo Martin, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Matt Painter, Purdue University.

Jim Phillips, Northwestern University.

Malcolm Wilson, Georgetown University.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Niya Blair, Judy Delp, Michelle Hosick, PJ Hubert, Jess Kerr, Jobrina Marques, Jeremy McCool, Brad Taylor, Zack Teats and Leeland Zeller.