



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 7, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Steve Card welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda. Also, on behalf of the committee Mr. Card acknowledged the many outstanding contributions from NCAA staff member Liz Homrig, assistant director for championships and alliances and a secondary liaison to the Division II Championships Committee, who will be leaving the Association later this month. Morgan DeSpain, assistant director for championships and alliances, will take Ms. Homrig's place as the secondary liaison.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its December 3 videoconference as presented.
3. **Championships planning update.** Joni Comstock, NCAA senior vice president for championships, updated the committee on efforts to ensure that NCAA championships are conducted to meet stringent health and safety standards, protect participants, administrators and coaches, and maintain the best interests of the sport as well as the quality of the student-athlete experience. Ms. Comstock noted that "Return to Championships" protocol documents (similar to those provided previously for men's and women's basketball) will be posted on NCAA.org the week of January 11. Also, the bid process has been initiated to solicit hosts for preliminary rounds for winter sports. Prospective hosts must demonstrate the ability to meet health and safety protocols.
4. **Return-to-championships plans.** NCAA Championships and Alliances Managing Director Anthony Holman updated the committee on work being done within the championships and alliances staff to develop return-to-championship plans in order to meet the enhanced health and safety standards for conducting NCAA championships in 2021. The NCAA has selected Diamond Health/Vivature. Inc. to administer testing at championship events. Mr. Holman previewed various testing protocols that will apply to travel parties when they arrive at the championship site and throughout their participation in the event. Mr. Holman also reviewed key points within the Return to Championships guidelines Ms. Comstock referenced earlier (see Attachment).
5. **Update on conference sponsorship of winter sports.** The committee reviewed conference sponsorship data as of January 6 and asked the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to help further identify which conferences/institutions have (a) made a decision about whether they are participating in winter sports, (b) whether conferences plan to declare

an automatic qualifier, and (c) if teams are participating (and how many), whether they will do so in a timeframe that renders them eligible for championship selection as long as they've met the minimum contest requirements.

- 6. Winter championships analysis.** Staff updated the committee on a “decision tree” and timeline regarding the conduct of winter sport championships (e.g., sponsorship thresholds necessary to conduct a championship, whether to adjust bracket/field size, etc.) that helps ensure communication and connectivity within decision-making groups in the governance structure. The decision tree includes a waiver process, which the committee supported, that allows institutions unable to meet minimum contest requirements due to COVID-19 reasons to remain eligible for championship selection.
- 7. Contact tracer training.** As efforts to help ensure the utmost health and safety at NCAA championships continue, the need for key individuals to be proficient in contact tracing has become apparent. Accordingly, the Championships Committee strongly encourages sport committee members (particularly those serving as site representatives) and tournament directors and select staff members at host sites to complete a contact tracing training course by March 1. The committee noted that several of these types of courses are offered free of charge online. In addition, given that many in the Division II membership have likely already participated in such training, the committee believes asking governance and championships-related personnel to do so won't come as a surprise to them.
- 8. Sport committee reports.**
  - a. Men's and women's swimming and diving.** The committee considered but did not support a recommendation from the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee to allow uninvited relay-only swimmers to participate in the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships at their institution's expense. Championships Committee members reasoned that doing so would place additional stress on the restricted field size and venue capacity thresholds already established due to the pandemic. The committee also resisted placing an additional financial burden on the schools at a time in which budgets already are stressed.
  - b. Men's and women's tennis.** The committee approved revised postseason berth allocations as specified in the charts below based on bracket reductions to 36 teams for the 2020-21 championships.

<b>Men's Tennis</b>			
<b>Region (No. of Institutions)</b>	<b>Berths for Normal Bracket</b>	<b>Berths for Reduced Bracket</b>	<b>Access Ratio</b>
Atlantic (18)	6	4	4.5
Central (10)	4	4	2.5
East (18)	6	4	4.5

Midwest (28)	8	5	5.6
South (29)	8	5	5.8
South Central (8)	4	4	2.0
Southeast (30)	8	6	5.0
West (8)	4	4	2.0
<b>149 Total Institutions</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Women's Tennis</b>			
<b>Region (No. of Institutions)</b>	<b>Berths for Normal Bracket</b>	<b>Berths for Reduced Bracket</b>	<b>Access Ratio</b>
Atlantic (32)	7	5	6.4
Central (30)	6	5	6.0
East (26)	6	4	6.5
Midwest (29)	7	4	7.3
South (33)	7	5	6.6
South Central (11)	4	4	2.8
Southeast (32)	7	5	6.4
West (14)	4	4	3.5
<b>207 Total Institutions</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5.8</b>

## 9. Other business.

- **Committee roster.** The committee extended its appreciation to Jim Johnson and Grant Foley for their outstanding contributions to the committee during their terms, which expire later this month. (Mr. Johnson will continue to be a part of the committee's deliberations in his role as chair of the Division II Management Council.)

## 10. Future meetings/videoconferences.

- January 21, 2021 (via videoconference).
- February 4, 2021 (via videoconference).
- February 25-26, 2021 (via videoconference).
- June 10-11, 2021 (via videoconference).
- September 13-14, 2021 (potentially in person; Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair: Steve Card, Western Washington University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaison(s):        Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
                                 Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances  
                                 Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>Division II Championships Committee January 7, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.
Steve Card, Western Washington University.
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC representative).
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council chair).
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Joni Comstock, Morgan DeSpain, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Anthony Holman, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Jennifer Rodgers, and Corbin McGuire.



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# Diamond Health

- Diamond Health/Vivature Inc.
  - Based out of Dallas, Texas.
  - Servicing 100+ colleges with medical expertise and consultation for COVID-19 Testing.
  - Partnered with technology firm Vivature, Inc. to deliver a comprehensive testing solution administering approx. 500,000 tests in 2020.
  - Vivature serves 300+ colleges and universities with technology and administrative services (including COVID Testing).

# Testing Protocols

- Travel party members must provide evidence of a negative PCR test within three days of planned arrival, or a negative Antigen/RAPD PCR test within one day of planned arrival.
- Travel party members will be tested upon arrival and every other day while at the championship.
- The Quidel | SOFIA-2 Viral Antigen tests will be the primary test system used.
- The Abbott PCR will be used for confirmatory test.

**NOTE:** Those individuals who have a confirmed positive PCR test within 90 days do not need to undergo surveillance testing, and only need to be tested if they have COVID-like symptoms that cannot otherwise be explained by another illness.

# Return to Championships Guidelines

Guidelines have been developed by NCAA Championships & Alliances for the safe Return to Championships. The document has been prepared such that each sport will be able to select the appropriate guidelines for each preliminary round or championship event based on guidance/direction from:

- NCAA COVID Advisory Panel
- Local, State restrictions

The guidelines are further broken into the following segments:

- Common Elements
- Guidelines for all scenarios
- Guidelines for 'No Fans' scenario
- Guidelines for a 'Reduced/Full Capacity' scenario
- Sport Specific Guidelines



# General Guidelines

- Physical distancing.
- Universal masking.
- Team Health Officer.
- Code of Conduct.
- Tier responsibilities.
- Competition venue.
- Hotels.
- Meals.
- Transportation.
- Quarantine.
- Isolation.
- Locker Rooms.
- Media.

# Tiering

- Tier 1 Personnel - Members of the tested community, allowed in the Inner CTZ during event. Limited interaction with Tier 2 and no interaction with Tier 3 individuals.
- Tier 2 Personnel – Member of the tested community with a working function related to team or game management, permitted to Outer CTZ. If extenuating circumstance merit the need for limited interaction with Tier 1 individuals, Tier 2 personnel must wear face coverings and physically distance.
- Tier 3 Personnel – Members are not in the tested community, no access to the Inner or Outer CTZ, no in-person interaction with Tier 1 or 2 individuals.

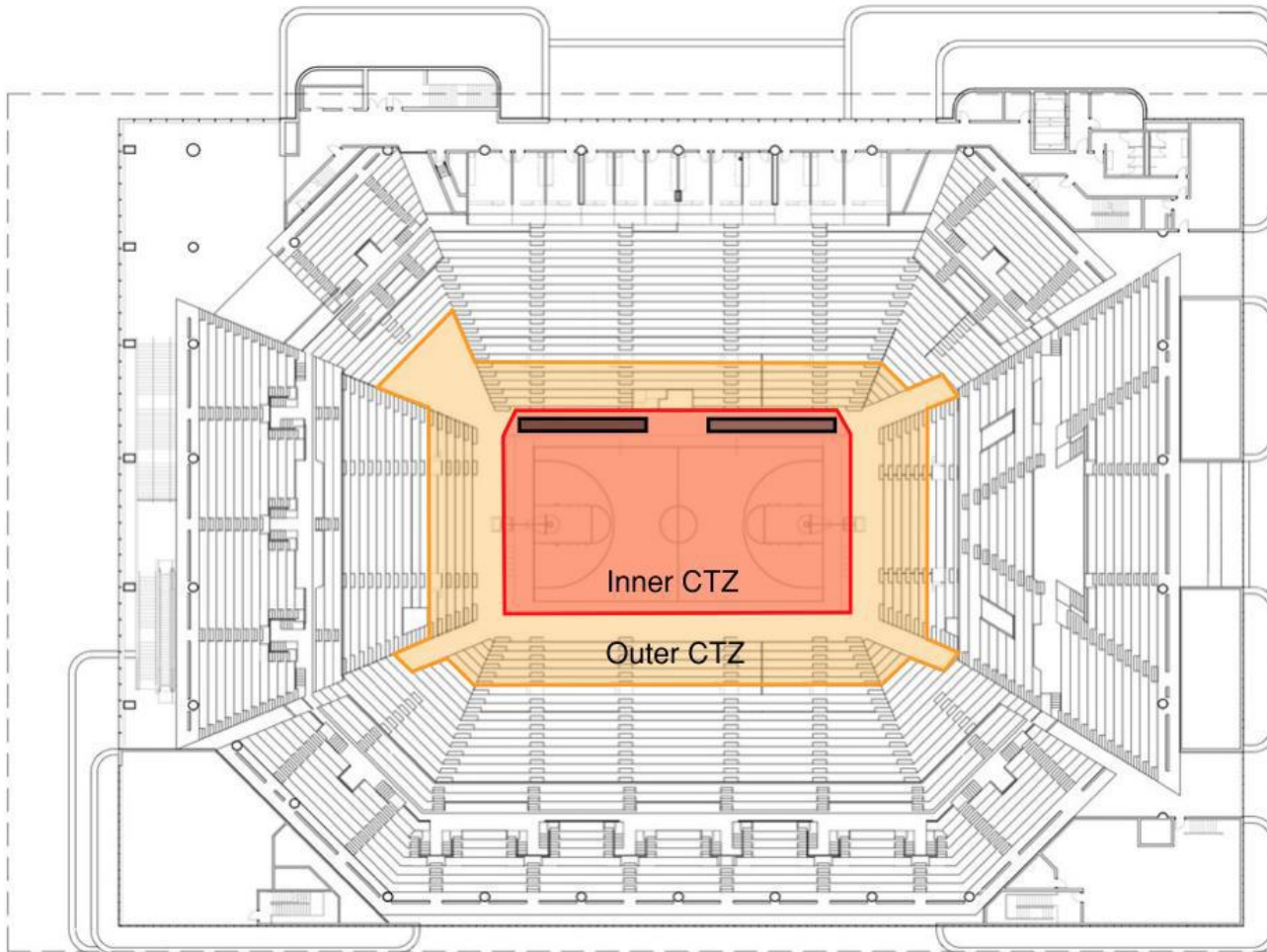


# Tier Assignment Example

*Members of the tested community, permitted access to only the Inner CTZ, must remain within the Inner CTZ during the event, no in-person interaction with Tier 2 or 3 individuals.*

Phase Group	Setup	Setup	CTZ Established	Disinfection / Maintenance / CTZ Not In Effect [-1]	Event Day 1	Event Day 2	Event Day 3	Final Session	Strike
	Venue Set-Up [-3] [8 a.m. - 5 p.m.]	Venue Set-Up [-2] [8 a.m. - 5 p.m.]	Practice [-1] [9 a.m. - 6 p.m.]	[Throughout]	Event [0] [8 a.m. - 11 p.m.]	Event [0] [3 a.m. - 11 p.m.]	Event [0] [8 a.m. - 1 p.m.]	Event [0] [6 - 10 p.m.]	Strike [+1] [8 a.m. - 3 p.m.]
<b>Tier 1 Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2</b>
Student-Athletes	0	0	330	330	330	240	330	20	0
Coaches	0	0	200	200	200	200	200	40	0
Game Officials	0	0	0	0	20	20	20	20	0
Athletic Trainer/Team Physician	0	0	70	70	70	70	70	20	0
Team Managers	0	0	60	60	60	60	60	20	0
Primary Team Administrator	0	0	40	40	60	60	60	20	0
Director of Athletics	0	0	10	10	30	20	20	10	0
NCAA Committee	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0
NCAA Staff	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	2
Sports Information Representatives	0	0	70	70	70	70	70	20	0
Pool Photographers (photogs, editor)	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	0
In Venue Presentation Staff	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0
Broadcast (Handheld, Utility, Reporter/Talent, Audio, Tech)	5	5	0	0	5	5	5	5	0

# Inner and Outer CTZ







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