



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2023-2026 NCAA Tournament preliminary sites.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee approved preliminary sites for the 2023-2026 NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. Information regarding the site locations will be released to the public and media on October 14.
2. **Discussion regarding social justice issues.** The committee received an update on the initiatives originally suggested by the committee in June 2020 to address social justice issues. The specific initiatives include the following: (1) Create diversity requirements for NCAA committees; (2) Establish a national hiring commitment for ethnic diversity; (3) Establish senior minority designation at institutions; (4) Support voter and absentee registration education; (5) Support a day off on national Election Day to encourage student-athletes to vote; and (6) Remove ACT/SAT from eligibility for incoming freshman.

The updates and discussion by the committee on each initiative is noted below:

- a. Create diversity requirements for committees. – The establishment of diversity requirements for NCAA committees continues to be formally addressed by the Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity and the NCAA Office of Inclusion staff. The committee requested additional details from the-NCAA Office of Inclusion staff on this initiative during a future meeting.
- b. Establish a national hiring commitment for diversity. – The committee noted support for the President's Pledge developed by the NCAA Board of Governors and acknowledged additional work is being done at the conference level to support this initiative (e.g., Bill Russell Rule).
- c. Establish senior minority designation at institutions. – The NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee will discuss increased athletics administrator representation, including the establishment of a senior minority designation at each institution at an upcoming meeting. The committee suggested that due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, a five-year plan should be developed regarding the potential budgetary implications associated with institutional funding for a senior minority designation. The committee will continue to receive updates from the MOIC discussion.

- d. Support voter and absentee registration education. – These efforts have been led by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for the 2020 election.
- e. Support a day off on national Election Day to encourage student-athletes to vote. – This initiative was supported by Division I SAAC, and legislation has been adopted to prohibit student-athletes from engaging in countable athletically related activities on Election Day in order to encourage participation in civic engagement activities.
- f. Remove ACT/SAT from eligibility requirements for incoming freshman. – The NCAA Eligibility Center Vice President, Felicia Martin, shared that work will begin this fall with the formation of a task force to review the use of standardized test scores as part of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements in Division I and Division II. The task force will present its recommendations in spring/summer 2021 to be considered by each division's academic bodies.

Finally, the committee received an update from the executive director of the NABC, Craig Robinson, regarding the John McLendon Minority Leadership Initiative. This coach-driven initiative will provide ethnic minorities with a professional opportunity to jump-start their careers through practical experiences, occasions to build their network while instilling the values of John McLendon – including integrity, educational, leadership and mentorship. Many Division I men's basketball coaches have financially contributed to the development of this leadership initiative.

- 3. **Review of NCAA Division I Transfer Waiver Working Group and NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Transfer Working Group update.** The chair of the NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers, John Steinbrecher, provided an update to the committee. The Working Group on Transfers plans to provide a comprehensive legislative package for consideration by the NCAA Division I Council in October 2020.
- 4. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Ethics Coalition update.** The committee received an update on the work of the Ethics Coalition, whose goal is to promote ethical conduct among NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches through education, leadership and mentoring. The Ethics Coalition's May 2020 meeting included discussions on finding new ways to promote ethical behavior within the college basketball environment. The Ethics Coalition decided to create three subgroups, one for each of the three Ethics

Coalition pillars, and initial subgroup meetings were held in September 2020. The committee will receive an update on the work of the subgroups during an upcoming meeting.

- 5. Men's Basketball Oversight Committee September 17 videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its September 17 videoconference report.

Committee Chair: Judy MacLeod, Conference USA
Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships
Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee October 5, 2020, Videoconference
Attendees:
Scott Barnes, Oregon State University.
Lindsey Blom, Ball State University.
Barry Collier, Butler University.
Jeff Jackson, Big 12 Conference.
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA.
Cuonzo Martin, University of Missouri, Columbia.
Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference.
Matt Painter, Purdue University.
Jim Phillips, Northwestern University.
Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.
Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University.
John Williams, Southland Conference.
Absentees:
Jared Butler, Baylor University.
Kery Davis, Howard University.
Martin Newton, Samford University.
Malcolm Wilson, Georgetown University.
Guests in Attendance:
John Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Dan Gavitt and Charnele Kemper.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Judy Delp, Lauren Fife, Curtis Franks, Brandy Hataway, Danny Haynor, Mark Hicks, Ken Huber, PJ Hubert, Greg Johnson, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Jeremy McCool, JoAn Scott, Brad Taylor, Brian Thornton, Angela Tressel, David Worlock and LJ Wright.