



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Playing and practice seasons for fall sports other than football.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed and made recommendations to the NCAA Division I Council related to the playing and practice seasons for fall sports other than football, which will be considered at the Council's September 16 meeting. In making its recommendations, the committee focused on providing institutions with maximum flexibility due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic while also protecting student-athlete well-being. Specifically, the committee requested that the Council approve the following recommendations:
  - a. Fall sports, other than football, should be permitted to break up the fall into multiple segments (e.g., two or more) of the playing seasons;
  - b. Fall sports, other than football, should be precluded from practicing during finals (and the week prior) at the conclusion of the fall term if the team is "in-season" but not competing;
  - c. Fall sports, other than football, should take a break prior to the start of the spring championship segment;
  - d. In fall sports, other than football, institutions should have the flexibility to determine the first opportunity to practice in the spring segment based on the specific needs of the institution recognizing that each institution is uniquely situated based on its budget, facility availability, weather and state or local guidelines;
  - e. That the first permissible date of competition for fall sports, other than football, is a consistent date as established in the models provided by the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee in consultation with the NCAA championships staff;
  - f. Fall sports, other than football, should be permitted the flexibility to extend the spring championship segment beyond the NCAA championship and end no later than the conclusion of the institution's academic year;

- g. Institutions should be provided flexibility to exempt alternate postseason opportunities (e.g., National Invitational Volleyball Championship) that occur outside the playing seasons in fall sports, other than football; and
- h. Midyear **initial** full-time enrollees (e.g., midyear freshmen) in fall sports, other than football, should be permitted to compete in the spring championship segment.

**2. Future videoconferences.**

**a. Monthly videoconferences via Microsoft Teams.**

- (1) 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday September 21.
- (2) 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday October 19.

**b. Videoconferences as part of Council meetings.**

- (1) October 5-6.
- (2) January 12-13, 2021.

*Committee Chair: Justin Sell, South Dakota State University*  
*Staff Liaisons: D.J. Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee September 9, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College (Student-Athlete).	
Ross Bjork, Texas A&M University, College Station.	
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida).	
Chris May, St. Louis University.	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University.	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University (Student-Athlete).	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
D.J. Brown, Brandy Hataway, Karen Metzger and Quintin Wright.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Marnae Mawdsley, Corbin McGuire and Anne Rohlman.	