



## A G E N D A

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Management Council

Microsoft Teams Videoconference

July 20-21, 2020

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Chris Graham)
2. Review of previous meetings. (Graham)
  - a. April 20-21 Management Council and April 29 Presidents Council. [Supplement No. 2]
  - b. May 15 Management Council and May 19 Presidents Council. [Supplement No. 3]
  - c. Board of Governors.
    - (1) April 28 videoconference. [Supplement No. 4]
    - (2) June 11 videoconference. [Supplement No. 5]
  - d. Administrative Committee. [Supplement No. 6]
3. Review and approval of 2020-21 Division II Priorities. [Supplement No. 7] (Maritza Jones)
4. NCAA Convention and legislation.
  - a. Presidents Council-sponsored proposals for the 2021 Convention. [Supplement No. 8] (Karen Wolf)
  - b. Proposed legislation for the 2021 Convention submitted by the Division II membership, if any. [Supplement No. 9] (Wolf)
  - c. Emergency legislation. [Supplement No. 10] (Wolf)
  - d. Noncontroversial legislation. [Supplement No. 11] (Chelsea Hooks)
5. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.
  - a. Division II committees.
    - (1) Academic Requirements Committee. (Felicia Johnson)

- (a) April 10 videoconference. [Supplement No. 12]
  - (b) April 23 videoconference. [Supplement No. 13]
  - (c) June 4 videoconference. [Supplement No. 14]
- (2) Championships Committee. (Courtney Lovely)
  - (a) April 23 videoconference. [Supplement No. 15]
  - (b) April 30 and May 7 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 16]
  - (c) June 1 and June 10 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 17]
  - (d) June 24-25 videoconference. [Supplement No. 18]
- (3) Degree-Completion Award Committee. [Supplement No. 19] (David B. Kuhlmeier)
- (4) Legislation Committee. (Dave Marsh)
  - (a) April 30 and May 11 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 20]
  - (b) June 3, June 9 and June 16 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 21]
  - (c) June 22-23 videoconference. [Supplement No. 22]
- (5) Committee for Legislative Relief. (Amy Henkelman)
  - (a) May 12 videoconference. [Supplement No. 23]
  - (b) May 27 videoconference. [Supplement No. 24]
- (6) Membership Committee. (Bob Dranoff)
  - (a) April 24 and May 5 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 25]
  - (b) June 1 and June 9 videoconferences. [Supplement No. 26]
  - (c) July 8-9 videoconference. [Supplement No. 27]
- (7) Nominating Committee. (Judy Sackfield)

- (a) April 29 videoconference. [Supplement No. 28]
    - (b) June 23 teleconference. [Supplement No. 29]
  - (8) Planning and Finance Committee. (Jim Johnson)
    - (a) Budget-to-actual report ending May 31. [Supplement No. 30]
    - (b) April 28 videoconference. [Supplement No. 31]
  - (9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (Braydon Kubat and Madeleine McKenna)
    - (a) April 16 videoconference. [Supplement No. 32]
    - (b) May 12 videoconference. [Supplement No. 33]
    - (c) June 11 videoconference. [Supplement No. 34]
    - (d) June 17 videoconference. [Supplement No. 35]
  - (10) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. [Supplement No. 36] (Teresa Clark)
- b. Division II subcommittees, project teams and task forces.
  - (1) Enforcement and Infractions Task Force. [Supplement No. 37] (Christie Ward)
  - (2) Identity Subcommittee. (Clark)
- c. Association-wide and common committees.
  - (1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. (Julie Rochester)
    - (a) March 6 teleconference. [Supplement No. 38]
    - (b) March 17 teleconference. [Supplement No. 39]
    - (c) April 27 teleconference. [Supplement No. 40]
  - (2) Committee on Women's Athletics. [Supplement No. 41] (Kuhlmeier)

- (3) Joint CWA and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 42] (Kuhlmeier and Carrie Michaels)
- (4) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 43] (Michaels)
- (5) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. (Roberta Page)
  - (a) April 20 teleconference. [Supplement No. 44]
  - (b) April 29 teleconference. [Supplement No. 45]
- (6) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 46] (Henkelman)
- (7) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 47] (Laura Clayton Eady)

6. Open forum and reporting out.

- Strategies for addressing social injustice. [Supplement No. 48]

<b>Group 1</b> <a href="#">Teams Link</a>	<b>Group 2</b> <a href="#">Teams Link</a>	<b>Group 3</b> <a href="#">Teams Link</a>
Teresa Clark	Brenda Cates ( <i>Facilitator</i> )	Jessica Chapin ( <i>Recorder/Reporter</i> )
Amy Foster	Mark Corino	Laura Clayton Eady
Felicia Johnson	Chris Graham	Lin Dawson ( <i>Facilitator</i> )
Braydon Kubat	Amy Henkelman	Bob Dranoff
Dave Marsh ( <i>Facilitator</i> )	Kristi Kiefer ( <i>Recorder/Reporter</i> )	Marty Gilbert
Julie Rochester	David Kuhlmeier	Jim Johnson
Christie Ward	Courtney Lovely	Madeleine McKenna
Steven Winter ( <i>Recorder/Reporter</i> )	Judy Sackfield	Carrie Michaels
Jerry Wollmering	Jeff Williams	Doug Peters
Terri Steeb Gronau	Maritza Jones	Ryan Jones
Angela Red	Karen Wolf	Stephanie Quigg
Markie Cook	Haydyn Gibson	Liz Homrig
Roberta Page	Corbin McGuire	Chelsea Hooks

7. Division II Management Council. (Graham)

- a. Management Council committee and project team assignments. [Supplement No. 49]
  - b. Independent/at-large election. [Supplement No. 50]
  - c. Management Council vice chair election. [Supplement No. 51]
  - d. Management Council chair notice. [Supplement No. 52]
  - e. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee summit. (Ryan Jones)
8. National office updates.
- a. Executive. (Mark Emmert and Donald Remy)
  - b. Legal. (Greg Pottorff)
  - c. Sport Science Institute. (Brian Hainline and John Parsons)
    - (1) COVID-19 resources.
      - (a) Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport. [Supplement No. 53]
      - (b) Frequently Asked Questions. [Supplement No. 54]
      - (c) Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations. [Supplement No. 55]
    - (2) Student-Athlete Mental Health. [Supplement No. 56]
    - (3) Injury Surveillance Program. [Supplement No. 57]
    - (4) Concussion reporting process. [Supplement No. 58]
    - (5) Medical care and coverage for student-athletes at away events.
  - d. Health and Safety Survey. [Supplement No. 59] (Markie Cook)
  - e. 2019 APPLE Training Institute final report. [Supplement No. 60] (M. Jones)
  - f. 2021 Inclusion Forum. (M. Jones)

- g. Division II ADA Mentor Program. [Supplement No. 61] (Jill Willson)
  - h. Division II community engagement. (Willson)
  - i. Division II Identity Workshop. [Supplement No. 62] (Willson)
  - j. Division II Coaches Connection Program. [Supplement No. 63] (Willson)
  - k. Division II Diversity Grants. [Supplement No. 64] (Lamarr Pottinger)
  - l. Division II University. (Wolf)
  - m. NCAA Convention. (M. Jones)
9. Affiliated association updates.
- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association. (Henkelman)
  - b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association. (Dranoff)
  - c. CoSIDA. (Jerry Wollmering)
  - d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association. (Rochester)
  - e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association. (M. Jones)
  - f. National Association for Athletics Compliance. (Felicia Johnson)
  - g. Women Leaders in College Sports. (Michaels)
10. Other business. (Graham)
11. Meeting recap/things to report back to conferences. (Graham)
12. Future meetings.
- a. October 19-20, 2020, Management Council meeting; virtual meeting.
  - b. January 13-16, 2021, in conjunction with the 2021 NCAA Convention.
  - c. April 12-13, 2021, Management Council meeting; virtual meeting.

- d. July 17-18, 2021, Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - e. July 19-20, 2021, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - f. October 18-19, 2021, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - g. January 19-22, 2022, in conjunction with the 2022 NCAA Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana.
13. Adjournment.



**SUPPLEMENT NO. 1**  
**DII Management Council 07/20**

**2020 NCAA Division II Management Council Roster**

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## SUMMARY OF SPRING 2020 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
April 20-21, 2020, Division II Management Council  
April 29, 2020, Division II Presidents Council

### 1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its virtual meeting at 11 a.m. Eastern time Monday, April 20.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present. He also noted that this meeting would be Josh Doody's last meeting with the Council. Finally, the chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its virtual meeting at 11 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, April 29.

The chair introduced the three new members of the Council, Carlos Campo, Ashland University; T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology; and Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College. Staff members also were recognized by the chair. The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

### 2. **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

#### a. **January Management Council and Presidents Council.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions from its January in-person meeting and January teleconference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions from its January meeting.

#### b. **NCAA Board of Governors.**

##### (1) **January 22 in-person meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from the January 22 meeting. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors' January 22 meeting.

**(2) March 11 teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from the March 11 teleconference. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors' March 11 teleconference.

**(3) March 12 teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from the March 12 teleconference. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors' March 12 teleconference.

**(4) March 26 videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from the March 26 videoconference. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors' March 26 videoconference.

**(5) Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the March 4 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the March 4 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report.

**c. Administrative Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

The Management Council also received an update on discussions regarding possible changes to Division II championships selection, sports sponsorship requirements and maximum number of contests or dates of competition for 2020-21.

Finally, the Management Council endorsed the Administrative Committee's recommendations regarding the Division II long-range budget due to the impact of COVID-19 on the 2019-20 revenue for the Association and the division.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

**3. *REVIEW OF 2019-20 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.***

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the 2019-20 Division II priorities, noting that staff would have a draft list for 2020-21 priorities at the summer series of meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the 2019-20 Division II priorities, noting that staff would have a draft list for 2020-21 priorities at the summer series of meetings.

**4. *NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.***

**a. *Emergency Legislation.***

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the emergency proposals, which were previously adopted by the Presidents Council and Administrative Committee. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b. *Resolutions.***

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the resolutions, which were previously adopted by the Administrative Committee. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. *Noncontroversial Legislation.***

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form three noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2021-5 through NC-2021-7), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

- (1) **Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Full-Time Enrollment -- Requirement for Practice and Competition -- Exceptions -- Practice or Competition -- Final Semester or Quarter -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Term-By-Term Credit-Hour Requirement -- Calculation of Credit Hours -- Exception - Final Academic Year of Degree Program -- Transition of Waiver Authority to Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** To transition authority of waivers of the final semester/quarter exceptions to the full-time enrollment and term-by-term credit-hour requirement legislation from the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
- (2) **Eligibility -- Transfer Regulations -- Four-Year College Transfers -- Exceptions for Transfers from Four-Year Colleges -- One-Time Transfer Exception -- Hearing Opportunity -- Failure to Provide Appeal Policies and Procedures -- Default Grant.** To specify that a student-athlete's written request for a release in conjunction with the use of the one-time transfer exception shall be granted by default if the institution fails to provide its appeal policies and procedures within 14-consecutive calendar days from the receipt of the student-athlete's written request for the hearing.
- (3) **Amateurism and Eligibility -- General Regulations -- Validity of Amateur Status -- Amateurism Certification Process -- Eligibility for Practice and Competition -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Determination of Freshman Eligibility -- Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete -- De Minimis Violations.** To specify that violations involving a student-athlete's participation in practice or competition without final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified without conditions, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility; further, that violations involving a student-athlete's receipt of financial aid and/or participation in practice or competition without final academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified as a qualifier, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility.

**d. Memo for Inclusion of Proposals into the NCAA Division II Manual.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the inclusion into the 2020-21 NCAA Division II Manual the proposals approved in legislative form and in concept at the April 2020 Management Council meeting that are considered the running supplements for the 2020 calendar year. These proposals will appear in the "blue pages" of the 2021 NCAA Division II Official Notice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**5. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.**

**a. Division II Committees.**

**(1) Academic Requirements Committee.**

**(a) 2021 NCAA Convention Legislation - NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.3.1.6.1 and 14.5.4.3.4 - Eligibility - Freshman Academic Requirements and Two-Year College Transfer Regulations - Nonqualifiers - Access to Athletics Aid.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2021 Convention to amend Bylaws 14.3.1.6.1 (eligibility for aid, practice and competition – nonqualifier) and 14.5.4.3.4 (practice and receipt of athletics aid - nonqualifier) to permit a nonqualifier to receive athletics aid during their first academic year in residence; further, to specify that a two-year college transfer who does not meet requirements for practice and competition may receive athletics aid immediately on transfer from a two-year college, effective August 1, 2021, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2021.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its August in-person meeting.

**(b) Previously Approved Waiver Checklist - Addition of Sport-Specific Coach to Individuals Defined in Personal Hardship Criteria.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the previously approved waiver checklist of the Division II progress-

toward-degree requirements to expand the current list of individuals whose death, diagnosis of terminal illness or hospitalization would create a personal hardship for a student-athlete, to include a sport-specific coach.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Championships Committee.**

(a) **January 30 Electronic Vote.**

- **Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sports and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2020, unless specified otherwise:

- i. **Baseball. Miles Gallagher**, director of athletics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, to replace Sean Lloyd, head baseball coach, West Virginia State University, due to term expiration; and **Desi Storey**, head baseball coach, Central Washington State University, to replace Dan McDermott, head baseball coach, Academy of Art University, due to term expiration.
- ii. **Baseball Rules. Todd Wilkinson**, director of athletics, Barton College, to replace James Jackson, director of athletics, Cameron University, due to term expiration.
- iii. **Men's Basketball. Steve Hardin**, head men's basketball coach, Lees-McRae College, to replace Ken Gerlinger, assistant commissioner, Peach Belt Conference, due to term expiration. In addition, effective immediately, appoint **Darrell Brooks**, head men's basketball coach, Bowie State University, to replace Sean McAndrews, assistant director of athletics, West Virginia State University, who resigned from the committee; and **Josh Moon**, director of athletics, Northern State University, to replace Tony Duckworth, director of athletics,

Northeastern State University, who resigned from the committee.

[Note: Immediate appointments were approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

- iv. **Men's Basketball Rules. Rick Hartzell**, vice president for athletics, Upper Iowa University, to replace Eddie Jackson, senior associate director of athletics, Rogers State University, due to term expiration.

- v. **Field Hockey. Patricia Bonagura**, head field hockey coach, Molloy College, to replace Kayte Kinsley, head field hockey coach, Pace University, due to term expiration. In addition, effective immediately, appoint **Stacey Gaudette**, head field hockey coach/assistant director of athletics, Mercyhurst University, to replace Julie Swiney, head field hockey coach, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, who resigned from the committee. Also, extend the term of **Michael McFarland**, director of athletics, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, for one year ending August 31, 2021.

[Note: Immediate appointments were approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

- vi. **Football. Gary Goff**, head football coach, Valdosta State University, to replace Daryl Dickey, head football coach, University of West Georgia, due to term expiration; and **Matt Mitchell**, head football coach, Grand Valley State University, to replace Kent Weiser, director of athletics, Emporia State University, due to term expiration.
- vii. **Men's Golf. Christopher Hill**, head men's golf, St. Edward's University, to replace Craig Stensgaard, head men's and women's golf coach/assistant director of athletics, Northwest Nazarene University, due to term expiration.

- viii. **Women's Golf.** Effective immediately, **Jackie Wallgren**, senior associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Colorado State University-Pueblo, to replace Sandee Mott, senior associate director of athletics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, who resigned from the committee.

[Note: Immediate appointments were approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

- ix. **Men's and Women's Skiing. Eliska Hajek Albrigtsen**, head men's and women's skiing coach, University of Alaska Fairbanks, to replace Kevin Francis, head men's and women's skiing coach, Montana State University-Bozeman, due to term expiration.

- x. **Softball. Michelle Caddigan**, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Wingate University, to replace Stacey Vallee, head softball coach/senior woman administrator, Francis Marion University, due to term expiration.

- xi. **Men's and women's Swimming and Diving (Diving Representative). Sara Smith**, head swimming and diving coach, Roberts Wesleyan College, to replace Barbara Parker, head swimming and diving coach, University of West Florida, due to term expiration.

- xii. **Women's Volleyball.** Effective immediately, **Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins**, director of athletics, San Francisco State University, to replace Mo Roberson, director of athletics, Concordia University Irvine, who resigned from the committee.

[Note: Immediate appointments were approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) February 19-20 In-Person Meeting.**

**(1) Policy When Institutions Exceed Maximum Scheduling Limits.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council establish a policy that applies a “1-for-1” statistical penalty to any team under consideration for postseason selection whose schedule has exceeded the maximum number of contests during that season, similar to the principles of nullification.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the policy to apply a penalty to any team under consideration for postseason selection whose schedule has exceeded the maximum number of contests during that season, as presented.

**(2) In-Region Requirements for Men's Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved an adjustment to the criteria for team at-large selections to reflect a minimum of 50 in-region opponents (up from the current 40), effective September 1, 2021.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Women's Soccer Seeding Protocol.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved that the Division II Women's Soccer Committee seed the four teams that advance to the finals of the Division II Women's Soccer Championship using all applicable selection criteria. (Note: The data used for seeding the advancing teams will continue to encompass only regular-season results since teams do not control who they play in the postseason.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(4) Clarification of Date Formula for Softball.**

Management Council. The Management Council clarified the championship date formula in softball as follows (clarifications are in bold and italics):

Regionals are the Thursday through Saturday before super regionals. Super regionals are the Thursday and Friday before finals. Finals ***begin the Thursday before Memorial Day (Thursday - Monday) and end on Memorial Day (Thursday - Monday).***

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Initial Review of 2021-24 Triennial Budget Requests.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an overview of the 2021-24 championships triennial budget requests, noting that initial recommendations will not be made to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee until after the committee's September 2020 meeting. Those recommendations will proceed through the governance structure over the subsequent months, with final decisions expected from the Planning and Finance Committee and Presidents Council by January 2021. The Council noted that approximately \$190,000 is available for new initiatives in the 2021-24 triennium, while sport committee requests total more than \$2 million. The Council also noted that the Presidents Council recently earmarked more than \$2 million in championships-related enhancements (i.e., a per diem increase from \$105 to \$115; championships travel reimbursement totaling more than \$1.2 million; and an increase in officials' fees totaling more than \$40,000), which will also take effect for the 2021-24 triennial budget.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) March 31 Electronic Vote.**

- **Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective immediately:

- i. **Women's Basketball Rules. Jason Burton**, head women's basketball coach, Texas A&M University-Commerce, to replace Noel Johnson, head women's basketball coach, Midwestern State University, who resigned from the committee.
- ii. **Men's and women's swimming and diving. Sara Smith**, head men's and women's swimming and diving coach, Roberts Wesleyan College, to replace Jennifer Mervar, assistant director of athletics, University of Indianapolis, who resigned from the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Degree-Completion Award Committee.**

**(a) January 23 In-Person Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 3-4 In-Person Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(4) Legislation Committee.**

**(a) January 13 Electronic Vote.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 9 In-Person Meeting.**

i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.7.2.3 – Recruiting – Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit – Visit Unrelated to Recruitment – Admitted Student Meeting with Coach.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.7.2.3 (visit unrelated to recruitment) to specify that during a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17.11.7.3 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Golf – Number of Dates of Competition – Annual Exemptions – Augusta National Women's Amateur.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.11.7.3 (annual exemptions) to exempt, in women's golf, the Augusta National Women's Amateur from the maximum dates of competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17.1.6.3 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of Playing Season Sports Other than Football – Elite Athlete Training.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.1.6.3 (weekly hour limitations – outside of playing season) to specify that a student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an

individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout session and does not miss class time.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iv. **Legislative Referral to the Academic Requirements Committee – Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule – International Competition – Final Tryouts.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred the issue noted below regarding international competition waiver of the progress-toward-degree legislation, to the Academic Requirements Committee for a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether the international competition waiver of the progress-toward-degree rule should apply to a student-athlete who is not enrolled in a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in a final tryout and the officially recognized training programs that directly qualifies participants for tryouts for the Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. **Legislative Referral to the Academic Requirements Committee – Two-Year College Transfers – Quantitative Reasoning Credit.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred the issue noted below regarding two-year college transfer legislation, to the Academic Requirements Committee for a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether the transferable math credit core-course requirement for two-year college transfers should be expanded to include credit accepted as quantitative

reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) by the certifying institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Membership Committee.**

**(a) February 11 In-Person Meeting.**

- i. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 20.10.3.3 – Division II Membership – Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements – Men's and Women's Wrestling.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) to reduce the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship in men's and women's wrestling from 13 contests with seven participants to nine contests with six participants.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- ii. Overview of Institutions that Submitted Applications for Division II Membership in 2020.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an overview of the following institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2019-20 academic year:

- (a) Allen University; and
- (b) D'Youville College.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the overview.

**(b) April 2 Teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(6) Nominating Committee.**

**(a) January 21 In-Person Meeting.**

**i. Nominating Committee Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved changing the time frame of eligible nominees to be maintained in the pool of nominees for committee service from an 18-month period to a 12-month period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**ii. Committee Appointments and Reappointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments and reappointments, effective September 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted:

**(a) Division II Academic Requirements Committee.** **Bennett Cherry**, faculty athletics representative (FAR), California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association; and **Karen Hjerpe**, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

**(b) Division II Championships Committee.** **Kristy Bayer**, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Emporia State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; **Nathan Gibson**, executive director of athletics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; and **Carol Rivera**, associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, California Collegiate Athletic Association.

**(c) Division II Committee on Infractions.** **Leslie Schuemann**, senior associate commissioner/senior

woman administrator, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; **Richard Loosbrock**, faculty athletics representative, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (term 2); and **John Lackey**, public member (term 3).

(d) **Division II Infractions Appeals Committee. Eddie Weatherington**, senior associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (term 2); and **Doug Blais**, faculty athletic representative, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference (term 2).

(e) **NCAA International Student Records Committee. Brittany Henson**, international admissions counselor, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State University (term 3).

(f) **Division II Legislation Committee. Pennie Parker**, director of athletics, Rollins College, Sunshine State Conference, effective immediately.

[Note: This appointment was approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

(g) **Division II Membership Committee. Keri Becker**, director of athletics, Grand Valley State University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; **Will Prewitt**, commissioner, Great American Conference; and **Debbie Snell**, director of athletics, Holy Names University, Pacific West Conference.

(h) **NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. Dwaun Warmack**, president, Claflin University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

(i) **Division II Nominating Committee. Eric Schoh**, director of athletics, Winona State University, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

(j) **NCAA Research Committee. Thomas Saylor**, faculty athletics representative, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

- (k) **NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.** **Merlene Aitken**, senior associate athletic director for compliance/senior woman administrator, Clayton State University, Peach Belt Conference.
- (l) **Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** **Lynn Griffin**, vice president for athletics, Coker University, South Atlantic Conference; and **Marcus Grant**, associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (term 2).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(b) **January 29 Electronic Vote.**

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointment, effective immediately:

- **NCAA Honors Committee.** **Christopher Davis**, vice president, chief security officer, NASCAR, public member; and **Anita DeFrantz**, president, Tubman Truth Project, public member.

[Note: These appointments were approved February 6 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **March 10 Teleconference.**

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments, effective September 1, 2020:

- i. **Division II Legislation Committee.** **Kara Lindaman**, faculty athletics representative, Winona

State University, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

- ii. **Division II Committee for Legislative Relief.** **Marlon Furlongue**, senior compliance administrator, St. Mary's University (Texas), Lone Star Conference.
- iii. **Division II Nominating Committee.** **Molly Belden**, senior associate commissioner, Northeast-10 Conference; and **James T. Crawley**, faculty athletics representative, Dominican College (New York), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(d) **March 25 Electronic Vote.**

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments, effective immediately:

- i. **NCAA Student Records Review Committee.** **Hannah Delph**, director of compliance and academics, Florida Southern College, Sunshine State Conference.
- ii. **NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.** **Natalie Knowles**, researcher, former recipient.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(7) **Planning and Finance Committee.**

- **2019-20 Year-To-Date Budget to Actual.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 29, 2020.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 29, 2020.

**(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b. Division II Subcommittees, Project Teams and Task Forces.**

**(1) Convention Planning Project Team.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the survey results from the 2020 NCAA Convention. The Management Council discussed the 2021 Convention proposed schedule, as well as educational program suggestions. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the project team's report, the 2020 Convention survey results, as well as the 2021 Convention proposed schedule and educational program suggestions. No action was necessary.

**(2) Identity Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the discussions by the Identity Subcommittee, including the delaying the game-day initiative one year; the cancellation of the regular-season media agreement with ESPN and Niles Media Group; signage credit, and social media analytics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. Association-Wide Committees.**

**(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(4) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. The Council also recommended that the Playing Rules Oversight Panel consider delaying implementation of playing rules changes that are scheduled to go in effect during the 2020-21 or 2021-22 academic years that have a financial impact, as a result of financial challenges that institutions are experiencing from the COVID19 pandemic. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(6) Committee on Women's Athletics.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**6. *ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS.***

**a. Legislation Committee Review of Issues Related to Name, Image and Likeness.**

**(1) Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 16.1.4.4 – Awards and Benefits – Awards – Purchase Restrictions – Elimination of Student-Athlete Contribution to Cost of Awards.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Division II Bylaw 16.1.4.4 (student contribution to purchase) to eliminate the restriction on a student-athlete contributing to the purchase of an award.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Awards Legislation – Student Contribution to Purchase – Request for Not Reporting Violations of and Relief of Penalties from the Misapplication of Bylaw 16.1.4.4.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a request from the committee to not require institutions to report a violation(s) resulting from the misapplication of Bylaw 16.1.4.4 (student contribution to purchase) for a five-year period from the 2015-16 through the 2019-20 academic years; further, to provide relief from the penalties associated with the misapplication of Bylaw 16.1.4.4.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Feedback Regarding Name, Image and Likeness Concepts Developed by the Legislation Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the name, image and likeness concepts developed by the Legislation Committee during its March in-person meeting. The Management Council convened in roundtable sessions at the conclusion of Monday's business session to provide feedback. The Council focused on providing feedback on the concepts that did not receive a majority consensus of support through initial straw polls, including concepts related to crowdfunding for items of need, sale of memorabilia, autographs and paid appearances.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the name, image and likeness concepts developed by the Legislation Committee and participated in straw polls regarding the concepts that did not receive a majority consensus of support by other groups, committees and the Management Council, including concepts related to crowdfunding for items of need, sale of memorabilia, autographs and paid appearances.

**b. Enforcement and Infractions.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the concepts developed in January by the Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force, including tools to facilitate cooperation; use of information in decision-making; and negotiated resolution. The council convened in roundtable sessions at the conclusion of Monday's business session to provide feedback. It was noted that there is general support for all of the concepts.

Presidents Council. No action was needed.

**7. DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

**a. Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its committee and project team assignments.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b. Pacific West Conference Election.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected Amy Henkelman, director of athletics, Dominican University of California, as the representative for the Pacific West Conference. Ms. Henkelman will replace Josh Doody, whose institution discontinued its athletics program. She will begin her term immediately for a four-year period of time, ending January 2025.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the election, as recommended.

**c. Management Council Vice Chair Election in July.**

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Jim Johnson's position as vice chair of the Management Council would expire August 31. Individuals interested in seeking the position should voice that interest to the chair or the managing director of Division II.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the anticipated activities for the joint summit of the Management Council and SAAC in July.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**8. *DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.***

- a. April 28 Planning and Finance Committee Meeting.** The Presidents Council was provided a verbal update on the actions taken by the Planning and Finance Committee during its April 28 virtual meeting.

The committee approved using the sports that institutions in each conference reported as intending to sponsor in the spring 2020 (as part of their 2019 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic submission) for purposes of determining the conferences' sport sponsorship distribution for 2021 enhancement fund distribution due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of competition of spring sports.

The committee also approved providing flexibility for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Division II Conference Grant reporting process. The committee agreed that conferences will not be required to spend a minimum 10 percent in each of the five strategic positioning outcome areas; there will be no limit on the amount a conference can carry over to the following academic year; and the Planning and Finance Committee will review the annual conference audit management letters that have been conducted for this reporting cycle but will provide flexibility when the Board/Presidents Group of a conference has decided to not conduct an audit. If the Board/Presidents Group of a conference decides to not conduct an audit, the committee requests that the conference attaches the management letter from the previous year and notes such decision in the text box where the auditor's name and contact information should be entered.

- b. Division II Long-Range Budget.** The Presidents Council approved recommendations from the Division II Administrative Committee and the Planning and Finance Committee related to the impact on the division's long-range budget from the reduction of revenue due to the cancellation of 2020 winter and spring NCAA championships. Changes to the long-range budget include:

- (1) Championships.** To ensure the best possible championship experience for Division II student-athletes, no reductions to expenses for the division's championships budget were considered or made. In addition, budget increases for transportation, per diem and other enhancements are still scheduled. However, as part of the Association's efforts to reduce expenses, during the 2020-21 season, all three divisions will convert in-person sport

committee meetings to virtual meetings, and student-athlete award banquets at the final site of the NCAA's championships will not be held. The NCAA championships staff will still recognize Elite 90 Award winners at the final site.

- (2) **Conference Grant Program.** No reductions were made to the current budget. Each conference's base amount will increase by \$10,000 in each triennial, starting with the 2021-22 fiscal year. This is a \$10,000 reduction from what was planned for the base amount in the 2021-22 fiscal year.
- (3) **Enhancement Fund.** The 2020-21 enhancement fund total allocation will remain the same as allocated in 2019-20, which was \$7.3 million. The enhancement fund will increase two percent annually from the 2021-22 fiscal year through the 2023-24 fiscal year and 2.5 percent thereafter. This is a three percent reduction for the 2021-22 fiscal year through the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- (4) **Strategic Initiatives.**
  - (a) Division II will honor its previously awarded Coaching Enhancement Grants, Internship Grants and Strategic Alliance Matching Grants; however, no new grants will be awarded in the 2020-21 fiscal year. New grants will resume in the 2021-22 fiscal year.
  - (b) Division II will continue to provide a \$50,000 annual grant to each of its seven affiliate organizations through the 2023-24 fiscal year: Division II Athletics Directors Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association, College Sports Information Directors of America, Faculty Athletics Representative Association, Minority Opportunities Athletics Association, National Association for Athletics Compliance and Women Leaders in College Sports. The affiliate grants will increase to \$75,000 in the 2024-25 fiscal year. The \$25,000 increase was initially planned for the 2020-21 fiscal year.
  - (c) Division II will conduct its new directors of athletics orientation virtually through the 2021-22 fiscal year and return to an in-person orientation in the 2022-23 fiscal year.
  - (d) Division II formed a partnership with the Disney Institute in February to promote excellent customer service among game day staff and improve the overall game environment at Division II

contests. Planning for the initiative was scheduled to begin in May but has been delayed until 2021.

- c. **Division II Budget Requests for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.** The Presidents Council approved the Division II budget requests for the 2020-21 fiscal year, as recommended by the Planning and Finance Committee.
- d. **Division II Presidents Council Policies and Procedures.** The Presidents Council approved the updated Presidents Council Policies and Procedures document, as submitted.
- e. **Region 1 Election.** The Presidents Council elected Donna Henry, chancellor, University of Virginia's College at Wise, as the Region 1 representative to the Presidents Council. Chancellor Henry will begin her term on the council May 16, with her term expiring at the conclusion of the 2026 Convention.

**9. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.**

**a. Executive.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president as well as the chief legal officer and chief operating officer.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA, which included COVID-19 impact on college sports and next steps; Board of Governors actions; Federal and State Legislation Working Group; and the Association-wide strategic plan.

**b. Legal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer.

**c. Sport Science Institute/CSMAS Update.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office is working on, including the Association's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the core principles for resocialization in sports and the playing and practice seasons internal

working group; the Injury Surveillance Program; Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events; and the Arrington settlement.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on the Association's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the core principles for resocialization in sports and the playing and practice seasons internal working group.

**d. Preliminary Results of the NCAA Student-Athlete COVID-19 Survey.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the preliminary results of an NCAA Student-Athlete COVID-19 Survey.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the preliminary results of an NCAA Student-Athlete COVID-19 Survey.

**10. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations.

- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association.**
- b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association.**
- c. CoSIDA.**
- d. Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.**
- e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association.**
- f. National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. Women Leaders in College Sports.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**12. MEETING RECAP/THINGS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions, via each member's preferred method of delivery. These topics included: name, image and likeness; enforcement and infractions concepts; timeline for changes instituted by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel; and actions and resources as a result of the impact of COVID-19, consisting of Administrative Committee actions, the question and answer document, review of minimum sports sponsorship, championships selection and maximum contests limit and the Budget Guidelines and Principles.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**13. RECOGNIZE OUTGOING MEMBERS.**

Management Council. The Management Council recognized Josh Doody, director of athletics, Notre Dame de Namur University, whose term on the council ends May 15, 2020.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized Anthony Jenkins, West Virginia State University, whose term on the council ends May 15, 2020. He is becoming the president at Coppin State University at the end of the academic year.

**14. FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2020 through January 2022.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2020 through 2022.

**15. ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 3:22 p.m. Eastern time.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 2:59 p.m. Eastern time.

<b>Division II Management Council April 20-21, 2020 Virtual Meeting ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Division II Presidents Council April 29, 2020 Virtual Meeting ATTENDEES</b>
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive Jessica Chapin, American International College Teresa Clark, Cedarville University	M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University Carlos Campo, Ashland University John Denning, Stonehill College

<b>Division II Management Council  April 20-21, 2020  Virtual Meeting</b>	<b>Division II Presidents Council  April 29, 2020  Virtual Meeting</b>
<p>Laura Clayton Eady, University of West Georgia</p> <p>Mark A. Corino, Caldwell University</p> <p>J. Lin Dawson, Clark Atlanta University</p> <p>Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University</p> <p>Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference</p> <p>Amy Foster, Seattle Pacific University</p> <p>Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University</p> <p>Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference</p> <p>Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University</p> <p>Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University</p> <p>Kristi Kiefer, Fairmont State University</p> <p>Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth</p> <p>David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University</p> <p>John Lewis, Bluefield State College</p> <p>Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University</p> <p>David Marsh, Northwood University</p> <p>Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead</p> <p>Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University</p> <p>Judy Sackfield, Texas A&amp;M University-Commerce</p> <p>Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University</p> <p>Jeff Williams, East Central University</p> <p>Steven Winter, Sonoma State University</p> <p>Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University</p>	<p>Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Rex Fuller, Western Oregon University</p> <p>Allison Garrett, Emporia State University</p> <p>Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference</p> <p>Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico</p> <p>Anthony Jenkins, West Virginia State University</p> <p>Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken</p> <p>T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology</p> <p>Bruce McLarty, Harding University</p> <p>Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College</p> <p>Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University</p> <p>Steven Shirley, Minot State University</p> <p>William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College</p>

<b>ABSENTEES</b>	<b>ABSENTEES</b>
None.	None.

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**SUMMARY OF MAY 2020 MEETINGS**

**National Collegiate Athletic Association**  
**May 15, 2020, Division II Management Council**  
**May 19, 2020, Division II Presidents Council**

**1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its virtual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time Friday, May 15.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present. He also highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its virtual meeting at 3 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday, May 19.

The chair introduced one new member of the Council, Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise. Staff members also were recognized by the chair. The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

**2. REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION, SPORTS SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS FOR 2020-21.**

**a. Championships Selection.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council amend the policy for the minimum number of contests for championships selection in 2020-21. The Management Council recommended a 33% reduction in minimum contests for championship selections in Division II championship sports, with the exemption of rowing. The Council recommended a 20% decrease in rowing to four. One trip down the course counts as one contest, so it is possible to have three contests in one weekend. The increase to four encourages teams to compete on at least two weekends to be selected for the championship.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the policy change, as recommended.

**b. Minimum Number of Contests for Sports Sponsorship.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve a blanket waiver to reduce the number of contests required for sports sponsorship for 2020-21. The Council recommended a 33% reduction in

minimum sports sponsorship requirements in all Division II sports, including National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the blanket waiver, as recommended.

**c. Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to reduce the maximum number of contests and dates of competition each sport can participate in 2020-21. Specifically, the Council recommended reductions in maximum number of contests or dates of competition, by sport, in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year only, as follows:

- Baseball: 40.
- Men's basketball: 22. (Note: Men's basketball teams may not exempt two contests played as part of a conference challenge event or games played in the Tip-Off Classic for the 2020- 21 academic year. Typically, institutions can exempt these contests.)
- Women's basketball: 22. (Note: Women's basketball teams may not exempt two contests played as part of a conference challenge event or games played in the Tip-Off Classic for the 2020-21 academic year. Typically, institutions can exempt these contests.)
- Cross country: 6.
- Field hockey: 14.
- Football: 10.
- Men's golf: 16.
- Women's golf: 16.
- Men's lacrosse: 13.
- Women's lacrosse: 13.
- Women's rowing: 14.
- Men's soccer: 14.
- Women's soccer: 14.
- Softball: 44.
- Swimming and diving: 12.
- Men's tennis: 17.
- Women's tennis: 17.
- Indoor track and field: 14.
- Outdoor track and field: 14.
- Women's volleyball: 20.

- Men's wrestling: 12.

The Management Council also recommended that the Presidents Council issue the following statement:

NCAA Division II conferences and institutions have acknowledged, through survey feedback on contests reductions, that COVID-19 has presented us with financial challenges that we are proactively addressing together. In that spirit, and as a result of the governance structure's decision to reduce contest maximums, thus affecting current schedules, we strongly encourage all member institutions and conferences to work cooperatively and collegially when adjusting schedules. Please keep in mind the purpose behind these actions is to assist all institutions with short-term financial concerns so that we may emerge stronger as a membership and division.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adopted noncontroversial legislation, as recommended. The Council also approved the statement.

### 3. ***OTHER BUSINESS.***

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the process and timeline to review 2020-21 Division II fall playing and practice seasons and championships. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the process and timeline to review 2020-21 Division II fall playing and practice seasons and championships. No action was necessary.

### 4. ***ADJOURNMENT.***

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 3:52 p.m. Eastern time.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 4:17 p.m. Eastern time.

<b>Division II Management Council May 15, 2020 Virtual Meeting ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Division II Presidents Council May 19, 2020 Virtual Meeting ATTENDEES</b>
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive Jessica Chapin, American International College Teresa Clark, Cedarville University Laura Clayton Eady, University of West Georgia	Carlos Campo, Ashland University John Denning, Stonehill College Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Rex Fuller, Western Oregon University Allison Garrett, Emporia State University

<b>Division II Management Council  May 15, 2020  Virtual Meeting</b>	<b>Division II Presidents Council  May 19, 2020  Virtual Meeting</b>
Mark A. Corino, Caldwell University J. Lin Dawson, Clark Atlanta University Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference Amy Foster, Seattle Pacific University Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University Kristi Kiefer, Fairmont State University Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University John Lewis, Bluefield State College Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University David Marsh, Northwood University Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University Jeff Williams, East Central University Steven Winter, Sonoma State University Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology Bruce McLarty, Harding University Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University Steven Shirley, Minot State University William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College
<b>ABSENTEES</b>	<b>ABSENTEES</b>
None.	M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University

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**REPORT OF THE NCAA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
APRIL 28, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- None.

**INFORMATONAL ITEMS:**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors Chair President Michael Drake convened the videoconference at approximately 1 p.m. and welcomed the Governors. President Drake gave a special welcome to Commissioner Heather Benning, President Allison Garrett, Commissioner Chris Graham and President Fayneese Miller, noting that although they have participated in several teleconferences, he had not had the opportunity to officially welcome them to the Board. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
- 2. Consent Agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the reports of its January 23, 2020, meeting, March 11 and 12, 2020, teleconferences and March 26, 2020, joint videoconference with the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Further, the Board approved the appointment of Bryce Choate, a men's cross country student-athlete at Oral Roberts University, and Jaila Tolbert, a former women's volleyball student-athlete at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to serve on the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
- 3. NCAA president's report.** NCAA President Mark Emmert provided brief comments on several issues facing the Association that were part of the Governors meeting agenda. President Emmert stressed the need for flexibility during this unprecedented time and the importance of assisting member schools as they work to reopen their campuses.
- 4. NCAA Federal and State Legislation Working Group Update.** The Board of Governors received the final report of the Federal and State Legislation Working Group including its updated recommendations to allow student-athletes to receive compensation for activities related to name, image and likeness. The Board also received an update on the work of the Presidential Subcommittee on Congressional Action and its recommendations, as well as updates from the divisional Council/Management Council chairs on their legislative efforts. Consistent with its actions taken in October 2019, the Board of Governors reinforced the importance of the divisions continuing to make significant progress on related rule changes consonant with the amended principles and guidelines and make those changes by January 2021, to be effective no later than the 2021-22 academic year. The Board of Governors emphasized that any modernization of the divisional bylaws should be through a transparent and inclusive process aligned with the divisional philosophies.

It was VOTED

"That any modernization of the divisional NIL bylaws must be accompanied by guardrails to ensure that:

- Any compensation received by student-athletes for NIL activities represents a genuine payment for use of their NIL, and is not pay for athletics participation;
- Schools and conferences play no role in a student-athlete's NIL activity;
- Schools or boosters are not using NIL opportunities as a recruiting inducement;
- The role of third parties in student-athlete NIL activities is regulated; and
- Liberalization of NIL rules does not interfere with NCAA members' efforts in the areas of diversity, inclusion or gender equity.

Provided those guardrails are established, the divisions could develop legislation to permit student-athletes to:

- Receive compensation for use of their NIL in third party endorsements, including those related to athletics;
- Receive compensation from third parties, but not schools, for the use of their NIL in their work product, including social media influencer activity, promotion of a business or work product or personal promotion; and
- Use agents, advisors or professional services in conjunction with the NIL activities, provided appropriate regulation is established.

In addition, if the divisions make these changes, they must take care to prohibit schools or conferences from (1) paying student-athletes for these activities; (2) playing any role in locating, arranging or facilitating third parties to pay for these activities; or (3) using, or allowing boosters to use, the possibility of such payments as a recruiting inducement.

Further that the Board of Governors support all the recommendations in the report related to the work of the Presidential Subcommittee on Congressional Action with respect to the NCAA's engagement with members of Congress including to seek preemption of state NIL laws, to safeguard the non-employment status of student-athletes, to establish a safe harbor against lawsuits versus the Association related to NIL, to maintain a distinction between student-athletes and professional athletes and to uphold the NCAA's values including diversity, inclusion and gender equity.

Finally, that the Federal and State Legislation Working Group be dissolved as it has completed its work and each of the divisions continue their work to modernize rules to further support student-athletes within the context of college sports and higher education."

**Approved** (Unanimous voice vote).

**5. Review of NCAA Strategic Plan.** NCAA Strategic Planning Working Group Chair Glen Jones and Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain consultants project lead, updated the Board on progress in the strategic planning process and recent changes to the draft plan. Next steps include development of the implementation roadmap and final branding work to advance the plan to the final format for Board review in August. The Board approved the content and substance of the plan and accepted the direction going forward.

**6. Review of NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy.**

**a. Amendments to Campus Sexual Violence Policy.** The Board of Governors continued its previous discussion on the Campus Sexual Violence Policy and possible amendments to the policy. The recommended amendments would require each university president/chancellor, director of athletics and campus Title IX coordinator to attest annually that:

- (1) All prospective, continuing and transfer student-athletes have completed a disclosure form annually related to their conduct that resulted in an investigation, discipline through a Title IX proceeding or in a criminal conviction for sexual, interpersonal or other acts of violence.\*\* Failure to accurately and fully disclose investigatory activity, a disciplinary action or criminal conviction could result in penalties, including loss of eligibility to participate in athletics as determined by the member institution.
- (2) Institutions have taken reasonable steps to confirm whether prospective, continuing and transfer student-athletes have been under investigation, subject to discipline through a Title IX proceeding or criminally convicted of sexual, interpersonal or other acts of violence.\*\* In a manner consistent with federal and state law, all NCAA member institutions must share information related to these matters with other member institutions when a student-athlete attempts to enroll in a new college or university.
- (3) An institution choosing to recruit a prospective student-athlete or accept a transfer student-athlete must have a written policy that directs its staff to gather information that reasonably yields information from the former institution(s) to put the recruiting institutional leadership on notice that the prospect has been under investigation, disciplined through a Title IX proceeding or a criminal conviction for sexual, interpersonal or other acts of violence.\*\* Failure to have a written policy and to gather information consistent with that policy could result in penalties.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy, requiring attestation in the 2021-22 academic year.”

**Approved** (Unanimous voice vote).

**b. Request to postpone the annual campus sexual violence attestation requirement.** The Board of Governors discussed concerns expressed by Division I athletics directors regarding modifications to the required policy on campus sexual violence attestation. The

May 15, 2020, deadline for submission was moved to June 15, 2020, and free, online education has been made available to the membership. Additionally, only the athletics director's signature is required on the form after conferring with the president and campus Title IX coordinator. The Board discussed the athletics directors' concerns and agreed that the modifications should remain in place this year, as they were implemented to ease the administrative burden on schools during this difficult and unprecedented time. Members may continue to provide all three signatures but will not be penalized if only the athletics director executes the attestation.

**7. NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** President Satish Tripathi, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee presented the committee's report.

**a. NCAA Tax Return 990.** The Board of Governors received the NCAA's 2018-19 Form 990, which covers the tax year September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019.

**b. FY 2019-20 NCAA revenue and expenses second quarter budget-to-actual report.** President Tripathi noted that due to the significant financial abnormalities that have occurred since the second quarter, the committee's discussion of the second quarter results was appropriately limited.

**c. Revised 2020 NCAA internal audit plan.** Staff presented to the Finance and Audit Committee recommended changes to the approved internal audit plan for this fiscal year. The changes were suspensions and cancellations of current audit activities with a goal of maintaining integrity with necessary audits while at the same time reducing costs over the next 18 months and included:

- (1) Cancellation of the review of the \$200 million one-time distribution to Division I from three years ago. This would have been the second and final year of these reviews. Five percent of schools had reviews last year and no issues were identified with how the dollars were spent.
- (2) Cancelling the men's basketball Division I host audits for the current fiscal year since very few expenses were incurred and no revenues were collected
- (3) Suspending some event certification financial transparency activities. The NCAA will continue to collect the financial documents from grassroots teams and event operators but defer this year's planned audit.
- (4) Deferring a review of the academic and membership affairs quality control process and replacing it with a review of the ticket revenue reconciliation performed in March. The NCAA believes the ticket revenue is more important due to the large volume of reimbursements.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve the recommended changes to the 2019-20 internal audit plan." **Approved** (For 20, Against 0, Abstain 1).

- d. Changes to the NCAA Investment Policy Statement.** The Finance and Audit Committee recommended that the NCAA's Operating Reserve Investment Policy be modified to add language that the committee will fully consider minority and women owned businesses that are highly rated by the NCAA's investment consultant. Further, that the policy make clear the investment subcommittee must adhere to the NCAA's Conflict of Interest Policy when considering investment managers.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve the recommended changes to the NCAA's Operating Reserve Investment Policy." **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote).

- e. NCAA investment update.** The Finance and Audit Committee reported an update received on its investment subcommittee's work, which included a review of the committee's membership, how the NCAA allocates its investments across various categories and the NCAA's performance compared to member institutions as reported in the National Association of College and University Business Officer's annual endowment study. The committee was pleased with the performance for the time period covered, which confirms the Association's allocation policy. Yet, acknowledged that the current financial situation is much different than the 2019 performance as a result of unprecedented circumstances.
- f. Financial update.** NCAA Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely updated the Board of Governors on the finances of the Association and the national office. The Board was apprised of the status of the line of credit approved by the Board at its previous meeting. The Board also was informed of the actions taken by the national office staff to reduce FY20 and FY21 budgets, which included among other savings: suspension of business operations at the national office, elimination of planned technology refresh, reductions in travel and in-person meetings, a 20% pay cut for senior executives and 10% cut for vice presidents, elimination of any pay raises or bonuses for employees in 2020-21, and a hiring and promotion freeze from now through the end of 2021, except in business critical/mission driven circumstances
- 8. NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy update.** The Board of Governors was informed of federal and state legislative activity related to transgender student-athlete participation in athletics. At the federal level, one bill has been introduced and at the state level, 22 states have introduced legislation, with one state (Idaho) having passed a bill. In addition, the NCAA is conducting a review of its Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy to ensure it continues to provide fair, inclusive and dignified opportunities and competitive equity for all student-athletes and is supported by evidence and consensus-based research. The timeline for the engagement of various NCAA governance groups in the review was summarized. The Board was notified that it would be presented with possible modifications to the Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy during its August 2020 meeting.

**9. Board of Governors meeting preparation.** The Board discussed concerns expressed by the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association about collaboration and transparency regarding Board of Governors meeting material and agendas. The Board noted its unique role in the governance process and its fiduciary responsibility to the Association as a whole. Board members are asked to use their independent judgment to make decisions in the best interests of the Association, which is unlike other governance bodies (particularly in Division I) that rely upon reflection of school, conference or divisional representation and perspective on issues. In exercising independent judgment, each Board member has discretion to prepare for meetings which may include consulting with other presidents, commissioners, student-athletes and subject matter experts. The Board agreed that its policies and practices should not be revised, and that meeting material should continue to be distributed to members-only via a secure portal. The Board did note, however, that its meeting agendas are available on the NCAA website prior to meetings.

**10. Law, Policy and Governance Strategic Discussion.**

**a. COVID-19 update.** The NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline highlighted for the Board the federal Guidelines published to help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work and continuing to protect American lives. Dr. Hainline identified core principles consistent with the Guidelines, which serve as the foundation for potentially resuming athletics practice and competition at the collegiate level. Dr. Hainline noted that the Guidelines and principles are resources for schools to use in coordination with institutional and governmental decision-making specific to a locale. Dr. Hainline distinguished that college sports differ from professional sports because all college athletes are first and foremost students and, therefore, the resocialization of college sports must be grounded in resocialization of college campuses. Finally, Dr. Hainline reflected that the core principles of resocialization of collegiate sports drafted by the COVID-19 Advisory Panel were widely discussed within the divisional practitioner governance structures and that after discussing with the divisional presidential structures the following day and sharing with commissioners, it would be published more broadly.

**b. Government relations.** The Board was informed of state and federal legislative activity related to sports wagering and student-athletes' ability to benefit from use of their name, image and likeness included in the quarterly government relations report.

**c. Legal and litigation update.** NCAA general counsel noted the privileged and confidential quarterly litigation status report included in the meeting materials for the board's information and discussed recent legal developments, including new cases.

**11. NCAA Independent Accountability Resolution Process/Structure update.** Denis McDonough, chair of the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee, gave a brief update of the Independent Accountability Resolution Process that became effective August 1, 2019. The Board was informed that there has been activity in the new process and that when a case is accepted into the independent structure there will be a limited public disclosure of that

fact. Such a disclosure was made in early March when the first case was accepted into the IARP by the NCAA Infractions Referral Committee.

- 12. NCAA Board of Governors' Executive Committee report.** President Drake reported on matters considered in the Board's Executive Committee meeting earlier in the day.
- 13. Executive Session.** The Governors concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.
- 14. Adjournment.** The videoconference was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m. Eastern time

*Board of Governors chair: Michael Drake, The Ohio State University*

*Staff liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance  
Donald M. Remy, chief operating officer*

NCAA Board of Governors April 28, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference	
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania.	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky.	
Ken Chenault, General Catalyst.	
Mary Sue Coleman, Association of American Universities.	
John DeGioia, Georgetown University.	
Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado.	
Michael Drake, The Ohio State University.	
Mark Emmert, NCAA.	
Allison Garrett, Emporia State University.	
Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University.	
Grant Hill, CBS/Warner Media/Atlanta Hawks.	
Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken.	
Renu Khator, University of Houston.	
Ronald Machtley, Bryant University.	
Fr. James Maher, Niagara University.	
Denis McDonough, Former White House Chief of Staff.	
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.	
Tori Murden-McClure, Spalding University.	
Vivek Murthy, 19th United States Surgeon General.	
Denise Trauth, Texas State University.	
Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.	

David Wilson, Morgan State University.
Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Val Ackerman, Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group co-chair.
Greg Baroni, Attain, LLC
Nicholas Clark, NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee chair
Briana Guerrero, Attain, LLC
Glen Jones, NCAA Board of Governors Strategic Planning Working Group chair
Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain LLC
Gene Smith, Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group co-chair.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Abe Frank, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Terri Gronau, Brian Hainline, Maritza Jones, Kevin Lennon, Kathleen McNeely, Stacey Osburn, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox and Bob Williams.

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 5

JUNE 11 BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

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BEFORE THE MEETING



Interim Actions of the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee

1. On April 22, May 6, May 13, May 20 and June 10, the Administrative Committee took action on Division II regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19, including issues related to academic eligibility, awards and benefits, championships, financial aid, membership reporting requirements, playing and practice seasons, recruiting, reinstatement, and transfer eligibility [see Attachment A].
2. On April 22, the Administrative Committee approved Division II championships budget recommendation for fiscal year 2020-21, which include converting in-person sport committee meetings to virtual meetings, and not holding student-athlete award banquets at the final site of the NCAA's championship. The committee noted that the NCAA championships staff will still recognize Elite 90 Award winners at the final site.
3. On May 6, the Administrative Committee approved changes to the Management Council committee and project team assignments, as follows:
  - a. **Amy Henkelman:** Added NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, Division II Committee for Legislative Relief; and Division II Management Council Liaison to Division II Athletics Directors Association;
  - b. **Jim Johnson:** Removed Division II Management Council Liaison to Division II Athletics Directors Association;
  - c. **Steven Winter:** Added Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee; and
  - d. **Jerry Wollmering:** Added Division II Management Council Liaison to CoSIDA.
4. On June 17, the Administrative Committee affirmed no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition for the playing and practice seasons in fall 2020. In addition, the committee affirmed no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines for fall 2020 championships. If the local or national landscape change as a result of COVID-19, the committee is supportive of potential revisions to championships schedules or formats in fall 2020, as needed.

The committee also approved a blanket waiver to permit conferences and institutions that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA Division II Championship, to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year. [see Attachment B].

5. On July 2, the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following items:

- a. **Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.** A change to the Management Council committee and project team assignments to appoint Carrie Michaels to the Division II Championships Committee.
  - b. **Immediate Appointment to Association-Wide Committee.** The committee approved the following appointment, effective immediately.
    - NCAA Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. **Tim McMurray**, director of athletics, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference.
6. On July 15, the Administrative Committee took action on Division II regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19, including issues related to playing and practice seasons and recruiting [see Attachments C and D].

[Note: Attachment D, the July 1 and July 9 Legislation Committee report, is being provided for feedback purposes only and action will be taken by the Administrative Committee during a future meeting.]



**Actions Approved by the Division II Administrative Committee  
Related to Regulations and Policies Impacted by COVID-19  
Updated: June 10, 2020**

For more information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the following resources on the [NCAA's COVID-19 webpage](#):

1. Resources on the resocialization of collegiate sport: [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#), [Action Plan Considerations](#) and [FAQ](#).
2. Interpretative guidance on existing Division II legislation and action taken based on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: [Division II COVID-19 Question and Answer Guide](#).

Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Recruiting dead period affecting all sports.	<p>Adopted emergency legislation to immediately implement a dead period in all sports through May 31. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.</p> <p>Adopted emergency legislation to implement a quiet period June 1 through <b>July 31, 2020</b>. It is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.</p>	<p>3/13/20</p> <p>Updated 4/1/20, 5/13/20, 6/10/20</p>
Reimbursement of costs associated with previously planned official and unofficial visits.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to reimburse prospective student-athletes with any costs associated with canceled official or unofficial visits. Such reimbursement would not trigger use of a prospective student-athlete's one permissible official visit.	3/13/20
Offering of institutional athletics aid agreements.	Adopted emergency legislation to specify that institutional athletics aid agreements cannot be issued until April 15.	3/18/20

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Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
		Updated 4/1/20, 4/8/20
Recruiting contacts with signed prospective student-athletes.	Although legislation provides flexibility, institutions are not encouraged to engage in in-person recruiting on or off campus.	3/18/20
Adjust the deadline for coaches certification.	Issued a blanket waiver to extend the 2019-20 certifications through August 31, 2020.	3/18/20
Institutional camps and clinics.	<p>Confirmed that institutional camps and clinics are not permitted during the dead period in place through May 31.</p> <p>Institutional camps and clinics can be held during the quiet period effective June 1 through July 31, subject to applicable public health guidance and institutional and conference decisions.</p> <p>Confirmed institutional camps and clinics can take place at any location, subject to applicable public health guidance and institutional and conference decisions.</p> <p>Confirmed coaching staff members are permitted to be employed at a noninstitutional camp or clinic during the quiet period.</p>	<p>3/25/20</p> <p>Updated 4/8/20, 5/13/20, 5/20/20, 6/10/20</p>
Student-athlete involvement in virtual recruitment.	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) at the direction of a coaching staff member until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term with:</p> <p>(1) High school prospective student-athletes graduating in spring/summer 2020;</p>	<p>4/15/20</p> <p>Updated 5/6/20</p>

Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	(2) Two-year college prospective student-athletes transferring for the fall 2020 term; and (3) Four-year college transfers who have been granted permission to contact.	
Prospective student-athlete involvement in team meetings and activities.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete (e.g., signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) to participate in virtual team meetings that do not involve physical activity. Only current student-athletes and institutional staff members may be present (e.g., boosters, alumni cannot be present).	4/15/20  Updated 4/22/20
Transcript requirement prior to issuing National Letter of Intent or athletics aid agreement.	(1) Allowed institutions to provide a grade report in the event an unofficial transcript is unavailable; and (2) If a grade report is unavailable, institutions may submit a waiver for review on a case-by-case basis.	4/15/20
Advertisements and promotions (Bylaw 13.4.3.1)	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to produce any promotional material for purposes of recruiting, provided publicity legislation (Bylaw 13.10) is followed.	5/6/20
Recruiting activity with multiple uncommitted prospective student-athletes.	Adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit coaching staff members and current student-athletes to participate on a telephone/video call with any number of uncommitted prospective student-athletes (and their family members) until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term. All other publicity restrictions (Bylaw 13.10) apply.  Current student-athletes may only be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) with:	5/20/20

Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	(1) High school prospective student-athletes graduating in spring/summer 2020; (2) Two-year college prospective student-athletes transferring for the fall 2020 term; and (3) Four-year college transfers who have been granted permission to contact.	

Reinstatement Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Season-of-competition waivers – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply season-of-competition waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided <b>all</b> of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete used a season of competition in a spring sport during the 2019-20 academic year; (2) The student-athlete was eligible for competition when he or she competed during the 2019-20 academic year; and (3) The student-athlete's season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak.	3/13/20
Extension requests – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply extension of eligibility waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided <b>all</b> of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete was eligible for competition during the 2019-20 academic year; (2) The student-athlete would have otherwise exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility after the spring 2020 term; and	3/13/20  Criteria amended 3/18/20, 3/25/20

Reinstatement Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	<p>(3) The student-athlete's season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>The extension would be for the entire 2020-21 academic year, as opposed to one semester.</p>	
If blanket waiver is self-applied, discuss application of Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.1 (application of waiver).	Issued blanket waiver to permit a student-athlete to enroll at any point during the 2020-21 academic year.	3/18/20
Application of season of competition waivers and extension of eligibility waivers for transfers.	<p>Confirmed that the rules and decisions made by other divisions and organizations (e.g., NAIA, junior college) regarding use of a season regarding use of a season of competition or 10 semesters/15 quarters in spring 2020 would follow the student-athlete upon transfer.</p> <p>A Division II student-athlete who transfers to another Division II institution for the 2020-21 academic year would also retain use of the self-applied waiver(s). (See financial aid section for application of equivalency relief.)</p>	3/25/20
Winter sports.	Did not provide relief for the season of competition or provide an extension of eligibility for winter sport season student-athletes.	4/1/20
Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a drug testing penalty in spring 2020 but were unable to do so due to the institution's cancellation of spring 2020 sports.	Questions on the application of drug testing penalties should be submitted through RSRO for clarification on application of penalties.	4/22/20
Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a reinstatement withholding condition in spring 2020 but	Questions on the application of reinstatement withholding conditions should be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the case manager.	4/22/20

Reinstatement Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
were unable to do so due to the institution's cancellation of spring 2020 sports.		

Financial Aid Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Financial aid equivalency limits.	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to allow student-athletes who would have used their fourth season of competition or exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility during the spring 2020 term to receive athletics aid for the 2020-21 academic year without counting toward team equivalency limits (i.e., treat these student-athletes as if they are receiving exhausted eligibility athletics aid).</p> <p>This relief only applies if the student-athlete remains at their original institution. If the student-athlete transfers, the athletics aid received at the new institution would count toward team equivalency limits.</p>	<p>3/13/20</p> <p>Criteria amended 3/18/20 and 3/25/20</p>
Providing room and board to a student-athlete on financial aid if the campus is closed for the spring term or the remainder of the spring term.	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid rules.	3/18/20
If an institution chooses to conduct practice and a student-athlete fails to report, does this constitute voluntary withdrawal and the institution can reduce/cancel athletics aid?	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid, but institution is encouraged to work with its legal counsel.	3/18/20
Degree-Completion Awards for 2020-21.	For spring sports student-athletes who were awarded an extension request, waived current requirements so they can participate in their	3/25/20

<b>Financial Aid Issues</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
	last season during the 2020-21 academic year and still receive the award. Additionally, a student-athlete may still receive athletics aid.	Updated 3/30/20
Adjustments to tuition, fees, room and/or board costs and impact on student-athlete athletics aid.	Confirmed the following application of financial aid legislation: (1) Institutions are not required to adjust full grant-in-aid and equivalency calculations if refunds are provided. (2) Student-athletes may receive any refunds given to the general student body, even if athletics aid paid the initial cost through an athletics aid agreement. Such a refund is an institutional decision. (3) If an institution does not provide refunds for the spring 2020 term and instead applies a credit to costs for the 2020-21 academic year, the credit will not count toward 2020-21 equivalencies.	4/1/20
July 1 renewal deadline.	Kept the deadline as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/8/20
2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Confirmed it is permissible for an institution to include a nonathletically related condition [see Bylaw 15.5.4.1.1] in its 2020-21 financial aid agreements related to COVID-19 (e.g., reduction of room and board if an institution only conducts online courses for the fall 2020 term). Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20
2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to reissue athletics aid agreements for the 2020-21 academic year to include a COVID-19 related condition, even if the aid agreement has already been signed. Revised aid agreements must be sent by the July 1 deadline for renewals. Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20

Awards and Benefits Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Extra benefits (e.g., meals, lodging, travel).	Flexibility already exists for institutions to provide necessary housing and meals through the <a href="#">Committee for Legislative Relief incidental expense waiver list</a> .  Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to provide any necessary transportation (e.g., flights to/from campus) to ensure the health and well-being of student-athletes.	3/13/20
Reimbursement of costs associated with a foreign tour.	Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to reimburse student-athletes for any costs paid for a foreign tour that is cancelled.	4/15/20
Student-athlete housing blocks.	Issued a blanket waiver for the 2020-21 academic year to permit institutions to make housing arrangements as determined to be necessary with COVID-19 considerations, including student-athlete specific housing blocks.	6/10/20
Providing benefits (e.g., housing and meals) prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice.	Confirmed that it is permissible per Bylaw 16.4 (medical expenses) to provide benefits (e.g., housing and meals) to a student-athlete who needs to return to campus for medical reasons (e.g., COVID-19 testing, quarantine) prior to the start of preseason practice, as the institution has determined that an earlier return to campus is medically necessary.	6/10/20

Transfer Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Transfer portal/permission to contact issues.	Provided additional authority to the enforcement staff, as follows: (1) For violations of a failure to provide permission to contact within the legislated timeframe (i.e., 14 consecutive calendar days) due to COVID-related challenges, provide flexibility from normal	4/1/20

Transfer Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	enforcement penalties. Student-athlete would still be automatically granted permission to contact by default; and (2) For violations of contacting a student-athlete who does not have permission to contact, provide flexibility to apply enhanced enforcement penalties for tampering.	
Impact on four-year college transfer legislation.	(1) Confirmed application of transfer legislation will remain the same; and (2) Referred review of the <a href="#">run-off guideline</a> to the Committee for Legislative Relief for consideration of COVID-19 impact.	4/8/20

Academic Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Progress-toward-degree requirements (term-by-term, academic year and annual credit hour requirements, GPA requirement).	Issued a blanket waiver of the following progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2019-20 academic year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term-by-term (Bylaw 14.4.3.2), academic year (Bylaw 14.4.3.3) and annual credit hour requirements (Bylaw 14.4.3.4);</li> <li>• GPA requirement (Bylaw 14.4.3.5);</li> <li>• Transferrable nine-semester/eight-quarter hours for student-athletes whose last full-time term of attendance was spring 2020 (Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1); and</li> <li>• Average of 12-transferrable credit hour requirement for transfers with one season or two-semester/three-quarters remaining, provided the student-athlete was on track to meet that requirement prior to the spring 2020 term (Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9-d).</li> </ul> <p>Student-athletes must be in good academic standing to be eligible for competition in the fall 2020 term.</p>	5/13/20

Academic Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	<p>Institutions are still required to complete an eligibility list for the 2020-21 academic year (see Bylaw 14.11.2).</p> <p>Student-athletes must meet all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements during the 2020-21 academic year.</p>	
Full-time enrollment.	Issued a blanket waiver for the spring 2020 term to permit student-athletes to participate in countable athletically related activities while enrolled less than full-time, provided the student-athletes were initially enrolled full-time for the spring 2020 term.	3/13/20
Impact on student-athletes who utilized Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) during the 2020 spring semester and implications for full-time enrollment in fall 2020.	Issued a blanket waiver to waive the application to permit student-athletes to retain their eligibility if they are not able to complete their graduation requirements in the spring 2020 term due to COVID-19 impact.	3/18/20
Eligibility requirements for 2020-21 academic year.	Confirmed that full-time enrollment and progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2020-21 academic year remain the same.	5/6/20
Two-year college transfer requirements for prospective student-athletes who are impacted by COVID-19 related issues (e.g., certifying institution does not accept pass/fail grades, two-year college ceased operations, two-year college transitioned to remote learning).	<p>Allowed institutions to self-apply a two-year college transfer waiver for prospective student-athletes transferring for the 2020-21 academic year provided all of the following criteria were met and the student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering the 2020 spring term:</p> <p>(1) The student-athlete was on track to complete at least two full-time semesters or three quarters at the two-year college;</p> <p>(2) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit for each full-time term of attendance at the two-year college;</p>	<p>5/6/20</p> <p>Updated 5/13/20</p>

Academic Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	<p>(3) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete the following transferable credit-hour requirements: a) six semester or eight quarter hours of English; b) three semester or four quarter hours of Math; and c) three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science; and</p> <p>(4) The student-athlete has presented a minimum transferable grade-point average of 2.2.</p> <p>The institution is responsible for maintaining documentation on campus as is currently required for progress-toward-degree waivers in the <a href="#">previously approved waiver checklist</a>.</p>	
Impact on student-athletes who were serving an academic year in residence for initial eligibility, transfer and organized competition.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to use the spring 2020 term toward meeting the academic year in residence requirement, even if a student-athlete completes the spring 2020 term enrolled less than full-time after beginning the term full-time.	4/8/20
Given the unique circumstances and cancellations (e.g., spring terms, leaving exams, ACT/SAT dates), will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?	<p>Students will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver (athletics aid, practice and competition) in the academic certification process if they successfully complete at least 10 core-course units before starting the seventh semester and present a 2.2 or higher core GPA in such courses.</p> <p>Students will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver for athletics aid and practice (i.e., partial qualifier) relief of initial-eligibility requirements for expected Spring/Summer 2020 graduates who present at least 10 core units with a 2.000 GPA before starting the seventh semester of high school.</p>	4/15/20, 5/20/20

<b>Academic Eligibility Issues</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
How will the Eligibility Center approach schools that issue pass/fail grades for core courses completed in spring/summer 2020?	Credits earned in pass/fail core courses in spring/summer 2020 will apply toward the core-course requirement, but quality points (2.3) for passed core units will only be included for GPA purposes if the student's core GPA would increase with their inclusion. Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020.	4/15/20
Due to school closures and international mail disruptions, will there be any flexibility in requiring official academic documents for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?	If official documents are unavailable, unofficial documents may be used in the certification, provided such documents are submitted to the Eligibility Center directly from the email address associated with the student's Eligibility Center account.	4/15/20

<b>Playing and Practice Seasons Questions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
Countable athletically related activity restrictions for student-athletes who remain on campus.	Directed institutions to follow applicable playing and practice seasons legislation based on Bylaw 17.	3/13/20
Extension of nonchampionship segment (e.g., waivers were approved for the fires in California in past years) and spring football practice.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to resume the nonchampionship segment and spring football practice by the number of days lost due to athletics activities being suspended once those activities resume. Nonchampionship segment cannot extend beyond the end of the playing season in the respective sport as outlined in Bylaw 17.	3/18/20

<b>Playing and Practice Seasons Questions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
If institution is closed, is it considered a vacation period? In addition, what impact does this have on outside competition legislation in Bylaw 14 and 17 if spring sport season is cancelled?	Consider an institutional closure (e.g., no academic classes for the remainder of the term) to be an immediate vacation period and apply playing and practice seasons legislation accordingly.  If an institution has cancelled the season, the outside competition restrictions would not apply. Institutions and student-athletes are encouraged to follow applicable public health guidance regarding activities.	3/18/20
Rescheduling a foreign tour during an otherwise impermissible period.	Kept the legislation as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/15/20
Summer activities.	Adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit voluntary workouts at the request of the student-athlete for team sports until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term. These workouts are already permissible in individual sports.	5/6/20
Team entertainment activities in the summer at the direction of the coaching staff	Issued a blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete (e.g., signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) and student-athletes to participate in voluntary team entertainment activities (excluding physical activities) at the direction of a coaching staff member until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term.	5/13/20

<b>Membership Issues</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
Sports sponsorship.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of sports sponsorship requirements for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20

<b>Membership Issues</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
Three-season requirement.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of the three-season requirement for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20
Reporting and other requirements for institutions in the membership process.	Issue a waiver to provide relief of the June 1 deadline for institutions in the membership process and other requirements, as needed.	3/13/20
Membership process visits. Explore conducting visits conducted in another manner (i.e., webinar or teleconference).	Cancel visits scheduled for spring 2020 and explore alternate methods for conducting visits.	3/13/20
Reporting requirements for active institutions (i.e., ASR, ISSG, sports sponsorship and demographic form, health and safety survey, APC, membership dues).	Issued a blanket waiver to provide relief of the various legislated deadlines for active institutions. Staff to work with appropriate committees or internal groups to determine extended deadlines.	3/18/20
Impact of furloughs on membership requirements (e.g., full-time compliance administrator, athletics healthcare administrator).	Legislation remains the same. Waivers to be submitted as needed.	4/8/20
Sports sponsorship requirements for 2020-21.	Referred review of these issues to the Membership Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20

<b>Championships Issues</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
Championship selection requirements for 2020-21 academic year (e.g., contest requirements).	Referred review of these issues to the Championships Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20

Championships Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Delay of implementation of new playing rules requirements (e.g., bat testing, three-point line).	<u>Baseball</u> : Regular-season baseball bat testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (although a visual inspection of bats required for the 2021 season). <u>Men's Basketball</u> : New three-point line delayed until 2021-22 season. <u>Men's Lacrosse</u> : Second visible shot clock delayed until Spring 2022 season. <u>Swimming and Diving</u> : Required minimum number of officials (depending on the size of the meet) delayed until 2021-22 season.	4/30/20
Terms of service for members serving on regional advisory committees for spring sports.	Authorized staff to act on the recommendation from the conference commissioners regarding extension of terms.	4/8/20
Terms of service for sport committee members.	Current terms will not be extended.	4/8/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
May 18 deadline for certification that institutions have in place a concussion management plan that meets requirements of settlement agreement.	Deadline will remain as is.	3/18/30
Impact on legislative process deadlines (e.g., July 15 membership sponsored deadline, publication releases).	Legislated dates will remain as is.	4/1/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
Board of Governors Policy on Attestation of Sexual Violence Prevention.	(1) Moved the deadline to June 15, 2020. (2) Changed the signatory requirement so that only the athletics director must sign the modified form to minimize cross-campus connections. (3) Made available online education for student-athletes, coaches and administrators.	4/3/20
Revenue and Expenditures Report	Deadline will remain as is.	4/9/20
Conference Grant Program reporting requirements for 2019-20 grants.	<p>Planning and Finance Committee adopted the following changes to the 2019-20 and 2020-21 conference grant reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conferences will not be required to spend a minimum 10% in each of the five strategic positioning outcome areas. Conferences are encouraged to meet the minimum 10%, but the Planning and Finance Committee will provide flexibility if conferences cannot meet the requirements due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• There will be no limit on the amount a conference can carry over to the following academic year.</li> <li>• The Planning and Finance Committee will review the annual conference audit management letters that have been conducted for this reporting cycle but will provide flexibility when the Board/ Presidents Group of a conference has decided to not conduct an audit. If the Board/Presidents Group of a conference decides to not conduct an audit, the committee requests that the conference attaches the management letter from the previous year and notes such decision in the text box where the auditor's name and contact information should be entered. The committee will revisit this requirement and provide additional flexibility for the 2020-21 report, as needed.</li> </ul>	4/28/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All other requirements for the conference grant program still apply (e.g., June 30 deadline, fines for late submission, complete reporting on initiatives/subgrants that have taken place, permissible uses.)</li></ul>	
Enhancement Fund – sports sponsorship calculation for 2022 distribution.	Planning and Finance Committee agreed to use the sports that institutions in each conference reported as intending to sponsor in spring 2020 (as part of their 2019 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic submission) for purposes of determining each conference’s sports sponsorship distribution for the March 2021 allocation.	4/28/20

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The Division II Administrative Committee met yesterday to continue to take action on Division II regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19. The committee discussed whether changes need to be made to Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee also discussed conferences and institutions that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA Division II Championship, due to COVID-19.

The committee affirmed **no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition for the playing and practice seasons in fall 2020**. In addition, the committee affirmed **no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines for fall 2020 championships**. If the local or national landscape change as a result of COVID-19, the committee is **supportive of potential revisions to championships schedules or formats in fall 2020, as needed**.

Over the last few weeks, the Division II governance structure engaged in numerous conversations about the playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for the fall. The Division II Championships Committee, Legislation Committee, Membership Committee and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee all recommended that no changes be made. Further, a membership survey was sent to all active Division II member institutions and conferences in late May. It was taken by 253 athletics directors, 112 presidents and chancellors, and all 23 conference commissioners, and their responses were shared with the Championships, Legislation, Membership and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees as part of their review. Click [here](#) to view the responses from the survey.

The committee also approved a **blanket waiver to permit conferences and institutions that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA Division II Championship, to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows**:

*Championship segment:* Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the championship segment as listed below. Institutions that declare a different championship segment for their fall sports would not be eligible to participate in the Division II championship, but a conference championship opportunity may be available. Institutions may divide the championship segment into two segments, but the winter break legislation (NCAA Bylaw 17.02.18) would still apply. Student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break at the conclusion of the championship segment in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1-(e).

Sport	<b>Number of Calendar Days in the Championship Segment</b>  <b>(First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2020 NCAA Division II Championship)</b>
Cross Country	84 days

Field Hockey	89 days
Football	103 days
Men's Soccer	94 days
Women's Soccer	95 days
Volleyball	108 days

*Nonchampionship segment:* Permit institutions to declare a nonchampionship segment at a different time during the 2020-21 academic year (other than during institutional final exams or the legislated winter break), based on the institution's adjusted championship segment. The nonchampionship segment must end seven calendar days prior to final examinations. If the nonchampionship segment precedes the championship segment, student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break between segments.

*Alternate playing season in golf and tennis:* Permit institutions to extend the fall championship segment and/or spring nonchampionship segment by the number of days the institution delayed the start of the fall 2020 championship segment. Practice during the spring nonchampionship segment may not begin prior to January 10 and competition may not begin prior to February 1 (current parameters for golf and tennis teams that play the championship segment in the spring). For example, if a tennis team is not able to begin practice until August 27, which is a 10-day delay, the institution may continue participating until November 25, start the nonchampionship segment on February 5 or use a combination of the 10 lost days over both segments.

These decisions by the Administrative Committee were made to provide flexibility for conferences and institutions in scheduling contests and dates of competition and provide student-athletes with meaningful participation opportunities in the regular season and NCAA championships, while balancing the impact of COVID-19.

The Division II Presidents Council and Management Council received an update on the Administrative Committee's actions during their joint meeting earlier today. No additional action from the councils was required. The councils noted that decisions on playing and practice seasons for Division II winter and spring sports will be made by mid-July.

Also on the Administrative Committee videoconference, the committee **confirmed that voluntary workouts at the request of prospective student-athletes are not permitted as these individuals have not yet triggered student-athlete status.** The committee noted that relief was provided May 6 for current student-athletes due to the abrupt cancellation of sport seasons in spring 2020 and to enable student-athletes to have access to their sport coaches on a voluntary basis during the summer 2020. Additionally, the committee expressed concerns that expanding the opportunity for voluntary sport-specific workouts to prospective student-athletes may create challenges for institutions as they manage the return of individuals to campus.

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The Division II Administrative Committee met this afternoon to continue to take action on Division II regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19. The committee discussed recruiting calendars in all sports; student-athlete involvement in virtual recruitment; recruiting activity with multiple uncommitted prospective student-athletes; and a clarification from the Division II Legislation Committee for the playing and practice seasons in Division II fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.

The committee voted to **extend the recruiting quiet period to August 31 for all sports** due to the current COVID-19 trends across the country. The committee also **extended the previously approved blanket waiver that permits student-athletes to be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) at the direction of a coaching staff member through the 2020-21 academic year with any contactable prospective student-athletes.**

The committee **extended a previously issued blanket waiver to permit coaching staff members and current student-athletes to participate on a telephone/video call with any number of uncommitted prospective student-athletes (and their family members) through the 2020-21 academic year. All other publicity restrictions (Bylaw 13.10) apply.**

The committee **clarified the application of a blanket waiver [approved on June 17](#) that allows schools to adjust schedules during a fall sport's championship segment and nonchampionship segment for the 2020-21 academic year only, as follows:**

- a. Practice and competition in fall championship sports must end by Monday, May 31, 2021.
- b. Fall sport student-athletes shall not participate in countable athletically related activities, including workouts designed and conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, for a 14-consecutive day period following an institution's championship segment. It would remain permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to monitor a voluntary workout for safety purposes during the 14-day break, provided the activity meets the definition of a voluntary activity per Bylaw 17.02.17 (voluntary athletically related activities). [Note: It is not permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to design or conduct a workout during the summer for student-athletes in fall championship sports until June 1 (See Bylaw 17.1.6.3.5.1).]
- c. Institutions may participate in NCAA championships even if they declare an alternate championship segment.

The Division II Management Council, when it meets next week, will review the Legislation Committee's recommendations for the playing and practice seasons in Division II winter and spring championship sports. The council's feedback will be provided to the Administrative Committee when it meets again on July 22.

View the action items [here](#). A list of the committee's actions can also be found on the [Division II compliance page](#) on NCAA.org.

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REPORT OF THE  
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**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. Application of the Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Fall Championship Sports.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee clarify the application of the blanket waiver to permit institutions and conferences that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA championship, to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:
  - (a) Practice and competition in fall championship sports must end by Monday, May 31, 2021, for those institutions and/or conferences that move the fall championship segment to the spring.
  - (b) Fall sport student-athletes shall not participate in countable athletically related activities, including workouts designed and conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, for a 14-consecutive day period following an institution's championship segment. For example, if a football team competes on May 31, 2021, the strength and conditioning coach may not design or conduct a workout until June 14, 2021. It would remain permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to monitor a voluntary workout for safety purposes during the 14-day break, provided the activity meets the definition of a voluntary activity per NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.02.17 (voluntary athletically related activities). [Note: It is not permissible for a strength and conditioning coach to design or conduct a workout during the summer for student-athletes in fall championship sports until June 1 (see Bylaw 17.1.6.3.5.1).]
2. Effective date. Immediate.
3. Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for fall 2020

sports. While institutions and conferences may not be able to participate in the traditional fall championship segment, this waiver will provide flexibility to institutions to determine an appropriate playing and practice season to provide fall sport student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity in 2020-21 and, as such, student-athletes would still utilize a season of competition. This flexibility will also assist with institutional management of the impact of COVID-19 and resulting enrollment management challenges. This clarification is necessary to assist institutions and conferences in planning for the 2020-21 academic year.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.
5. Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Winter and Spring Championship Sports.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a blanket waiver to permit institutions and conferences to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II winter and spring championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:

*Basketball:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare multiple segments, not to exceed 114 days of on-court practice and competition. Institutions would be permitted to begin on-court practice prior to October 15 and/or competition prior to November 13.
- (b) Practice and competition would remain impermissible during the legislated seven-day winter break (December 21-27, 2020); however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
- (c) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021.
- (d) Institutions would be eligible to participate in the Division II championship even if they declare an alternate playing season and may resume practice and competition after the championship, as long as days remain in the 114 days.

*Winter sports other than basketball:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the regular season as listed below.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2021 NCAA Division II Championship).</b>
Swimming and Diving	144*
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field	144* (for institutions that sponsor only indoor track and field).  156* (for institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field).
Wrestling	144*

\* Which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required days off and official vacation, holiday and final-examination period which no practice or competition shall occur.

- (b) Wrestling would be permitted to begin competition prior to November 1.
- (c) Practice and competition would remain impermissible during the legislated seven-day winter break (December 21-27, 2020); however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
- (d) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021.
- (e) Institutions would be eligible to participate in the Division II Championship even if they declare an alternate playing season and may resume practice and competition after the championship, as long as days remain in the season.

*Spring sports – nonchampionship segment:*

- (a) Permit institutions to declare a nonchampionship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year (other than during institutional final exams and the legislated winter break), based on the institution's adjusted championship segment.
- (b) The nonchampionship segment must end seven calendar days prior to final examinations.
- (c) If the nonchampionship segment precedes the championship segment, student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break between segments.

*Spring sports – championship segment:*

- (a) Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the regular season as listed below.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2021 NCAA Division II Championship)</b>
Baseball	131
Men's Golf	117
Women's Golf	114
Men's Lacrosse	123
Women's Lacrosse	125
Rowing	139
Softball	124
Men's Tennis	119
Women's Tennis	121
Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field	144* (for institutions that sponsor only outdoor track and field).  156* (for institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field).

\* Which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required days off and official vacation, holiday and final-examination period which no practice or competition shall occur.

- (b) Institutions may divide the championship segment into two segments, but the winter break legislation (Bylaw 17.02.18) would still apply; however, institutions would be permitted to provide expenses (e.g., housing, meals) to student-athletes who are unable to return home during the break. Use of institutional facilities would remain limited to facilities open to the general student body.
  - (c) Practice and competition must end by Monday, May 31, 2021, unless the institution is participating in the NCAA championship.
  - (d) Student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break at the conclusion of the championship segment in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1-(e).
  - (e) Institutions that declare a different championship segment for their spring sports would be eligible to participate in the Division II championship.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for the 2020-21 academic year. This waiver will provide flexibility to institutions to determine an appropriate playing and practice season to provide winter and spring sport student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity in 2020-21 and, as such, student-athletes would still utilize a season of competition. This flexibility will also assist with institutional management of the impact of COVID-19 and resulting enrollment management challenges.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Subcommittee appointment.** The committee appointed Dr. Kara Lindaman, faculty athletics representative, Winona State University, to the Legislative Review Subcommittee, effective immediately.

## 2. Future meeting dates.

- a. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis); and
- b. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee July 1 and 9, 2020, Videoconferences	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College (July 9, 2020, videoconference).	
David Marsh, Northwood University (July 9, 2020, videoconference).	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College (July 1, 2020, videoconference only).	
David Marsh, Northwood University (July 1, 2020, videoconference only).	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Roxann Frankel, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Stephanie Quigg, Roberta Page and Angela Red.	



## 2020-21 Division II Priorities

**COVID-19 Response.** Since early March 2020, the Division II governance structure has actively taken steps to ease the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on student-athletes, schools, conferences and the division overall:

- Provided significant flexibility in academic eligibility, awards and benefits, championships, financial aid, membership, transfer eligibility, playing and practice seasons, recruiting, reinstatement and more.
- Approved changes to the division's long-range budget, prioritizing expenses in the following order in accordance with the Division II budget guidelines and principles: (1) contractual obligations; (2) championships; (3) enhancement fund; (4) conference grant program; and (5) strategic initiatives.
- Approved changes to the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship, minimum number of contests for championships selection, and maximum number of contests and dates of competition for the 2020-21 academic year only.
- Continue addressing ongoing and emerging concerns, including whether changes in the playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for the 2020-21 academic year are necessary.

**NIL Legislation.** Following the charge of the NCAA Board of Governors, Division II will consider legislation at the 2021 NCAA Convention to permit student-athletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness. The fall will focus on membership education regarding the current legislation and proposals. After Convention, assuming adoption of the proposals, Division II will shift its attention to helping the membership (including student-athletes as the group most directly impacted) effectively implement the new legislation.

**Division II University.** After a successful first year using DII U to administer the required annual coaches certification, 2020-21 will look to build on that accomplishment by adding four courses on NCAA rules and one on health and safety. Coaches seeking to recruit off campus and participate in countable athletically related activities will be required to complete a course on Bylaw 17 and Life in the Balance, which includes tips and best practices developed by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Future modules will target other Division II constituents, including courses on gameday operations and customer service, as well as courses directed at faculty athletics representatives.

### Championships.

- **Winter Festival.** The division is scheduled to conduct its 12<sup>th</sup> National Championships Festival March 10-13, 2021 in Birmingham to crown champions in wrestling, men's and women's indoor track and field, and men's and women's swimming and diving. The winter festival represents the largest gathering of student-athletes of any NCAA championship event (nearly 1,100 this year).

- **Triennial Budget Requests.** Championships priorities for the 2021-24 triennial budget (e.g., officiating fees, travel reimbursement, per diem, participation opportunities, championships experience) will be considered in the fall/winter 2020.

**Coaches Connection.** The successful program that uses former coaches to strengthen communication between the coaching constituency and the NCAA National Office will expand to include women's rowing.

#### **SAAC.**

- **Total Package Student-Athlete.** The Division II SAAC will continue focusing on initiatives supporting the overarching goal called the "Total Package Student-Athlete":
  - **Total: *Mental health.*** Break the stigma and inspire others to promote mental wellness.
  - **Package: *Diversity and inclusion.*** Celebrate the diversity within athletics and promote inclusion to enhance the student-athlete experience.
  - **Student: *Professional development.*** Prepare student-athletes for experiences and challenges in life after athletics.
  - **Athlete: *Love2Play.*** Encourage young athletes to play multiple sports and to have fun while they play.
- **November SAAC Super Region Convention.** The SAAC will host its third Super Region Convention Nov. 20-22 in Chicago for institutions in the Central and Midwest regions.
- **Monitoring Transfer Portal.** With the Division II membership adopting the notification of transfer model beginning Aug. 1, 2020, the division will monitor the NCAA Transfer Portal to review the rate at which student-athletes transfer in the new legislation compared to the previous permission-to-contact legislation.

#### **Health and Safety.**

- **Survey.** Seek input on the organizational and administrative aspects of athletics health care delivery and incorporate responses into the Institutional Performance Program so that schools can compare their programs with institutional peer groups.
- **Injury Surveillance Program.** Continue increasing the number of institutions that voluntarily participate in the program to build data that help inform injury prevention policies and practices.
- **Mental Health Resources.** Monitor concerns and develop resources to help student-athletes and other campus stakeholders address unique challenges that have impacted them, including those related to COVID-19.

**Inclusion Forum.** Fund activation teams from approximately 40 Division II institutions to attend the 2021 forum April 16-18 in Indianapolis and develop institution-specific action plans to enhance diversity and inclusion on campus.

**Division II Brand.** As the Division II membership embraces the Make It Yours brand and the Life in the Balance philosophy to help student-athletes make the Division II experience their own through academics, athletics, community engagement and more, explore unique ways to continue promoting both for the membership and prospective student-athletes.



**SUPPLEMENT NO. 8**  
**DII Management Council 07/20**

**PRESIDENTS COUNCIL**

Attached for your review is the legislative draft of the proposal being sponsored by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council for the 2021 NCAA Convention. Proposal No. 2020-1 is new for you to review in legislative format. This proposal was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council in concept, but has not yet been approved in legislative form.

# 2021 Presidents Council Sponsored Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** PC-2021-1

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- NONQUALIFIERS -- ACCESS TO ATHLETICS AID

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 24, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2021.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

**Category:** Presidents Council

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To permit a nonqualifier to receive athletics aid during their first academic year in residence; further, to specify that a two-year college transfer who does not meet requirements for practice and competition may receive athletics aid immediately on transfer from a two-year college.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.3, as follows:

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

[14.3.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.6 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulations, did not satisfy the requirements of the initial-eligibility indices for qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.3.

14.3.1.6.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition -- Nonqualifier. A student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment **may receive institutional financial aid (see Bylaw 15.2.1) based on institutional and conference regulations, but** shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. ~~However, such a student for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted.~~

[14.3.1.6.2 through 14.3.1.6.4 unchanged.]

[14.3.2 through 14.3.4 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.4.1 through 14.5.4.3 unchanged.]

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14.5.4.3.4 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier ~~who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) and presented a transferable minimum grade-point average of 2.000;~~ may ~~practice and~~ receive athletics aid (but may not **practice or** compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence.

**14.5.4.3.4.1 Exception for Practice -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) and presented a transferable minimum grade-point average of 2.000, may practice (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence.**

[14.5.4.4 through 14.5.4.7 unchanged.]

**Rationale:** This proposal would allow access to institutional athletics aid to all incoming student-athletes and two-year college transfers regardless of their initial-eligibility status. During the last three certification cycles, 97 percent of all initial-eligibility waivers for nonqualifiers were granted access to athletics aid. Given the high percentage of approvals, this legislative change would allow an institution to make the determination as to whether to provide institutional athletics aid during the required academic year in residence or on transfer from a two-year college. Institutional athletics aid provided to a nonqualifier would count toward the individual limit and team maximum equivalency limits, which would eliminate any recruiting or competitive advantage.

### Review History:

Feb 10, 2020: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 29, 2020: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 9

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2021 CONVENTION SUBMITTED BY  
THE DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP

**THERE WERE NO PROPOSALS PROPERLY SUBMITTED BY THE DIVISION  
II MEMBERSHIP BY THE JULY 15 DEADLINE**



## **EMERGENCY LEGISLATION**

Attached are the emergency proposals. Proposal No. EM-2021-1 was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council. Proposal Nos. EM-2021-2 through EM-2021-6 were approved by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee.

Emergency proposals that are ratified by the Presidents Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi. Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2021 NCAA Convention.

# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-1

**Title:** NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- CONCUSSION REPORTING

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** December 13, 2019

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** Immediate for the NCAA's establishment of a reporting process and system, and policies and procedures; institutions are required to report sport-related concussions diagnosed May 18, 2020 and thereafter, and their resolutions. Timing of reporting to be determined by CSMAS.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** To specify that an active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.17 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.18 Concussion Reporting. An active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [D]**

[3.3.4.18 through 3.3.4.22 renumbered as 3.3.4.19 through 3.3.4.23, unchanged.]

## Review History:

Dec 10, 2019:	Recommends Approval - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
Jan 22, 2020:	Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Jan 23, 2020:	Approved in Legislative Format - Presidents Council

## Additional Information:

A medical monitoring settlement in *In re: National Collegiate Athletic Association Student-Athlete Concussion Injury Litigation* (Arrington Matter) was approved August 13, 2019 with an effective date of November 18, 2019. The settlement obligates the NCAA to create a reporting process through which member institutions will report to the NCAA instances of diagnosed concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions. This proposal will establish the legislation to require institutions to regularly report all diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions in a manner consistent with the terms of the settlement in the Arrington Matter via a reporting process and system recommended by the

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Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports will establish and maintain policies and procedures for the reporting of concussions and their resolution, including an annual deadline for submission. This reporting requirement will ensure that the NCAA and member institutions fulfill an obligation of the medical monitoring settlement and will provide further insight into the incidence and resolution of concussions involving student-athletes. The effective date (May 18, 2020) corresponds to the date by which an institution must certify compliance with applicable settlement provisions if it wishes to receive the benefit of the settlement release. The establishment of a reporting process and policies and procedures will begin immediately after adoption of this proposal. The timing of membership reporting will be determined pursuant to the policies and procedures established and maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

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# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-2

**Title:** RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- TEMPORARY DEAD PERIOD

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** March 13, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** Immediate, through at least April 15, 2020.

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To immediately implement a dead period in all sports until at least April 15, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

**13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:**

**(a) March 13, 2020 through at least April 15, 2020.**

**Review History:**

Mar 13, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and cancelled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. This temporary recruiting dead period will ensure recruiting equity by prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, until at least April 15, at which time the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the end date. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.

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# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-3

**Title:** RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- TEMPORARY DEAD PERIOD -- EXTENSION TO AT LEAST MAY 31

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 1, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** Immediate, through at least May 31, 2020.

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To extend the dead period in all sports until at least May 31, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:

(a) March 13, 2020 through at least ~~April 15~~ **May 31**, 2020.

**Review History:**

Apr 1, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and cancelled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. Extending the dead period will ensure recruiting equity by prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, until at least May 31, at which time the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the end date. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.

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# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-4

**Title:** RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS -- PROHIBITION ON ISSUING ATHLETICS AID AGREEMENTS DURING A RECRUITING DEAD PERIOD IN ALL SPORTS

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** March 18, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** March 18, 2020

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To specify that institutional athletics aid agreements may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.9, as follows:

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements.

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Institutional or Conference Letter-of-Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period; however, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the initial NLI signing date for that sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

**13.9.3.3 Prohibition on Athletics Aid Agreements During the Recruiting Dead Period in All Sports. An institutional or conference financial aid agreement may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports (See Bylaw 13.17.5).**

**Review History:**

Mar 18, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period through at least April 15. Prohibiting the issuance of institutional athletics aid agreements during the temporary dead period will ensure all Division II institutions are on a level playing field as it relates to issuing these agreements. While some institutions remain open, many do not have the necessary personnel on campus to issue athletics aid agreements. This prohibition will remain in effect until at least April 15, at which time the Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the status of the situation.

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# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-5

**Title:** RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- QUIET PERIOD JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** May 6, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** June 1, 2020

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To implement a quiet period in all sports starting June 1 through June 30, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:

(a) March 13, 2020 through ~~at least~~ May 31, 2020.

**13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:**

**(a) June 1 through June 30, 2020.**

**Review History:**

May 6, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, through May 31, 2020. Due to differences in local and state restrictions, some institutions are re-opening campuses to allow for prospective student visits. Moving to a quiet period effective June 1, 2020 will allow prospective student-athletes to visit with coaching staff members on-campus, which in turn may help with enrollment management for the 2020-21 academic year. Off-campus contact and evaluations will still be prohibited. The NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will continue to re-evaluate the end date.

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# 2021 Emergency Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** EM-2021-6

**Title:** RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- QUIET PERIOD THROUGH JULY 31, 2020

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** June 11, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Emergency

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To extend the quiet period in all sports through July 31, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.5 unchanged.]

13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:

(a) June 1 through ~~June 30~~ **July 31**, 2020.

## **Review History:**

Jun 10, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

## **Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, through May 31, 2020. Due to differences in local and state restrictions, some institutions are re-opening campuses to allow for prospective student visits. Extending the quiet period through July 31, 2020 will allow prospective student-athletes to visit with coaching staff members on-campus, which in turn may help with enrollment management for the 2020-21 academic year. Off-campus contact and evaluations will still be prohibited to maintain recruiting equity across the division. The NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will continue to re-evaluate the end date.

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**SUPPLEMENT NO. 11**  
**DII Management Council 07/20**

**NONCONTROVERSIAL**

Attached are the noncontroversial proposals. Proposal Nos. NC-2021-8 through NC-2021-15 are new for you to review in legislative form. These proposals have been approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in concept but have yet to be approved in legislative form.

The Management Council has determined, pursuant to NCAA Constitution 5.3.1.1.1, that the following proposals are noncontroversial and necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation.

The Management Council, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, shall have the authority to adopt noncontroversial amendments. Proposals that are ratified by the Management Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi. Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2021 NCAA Convention.

## 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-1

**Title:** VARIOUS BYLAWS -- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

**Convention Year:** 2021

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**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Amateurism, Recruiting, Eligibility, Financial Aid, Awards and Benefits, Playing and Practice Seasons, Committees and Executive Regulations

**Intent:** To specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes; further, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

12.1.3 Permissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the amateur status of an individual:

[12.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

- (1) The U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or the U.S. national governing body (or, for international individuals, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country), in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.4;

[12.1.3-(a)-(2) through 12.1.3-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

[12.1.3-(b) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

- (1) Funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program;
- (2) Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body;
- (3) Comprehensive benefits of the ~~USOC~~ **U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee** Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program;
- (4) Actual and necessary expenses including grants but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s) to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (~~USOC~~), the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international individuals, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity;

[12.1.3-(h)-(5) unchanged.]

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- (6) Actual and necessary expenses to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions from a sponsor other than the U.S. Olympic ~~and Paralympic~~ Committee (~~USOC~~), national governing body or nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event, provided that the student-athlete does not miss class time and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition; or
- (7) Receipt of commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, **Paralympic Games**, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, **Parapan American Games**, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event.

### B. Bylaws: Amend 12.2.3.2, as follows:

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport, if the individual competed on a professional athletics team (per Bylaw 12.02.6) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team(s) with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment of any kind for such participation.

[12.2.3.2.1 unchanged.]

12.2.3.2.2 Exception -- Olympic, **Paralympic** ~~/or~~ National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) to participate on Olympic, **Paralympic** or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the individual does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual or necessary expenses).

[12.2.3.2.3 through 12.2.3.2.4 unchanged.]

### C. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.1.5, as follows:

12.5.1.1.5 Distribution of Institutional Noncommercial Items through Commercial Outlets. A member institution may distribute noncommercial items (items not for sale) at commercial establishments, provided the institution generally distributes such items to other commercial establishments in the community and the distribution of the items does not require the recipient to make a purchase at the commercial establishment.

12.5.1.1.5.1 Exception -- Olympic, **Paralympic** ~~/or~~ National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, **Paralympic** ~~/or~~ national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, **Paralympic** ~~/or~~ national team.

### D. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.8, as follows:

12.5.1.8 Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section.

[12.5.1.8.1 unchanged.]

### E. Bylaws: Amend 13.10.2.3, as follows:

13.10.2.3 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution's coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member's sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. [D]

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### F. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.4.1, as follows:

13.17.4.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. The period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the date for signing the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport.

13.17.4.1.1 Exception -- U.S. Diving National Championships. When the dead period for recruiting occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

13.17.4.1.2 Exception -- North American Cup Fencing Championship. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

13.17.4.1.3 Exception -- Junior Olympic **or Paralympic** Rifle Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic **or Paralympic** Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

### G. Bylaws: Amend 14.02.11, as follows:

14.02.11 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic **or Paralympic** sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

### H. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7.1.8.3, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.3 Practice or Competition -- Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice or competition in any sport.

### I. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7.1.8.4, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.4 Practice -- U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee/National Governing Body -- Individual Sports or Rowing. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve an individual sport or rowing, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.7.1.8.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

[14.1.7.1.8.4-(c) unchanged.]

(d) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games; and

(e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic **or Paralympic** Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A

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student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.7.1.8.5, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.5 Practice -- U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee/National Governing Body -- Team Sports. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve a team sport, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.7.1.8.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

[14.1.7.1.8.5-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games; and

(e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic **or Paralympic** Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

[14.1.7.1.8.5.1 unchanged.]

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.2.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual's high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

14.2.4.2.2.1 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.

14.2.4.2.2.2 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in:

- (a) Official Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships ~~and~~, Olympic **and Paralympic** training, tryouts and competition or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, **Youth Paralympic**, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- (b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic **or Paralympic** tryouts or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, **Youth Paralympic**, U20 World Cup, junior national teams); or
- (c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic **or Paralympic** sport, the equivalent organization of that sport) or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, **Youth Paralympic**, U20 World Cup, junior national teams).

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14.2.4.2.2.3 Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted in skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts.

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men's Ice Hockey Exception. In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted.

14.2.4.2.2.4.1 Major Junior Ice Hockey -- Men's Ice Hockey. An individual who participates on a Major Junior men's ice hockey team shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates, regardless of when such participation occurs. The individual shall fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.3) before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in men's ice hockey.

### **L. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.9, as follows:

14.4.3.9 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree requirements may be granted under the following conditions:

14.4.3.9.1 Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. A Division II conference office has the authority to administer medical absence waivers for terms that occurred at an NCAA institution prior to a student-athlete's enrollment at a member institution within the conference.

14.4.3.9.2 International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, **Parapan American**, Olympic, **Paralympic**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic **or Paralympic** tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters.

### **M. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.10, as follows:

14.4.3.10 Olympic **or Paralympic** Games Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for any participant in the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

### **N. Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.5.1, as follows:

14.7.5.1 In All Sports:

[14.7.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic **or Paralympic** Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic **or Paralympic** Games tryouts.

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- (c) Official Pan American **or Parapan American** Games Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American **or Parapan American** Games tryouts and competition, including junior-level tryouts and competition.
- (d) U.S. National Teams. A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic **or Paralympic** sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[14.7.5.1-(e) through 14.7.5.1-(f) unchanged.]

**O. Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.5.3, as follows:

14.7.5.3 National-Team Criteria. A national team shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic **or Paralympic** sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

[14.7.5.3-(b) through 14.7.5.3-(c) unchanged.]

**P. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.2.4, as follows:

15.2.2.4 Educational Expenses -- U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or U.S. National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organizations of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations:

[15.2.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); and

[15.2.2.4-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.2.4.1 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid for a student-athlete.

**Q. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.1, as follows:

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation.

[16.1.1.1 through 16.1.1.4 unchanged.]

16.1.1.5 Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. It is permissible for a student-athlete to receive a nonmonetary award associated with participation in the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games at any time regardless of when the Games are held or whether the student-athlete is enrolled as a regular student during the academic year.

**R. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.6, as follows:

16.1.6 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or the international equivalent), a national governing body or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. The conference, institution and other permissible entities may also provide actual and necessary expenses for up to two of the student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. [R]

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### S. Bylaws: Amend 16.3.1.1, as follows:

16.3.1.1 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women's Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]

### T. Bylaws: Amend 16.6.1.4, as follows:

16.6.1.4 Family Travel to Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians to attend the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, relatives or legal guardians of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all Olympic **or Paralympic** team members in conjunction with participation in the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. [R]

### U. Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1.2, as follows:

16.8.1.2 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

[16.8.1.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) One qualifying competition event per academic year for the Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Youth Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships;

(c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, **Paralympic Games**, Pan American Games, **Parapan American Games**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships; and

[16.8.1.2-(d) unchanged.]

[16.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

### V. Bylaws: Amend 17.2.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.2.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

### W. Bylaws: Amend 17.3.9.2, as follows:

17.3.9.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team. Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team:

[17.3.9.2-(a) through 17.3.9.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs and competition - No limitations.

[17.3.9.2-(d) unchanged.]

### X. Bylaws: Amend 17.4.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.4.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and

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national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**Y. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.5.8.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**Z. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.6.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**AA. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.7.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**BB. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.8.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**CC. Bylaws:** Amend 17.9.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.9.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**DD. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.11.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**EE. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.12.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**FF. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.13.8.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**GG. Bylaws:** Amend 17.14.10.1.2.2, as follows:

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17.14.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**HH. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.15.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**II. Bylaws:** Amend 17.16.11.1.2.2, as follows:

17.16.11.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**JJ. Bylaws:** Amend 17.17.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.17.8.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.17.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.17.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

**KK. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.18.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**LL. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.19.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**MM. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.20.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**NN. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.21.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**OO. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.22.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and

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national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**PP. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.23.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**QQ. Bylaws:** Amend 17.24.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. ~~Olympic and National Team Development Program.~~ There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.24.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.24.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

**RR. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.1.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.25.1.8.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program -- Men. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**SS. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.2.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.25.2.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program -- Women. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**TT. Bylaws:** Amend 17.26.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.26.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**UU. Bylaws:** Amend 17.27.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.27.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**VV. Bylaws:** Amend 21.2.5, as follows:

21.2.5.2 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee and national governing bodies; and

[21.2.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

**WW. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.6.2, as follows:

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those

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rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.2-(a) through 31.1.6.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Gymnastics -- USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic **and Paralympic** Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules);

[31.1.6.2-(e) through 31.1.6.2-(h) unchanged.]

**XX. Administrative:** Amend 31.7.2.3, as follows:

31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics **and Paralympics**. Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic **and Paralympic** fund.

### **Review History:**

Sep 5, 2019: Recommends Approval - Olympic Sports Liaison Committee

Oct 22, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### **Additional Information:**

In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee to further support and include Paralympic athletes. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommends legislative changes to support and include Paralympic athletes in a similar manner. Currently, there is no reference to the Paralympics or Paralympic athletes in NCAA legislation. The changes would make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes.

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# 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-2

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- CONDITIONS AFFECTING TRANSFER STATUS -- ATTENDANCE AT A BRANCH SCHOOL OR SECOND CAMPUS THAT CONDUCTS AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** October 16, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for student-athletes transferring for the 2020-21 academic year and thereafter.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To specify that a student will trigger transfer status if he or she enrolled at a branch school or second campus of an institution that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution, including the parent institution.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.2, as follows:

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

[14.5.2-(a) through 14.5.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution ~~other than~~, **including** the parent institution;

**(e) The student attended a second campus of an institution that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution, including the parent institution.**

[14.5.2-(e) through 14.5.2-(g) relettered as 14.5.2-(f) through 14.5.2-(h), unchanged.]

[14.5.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.3.2, as follows:

14.5.3.2 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall ~~not~~ be considered a transfer ~~only on enrollment~~ **if he or she enrolls** at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.2.)

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.3.3, as follows:

~~14.5.3.3 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution's campus that is not in the same city as the institution's main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution's main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution's main campus.~~

[14.5.3.4 through 14.5.3.5 renumbered as 14.5.3.3 through 14.5.3.4, unchanged.]

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### Review History:

Sep 12, 2019: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Oct 22, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### Additional Information:

Several NCAA institutions operate multiple campuses, and, in some cases, they are operating more than one athletics department. Current legislation in all three divisions indicates that a student is not considered a transfer if they move from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program to the parent institution. However, this legislation is inconsistent with guidance provided to member institutions that conduct an athletics program at a branch school. In addition, current legislation does not address the transfer status of a student who attends a second campus of an institution that also conducts an intercollegiate athletics program. This proposal will reduce confusion by clarifying that a student-athlete should always be treated as a transfer, even if transferring within an educational system.

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# 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-3

**Title:** EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** October 16, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Intent:** To move the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to NCAA policy.

**Administrative:** Amend 31.1, as follows:

31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.

[31.1.1 through 31.1.11 unchanged.]

*31.1.12 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.*

*31.1.12.1 Advertising. Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however, the following expressly are prohibited:*

*(a) Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below);*

*(b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products; and*

*(c) Organizations promoting gambling.*

*31.1.12.1.1 Malt Beverages, Beer and Wine Advertisements. Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials).*

*31.1.12.1.2 Sponsorships. Promotions for a championships event, activity or program may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies at any time.*

*31.1.12.1.2.1 Professional Sports Organizations or Teams. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an NCAA championship competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. The NCAA may receive financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a specific NCAA championship competition event, including ancillary activities and promotions.*

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[31.1.13 renumbered as 31.1.12, unchanged.]

### Review History:

Aug 6, 2019: Referred - Board of Governors

Oct 22, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### Additional Information:

Moving the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to policies and procedures would offer an opportunity to keep the Association's policies more current and consistent and offer the flexibility to align them with those of other athletics organizations. If removed from the legislation, the policies and procedures would be included in championships handbooks. The NCAA Board of Governors discussed NCAA championships advertising and restrictions and supports appropriate modifications.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-4

**Title:** ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- SUSPENSION BY A NON-NCAA SPORTS GOVERNING BODY

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** October 21, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Ethical Conduct/Institutional Control

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

**Bylaws:** Amend 10.3, as follows:

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

[10.3-(a) through 10.3-(d) unchanged.]

[10.3.1 unchanged.]

**10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body. A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.**

### Review History:

Jun 18, 2019:	Recommended Concept - NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering
Aug 6, 2019:	Referred - Board of Governors
Oct 22, 2019:	Approved in Concept - Management Council
Jan 22, 2020:	Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### Additional Information:

An individual who is under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA sports governing body should not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. This provision is similar to current legislation that precludes a student-athlete from participation in intercollegiate

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competition if he or she is under a drug related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-5

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- EXCEPTIONS -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION -- FINAL SEMESTER OR QUARTER -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- TERM-BY-TERM CREDIT-HOUR REQUIREMENT -- CALCULATION OF CREDIT HOURS -- EXCEPTION - FINAL ACADEMIC YEAR OF DEGREE PROGRAM -- TRANSITION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** January 22, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To transition authority of waivers of the final semester/quarter exceptions to the full-time enrollment and term-by-term credit-hour requirement legislation from the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.7, as follows:

14.1.7 Full-Time Enrollment.

[14.1.7.1 unchanged.]

14.1.7.1.7.3 Practice or Competition -- Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may compete or participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

**14.1.7.1.7.3.1 Waivers. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.**

[14.1.7.1.7.3.1 renumbered as 14.1.7.1.7.3.2, unchanged.]

[14.1.7.1.7.4 through 14.1.7.1.7.6 unchanged.]

[14.1.7.1.8 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 unchanged.]

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14.4.3.2 Term-By-Term Credit-Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution.

[14.4.3.2.1 through 14.4.3.2.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2.1 Exception -- Final Academic Year of Degree Program. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of his or her designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the nine-semester or eight-quarter hour requirement per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

**14.4.3.2.1.1 Waivers. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.**

[14.4.3.3 through 14.4.3.12 unchanged.]

### Review History:

Nov 20, 2019: Recommends Approval - Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### Additional Information:

Currently waivers of Bylaws 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) and 14.4.3.2.2.1 (exception – final academic year of degree program) are processed as legislative relief waivers under the purview of the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief. For both exceptions, a student-athlete forfeits eligibility in all sports unless the student-athlete completes degree requirements during that specified time and is eligible to receive their diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. Transitioning oversight of these waivers to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is consistent with the oversight structure in which decisions regarding loss of eligibility are subject to review by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-6

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- HEARING OPPORTUNITY -- FAILURE TO PROVIDE APPEAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- DEFAULT GRANT

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** January 22, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete's written request for a release in conjunction with the use of the one-time transfer exception shall be granted by default if the institution fails to provide its appeal policies and procedures within 14-consecutive calendar days from the receipt of the student-athlete's written request for the hearing.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.5.3.9, as follows:

14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1):

[14.5.5.3.9-(a) through 14.5.5.3.9-(d) unchanged.]

14.5.5.3.9.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's written request for the hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

**14.5.5.3.9.1.1 Failure to Provide Appeal Policies and Procedures. If the institution fails to provide the policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing within 14-consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.**

[14.5.5.3.9.2 unchanged.]

**Review History:**

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Nov 5, 2019: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### **Additional Information:**

Current legislation requires an institution to provide the student-athlete with written notification of an appeal opportunity as well as a copy of the institution's policies and procedures associated with the hearing if a student-athlete's written request for a release in conjunction with the application of the one-time transfer exception is denied; however, the legislation is silent on whether the failure to provide the policies and procedures to the student-athlete within 14-consecutive calendar days will also result in a default grant of the request. Requiring an institution to provide a student-athlete with written notification of an appeal opportunity, along with their appeal policies and procedures within 14-consecutive calendars days, or the request is granted by default, will promote student-athlete well-being by giving a timely resolution to the request.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-7

**Title:** AMATEURISM AND ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- VALIDITY OF AMATEUR STATUS -- AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION PROCESS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION BEFORE CERTIFICATION -- RECRUITED AND NONRECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE -- DE MINIMIS VIOLATIONS

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** January 22, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for any violations occurring on or after August 1, 2020.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Amateurism and Eligibility

**Intent:** To specify that violations involving a student-athlete's participation in practice or competition without final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified without conditions, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility; further, violations involving a student-athlete's receipt of financial aid and/or participation in practice or competition without final academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified as a qualifier, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.1.1.3.1, as follows:

12.1.1.1.3.1 Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's amateur status has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as an amateur (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete.

**12.1.1.1.3.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified without conditions shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.3.2.1, as follows:

14.3.2.1 Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing.

**14.3.2.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier or partial qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.**

**Review History:**

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Nov 20, 2019: Recommends Approval - Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Jan 22, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

### **Additional Information:**

Current legislation requires institutions to file a student-athlete reinstatement request when a student-athlete participates in practice or competition without a final amateurism and/or academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center. Student-athletes who are subsequently certified without an amateurism condition or as an academic qualifier are often withheld from competition as a condition of reinstatement. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement believes withholding these student-athletes is counterproductive and is contrary to student-athlete well-being, particularly when institutions are ultimately responsible for ensuring student-athletes are eligible prior to competition and bear responsibility for the oversight. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators. This amendment will not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-8

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 24, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout session and does not miss class time.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

**17.1.6.3.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class.**

[17.1.6.3.2 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

**Review History:**

Mar 9, 2020: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

**Additional Information:**

Student-athletes who are members of national teams frequently request more flexibility to train with their coaches as a means of utilizing the coaching staff's experience and expertise to prepare for national team events and to follow national team training plans. Currently, additional opportunities for a student-athlete to train with coaches are limited by restrictions on athletically related activities out of season. An individual sport student-athlete is permitted to train with his or her coach, at the student-athlete's request, during

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institutional vacation periods and/or the summer, but team sport student-athletes are not afforded the same opportunity. Additional access to training with coaches throughout the year would greatly enhance a student-athlete's preparation and likelihood for success. This proposal would provide flexibility to identified elite student-athletes to better manage their academic responsibilities and national team training plans according to the fluctuations of the international quadrennial calendar. Finally, specifying that a student-athlete shall not miss class for additional voluntary training will continue to ensure an appropriate balance between academic and athletic activity.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-9

**Title:** RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- VISIT UNRELATED TO RECRUITMENT -- ADMITTED STUDENT MEETING WITH COACH

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 24, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To specify that during a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.7.2.3, as follows:

13.7.2.3 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. [R]

**13.7.2.3.1 Admitted Student Meeting with Coach. During a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.**

**Review History:**

Mar 9, 2020: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

**Additional Information:**

Many institutions have events for admitted students. Often, the institution provides a few meals and sometimes lodging or travel expenses. These are visits unrelated to athletics recruiting, but due to the institution providing expenses, coaches may not meet with a prospective student-athlete without triggering the official visit legislation. It is awkward for an admitted prospective student-athlete to not be allowed to speak with a coach while on campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment.

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# 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-10

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- AUGUSTA NATIONAL WOMEN'S AMATEUR

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 24, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** In women's golf, to exempt the Augusta National Women's Amateur from the maximum dates of competition.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.7.3, as follows:

17.11.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.7.3-(a) through 17.11.7.3-(h) unchanged.]

- (i) College-Am Event. A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation;  
*and*
- (j) College All-American Golf Classic. Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition.; **and**

**(k) Augusta National Women's Amateur. Competition in the Augusta National Women's Amateur.**

## Review History:

Mar 9, 2020: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

## Additional Information:

This proposal would provide a significant and lasting growth opportunity for women's golf and a memorable experience for participants. The event is played at the legendary host venue of the Masters Tournament the week before the start of the Masters and is broadcast live via NBC Sports linear networks and distributed on digital platforms around the world. There would be no budget impact for participating teams because the tournament host provides associated expenses.

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## 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-11

**Title:** DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WRESTLING

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 22, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Membership Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** In the sports of men's and women's wrestling, to reduce the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship to nine contests with six participants.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Baseball	24	Women's Bowling	8	5
Basketball	22	Cross Country	5	5
Beach Volleyball	8	Equestrian	6	12
Field Hockey	10	Men's Fencing	6	5
Football	8	Women's Fencing	6	5
Men's Ice Hockey	20	Golf	6	5
Women's Ice Hockey	20	Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Men's Lacrosse	8	Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Women's Lacrosse	10	Rifle	8	4
Women's Rowing	6	Skiing	5	5
Women's Rugby	9	Swimming and Diving	8	11
Soccer	10	Tennis	10	5
Softball	24	Track and Field, Indoor	4	10
Men's Volleyball	9	Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Women's Volleyball	15	Men's Wrestling	<del>12</del> 9	<del>7</del> 6

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Men's Water Polo	15	Women's Wrestling	<del>139</del> <b>76</b>
Women's Water Polo	10	Women's Triathlon	4 3

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.11 unchanged.]

### Review History:

Feb 11, 2020: Recommends Approval - Membership Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

### Additional Information:

Based on sport committee reviews of minimum sports sponsorship requirements and championships selection criteria, most sports adopted a policy that specifies that an institution that meets minimum sports sponsorship requirements will also meet minimum requirements for championships selection. Currently, men's wrestling does not have selection criteria for institutions or student-athletes to qualify for championships. Women's wrestling is an emerging sport and does not currently have an NCAA championship. However, the Division II Wrestling Committee determined that the current minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in men's and women's wrestling are very rigorous compared with other individual sports. This change will ensure consistency when the men's and women's wrestling sport committees are considering the establishment of selection criteria to qualify for championships.

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## 2021 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-12

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS -- ELIMINATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF AWARDS

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 23, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction on a student-athlete contributing to the purchase of an award.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.4, as follows:

16.1.4 Purchase Restrictions.

[16.1.4.1 through 16.1.4.3 unchanged.]

16.1.4.4 Student Contribution to Purchase. ~~The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its~~ **the purchase of an award, but the value of an award may not exceed specified value limits** ~~in order to meet those limits.~~ [R]

### Review History:

Mar 9, 2020: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 21, 2020: Approved in Concept - Management Council

### Additional Information:

Current legislation precludes a student-athlete from making a financial contribution to the purchase of an award, regardless of whether the value of the award remains within the legislated limitations. Financial constraints may limit the value of an award that an institution or conference can provide to student-athletes, especially for teams that have large squad sizes. Permitting student-athletes to contribute to the purchase of their awards ensures that those individuals can commemorate their accomplishments when institutional or conference resources are limited.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-13

**Title:** RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS -- ISSUING ATHLETICS AID AGREEMENTS DURING A RECRUITING DEAD PERIOD EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2020

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** April 15, 2020

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To permit athletics aid agreements to be issued during the temporary recruiting dead period in all sports, effective April 15, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.9, as follows:

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements.

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Institutional or Conference Letter-of-Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period; however, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the initial NLI signing date for that sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

~~13.9.3.3 Prohibition on Athletics Aid Agreements During the Recruiting Dead Period in All Sports. An institutional or conference financial aid agreement may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports (See Bylaw 13.17.5).~~

**Review History:**

Apr 8, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period through at least April 15. Issuance of institutional aid agreements was also prohibited during the dead period. Permitting aid agreements to be issued effective April 15, 2020, will align with National Letter of Intent signing dates.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-14

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TEAM SPORTS -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SUMMER PRACTICE -- VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS DURING THE SUMMER 2020 INSTITUTIONAL VACATION PERIOD

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** May 6, 2020

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for voluntary workouts in team sports during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period only.

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** In team sports, to specify that a coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

[17.1.6.3.1 through 17.1.6.3.4 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.5 Institutional Vacation Period. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year).

[17.1.6.3.5.1 unchanged.]

**17.1.6.3.5.2 Exception -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may participate in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete (See sport-specific Bylaw 17 legislation).**

**17.1.6.3.5.3 Exception -- Team Sports During the Summer 2020 Institutional Vacation Period. In team sports, a student-athlete may participate in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.**

[17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

**Review History:**

May 6, 2020: Approved - Administrative Committee

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Allowing student-athletes in team sports to request voluntary workouts with their coaches during the summer 2020 will benefit student-athlete mental health and well-being as it will

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remove restrictions on what a student-athlete can discuss with a coaching staff member during this time. Any such activities must be requested by the student-athlete and not initiated by the coaching staff member. In-person workouts would need to adhere to applicable institutional, local, state and federal guidance for such activities. Such workouts are already permissible in individual sports.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2021-15

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS - INSTITUTIONAL -- REDUCTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

**Convention Year:** 2021

**Date Submitted:** June 16, 2020

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for the 2020-21 academic year only.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** In Division II championship sports, to reduce the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for the 2020-21 academic year.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.2.7, as follows:

17.2.7 Number of Contests.

17.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to ~~50~~**40** contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.2.7.3, 17.2.7.4 and 14.7.5.

[17.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~50~~**40** baseball contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.2.7.3 through 17.2.7.5 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.3.6, as follows:

17.3.6 Number of Contests.

17.3.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball in any one year to ~~26~~**22** contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.6.3, 17.3.6.4, 17.3.6.5 and 17.3.6.6.

17.3.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than ~~26~~**22** basketball contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(f) unchanged.]

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- (g) Tip-Off Classic. Games in the Division II Conference Commissioners Association's Tip-Off Classic **(except for contests played during the 2020-21 academic year, which must be counted in the maximum limitation)**;

[17.3.6.3-(h) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

- (j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event **(except for contests played during the 2020-21 academic year, which must be counted in the maximum limitation)** in which:

[17.3.6.3-(j)-(1) through 17.3.6.3-(j)-(2) unchanged.]

[17.3.6.4 through 17.3.6.6 unchanged.]

### C. Bylaws: Amend 17.6.7, as follows:

#### 17.6.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.6.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's cross country playing season to ~~sevensix~~ dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.6.7.3 and 17.6.7.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.6.7.1.1 through 17.6.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.6.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~sevensix~~ cross country dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.6.7.2.1 unchanged.]

[17.6.7.3 through 17.6.7.4 unchanged.]

### D. Bylaws: Amend 17.9.7, as follows:

#### 17.9.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.9.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to ~~18~~**14** contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.7.3, 17.9.7.4 and 17.9.7.5.

[17.9.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.9.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~18~~**14** field hockey contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in field hockey during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.9.7.3 through 17.9.7.5 unchanged.]

### E. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.7, as follows:

#### 17.10.7 Number of Contests.

17.10.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to ~~11~~**10** contests (games and scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in

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Alaska and Hawaii under Bylaw 17.28.2 and except as provided for all members under Bylaws 17.10.7.3 and 17.10.7.4.

[17.10.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.10.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~11~~**10** football contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.10.7.3 through 17.10.7.4 unchanged.]

### F. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.7, as follows:

#### 17.11.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.11.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible golf playing season to ~~21~~**16** dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.11.7.3, 17.11.7.4 and 17.11.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.11.7.1.1 through 17.11.7.1.3 unchanged.]

17.11.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~21~~**16** dates of competition in golf. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.11.7.3 through 17.11.7.5 unchanged.]

### G. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.7, as follows:

#### 17.14.7 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.14.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's lacrosse playing season to ~~17~~**13** dates of competition in men's lacrosse during the academic year and ~~17~~**13** dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.7.3, 17.14.7.4 and 17.14.7.5.

[17.14.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.14.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~17~~**13** dates of competition in men's lacrosse, and ~~17~~**13** dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.14.7.3 through 17.14.7.5 unchanged.]

### H. Bylaws: Amend 17.16.7, as follows:

#### 17.16.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.16.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rowing during the institution's playing season to ~~20~~**14** dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.16.7.3, 17.16.7.4 and 17.16.7.5.

[17.16.7.1.1 unchanged.]

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17.16.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~2014~~ dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.16.7.3 through 17.16.7.5 unchanged.]

### I. Bylaws: Amend 17.19.7, as follows:

#### 17.19.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to ~~1814~~ contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.7.3, 17.19.7.4 and 17.19.7.5.

[17.19.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.19.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~1814~~ soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.19.7.3 through 17.19.7.5 unchanged.]

### J. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.7, as follows:

#### 17.20.7 Number of Contests.

17.20.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to ~~5644~~ contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.7.3, 17.20.7.4 and 17.20.7.5.

[17.20.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.20.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~5644~~ softball contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.20.7.3 through 17.20.7.5 unchanged.]

### K. Bylaws: Amend 17.21.6, as follows:

#### 17.21.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.21.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in swimming and diving during the institution's swimming and diving playing season to ~~1612~~ dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.21.6.3, 17.21.6.4 and 17.21.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.21.6.1.1 unchanged.]

17.21.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~1612~~ swimming and diving dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

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[17.21.6.3 through 17.21.6.5 unchanged.]

### **L. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.7, as follows:

#### 17.22.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.22.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible tennis playing season to ~~25~~**17** dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.7.3, 17.22.7.4 and 17.22.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.22.7.1.1 through 17.22.7.1.3 unchanged.]

17.22.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in ~~25~~**17** dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as a single date of competition). This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.22.7.2.1 unchanged.]

[17.22.7.3 through 17.22.7.5 unchanged.]

### **M. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.6, as follows:

#### 17.23.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor/outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to ~~18~~**14** dates of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.23.6.3, 17.23.6.4 and 17.23.6.5.

[17.23.6.1.1 through 17.23.6.1.2 unchanged.]

17.23.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~18~~**14** dates of competition in indoor/outdoor track and field, which may include not more than six two-day meets that shall each count as a single date. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.23.6.3 through 17.23.6.5 unchanged.]

### **N. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.2.7, as follows:

#### 17.25.2.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.25.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to ~~26~~**20** dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.2.7.3, 17.25.2.7.4 and 17.25.2.7.5.

[17.25.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.25.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in ~~26~~**20** dates of competition in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.25.2.7.3 through 17.25.2.7.5 unchanged.]

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### O. Bylaws: Amend 17.27.6, as follows:

#### 17.27.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible wrestling playing season to ~~16~~**12** dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.6.3, 17.27.6.4 and 17.27.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.27.6.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~16~~**12** dates of competition in wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.27.6.3 through 17.27.6.5 unchanged.]

### Review History:

May 15, 2020: Recommends Approval - Management Council

May 19, 2020: Approved in Legislative Format - Presidents Council

### Additional Information:

Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for the 2020-21 academic year. Reducing the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for Division II championship sports, for the 2020-21 academic year only, will assist with institutional management of the financial impact of COVID-19, while still providing flexibility to institutions to provide student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity during the 2020-21 academic year. Feedback and recommendations from various committees within the Division II governance structure, as well as from Division II institutions and conference offices, supported reducing the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for Division II championship sports. Each sport's reduction to its maximums varies based on feedback from a survey that was distributed to all active Division II member institutions and conferences. No reductions will be implemented for maximums for National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey for the 2020-21 academic year.

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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 10, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Recommendations regarding the application of initial-eligibility requirements impacted by COVID-19 [see [COVID-19 Chart](#)].**
  - (1) **Recommendation.** That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee to provide flexibility in the application of initial-eligibility standards for students who will initially enroll during the 2020-21 academic year and beyond.
  - (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.
  - (3) **Rationale.** In many cases, a prospective student-athlete's ability to meet initial-eligibility standards for 2020-21 academic year and beyond will be impacted due to unforeseen circumstances surrounding campus closures, changes to academic calendars and testing cancellations. These recommendations will provide prospective student-athletes flexibility in meeting the initial-eligibility standards.
  - (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
  - (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** Prospective student-athletes will receive flexibility in meeting initial-eligibility standards due to the impact of COVID-19.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Update regarding actions taken by the Division II Administrative Committee related to academic regulations and policies.** Staff provided the committee with an update regarding recent actions taken by the Administrative Committee as it relates to academic regulations and policies in response to COVID-19. The committee discussed and reaffirmed the application of the previously approved waiver checklist due to catastrophic events. In addition, the committee discussed NCAA Bylaw 14.1.7 (full-time enrollment), which specifies that a student-athlete must be enrolled full time for practice and competition and agreed that the application of the full-time enrollment legislation will

remain the same for the 2020-21 academic year. Further, the committee discussed Bylaw 14.4 (progress-toward-degree requirements), which specifies that to be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalency degree at the institution and agreed that the application of the progress-toward-degree legislation will remain the same for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee also had preliminary discussions related to potential changes to Bylaw 14.5.4 (two-year college transfers), for prospective student-athletes who are impacted by school closures and agreed to continue the discussion during their next teleconference.

2. **Approval of February 2020 in-person meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 2020 in-person meeting report, as presented.
3. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - a. April 23, 2020, teleconference, 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time.
  - b. May/June 2020, teleconference, to be determined.
  - c. September 16, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - d. February 8, 2021, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Christina Whetsel, Augusta University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Markie Cook, Research*

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee April 10, 2020, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University.	
Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Kelli Peterson, Cameron University.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Cheryl Lovell, Adams State University.	
Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Susan Britsch and Markie Cook.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Doug Healey, Mike Massa, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Nick Sproull and Karen Wolf.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 23, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Recommendation regarding two-year college transfer requirements for prospective student-athletes who are impacted by COVID-19.**
  - (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee allow institutions to self-apply relief of NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4 (two-year college transfer) for prospective student-athletes enrolled in a two-year collegiate institution in the 2019-20 academic year, provided certain criteria is met and the prospective student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering the 2020 spring term. [see [COVID-19 chart](#)].
  - (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. In many cases, campus closures due to the impact of COVID-19 are preventing prospective student-athletes from meeting the two-year college transfer requirements following the 2019-20 academic year. This recommendation will provide prospective student-athletes flexibility in meeting the requirements with a self-applied waiver, provided the individual was on track to meet the requirements and enrolled in the courses necessary entering the 2020 spring term.
  - (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
  - (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Prospective student-athletes will receive flexibility in meeting the two-year college transfer requirements for the 2019-20 academic year due to the impact of COVID-19.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Update regarding actions taken by the Division II Administrative Committee related to academic regulations and policies.** Staff provided the committee with an update regarding recent actions taken by the Administrative Committee as it relates to academic regulations and policies in response to COVID-19.

**2. Future meeting schedule.**

- a. June 2020, teleconference, to be determined.
- b. September 16, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
- c. February 8, 2021, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Christina Whetsel, Augusta University*

*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Markie Cook, Research*

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee April 23, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University.	
Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Cheryl Lovell, Adams State University.	
Kelli Peterson, Cameron University.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Susan Britsch and Markie Cook.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Maritza Jones, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, and Karen Wolf.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 4, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative item.**

- **2021 NCAA Convention Legislation - NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.3.1.6.1 and 14.5.4.3.4 - Eligibility - Freshman Academic Requirements and Two-Year College Transfer Regulations - Nonqualifiers - Access to Practice.**

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2021 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.3.1.6.1 (eligibility for aid, practice and competition – nonqualifier) and 14.5.4.3.4 (practice and receipt of athletics aid - nonqualifier) to permit nonqualifiers to practice in the first academic year of residence.

[Note: The Division II Presidents Council and Management Council approved, in concept, the committee's legislative recommendation from its February 2020 in-person meeting to permit a nonqualifier to receive institutional athletics aid during their first academic year in residence. The committee recommends two separate proposals: one for nonqualifier access to athletics aid and practice, and one for nonqualifier access to athletics aid only (which would only be voted on if the first proposal is defeated).]

- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2021, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal would allow access to practice to all incoming student-athletes and two-year college transfers in their first year of enrollment, regardless of their initial-eligibility status. During the last six certification cycles, 97 percent of all initial-eligibility waivers for nonqualifiers were granted access to athletics aid, at a minimum. This legislative change would allow an institution to make the determination as to whether to permit nonqualifiers to practice in their first year of enrollment. Access to practice may help institutions with retention, enrollment management and a feeling of belonging for student-athletes.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None. Institutions would be limited to awarding the maximum limits on financial aid for individuals and teams.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. A student-athlete who was certified as a nonqualifier would be allowed to practice during their first academic year of residence or following transfer from a two-year college.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Discussion regarding nonqualifier access to practice.** The committee received an update on feedback from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Division II Coaches Connection groups related to providing access to practice for nonqualifiers during the first academic year of residence. As a result of the discussion, the committee recommended sponsorship of 2021 Convention legislation to permit nonqualifiers to practice during the first academic year of residence. Staff also provided the committee with an update that the Presidents Council and Management Council approved, in concept, its legislative recommendation from the February 2020 in-person meeting to permit a nonqualifier to receive institutional athletics aid during their first academic year in residence during the spring 2020 quarterly governance meetings.
- 2. Review of the Academic Requirements Committee April 10 and 23, 2020, videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports of its April videoconferences, as presented.
- 3. Review of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council April/May 2020 Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the April 2020 meetings of the Presidents Council and the Management Council.
- 4. Review of March 2020 NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the report of the Division II Degree Completion Award Committee's March 2020 meeting. The committee noted that there were 90 awardees and eight alternates selected for the 2020-21 academic year. Changes were made to the rubric and will be implemented during the 2021-22 selection process.
- 5. Update regarding actions taken by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee related to academic regulations and policies.** The committee received an update on the actions taken by the Administrative Committee on issues related to academic regulations and policies.
- 6. Review of 2020-21 Division II Two-Year College Transfer and Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Directives.** The committee reviewed and approved the two-year college transfer and progress-toward-degree waiver directives for the 2020-21 academic year.
- 7. Review of 2020-21 Previously Approved Waiver Checklist.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2020-21 waiver checklist to include the death, diagnosis of terminal

illness or hospitalization of a student-athlete's coach to the list of individuals who would define personal hardship, and to clarify that high achieving students entering their final season of competition, could not include attendance at two-year institution during the academic year prior to the deficiency.

8. **Review of 2020-21 NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers' policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.
9. **Review of Initial-Eligibility Waiver Statistics for 2019-20.** The committee was provided an update on initial-eligibility waiver statistics for the 2019-20 academic year.
10. **Review of 2020-21 Division II Initial-Eligibility Waiver Directive.** The committee reviewed and approved the initial-eligibility waiver directive for the 2020-21 academic year.
11. **Review of 2020-21 NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers' policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.
12. **Review of Prospective Student-Athlete Review Statistics for 2019-20.** The committee was provided an update on prospective student-athlete review statistics for the 2019-20 academic year.
13. **Review of April 2020 NCAA Student Records Review Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the report of the Student Records Review Committee's April 2020 teleconference.
14. **Review of 2020-21 Student Records Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Student Records Review Committee's policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.
15. **Review of April 2020 NCAA International Student Records Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the report of the International Student Records Committee's April 2020 teleconference.
16. **Review of 2020-21 International Student Records Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the International Student Records Committee's policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.

17. **Review of April 2020 NCAA High School Review Committee Reports.** The committee reviewed the reports of the High School Review Committee's April 2020 videoconference and electronic vote.
18. **Review of 2020-21 High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the High School Review Committee's policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.
19. **Update on ACT/SAT Validity Study.** Staff provided an update on the timetable for research related to use of the ACT and SAT in initial-eligibility scales. Specifically, staff noted that the study is postponed due to factors related to staff resources and changes related to the ACT/SAT as a result of COVID-19.
20. **Update on the Academic Portal.** Staff reviewed changes to the academic portal including the removal of several fields in the form. Additionally, the committee was given an update on the status of graduation rates submission. The committee was reminded that this will be the first year that Academic Performance Census data for the 2020-21 academic year will include all student-athletes on squad lists, not just those in the cohort definitions.
21. **Review of 2020-21 Committee Roster and Subcommittee Appointments.** The committee appointed Bennett Cherry, faculty athletics representative, California State University, San Marcos, to the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers and Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers, effective September 1, 2020. The committee appointed Karen Hjerpe, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania to the Academic Interpretations Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers, effective September 1, 2020. The committee appointed Jessica Swiney, registrar, King University, to the Academic Interpretations Subcommittee, effective September 1, 2020.
22. **Update on Division II Education Initiatives.** Staff provided the committee with an update that due to budgetary and travel limitations the in-person NCAA Regional Rules Seminars have been cancelled for the 2020-21 academic year; however, the seminars will be conducted virtually in May/June 2021.
23. **Future Scheduled Meetings.**
  - a. September 16, 2020: videoconference.
  - b. February 8, 2021: in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Committee Chair:* Christina Whetsel, Augusta University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Markie Cook, Research

<b>NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee June 4, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Cheryl D. Lovell, Adams State University.	
Kelli J. Peterson, Cameron University.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University, chair.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University.	
Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.	
Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Susan Britsch and Markie Cook.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Allie Grady, Terri Steeb Gronau, Doug Healey, Maritza Jones, Mike Massa, Sarah Overpeck, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red and Karen Wolf.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 23, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Sport committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2020 (see attachment).
  - a. **Men's basketball.** Appoint **Rick Costello**, director of athletics director, Purdue University Northwest, to replace Jon Mark Hall, director of athletics, University of Southern Indiana, due to term expiration.
  - b. **Women's basketball.** Appoint **Joshua Prock**, head women's basketball coach, Eastern New Mexico University, to replace Jason Martens, head women's basketball coach, St. Mary's University (Texas), due to term expiration.
  - c. **Women's basketball rules.** Appoint **Tara Owens**, director of athletics and recreation, Central State University, to replace Dean Walsh, head women's basketball coach, Converse College, who had been appointed earlier to replace Terry Rollins, director of athletics, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration, but has since left the institution.
  - d. **Men's and women's cross country.** Appoint **Amelia Maher**, director of external operations and administration, South Atlantic Conference, to replace Lee Glenn, associate director of athletics, University of North Georgia, due to term expiration.
  - e. **Football.** Appoint **Jon Anderson**, head football coach, University of Sioux Falls, to replace John Wristen, head football coach, Colorado State University-Pueblo, due to term expiration.
  - f. **Men's golf.** Appoint **Sara Higley**, associate director of athletics, Ferris State University, to replace Jon Vogl, head men's golf coach, Saginaw Valley State University, due to term expiration.
  - g. **Women's ice hockey.** Appoint **Josh Berlo**, director of athletics, University of Minnesota Duluth, to replace Abbey Strong, assistant director of athletics, University of Minnesota Duluth, due to term expiration.

- h. **Men's and women's ice hockey rules.** Appoint **Matt Curley**, head men's ice hockey coach, University of Alaska Anchorage, to replace Thomas Wilkins, associate director of athletics, Southern New Hampshire University, due to term expiration.
- i. **Men's soccer.** Appoint **Amanda Snodgrass**, assistant director of athletics, Midwestern State University, to replace Claudio Arias, head men's soccer coach/director of soccer operations, Texas A&M International University, due to term expiration.
- j. **Women's soccer.** Appoint **Stephen Fitzgerald**, senior associate director of athletics, Stonehill College, to replace James Moore, head women's soccer coach, University of North Georgia, due to term expiration.
- k. **Softball.** Appoint **Jason Anderson**, head softball coach, Southern Arkansas University, to replace Kristy Bayer, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Emporia State University, due to term expiration.
- l. **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** Appoint **D.J. Bevevino**, associate director of athletics, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, to replace Barbara Parker, head diving coach, University of West Florida, due to term expiration.
- m. **Women's volleyball.** Appoint **Leanne Piscotty**, head women's volleyball coach, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Karen Hjerpe, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania; **Jim Boos**, head women's volleyball coach, University of Minnesota Duluth, to replace Josh Collins, head women's volleyball coach, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; and **Joel List**, head women's volleyball coach, Regis University (Colorado), to replace Melanie Robotham, assistant commissioner, Lone Star Conference, all due to term expiration.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed the committee to the call and reviewed the agenda, noting specific voting instructions for the purposes of meeting via Microsoft Teams.
- 2. **Recent committee reports.** The committee approved the reports from its February 19-20 in-person meeting and March 31 electronic vote, as submitted.
- 3. **Maximum/minimum contest requirements.** Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division II Administrative Committee asked the Championships Committee to review current contest requirements for championship selection and provide recommendations to the Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council. The Division II membership has expressed concerns that, because of the economic impact, even if sports

resume as scheduled in the fall, many institutions will not be able to afford the same level of travel or be able to meet current standards for selection or sport sponsorship. In addition, institutions are concerned that if Bylaw 17 maximums are not adjusted, it may produce competitive inequity across the country.

The Championships Committee reviewed potential options to reduce both the minimum number of contests for selections and the maximum number of contests/dates of competition for 2020-21 but noted that a formal recommendation is not due until May 11. The committee also noted that the Division II Conference Commissioners Association is currently surveying administrators regarding this issue, and that the Division II Membership Committee and the Division II Legislation Committee will be reviewing the matter as well.

Accordingly, the Championships Committee agreed to collect the survey information and continue monitoring feedback from the Division II membership in order to make a more informed recommendation during its regularly scheduled monthly teleconference on May 7, which will allow the recommendation to be formally submitted to the Management Council and Presidents Council by the stated deadline. Both Councils meet the week of May 18 and will render a final decision at that time.

- 4. Championship banquets and sport committee travel for 2020-21.** Staff noted that the Division II Administrative Committee during its April 22 teleconference determined that for the 2020-21 academic year, the usual banquets held at championships will not be conducted, and all annual sport committee meetings will be held via digital platforms instead of in person. The Championships Committee and sport committees will explore different ways to recognize award winners (e.g., Elite 90 recipients) typically honored at the championship banquets. Staff noted that these decisions were made across all three divisions to support the Association's cost-saving efforts.

- 5. Adjournment.** Ms. Willey adjourned the call at 3:10 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis  
*Staff Liaisons:* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee April 23, 2020, Virtual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	

Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Chair).
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council Vice Chair).
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
John Lewis, Bluefield State College.
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Leslie Havens, Stephanie Quigg and Angela Red.

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One from each of the Division II men's basketball regions (West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Midwest region. Administrator.**

Committee  
preference:

**Two coaches.**

Staff Liaison:

Donnie Wagner

REG	POS	EM/GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
So	AD	N/M	Francis Reidy Saint Leo University	Sunshine State	Reidy	Reidy*		
<b>Mid W</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>John Mark Hall University of Southern Indiana</b>	<b>Great Lakes Valley</b>	<b>Hall*</b>			
East	C	N/M	Ted Hotaling University of New Haven	Northeast-10	Hotaling	Hotaling	Hotaling*	
West	C	N/M	Rusty Osborne University of Alaska Anchorage	Great Northwest Athletic	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne*	
Atl	C	Y/M	Darrell Brooks Bowie State University	Central Intercollegiate Athletic	Brooks	Brooks	Brooks	Brooks*
Cen	AD	N/M	Josh Moon Northern State University	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Moon	Moon	Moon	Moon*
SoE	Asst Com (C)	N/M (N/M)	Ken Gerlinger Peach Belt Conference (Steve Hardin Lees-McRae College)	Peach Belt (Conference Carolinas)	Gerlinger*	Hardin	Hardin	Hardin (9/24*)
SoC	AD	N/M	Michael McBroom West Texas A&M University	Lone Star	McBroom	McBroom	McBroom	McBroom*

## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One representative from each of the women's basketball regions (West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **Two September 2020 vacancies. South Central and West regions. Coaches or administrators.**

Staff Liaison: Kelsey Jones

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
SoE	AD	N/M	Wendell Staton Georgia College	Peach Belt	Staton	Staton	Staton*	
East	C/SWA	N/F	Karen Haag The College of Saint Rose	Northeast-10	Haag	Haag	Haag*	
Atl	SWA/ Assoc AD)	N/F	Jenni Morrison California University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Morrison	Morrison	Morrison	Morrison*
Cen	Deputy AD/SWA	N/F	Lori Hopkins Northwest Missouri State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics	Hopkins	Hopkins	Hopkins	Hopkins*
MidW	AD	N/F	Cindy McKnight Ursline College	Great Midwest Athletic	McKnight	McKnight	McKnight*	
<b>West</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Krista Montague Montana State University Billings</b>	<b>Great Northwest Athletic</b>	<b>Montague*</b>			
So	C	N/M	Thomas Jesse University of Tampa	Sunshine State	Jesse	Jesse	Jesse	Jesse*
<b>SoC</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Jason Martens St. Mary's University (Texas)</b>	<b>Lone Star</b>	<b>Martens*</b>			

\*Not eligible for reappointment 10/25/19

\*Not eligible for reappointment 02/02/2020

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

**Composition:** Eight members, including four representing men's track and four representing women's track. Three positions are allocated for men, three for women. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **4**

One from each region: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East.

**Vacancies:** **One 2020 vacancy. Southeast region. Coach or administrator.**

**Staff Liaison:** Liz Homrig

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
(M/W)	West	C	N/M	Chris Bradford California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	California Collegiate Athletic	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford*
(M/W)	South	Assoc. AD	N/F	Dawn Makofski University of Montevallo	Gulf South	Makofski	Makofski*		
(M/W)	SoC	C/SWA	N/F	Leigh Cordes Lubbock Christian University	Lone Star	Cordes	Cordes	Cordes	Cordes*
<b>(W)</b>	<b>SoE</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Lee Glenn University of North Georgia</b>	<b>Peachbelt</b>	<b>Glenn*</b>			
(M/W)	East	C	N/M	Kevin Curtin Bentley University	Northeast-10	Curtin	Curtin	Curtin	Curtin*
(M/W)	Cen	AD	N/M	Jared Bruggeman Missouri Southern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic	Bruggeman	Bruggeman	Bruggeman*	
(M/W)	MidW	Assoc AD	N/F	Alexandra Eaton University of Southern Indiana	Great Lakes Valley Conference	Eaton	Eaton*		
(W)	Atl	C	N/M	Andy Young Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Young	Young	Young*	

\* Not eligible for reappointment

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## 2019-20 DIVISION II FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Two from each of the Division II football super regionals – Super Regional 1 (Northeast-10, PSAC, MEC, GMAC), Super Regional 2 (CIAA, SAC, Gulf South, SIAC, Independents – Limestone, UNC-Pembroke, North Greenville), Super Regional 3 (GAC, GLVC, GLIAC, MIAA) and Super Regional 4 (RMAC, Lone Star, NSIC, GNAC). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.  
Each member must represent a different member conference or independent institution.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Super Regionals 4. Coach or administrator**

Preference: **At least two coaches.**

Staff Liaison: **Donnie Wagner**

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
1	AD	N/M	Robert Mallory Kentucky Wesleyan College	Great Midwest Athletic	Mallory	Mallory	Mallory*	
1	AD	N/M	Paul Leuken Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Leuken	Leuken	Leuken	Leuken*
2	AD (C)	N/M (N/M)	Daryl Dickey University of West Georgia (Gary Goff Valdosta State University)	Gulf South (Gulf South)	Dickey*	Goff	Goff	Goff (9/24*)
2	SWA	N/F	Monica Gordy Polizzi Mars Hill University	South Atlantic	Polizzi	Polizzi	Polizzi	Polizzi*
3	C	N/M	Mike Babcock McKendree University	Great Lakes Valley	Babcock	Babcock	Babcock*	
3	AD (C)	N/M (N/M)	Kent Weiser Emporia State University (Matt Mitchell Grand Valley State University)	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics (Great Lakes Intercollegiate)	Weiser*	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell (9/24*)
4	AD	N/M	Gary Pine Azusa Pacific University	Pacific West/Great Northwest Athletic	Pine	Pine*		
<b>4</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>John Wristen Colorado State University- Pueblo</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Athletic</b>	<b>Wristen*</b>			

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## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

Composition: Four members. One from each of the four men's golf regions – Atlantic/East, West/South Central, South/Southeast, Central/Midwest. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2**.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Administrator. Central/Midwest region.**

Committee preference: **50% coaches.**

Staff Liaison: John Baldwin

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Midwest/Cen	C	N/M	Joe Vogl Saginaw Valley State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic	Vogl (retiring May 2020)			
W/SoC	A/C (C)	N/M (N/M)	Craig Stensgaard Northwest Nazarene University (Christopher Hill St. Edward's University)	Great Northwest Athletic (Lone Star)	Stensgaard*	Hill	Hill	Hill (9/24*)
Atl/ East	Asst AD	N/F	Samantha Traver Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Traver	Traver	Traver*	
So/ SoE	C	N/M	Jared Purvis Valdosta State University	Gulf South	Purvis	Purvis	Purvis*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment

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## 2019-20 WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

(National Collegiate Championship)

Legislated Requirements: Five members: Four from Division I, one from Division II. Required number of administrators – 50%: **3**

Duties: Responsible for developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA championships under its jurisdiction.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Division II; Administrator.**

Committee preference:

Staff Liaison: Jan Gentry

REGION	DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
East	FBS	C	N/F	Katie Crowley Boston College	Atlantic Coast/Hockey East	Crowley	Crowley*		
<b>West</b>	<b>DII</b>	<b>Asst AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Abbey Strong University of Minnesota Duluth (sponsors DI women's ice hockey)</b>	<b>Northern Sun Intercollegiate/Western Collegiate Hockey</b>	<b>Strong*</b>			
East	FCS	Deputy AD/ SWA	N/F	Anita Brenner Cornell University	Ivy League/ECAC Hockey	Brenner	Brenner	Brenner*	
West	FBS	C	N/M	Paul Flanagan Syracuse University	Atlantic Coast/College Hockey America	Flanagan	Flanagan	Flanagan	Flanagan
East	DI	Assoc AD	N/F	Kate McAfee University of New Hampshire	America East/Hockey East	McAfee	McAfee	McAfee*	

## 2019-20 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES COMMITTEE

Legislated Requirements:	Thirteen members. Six from Division I, one from a Division II institution that sponsors Division I, II or III men's or women's ice hockey, four members from Division III, and one member shall be from Division II or III. Within Divisions I and III, one-half of the members shall represent men's ice hockey interests and one-half of the members shall represent women's ice hockey interests. An additional member shall be a nonvoting secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: 2. Quota of 50 percent coaches: 6 (3 for D-I).
Duties	<b>8/05 -- Division III granted a waiver of Bylaw 21.8.1.3 to allow a conference member to immediately follow a member from the same conference (cannot be the same institution).</b> Establish and maintain rules of play consistent with the traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. This committee is subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.
Policy:	Each division will adhere to the 50 percent coaches independently.
Vacancies:	<b>Four September 2020 vacancies. Two Division I -any subdivision, coach or administrator; One Division II – no restrictions; One Division III – coach or admin</b>
Staff Liaison:	Andy Supergan

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
DI (M/W)	Sr Comp Admin	N/M	Joe Gervais University of Vermont	America East/Hockey East	Gervais	Gervais	Gervais*	
FBS (M)	Assoc Head Men's Coach	N/M	David Lassonde Dartmouth College	Ivy League/ECAC	Lassonde	Lassonde*		
DI (M)	Assoc Head Men's Coach	N/M	Bill Riga Quinnipiac University	Metro Atlantic Athletic/ECAC Hockey	Riga*			
DII (M)	C	N/M	Rick Gotkin Mercyhurst University (sponsors DI men's ice hockey)	Pennsylvania State Athletic/Atlantic Hockey	Gotkin	Gotkin*		
DI (W)	C	N/F	Hilary Witt University of New Hampshire	America East/Hockey East	Witt	Witt*		
FCS (M/W)	Deputy AD	N/M	Wayne Dean Yale University	Ivy League/ECAC	Dean*			
<b>II (M)</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Thomas Wilkins Southern New Hampshire University</b>	<b>Northeast-10</b>	<b>Wilkins*</b>			
III (M)	Asst AD	N/F	Heather Reinke Aurora University	Northern Athletics Collegiate/NCHA	Reinke	Reinke*		
III (M)	Men's C	N/M	Arlen Marshall Manhattanville College	Middle Atlantic States/ECAC West	Marshall*			
III (W)	C	N/M	Keith Maurice Trinity College (CT)	New England Small College Athletic	Maurice	Maurice	Maurice*	
III (W)	Women's C	N/M	Mykul Haun Plymouth State University	New England Hockey Conf	Haun	Haun	Haun	Haun*
III (W)	Asst AD	N/M	Jeff Ventura Buffalo State, State University of New York	State University of New York Athletic	Ventura	Ventura*		

\* Not eligible for reappointment. 9/24/19

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One from each of the Division II men's soccer regions (West, Central, South Central, South, Southeast, Midwest, Atlantic, East).  
Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. South Central Region. Coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Eric Breece

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Cen	Sr Assoc AD	N/M	Matt Cochran Northeastern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics	Cochran	Cochran*		
<b>SoC</b>	<b>C/Dir of Soccer Operations</b>	<b>Y/M</b>	<b>Claudio Arias Texas A&amp;M International University</b>	<b>Lone Star</b>	<b>Arias*</b>			
East	C	N/M	Wade Jean Saint Michael's College	Northeast-10	Jean	Jean	Jean*	
SoE	C	N/M	Mark McKeever Young Harris College	Peach Belt	McKeever	McKeever	McKeever*	
West	Assoc AD	N/M	Phillip Billeci-Gard Dominican University of California	Pacific West	Billeci-Gard	Billeci-Gard*		
Atl	Assoc AD	N/M	Terry Beattie West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Beattie	Beattie*		
So	C	N/M	Brian McMahon Palm Beach Atlantic University	Sunshine State	McMahon	McMahon	McMahon	McMahon*
MidW	Asst AD	N/M	Michael Koehler Rockhurst University	Great Lakes Valley	Koehler	Koehler	Koehler*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment 8/29/19

## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Division II women's soccer regions: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

**Vacancies:** **One September 2020 vacancy. East region. Coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Molly Simons

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Atl	C	N/M	Gary Kagiavas Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Kagaivas	Kagaivas	Kagaivas*	
Cen	Deputy AD	N/M	Chad Markuson Minnesota State University Moorhead	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Markuson	Markuson	Markuson	Markuson*
<b>East</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>James Moore</b> <b>Georgian Court University</b>	<b>Central Atlantic Collegiate</b>	<b>Moore*</b>			
SoE	AD	N/F	Jennifer Bell Converse College	Conference Carolinas	Bell	Bell*		
So	AD	N/M	Larry Carpenter Lee University	Gulf South	Carpenter	Carpenter*		
Mid W	AD	N/F	Kelley Kish Lake Erie College	Great Midwest Athletic	Kish	Kish	Kish*	
West	AD	N/M	Jason Carmichael California State University, East Bay	California Collegiate Athletic	Carmichael	Carmichael*		
SoC	C	N/M	Neil Piper Texas A&M University- Commerce	Lone Star	Piper	Piper	Piper	Piper*

\*Not eligible for reappointment

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## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One from each Division II softball region (West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Central region. Coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison:

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Mid W	AD	N/M	Rob Fournier Wayne State University (Michigan)	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic	Fournier	Forunier*		
West	SWA	N/F	Rebekah Gasner Montana State University Billings	Great Northwest Athletic	Gasner	Gasner	Gasner	Gasner*
Atl	Asst Com	N/F	Allie Kolezynski Mountain East Conference	Mountain East	Kolezynski	Kolezynski	Kolezynski	Kolezynski*
<b>Cen</b>	<b>SWA</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Kristy Bayer Emporia State University</b>	<b>Mid-America Intercollegiate</b>	<b>Bayer*</b>			
So	C/A	Y/M	Patrick Peasant Miles College	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic	Peasant	Peasant*		
SoC	C	N/F	Donna Fields St. Mary's University (Texas)	Lone Star	Fields	Fields	Fields*	
East	Assoc AD	N/M	Dean Johnson Caldwell College	Central Atlantic Athletic	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson*	
SoE	SWA/C (SWA/ Deput y AD)	N/F (N/F)	Stacey Vallee Francis Marion University (Michelle Caddigan Wingate University)	Peach Belt (South Atlantic)	Vallee*	Caddigan	Caddigan	Caddigan (9/24*)

\*Not eligible for reappointment 02/07/2020

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE

**Composition:** Five members, including two that represent men's swimming and two that represent women's swimming and one that represents diving. One male and one female. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **3**.

**Vacancies:** **One immediate vacancy, Jennifer Mervar resigned. Administrator. Re-visit September 2020 recommendation due to eligibility requirements.**

**Staff Liaison:** Marie Scovron

DIV.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
<b>II (M/W)</b>	<b>Asst. AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Jennifer Mervar University of Indianapolis</b>	<b>Great Lakes Valley</b>	<b>Mervar</b>	<b>Mervar</b>	<b>Mervar*</b>	
II (M/W)	C	N/M	Kirk Sanocki Wingate University	South Atlantic	Sanocki	Sanocki	Sanocki	Sanocki
II (M/W)	Asst AD/ SWA	N/F	Jennifer Alger University of Tampa	Sunshine State	Alger	Alger	Alger*	
II (M/W)	Asst AD/ SWA	N/F	Bethany Hobbs-Helmus, California State University, East Bay	California Collegiate Athletic Association	Hobbs-Helmus	Hobbs-Helmus	Hobbs-Helmus	Hobbs-Helmus
<b>II (Diving)</b>	<b>C (C)</b>	<b>Y/F (Y/F)</b>	<b>Barbara Parker University of West Florida (Sara Smith Roberts Wesleyan College)</b>	<b>Gulf South (East Coast)</b>	<b>Parker*</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Smith (9/24*)</b>

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
03/10/2020

## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Composition: Eight members. One from each women's volleyball region: South, Atlantic, South Central, West, Central, Midwest, Southeast, East.  
 Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.  
 Vacancies: **Three September 2020 vacancies. Atlantic, Central and South Central regions. Coaches or administrators.**  
 Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron

REG	POS	EM	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
<b>SoC</b>	<b>Asst Com</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Melanie Robotham Lone Star Conference</b>	<b>Lone Star</b>	<b>Robotham*</b>			
SoE	Dir of Comp	N/M	Dustin Fuls North Greenville University	Conference Carolinas	Fuls	Fuls*		
<b>Cen</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Josh Collins Southwestern Oklahoma State University</b>	<b>Great American</b>	<b>Collins*</b>			
East	C/A	N/M	Kevin DesLauriers Molloy College	East Coast	DesLauriers	DesLauriers*		
So	SWA/ Assoc. AD	N/F	Jill Stephens Florida Southern College	Sunshine State	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens*
West	AD	N/F	Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins San Francisco State University	California Collegiate Athletic	Shrieve-Hawkins	Shrieve-Hawkins	Shrieve-Hawkins	Shrieve-Hawkins*
Mid- W	C/A	N/M	Chris Gravel Hillsdale College	Great Midwest Athletic	Gravel	Gravel	Gravel*	
<b>Atl</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Karen Hjerpe California University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>Hjerpe*</b>			

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
 02/07/2020



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 30 AND MAY 7, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Discussion regarding minimum contests requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.** The Division II Championships Committee reviewed recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association regarding potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums, championship selection minimums and maximum contest limits in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee also discussed potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums and maximum contest limits in Division II men's ice hockey, National Collegiate Championship sports and emerging sports. Finally, the committee discussed the application of exempted contests, including conference challenge events and the Division II Tip-Off Classic in basketball, as well as discretionary exemptions in all sports except football. See the attachment for the committee's recommendations.
- 2. Delay of specific playing rules because of COVID-19.** Staff noted that the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel voted to delay until 2021-22 the following rules changes for Division II sports that were scheduled to become effective for 2020-21:
  - **Baseball:** Regular-season bat barrel compression testing.
  - **Men's basketball:** New three-point lines at the international distance of 22 feet, 1¾ inches.
  - **Men's lacrosse:** Two visible shot clocks with the ability to reset them to different times.
  - **Swimming and diving:** Two officials for dual, double-dual, triangular and quadrangular meets in the regular season and four officials for invitational and championship meets.
- 3. Future meetings.** The committee noted that due to recent action requiring all governance committee meetings for the next 18 months to be conducted virtually, the committee will convene via videoconference on the following dates:
  - June 24-25, 2020;
  - September 9-10, 2020; and
  - February 25-26, 2021.

The next in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 10-11, 2021.

*Committee Chair:* Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis  
*Staff Liaisons:* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>Division II Championships Committee April 30 and May 7, 2020, Videoconferences</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.	
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Chair).	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council Vice Chair).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
John Lewis, Bluefield State College.	
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.	
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.	
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Corbin McGuire, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 1 AND 10, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Discussion regarding possible changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Championships Committee discussed the Core Principles for Resocialization of Sport and potential options for the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship calendars. The committee also reviewed survey feedback from Division II presidents and chancellors, athletics directors and conference commissioners. The committee recommended no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition, and no changes to the Division II championship start dates, formats or timelines. If the local or national landscape changes, the committee expressed support for potential revisions to championship schedules, as needed.
- 2. Future meetings.** The committee will convene via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:
  - June 24-25, 2020.
  - September 9-10, 2020.
  - February 25-26, 2021.

The next in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 10-11, 2021.

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Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee June 1 and 10, 2020, Videoconferences
<b>Attendees:</b>
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Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.
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Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council Vice Chair).
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.

Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Markie Cook, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Corbin McGuire, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 24-25, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 – Division Membership – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship – Reduce Cross Country Minimum Contest Requirement and Eliminate Ability to Count Regional Qualifying Meets Toward Sports Sponsorship.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation in cross country, to eliminate NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.3.3.3.2 (regional cross country qualifying meets) , which allows regional qualifying meets to count toward the minimum contest requirement for sports sponsorship, further, to reduce the number of minimum contests required for sports sponsorship from five to four.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation provides cross country with an exception to count regional qualifying meets, which are NCAA postseason events, when calculating the minimum contest requirement for sport sponsorship. This allows for the possibility of an institution to participate in NCAA postseason while subsequently failing to meet sports sponsorship (e.g., a team enters the regional qualifying meet having already completed four events but fails to complete the race at regional qualifying). The proposed changes eliminate this possibility by requiring institutions to compete in four contests and meet sports sponsorship requirements before competing in any NCAA postseason event. This proposal also aligns cross country with indoor and outdoor track and field minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Course length for minimum contest requirements and selections in cross country.**

(1) Recommendation. Eliminate the minimum course length requirements for championship selection purposes (6,000 meters for men and 4,000 meters for women) and instead use the minimum distance requirements for sports sponsorship, as outlined in the NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Rules.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The minimum distance requirements for championship qualification have created confusion for coaches and administrators when trying to determine the requirements for sports sponsorship and championship qualification. Aligning sports sponsorship minimums and championship qualification minimums with the distances outlined in the rulebook will eliminate confusion and the need to update requirements in multiple documents should requirements change in the future. Most regular-season cross country meets already run distances above both the sports sponsorship and the current championship qualification minimum distances, so eliminating the distance requirements for championship selections will not change current meet schedules. The recommendation was supported by the Division II Cross Country Coaches Connection group. Also, the Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee has indicated it will continue to only consider results from regular season meets that have a minimum distance of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Misconduct penalty in football.**

(1) Recommendation. Permit the Division II Football Committee to assess a \$3,000 fine (which is greater than what is permissible under Bylaw 31.1.8.3) for a misconduct violation that occurred during the 2019 Division II Football Championship. Also, permit the committee to require the institution to provide additional sexual assault prevention training to its entire football team beyond what is currently required by the institution. This additional training would consist of two activities that are coordinated between the athletics department and the Title IX office on campus, and both activities must be concluded by the end of the regular season. The institution should submit to the chair of the Division II Football Committee the activities that the football team will participate in, as well as verification that all members of the team have completed the training by the end of the regular season.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee supports the Football Committee's assessment that while the investigation was handled sufficiently by the two institutions, the penalties available within Bylaw 31.1.8.3 are not sufficient for this particular incident. Both the Championships and Football Committees believe a strong message should be sent that these types of incidents are not consistent with the values of intercollegiate competition and should not be tolerated during NCAA championship play. Therefore, penalties beyond those currently prescribed in the misconduct policies should be applied.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. Football student-athletes at the institution in question will be required to participate in additional sexual assault prevention training beyond what is normally done on campus.

**c. Regional alignment in wrestling.**

- (1) Recommendation. Place two institutions that have initiated sponsorship in wrestling (Glenville State College and Wheeling University) in Super Region Three.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. The recommendation provides for maintaining the appropriate balance of institutions among the super regions. The two new institutions will alleviate the loss of Urbana University, which recently announced it will close. The recommendation also accommodates travel considerations among institutions in Super Region Three.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams as best as possible within each super region.

**d. Nullification penalties.**

- (1) Recommendation. Modify the nullification policy in all sports to assess a “two-for-one” penalty (i.e., the violating team would lose two contests for every one in which an ineligible student-athlete participated).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for the 2020-21 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. Division II adopted the nullification policy in 2006 and over time it has proven to be an effective method of ensuring fair and equitable access to championships since the penalties affect only the institution that had the ineligible player(s) (rather than having a domino effect on the institution’s opponents as forfeiture would). However, it has become increasingly apparent that the current “one-for-one” penalty structure is not a sufficient deterrent, as the penalty – particularly in sports that have a higher number of contests – often has only a minimal impact on a team’s placement in the bracket (e.g., just one seeding line). A “two-for-one” structure would have a potentially significant impact on not only a team’s seed line but also its overall qualification status. The Championships Committee believes the recommendation sends a strong message to the Division II membership to ensure the eligibility of participants. The committee also noted that, in cases where a clerical error or some other inadvertent miscue caused the violation, there remains an appellate process for institutions.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The strengthened penalty helps ensure the fairness of competition, which is an NCAA and Division II attribute.

**e. Extension of the neutrality pilot.**

- (1) Recommendation. Extend the pilot program for neutrality in select championships for one more year through 2020-21.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. During its September 2019 meeting, the committee approved a one-year pilot in preliminary rounds of the football, men's and women's basketball and softball championships that permits hosts to run the same kind of pregame promotions and celebrations they conduct during their regular-season contests before resuming neutrality during the course of the contest. While the pilot was able to take place for football, it did not occur in the basketball and softball championships due to the cancelation of those events because of COVID-19. Accordingly, the committee recommends extending the pilot through 2020-21 for football, basketball and softball.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**f. Sport committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2020 unless otherwise noted (see Attachment A).

- (1) **Women's basketball**. Appoint **Danelle Bishop**, head women's basketball coach, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to replace Krista Montague, director of athletics, Montana State University Billings, due to term expiration.
- (2) **Men's golf**. Appoint **Renee Yuen**, head men's golf coach, Chaminade University, to replace Craig Stensgaard, head men's golf coach, Northwest Nazarene University, due to term expiration. (*Christopher Hill of St. Edward's University had been previously appointed but St. Edward's has since dropped the sport.*)
- (3) **Women's golf**. Appoint **Brent Nicoson**, head men's and women's golf coach, University of Indianapolis, to replace Susan Vail, head women's golf coach, Wheeling University, due to term expiration.
- (4) **Men's lacrosse**. Appoint **Vince Smith**, head men's lacrosse coach, Colorado Mesa University, to replace Drew Howard, director of athletics, Florida Southern College, due to term expiration.
- (5) **Women's soccer (immediate vacancy)**. Appoint **Ben Schlesselman**, assistant commissioner, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, to replace Kelley Kish, director of athletics, Lake Erie College, who resigned.

**(6) Men's and women's track and field.** Appoint **Brock Hime**, head cross country and track and field coach, Arkansas Tech University, to replace Steve Blocker, head track and field coach, Emporia State University, due to term expiration.

**(7) Wrestling.** Appoint **Adam Bracken**, assistant director of athletics, Ashland University, to replace Jackie Paquette, associate director of athletics, University of Indianapolis, due to term expiration.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and review of agenda.** Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed the group and introduced the new championships staff intern for 2020-21, Liza Erwin, a former student at Pittsburg State University and most recently a sports administration intern with the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Committee members also discussed on-campus management of social justice and racial equality issues that have emerged over the past several months. NCAA staff noted the use of the Association's social media accounts (by sport, for example) to promote the student-athlete voice, and to begin targeting the NCAA's championships platforms to raise awareness.
- 2. Division II strategic plan.** Staff updated the committee on the timeline for developing a successor to the 2015-21 strategic plan, including asking the Planning and Finance Committee in August to consider extending the current plan through 2023 and launching the new plan at the 2024 NCAA Convention. Staff also noted the likelihood of providing an addendum to the current plan by the January 2021 Convention that highlights successes from the current plan and updates the membership on Division II's management of the COVID-19 crisis in 2020.
- 3. Approval of recent reports.** The committee approved reports from its April 23, April 30 and May 7 videoconferences, as submitted.
- 4. Division II budget items.**
  - a. Championships 2019-20 budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed budget-to-actual reports regarding championship expenses through May 31, 2020.
  - b. 2021-24 triennial budget requests.** Championships Committee members reviewed items initially supported during the group's February meeting, noting that final recommendations will be made during the committee's September 2020 meeting. The committee revisited the entire list of requests to consider whether priorities have changed in light of the COVID-19 crisis and continued to support the items already selected, understanding they can still make revisions at their September meeting.
- 5. Committee updates.**

- a. **Nominating Committee.** The NCAA Division II Nominating Committee is seeking approval to change the policies and procedures regarding the process for Division II appointments on Association-wide, National Collegiate sport committees and playing rules committees by establishing an Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee to review nominees for vacancies that occur on those committees.
  - b. **Membership Committee.** Staff updated the impact of COVID-19 on membership (e.g., school closures) and noted that the Membership Committee will review institutions in the membership process at its July meeting.
  - b. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed recent reports from the panel.
6. **Sport updates and discussion items.**
- a. **2020-21 automatic qualification recommendations.** The committee approved sport committee recommendations for eligible conferences to receive AQs for championships in 2020-21. (See Attachment B for the list of AQs per sport.)
  - b. **Selection criteria approval.** Division II allows sport committees to determine up to three additional selection criteria (among 10 provided) every three years. As this is the appropriate time in the rotation, the committee approved requests from sport committees to use specified additional criteria, effective September 1, 2021. (See Attachment C for the list of criteria per sport.) (Note: The Division II Football Committee requested using the KPI, which is not yet an approved criterion and is currently still under review. The Championships Committee tabled allowing the Football Committee to use the KPI for 2021 until it receives a presentation from the NCAA statistics staff on the credibility of the KPI as a selection criterion. Should the KPI be approved as a criterion by 2021, the committee agreed that all sport committees would be given the opportunity to consider using it, rather than waiting another three years to accommodate the selection criteria request cycle. As a result, the Football Committee asked to substitute record vs. ranked teams as its third criterion, which the Championships Committee approved.)
  - c. **MIAA waiver request.** In 2019, the committee approved a request from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to move Newman University and Rogers State University from the South Central Region to the Central Region, since these two institutions are associate members of the MIAA. The committee asked the MIAA to update the group on the two institutions' membership status after one year. The MIAA noted its legislated assessment will occur with in-person visits this July. Accordingly, the committee agreed to review the status of the two institutions after the MIAA's July assessment to determine their regional placement.
  - d. **Appeals subcommittee guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved the NCAA Division II Championships Appeals Subcommittee policies and procedures.

- e. **NIL update.** Staff noted that the Division II Legislation Committee submitted proposals related to student-athlete name image and likeness for the 2021 NCAA Convention during its recent meeting. (Refer to the article posted on NCAA.org for details of the proposals.)
- f. **Discussion related to championship policies impacted by COVID-19.** The committee continued its discussion regarding possible revisions to how fall sport championships would be conducted should conditions warrant a change. Committee members emphasized that in whatever scenarios that may emerge, the safety and health of student-athletes, staff and spectators remains paramount, and that fall championships should continue to be conducted in a manner that celebrates student-athletes and provides quality experiences. At the same time, the ongoing and unpredictable impacts of COVID-19 have created the need to develop contingency plans to manage fall championship sites and travel in the event conditions worsen. While such contingencies have not been activated or finalized, the committee began analyzing various components of championship administration (selection criteria based on reduced contests, ranking protocols, bracket/field size based on reduced sponsorship, etc.). The committee also acknowledged the need to continuously monitor and assess ongoing factors such as changes in sport sponsorship, state-mandated travel restrictions, and adjustments in testing protocols, among other factors, to be able to determine how best to conduct fall sport championships. Committee members understand that their decisions will be ongoing and based on very fluid circumstances in the coming months.

## 7. Staff updates.

- a. **Legal affairs.** Staff updated the committee on legal affairs involving or affecting the NCAA.
- b. **Coaches Connection.** Jill Willson from Double L Consulting updated the committee on the Coaches Connection initiative, noting that the program is having the desired effect on engaging coaches in Division II governance and helping them better understand complex issues and share information with their conference constituents. Unlike in previous years, the coaches have asked that the regular calls continue through the summer in light of the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The program will add women's rowing this coming year.
- c. **Community engagement.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the division's community engagement initiatives, noting the ongoing uncertainty of events this coming fall due to COVID-19's impact on the administration of championships. While community engagement can still be conducted safely by administering various protocols, the Championships Committee agreed that steps should be taken to provide a "virtual" option for engagement if teams prefer that approach.
- d. **Governance.**

- (1) **April 2020 summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the actions from the Management and Presidents Council's spring 2020 meetings .
- (2) **NCAA.com and social media analytics.** Staff updated the committee on NCAA.com staffing assignments and video streaming enhancements and reviewed positive membership feedback on the Championships Committee's recent agreement to reveal the No. 1 seeds in select sports within the first hour of the respective sport's selection announcement.
8. **Committee chair election.** The committee elected Steve Card, director of athletics at Western Washington University, as chair beginning September 1, 2020. The committee extended its highest appreciation to Sue Willey, who has chaired the committee since 2018 and whose term on the committee expires August 31. Ms. Willey also is retiring from her position as vice president for intercollegiate athletics at the University of Indianapolis after more than 40 years in college athletics administration. The committee thanked Ms. Willey for her numerous and positive contributions to Division II.
9. **Future meetings through 2021 (others may be added as necessary).**
- a. July 9, 2020 (virtual).
  - b. August 6, 2020 (virtual).
  - c. September 9-10, 2020 (virtual).
  - d. February 25-26, 2021 (virtual).
  - e. June 10-11, 2021 (tentatively in person).
  - f. September 13-14, 2021 (tentatively in person).

*Committee Chair:* Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

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<b>Division II Championships Committee June 24-25, 2020, Virtual Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.	
Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC representative).	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council chair).	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council vice chair).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
<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>	
Dan Calandro, Liza Erwin, Haydyn Gibson, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Jen Roe, Marie Scovron, Micki Spears, Terri Steeb Gronau, Ryan Tressel.	

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

Composition: Four members. One from each of the four men's golf regions – Atlantic/East, West/South Central, South/Southeast, Central/Midwest. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2**.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. W/SoC region back open, St. Edwards dropped the sport. Committee preference: coach.**

Committee preference: **50% coaches.**

Staff Liaison: John Baldwin

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Midwest/Cen	C (Assoc AD)	N/M N/F	Joe Vogl Saginaw Valley State University (Sara Higley Ferris State University)	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (Great Lakes Intercollegiate)	Vogl*	Higley	Higley	Higley (9/24*)
W/SoC	A/C (C)	N/M (N/M)	<b>Craig Stensgaard Northwest Nazarene University (Christopher Hill St. Edward's University)</b>	<b>Great Northwest Athletic (Lone Star)</b>	<b>Stensgaard*</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Hill (9/24*)</b>
Atl/ East	Asst AD	N/F	Samantha Traver Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Traver	Traver	Traver*	
So/ SoE	C	N/M	Jared Purvis Valdosta State University	Gulf South	Purvis	Purvis	Purvis*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment

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## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

**Composition:** Four members. One from each of the Division II regions: East (East, Atlantic and Midwest regions), South (South and Southeast regions), Central (Central region), West (South Central and West regions). Quota of 50 percent athletic administrators: 2.

**Vacancies:** **One September 2020 vacancy. East region.**

**Staff Liaison:** Jay Jay Rackley

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
So	Assoc. AD	Y/M	Randy Loggins Tusculum University (Converse College)	South Atlantic (Conference Carolinas)	Loggins	Loggins	Loggins*	
Cen	C	N/M	Brad Fleetwood Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Great American	Fleetwood	Fleetwood*		
<b>East</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Susan Vail Wheeling Jesuit University</b>	<b>Mountain East</b>	<b>Vali*</b>			
West	Sr Assoc AD/SWA	N/F	Jackie Wallgren Colorado State University- Pueblo	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Wallgren	Wallgren	Wallgren	Wallgren*

\*Not eligible for reappointment

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## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Four members. Two from the North region (Northeast-10, East Coast and independents); and two from the South region (Conference Carolinas RMAC, Sunshine State and independents). Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2**.

Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. South region. Coach or Administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins

REGION	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
South	C	N/M	J. B. Clarke Limestone College	Conference Carolinas	Clarke	Clarke	Clarke*	
<b>South</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Drew Howard Florida Southern College</b>	<b>Sunshine State</b>	<b>Howard*</b>			
North	AD	N/M	Brad Davis Mercyhurst University	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Davis	Davis*		
North	AD	Y/M	Dan Velez New York Institute of Technology	East Coast	Velez	Velez*		

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
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## 2019-20 DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Division II women's soccer regions: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy, Kelley Kish resigned, Midwest Region. Coach or Administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
Atl	C	N/M	Gary Kagiavas Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Kagaivas	Kagaivas	Kagaivas*	
Cen	Deputy AD	N/M	Chad Markuson Minnesota State University Moorhead	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Markuson	Markuson	Markuson	Markuson*
East	C (Sr. Assoc AD)	N/M (N/M)	James Moore Georgian Court University (Stephen Fitzgerald Stonehill College)	Central Atlantic Collegiate (Northeast-10)	Moore*	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald (9/24*)
SoE	AD	N/F	Jennifer Bell Converse College	Conference Carolinas	Bell	Bell*		
So	AD	N/M	Larry Carpenter Lee University	Gulf South	Carpenter	Carpenter*		
<b>Mid W</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Kelley Kish Lake Erie College</b>	<b>Great Midwest Athletic</b>	<b>Kish</b>	<b>Kish</b>	<b>Kish*</b>	
West	AD	N/M	Jason Carmichael California State University, East Bay	California Collegiate Athletic	Carmichael	Carmichael*		
SoC	C	N/M	Neil Piper Texas A&M University- Commerce	Lone Star	Piper	Piper	Piper	Piper*

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
05/04/2020

## 2019-20 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members, including four representing men's track and four representing women's track. Three positions are allocated for men, three for women. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **4**  
 One from each region: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East.  
 Vacancies: **One September 2020 vacancy. Central region. Coach or administrator.**  
 Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
(M/W)	West	SWA	N/F	Randi Lydum Western Oregon University	Great Northwest Athletic	Lydum	Lydum*		
(M/W)	South	Assoc AD	Y/F	Jacqueline Nicholson Albany State University (Georgia)	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic	Nicholson	Nicholson*		
(M/W)	SoC	Asst AD/SWA	N/F	Colleen Mischke Black Hills State University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Mischke	Mischke*		
(M/W)	SoE	C	N/M	Adam Ward Augusta University	Peach Belt	Ward	Ward*		
(M/W)	East	C/ Asst AD	N/M	Zach Emerson Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson*
<b>(M/W)</b>	<b>Cen</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Steve Blocker Emporia State University</b>	<b>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Blocker*</b>			
(M/W)	MidW	Deputy AD	N/M	Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Lipinski	Lipinski	Lipinski	Lipinski*
(M/W)	Atl	Interim AD	N/F	Kristen Decker Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Decker	Decker	Decker*	

\* Not eligible for reappointment  
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## 2019-20 DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE

Composition: Six members. One from each region: Super Region 1, Super Region 2, Super Region 3, Super Region 4, Super Region 5 and Super Region 6. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **3**.

**Vacancy: One September 2020 vacancy. Region 3. Administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Ryan Tressel

REG.	POS.	EM/G	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
1	C	N/M	Brian Tucker Seton Hill University	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Tucker	Tucker*		
2	C	Y/M	Kelly Revells Limestone College	Conference Carolinas	Revells	Revells*		
<b>3</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Jackie Paquette University of Indianapolis</b>	<b>Great Lakes Valley</b>	<b>Pacquette*</b>			
4	C	N/M	Chas Thompson Fort Hays State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics	Thompson	Thompson	Thompson*	
5	SWA	N/F	Ann Traphagen Augustana University (South Dakota)	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Traphagen	Traphagen	Traphagen	Traphagen*
6	AD	N/M	Miles Van Hee Western State Colorado University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Van Hee	Van Hee	Van Hee*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment.

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NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS  
JUNE 24-25, 2020 MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Baseball championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Men's basketball championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America

Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Women's basketball championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**d. Football championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 15 conferences receive earned access for the 2020-21 academic year: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**e. Men's golf championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**f. Women's golf championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**g. Men's soccer championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**h. Women's soccer championship.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**i. Softball championship.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**j. Men's tennis championships.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 16 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**k. Women's tennis championships.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 20 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**I. Women's volleyball championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2020-21 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**Note: “\*” grace period.**

*Committee Chair:* Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 24-25, 2020 MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Baseball.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Baseball Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Men's basketball.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Record vs. Ranked Teams.
- Performance Indicator (PI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee is requesting a small adjustment to the current criteria for rankings/selections. The committee would continue to use the RPI along with record vs. ranked teams and the Performance Indicator (PI). However, they are suggesting to narrow the gaps in the PI to .125 from .250. The committee believes there are differences between beating a team that has a winning percentage of .700 and one that is .500 but currently the amount of points provided for winning that game are the same.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Women's basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Basketball Committee.

- Performance Indicator (PI)
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**d. Field hockey.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Field Hockey Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.

- Late Season Performance.

- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with sufficient data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**e. Football.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Football Committee.

- Record vs. Teams with a Winning Record.
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- KPI (see action item in football report) – *currently not approved criteria*.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes these criteria will provide a better analysis of a teams resume in ranking and selecting teams. The committee is recommending a gap of .100 in the Performance Indicator to provide the best data in analyzing a teams success.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**f. Men's lacrosse.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee.

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

- In-Region Strength of Schedule.
- Performance Indicator (PI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria except for Performance Indicator (PI) replacing Division II results vs. teams with .500 record or better. The committee feels this switch to PI will encompass a team's full resume rather than just having an additional criteria item that may have limited data. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**g. Women's lacrosse.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's lacrosse Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.

- Division II Results vs. Teams with .500 Record or Better.
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**h. Women's rowing.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Rowing Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.

- Late-season performance (defined as competition taking place within 24 days before the selection date for the NCAA championships).
- Results versus Ranked Division II Opponents.
- Results versus Division II In-Region Common Opponents.

Due to the nature of women's rowing, data is not available in three of the five standard criteria (Overall Division II in-region winning percentage, Overall Division II winning percentage and overall Division II strength of schedule). In order to ascertain strength of schedule an additional criteria, Results versus teams already selected, will be used in consideration for selection of the at-large teams.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the current criteria provide a sound basis upon which to rank and select teams to the championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**i. Men's soccer.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's Soccer Committee.

- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance indicator (PI).
- Division II Results Against Teams with a Winning Record.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

Additionally, the committee is requesting an adjustment to the Performance Indicator (PI) scale (see attached) to better reflect the value of wins, losses and ties against teams in the groupings of winning percentages. The committee believes that the new point values will better reflect the proper reward for match results as well as encourage teams to create their strongest schedule possible. Men's and women's soccer are the only sports that use a PI scale that incorporates a value for ties. As both are requesting this change, the new scale will be consistently used within the sport and division.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**j. Women's soccer.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Soccer Committee.

- In-Region Strength of Schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponent's average winning percentage).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

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(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**k. Softball.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Softball Committee.
  - Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record.
  - In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
  - Results vs. Ranked Division II Opponents.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**l. Men's and women's tennis.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria.
  - In-Regional Strength of Schedule.
  - Results versus Division II In-Region Common Opponents.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**m. Women's volleyball.**

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships Committee approves the additional sport specific selection criteria as reviewed and recommended by the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee. Replace Performance Indicator (PI) with Late Season Performance as the third additional criteria.

- In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- In-region Non-Conference Won-Lost Record.
- Late Season Performance.

The committee defines "late season performance" as the last ten (10) matches.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee believes the current criteria provide a sound basis upon which to rank and select teams to the championship; however, also desires an additional criterion to consider improved, or diminished, results over the course of the season.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis  
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II DEGREE-COMPLETION AWARD COMMITTEE  
MAY 28, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**
  - **None.**
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
  - **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The chair convened the meeting and welcomed the Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee and staff to the meeting.
2. **March 3-4 Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee Meeting Report.** The committee approved the report from the March in-person meeting, as presented.
3. **2020-21 Degree-Completion Award Program Changes.**
  - a. **Degree-Completion Award Program Website.** The committee reviewed the content of the Degree-Completion Award Program website and directed the staff to update the information on NCAA.org.
  - b. **Application on Program Hub.** The committee approved the requested changes to the application and directed the staff to proceed with updating the information in Program Hub.
  - c. **Application Information and Sheet.** The committee reviewed the Application Information and Scoring Sheet and had no changes.
  - d. **Rubric.** The committee approved the changes to the rubric, including a 4-point maximum for each category for an overall maximum score of 20 points. This change was implemented to allow for more consistent scoring among committee members.
  - e. **Timeline.** The committee approved recommended changes to the degree-completion timeline, including opening the 2021-22 application earlier (October 15, 2020) in anticipation for possible early campus closures due to COVID-19.

- f. **Forms Sent to Recipients and Nominators.** The committee reviewed the 2020-21 acceptance form, institution confirmation form and progress report form, and decided to not make any changes for these forms for 2021-22.
- g. **Paper Review vs. Online Review.** The committee agreed the online review of forms in Program Hub will continue for the 2021-22 award selection process.
4. **Update on 2020-21 Process.** The committee received an update on the 2020-21 award process. Staff noted that acceptance emails, alternates' emails and emails to individuals not chosen were sent March 16. The deadline for returning completed paperwork was extended to May 1. As of May 28, two individuals had declined the award and two alternates have already been contacted. Payments have been made to 78 institutions for awards granted.
5. **Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed the Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures and had no changes.
6. **Other Business.** The committee had no other business to discuss.
7. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meetings.

*Committee Chair: Eileen McDonough, Barry University*

*Staff Liaison: Markie Cook, Research*

NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee May 28, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University.	
Clyde Doughty Jr., Bowie State University.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
David Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Eileen McDonough, Barry University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Markie Cook.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 30 AND MAY 11, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reviewed recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association regarding potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums, championship selection minimums and maximum contest limitations in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee also discussed potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums and maximum contest limitations in Division II men's ice hockey, National Collegiate Championship sports and emerging sports. Finally, the committee discussed the application of exempted contests, including conference challenge events and the Division II Tip-Off Classic in basketball, as well as discretionary exemptions in all sports except football. [ See Attachment for the committee's recommendations.]
2. **Student-athlete involvement in virtual recruiting activities.** As a result of the Division II Administrative Committee issuing a blanket waiver permitting current student-athletes to engage in recruiting correspondence at the direction of a coaching staff member during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period, the committee discussed the requirement that recruiting correspondence with uncommitted prospective student-athletes must be private between sender and recipient. The committee confirmed that multiple student-athletes and/or institutional staff members may participate together on recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) with an uncommitted prospective student-athlete. Otherwise, the call must be private (e.g., no more than one uncommitted prospective student-athlete, no individuals outside of the institution).
3. **Approval of the March 9, 2020, and March 9-10, 2020, in-person meeting Legislation Committee reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its March 9 and March 9-10, 2020, in-person meeting reports.
4. **Future meeting dates.**
  - a. June 22-23, 2020, videoconference;
  - b. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis).
  - c. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee April 30 and May 11, 2020, Videoconferences	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College.	
David Marsh, Northwood University (May 11, 2020 videoconference only).	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Keith Vitense, Cameron University.	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
David Marsh, Northwood University (April 30, 2020, videoconference).	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Roxann Frankel, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Stephanie Quigg, Roberta Page and Angela Red.	

# ATTACHMENT

Sport	Minimum Number of Contests for Championship Selections	Notes	Legislation Committee Recommendation 33% Cut in All DII Championship Sports*	Minimum Number of Contests for Sponsorship	Legislation Committee Recommendation 33% Cut in All DII Sports	Maximum Number	Contests or Dates of Competition	Notes	Legislation Committee	
									Supports CCA recommended reductions in cross country and football. Recommend an average reduction of 16% in all other Division II championship sports.	
									Recommended Maximum	% Cut
Acrobatics & Tumbling		N/A - Emerging Sport		6	4	12	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Baseball	24		16	24	16	50	Contests		42	16%
Basketball, Men's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	22	15	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	23	12%
Basketball, Women's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	22	15	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	23	12%
Beach Volleyball, Women's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		8	5	16	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Bowling, Women's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		8	5	32	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Cross Country	5	5 with 5 participants (no double duals to count towards minimum)	3	5	3	7	Dates		6	14%
Equestrian		N/A - Emerging Sport		6	4	15	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Fencing		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		6	4	11	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Field Hockey	10	10; 6 in-region	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	15	17%
Football	10	10 (8 Division II)	7	8	5	11	Contests		10	9%
Golf, Men's	12	7 (4 in championship segment); 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	8	6	4	21	Dates		17	19%
Golf, Women's	15	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment); 12 of the 15 rounds must be 5 team tourn.	10	6	4	21	Dates		17	19%
Gymnastics, Men's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		6	4	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Gymnastics, Women's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		6	4	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Ice Hockey, Men's		N/A - No Division II Championship		20	13	32	Contests		N/A - No Division II Championship	
Ice Hockey, Women's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		20	13	34	Contests		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Lacrosse, Men's	10		7	8	5	17	Dates		15	12%
Lacrosse, Women's	10	10 (in-region)	7	10	7	17	Dates	5 dates in other segment	15	12%
Rifle		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		8	5	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Rowing, Women's	5	5 including 3 in-region at 2,000 meters. Contest = trip down the course.	3	6	4	20	Dates		16	20%
Rugby, Women's		N/A - Emerging Sport		9	6	16	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Skiing		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		5	3	32 (Alpine) 32 (Nordic)	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Soccer, Men's	10	15 (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference Division II opponent)	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	15	17%
Soccer, Women's	10	10 (in-region)	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	15	17%
Softball	24		16	24	16	56	Contests		46	18%
Swimming/Diving	8	Sponsorship (Min. 8 contests with 11 participants) per gender	5	8	5	16	Dates		13	19%
Tennis, Men's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	10	7	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	21	16%
Tennis, Women's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	10	7	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	21	16%
Track and Field – Indoor	4	4 with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	4	3	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	15	17%
Track and Field – Outdoor	4	4 with 14 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	4	3	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	15	17%
Triathlon, Women's		N/A - Emerging Sport		4	3	6	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Volleyball, Men's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		9	6	28	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Volleyball, Women's	15	15 Division II matches (60 % of total matches must be against Division II teams)	10	15	10	26	Dates	4 dates in other segment	22	15%
Water Polo, Men's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		15	10	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Water Polo, Women's		N/A - National Collegiate Championship		10	7	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Wrestling, Men's	None	None	N/A	9	6	16	Dates		13	19%
Wrestling, Women's		N/A - Emerging Sport		9	6	9	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	

\*Recommended increased cut to selections minimums to provide similar relief to both genders of the same sport.

## Differences from D2CCA recommendations

Recommend Conference Challenge and DII Tip-Off Classic Contests would not be exempt for 2020-21 academic year

Note 1: Recommend that sports retain the three permissible discretionary exemptions (e.g., scrimmages, exhibitions).

Note 2: Recommend leaving National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey maximums as



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 3, 9 AND 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons in Division II Fall Championship Sports.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a blanket waiver to permit institutions and conferences that do not participate in the traditional fall championship segment, including the NCAA championship, to determine an alternate playing and practice season for Division II fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:

*Championship segment:* Permit institutions (or conferences) to declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the regular season as listed below. Institutions that declare a different championship segment for their fall sports would not be eligible to participate in the Division II championship, but a conference championship opportunity may be available. Institutions may divide the championship segment into two segments, but the winter break legislation (NCAA Bylaw 17.02.18) would still apply. Student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break at the conclusion of the championship segment in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1-(e).

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Number of Calendar Days in the Regular Season (First Permissible Date for Practice to the First Date of the 2020 NCAA Division II Championship)</b>
Cross Country	84 days
Field Hockey	89 days
Football	103 days
Men's Soccer	94 days
Women's Soccer	95 days
Volleyball	108 days

*Nonchampionship segment:* Permit institutions to declare a nonchampionship segment at a different time during the 2020-21 academic year (other than during institutional final exams or the legislated winter break), based on the institution's adjusted championship segment. The nonchampionship segment must end seven calendar days prior to final examinations. If the nonchampionship segment precedes the championship segment, student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day period break between segments.

*Alternate playing season in golf and tennis:* Permit institutions to extend the fall championship segment and/or spring nonchampionship segment by the number of days the institution delayed the start of the fall 2020 championship segment. Practice during the spring nonchampionship segment may not begin prior to January 10 and competition may not begin prior to February 1 (current parameters for golf and tennis teams that play the championship segment in the spring). For example, if a tennis team is not able to begin practice until August 27, which is a 10-day delay, the institution may continue participating until November 25, start the nonchampionship segment on February 5 or use a combination of the 10 lost days over both segments.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for fall 2020 sports. While institutions and conferences may not be able to participate in the traditional fall championship segment, this waiver will provide flexibility to institutions to determine an appropriate playing and practice season to provide fall sport student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity in 2020-21 and, as such, student-athletes would still utilize a season of competition. This flexibility will also assist with institutional management of the impact of COVID-19 and resulting enrollment management challenges.

The outside competition legislation (Bylaw 14.7) would continue to apply. Student-athletes in team sports may participate as a member of an outside team outside of the institution's declared playing season in that sport. Student-athletes in individual sports may participate as an individual at any time during the academic year, provided the parameters of Bylaw 14.7.3.4 (competition as individual/not representing institution) are met.

The committee does not recommend any adjustments to the playing season for those teams that start the fall championship segment on time and may

ultimately have a COVID-19 related disruption and noted those situations can be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding possible changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee discussed the Core Principles for Resocialization of Sport and potential options for the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship calendars. The committee also reviewed survey feedback from Division II presidents and chancellors, athletic directors and conference commissioners. The committee recommended no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition, and no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines. If the local or national landscape changes, the committee expressed support for potential revisions to championships schedules, as needed.
2. **Approval of the April 30 and May 11, 2020, videoconferences Legislation Committee report.** The committee reviewed and approved its April 30 and May 11, 2020, videoconferences report.
3. **Future meeting dates.**
  - a. June 22-23, 2020, videoconference;
  - b. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis); and
  - c. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference.

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Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee June 3, 9 and 16, 2020, Videoconferences	
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Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS  
JUNE 22-23, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **2021 NCAA Convention Legislation – Various Bylaws – Student-Athlete Use of Name, Image and Likeness.**
  - (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2021 NCAA Convention to permit Division II student-athletes to utilize their name, image and likeness, as follows:
    - (a) Permit student-athletes to use their name, image and likeness to promote their own athletically related work product (e.g., athletics apparel, athletics equipment, writing a book about the impact of athletics on their life);
    - (b) Permit student-athletes to promote athletically or nonathletically related products or services, including, but not limited to, modeling noninstitutional athletics apparel and equipment, and establishing a monetized media platform, subject to institutional policies;
    - (c) Permit student-athletes to be paid for autographs while not representing their institution, either in conjunction with an endorsement opportunity or otherwise independent of their institution;
    - (d) Permit student-athletes to be paid for appearances at commercial businesses and charitable, educational or nonprofit agencies, subject to institutional policies, and permit student-athletes to include their athletics status and ability in any such promotions;
    - (e) Permit student-athletes to sell athletics apparel, used equipment and awards provided by the institution at any time in their career;
    - (f) Permit student-athletes, their families and friends to organize fundraisers for student-athletes or their family members in extreme circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete (e.g., house fire, medical needs), while maintaining current restrictions on fundraising for education-related items of need (e.g., tuition, laptop);
    - (g) Permit student-athletes to promote their availability for private lessons. If institutional facilities are used, student-athletes must

follow all applicable institutional processes for renting facility space in a manner consistent with that used by the general public;

- (h) Permit student-athletes to operate their own camps and clinics. If institutional facilities are used, student-athletes must follow all applicable institutional processes for renting facility space in a manner consistent with that used by the general public;
- (i) Permit a commercial business to advertise the presence of student-athletes at the establishment for an institutional fundraiser; and
- (j) Permit student-athletes to license their name, image and likeness for commercial products unrelated to their work product (e.g., student-athlete would be allowed to license their nickname on commercial products sold by a third party).

Further, consistent with the Board of Governors' principles that any legislative changes be transparent and enforceable, to recommend the following administrative framework for the concepts above:

- (a) Permit institutions to assist student-athletes on name, image and likeness activities, but not arrange such opportunities (e.g., providing education on applicable NCAA rules, helping a student-athlete evaluate any compliance concerns with a particular opportunity, assisting with reporting expectations, offering resource materials to help the student-athlete evaluate and select professional service providers). An institution would be permitted, but not required, to establish a name, image and likeness counseling panel similar to the currently permissible professional sports counseling panel. Business activities that are developed as a result of a student-athlete's coursework would be exempt from the restrictions on institutional involvement;
- (b) Require student-athletes to obtain approval to use institutional marks for any commercial purposes through the normal process used by any potential license;
- (c) Prohibit student-athletes from using their name, image or likeness to promote products or services not permitted by NCAA legislation, including sports wagering and banned substances;
- (d) Prohibit student-athletes from missing class to participate in activities related to use of their name, image and likeness;

- (e) Permit institutions to determine how to appropriately educate their student-athletes, boosters and other constituent groups on name, image and likeness rules;
  - (f) Require reporting of name, image and likeness activities on an annual basis. (Note: The committee recommends that a template form be created, but institutions would be permitted to establish their own forms based on institutional needs and applicable state laws. Institutions may choose to require reporting on a more frequent basis. The committee also expressed support for exploration of a potential third-party administrator to oversee reporting to reduce the burden on Division II athletics departments);
  - (g) Permit prospective student-athletes to retain professional service providers (e.g., agents, tax advisors, marketing consultants) for name, image and likeness activities, as well as professional athletics opportunities, prior to initial full-time enrollment at a Division II institution. Any agreement related to professional sports opportunities must be terminated upon enrollment at a Division II institution. Institutional employees would not be permitted to serve in a professional service role for a prospective student-athlete; and
  - (h) Permit student-athletes to retain professional service providers needed for name, image and likeness activities. Student-athletes; however, would be prohibited from hiring an agent for the purpose of a professional athletics opportunity. These service providers would be prohibited from providing anything that would constitute an extra benefit.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. Following the referral from the NCAA Board of Governors for all divisions to immediately consider legislative changes consistent with the collegiate model, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee charged the Division II Legislation Committee with the review of issues related to name, image and likeness.

This proposal would permit Division II student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the Board's guiding principles and with the Board's direction to consider appropriate rules changes based on recommendations from the Federal and State Legislation Working Group. The committee's recommendations fall into two categories: (1) activities related to student-athlete business activities; and (2) promotion/endorsement of third-party products and

services. The committee believes student-athletes should have full use of their name, image and likeness related to their own business activities, including autographs and appearances, noting the direct tie between these activities and a student-athlete's identity.

Importantly, the committee believes these opportunities can occur in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA's core values, mission and principles, while prioritizing student-athlete well-being. Further, the recommended administrative framework for these legislative changes ensures that the legislation will be transparent and enforceable, in line with the Board's principles. Institutions will have the discretion to determine how to appropriately educate their student-athletes, boosters and other constituent groups on name, image and likeness rules.

The process of developing these changes included vast membership review and input. Additional individuals (e.g., athletics directors, coaches, student-athletes) were added to the Legislation Committee meetings during its name, image and likeness discussions to provide further input for the review. A survey taken by more than 1,000 representatives of member institutions and conferences, including student-athletes, helped gather feedback on ways to modernize NCAA legislation to allow for student-athletes to receive compensation for their name, image and likeness. Student-athlete voices also were prioritized throughout the process, with three national Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members joining Legislation Committee members during its discussions. Issues related to name, image and likeness were a standing agenda item for the national SAAC throughout the 2019-20 academic year.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will be permitted to benefit from their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors' guiding principles.

## **2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **None.**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislation Working Group, including the final report provided to the Board of Governors in April 2020.
2. **Update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** The NCAA Office of Legal Affairs provided an update on the legal landscape surrounding name, image and likeness.
3. **Update on Current Federal and State Legislative Landscape.** The committee received an update on the current federal and state legislative landscape surrounding name, image and likeness.
4. **Review of Name, Image and Likeness Feedback Gathered Since March 9-10, 2020, in-person Division II Legislation Committee Meeting.** The committee received an overview of feedback from the survey provided to the Division II membership regarding the review of name, image and likeness. Further, the committee received an overview of the principles developed by the Knight Commission regarding name, image and likeness.
5. **Discussion Regarding Potential Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions.** The committee, along with additional individuals from the Division II membership (directors of athletics, coaches, student-athletes), discussed potential legislative solutions related to the legislative concepts regarding name, image and likeness that were forwarded to the Division II membership for feedback and consideration. The committee agreed to recommend sponsorship of legislation to permit Division II student-athletes the opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors' guiding principles. Further, the committee recommended the development of an administrative framework to ensure any legislative changes be transparent and enforceable [See Legislative Action item].
6. **Review of the March 9-10, 2020, Legislation Committee Review of Issues Related to Name, Image and Likeness, In-Person Meeting Report.** The committee reviewed its March 9-10, 2020, in-person meeting report.
7. **Future Meeting Dates.**
  - a. July 1, 2020, videoconference;
  - b. November 2-3, 2020, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis);
  - c. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference;
  - d. June 2021, videoconference; date TBD.

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June 22-23, 2020, Videoconference

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*Committee Chair:* Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee June 22-23, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Grant Foley, Delta State University.	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Michelle Latimer, Bowie State University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College.	
Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University, Commerce.	
J.R. Smith, Chadron State College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Kim Sutton, California State University, Chico.	
Keith Vitense, Cameron University.	
John Wristen, Colorado State University – Pueblo	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Rex Fuller, Western Oregon University.	
Glen Jones, Henderson State University.	
Matt Margenthaler, Minnesota State University, Mankato.	
David Marsh, Northwood University.	
Dean O'Keefe, Stonehill College.	
Bren Stevens, University of Charleston (West Virginia).	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Scott Bearby, Dawn Buth, Markie Cook, Roxann Frankel, Curtis Franks, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Corbin McGuire, Stephanie Quigg and Cari Van Senus.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
MAY 12, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Guidelines for Review of Requests Seeking Relief of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5 – Assertions That a Student-Athlete was “Run Off” by Previous Institution – COVID-19 Impact.**
  - (1) Recommendation. Approve new guidelines for review of requests seeking relief of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.5 (four-year college transfer) for assertions of “run off” by previous institution due to the impact of COVID-19, as outlined [Attachment].
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate, for student-athletes transferring in the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter, in response to COVID-19.
  - (3) Rationale. In April 2020, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee requested that the committee review the current “run off” guideline to address assertions where a student-athlete was “run off” by the previous institution due to the impact of COVID-19. The committee believed the attached guideline would provide NCAA staff with discretion when reviewing requests when a student-athlete decides to transfer due to the impact of COVID-19.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM.**

- **Future Meeting Dates.**
  - a. May 27, 2020, videoconference.
  - b. September 2020, videoconference.

*Committee Chair:*        *Audra Kedy, Great American Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons:*        *Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
                                      *Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief May 12, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University.	
Larry Earnesty, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.	
Ellen Fagerstrom, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Matthew Finley, Anderson University (South Carolina).	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Hooks and Jordan Lysiak.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Stephanie Quigg and Angela Red.	

**Assertions that a Student-Athlete was "Run Off" by Previous Institution.**

a-b. Unchanged.

c. Information Standards for Assertions of "Run Off" due to COVID-19.

During its May 12, 2020, videoconference, the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief established guidelines to provide relief for waivers involving Bylaw 14.5.5 (transfer regulations) in which an institution asserts that the student-athlete was "run off" by his or her previous institution for reasons related to COVID-19.

(1) Information Standards for Assertions of "Run Off" Related to COVID-19. The committee adopted the following information standards for transfers asserting run off related to COVID-19:

- a. Documentation demonstrating that athletically related financial aid was either reduced or not renewed for reasons related to COVID-19. (Effective immediately, for student-athletes transferring in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.)
- b. Written statement from the student-athlete's previous institution indicating that the previous institution supports the waiver request and that the student-athlete departed the previous institution in good academic standing and meeting progress-toward-degree requirements. Please note, for Division II transfer student-athletes, the Division II Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver of the progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2019-20 academic year.
- c. If the student has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport, or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, the institution must provide documentation demonstrating that the student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering spring 2020 (spring 2020 semester or winter/spring 2020 quarter) to satisfactorily complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferrable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in transferable degree credits. (Effective immediately, for student-athletes transferring in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.)

(2) Guidelines for Assertions of "Run Off" Related to COVID-19.

- If applicant institution is able to demonstrate that the student-athlete would have had the opportunity to return to the previous institution, and was otherwise eligible for use of the one-time transfer exception but could not use the exception due to a previous transfer (e.g., 4-4-4 transfer) and the student-athlete was unable to return for reasons related to COVID-19, the case should be approved.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
MAY 27, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Guidelines for Review of Requests Seeking Relief of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5 – Transfer-Residency Requirement Due to Institutional Denial of Transfer Release.**
  - (1) Recommendation. To update the guideline for requests involving institutional denial of transfer release [See Attachment].
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. Under the current guideline, when an NCAA institution denies use of the one-time transfer exception or opposes the waiver and a Division II institution files a legislative relief waiver, staff is directed to deny these cases during its first review of the case on behalf of the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief. Recently, staff has processed legislative relief waivers where the previous institution changes its original position on the use of the one-time transfer exception or waiver request. Specifically, staff must utilize the 10-day process and during this process, the previous institutions indicate they either: (1) no longer support or oppose the waiver; (2) are not opposed to supporting the waiver; or (3) takes no position. Permitting staff to approve waivers under these circumstances and requiring the previous institution to readdress its position on the use of the one-time transfer exception or support of the waiver during the 10-day process will allow staff to proceed with processing the waiver request and make an appropriate decision.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update regarding COVID-19.** Staff provided an update on the recent actions taken by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee in response to COVID-19. Staff noted that the Administrative Committee confirmed that the application of the four-year college transfer requirements remain the same.

2. **Review of Committee for Legislative Relief cases decided from August 1, 2019, through January 31, 2020, by the NCAA staff and committee.** The committee reviewed cases decided by staff and the committee from August 1, 2019, through January 31, 2020. A total of 165 cases were submitted in Division II and 144 cases were decided by staff and the committee during this time period. Of the 144 cases decided, staff approved 105 cases, 39 of which were approved with conditions. Five of the 105 cases were approved based on the totality of the circumstances, one of which was previously approved and archived by the committee. Four of the waivers involved the application of the one-time transfer exception legislation, while the fifth case involved the application of the championship and nonchampionship legislation as it applies to institutional sport programs. The committee reviewed the five cases approved by staff based on the totality of the circumstances and noted that one case should be archived. Additionally, the staff denied 35 cases, 10 of which were appealed to the committee. The committee affirmed the staff decision in five cases.
3. **Review of the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief guidelines and the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief guidelines.** The committee reviewed the updates to the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief guidelines to determine whether updates to the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief guidelines were necessary. The committee revised the Division II guidelines to move away from asking the previous institution whether there is support for the waiver, and instead requesting the previous institution's understanding of the reason for the transfer.
4. **Review of Division II legislative relief waivers related to COVID-19.** The committee discussed potential relief for Division II institutions seeking relief due to COVID-19. The committee directed staff to review waivers related to COVID-19 on a case-by-case basis and to request documentation that demonstrates a correlation between the necessity to transfer and COVID-19. Finally, the committee directed staff to exercise discretion and sensitivity, as well as to consider the impact of the health and safety of student-athletes while processing waivers related to COVID-19.
5. **Update regarding the NCAA Division I Transfer Waiver Working Group.** The committee received an update on the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Council on May 20, 2020, as it relates to recommendations from the Division I Transfer Waiver Working Group.
6. **Review of the Amateurism Certification Process Error Policy.** NCAA Eligibility Center staff provided an update on the Amateurism Error Policy. Specifically, the policy will permit the Eligibility Center to correct released, inaccurate preliminary or final amateurism certifications and notify Division II institutions and prospective student-athletes of the corrected error. The committee discussed whether the Streamlined Review Process should be expanded to honor previously released amateurism certification errors and determined the new error policy should be incorporated. This policy will become effective October 1, 2020.

7. **Review of newly adopted legislation.** The committee received an update regarding legislation adopted at the 2020 NCAA Convention. None of the proposals are expected to impact legislative relief waiver volume.
8. **Review of NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and reiterated the importance of committee members recusing themselves if a conflict exists.
9. **Review of the September 23, 2019, and May 12, 2020, Committee for Legislative Relief reports to the NCAA Division II Management Council.** The committee reviewed the September 23, 2019, and May 12, 2020, reports and approved both as written.
10. **Review of October 2019, January and April 2020 NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council summaries of actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council October 2019, January and April 2020 meetings.
11. **Update on the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in college study data.** NCAA research staff presented findings from the 2019 NCAA GOALS study data.
12. **Review of NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief roster.** The committee reviewed the updated roster.
13. **Committee for Legislative Relief chair election.** The committee elected Ellen Fagerstrom, faculty athletics representative, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, as chair, effective September 1, 2020.
14. **Future meeting date.** Staff noted that a videoconference is anticipated in September 2020, and additional information will be provided at a later date.

*Committee Chair:* Audra Kedy, Great American Conference

*Staff Liaison(s):* Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief May 27, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Larry Earnesty, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.	
Ellen Fagerstrom, Minnesota State University, Moorhead.	
Matt Finley, Anderson University (South Carolina).	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California.	

<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liasons in Attendance:</b>
Chelsea Hooks and Jordan Lysiak.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Lydia Bell, Doug Healey, Maritza Jones, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Ashley Thornburg and Karen Wolf.

**Transfer-Residency Requirement Due to Institutional Denial of Transfer Release.**

- Directive for Requests Involving Institutional Denial of Transfer Release.

(1)-(2) Unchanged.

- (3) During its May 27, 2020, videoconference, the committee revised the directive to specify that when the previous institution changes its original position on the use of the one-time transfer exception or the waiver request, the case should be approved.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 24 and MAY 5, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding impact of COVID-19.** NCAA staff provided the NCAA Division II Membership Committee with an update regarding membership issues in response to COVID-19. In addition, the committee discussed the following items:
  - a. **Update regarding membership requirements for active member institutions and conferences.** Staff provided the committee with an overview of the current membership requirements for active member institutions and conferences outlined in NCAA Division II Constitution 3 (NCAA membership), Constitution 6 (institutional control) and NCAA Division II Bylaw 20 (division membership) that falls within the committee's purview.
  - b. **Discussion regarding minimum contest requirements for Division II sports sponsorship and championship selections, and maximum contest limitations for the 2020 - 21 academic year.** The committee reviewed recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association regarding potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums, championship selection minimums and maximum contest limitations in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee also discussed potential reductions to sports sponsorship minimums and maximum contest limitations in NCAA Division II men's ice hockey, National Collegiate Championship sports and emerging sports. Finally, the committee discussed the application of exempted contests, including conference challenge events and the NCAA Division II Tip-Off Classic in basketball, as well as discretionary exemptions in all sports except football. [See Attachment for the committee's recommendations.]
  - c. **Update regarding recommendation of a moratorium on NCAA Division I membership reclassification process.** Staff provided the committee with an update on a recommendation from Division I conferences to place a moratorium on institutions making application to begin the Division I membership reclassification process in the 2020-21 academic year. In addition, staff noted that this would not affect institutions currently in the Division I membership reclassification process, provided the institutions can still satisfy the minimum requirements.
2. **Update regarding NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey championships.** Staff provided an update regarding the NCAA Division II Championships Committee

continued discussion around potentially establishing an NCAA Division II men's and women's ice hockey championship. Specifically, staff noted that the Championships Committee is focusing solely on men's ice hockey and exploring whether the addition of a championship is feasible and appropriate for the division. The Championships Committee's discussions have centered around current active member institutions men's ice hockey sports sponsorship, a financial analysis for a four-team tournament bracket, increasing sports sponsorship among active member institutions, and the potential for non-Division II institutions that sponsor men's ice hockey to reclassify to Division II. The Championships Committee believes that adding the championship may attract new Division II member institutions and enhance the student-athlete experience. The Championships Committee agreed to table its discussion on the potential of establishing a Division II men's and women's ice hockey championships.

3. **Update on recent active membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding Notre Dame De Namur University discontinuing athletics at the conclusion of the 2020 spring term. Additionally, staff provided an update that Oakland City University publicly announced its plan to become a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics beginning in the 2020-21 academic year. Finally, staff provided an update regarding Urbana University ceasing operations at the conclusion of the 2020 spring term.
4. **Approval of April 2, 2020, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the April 2, 2020, teleconference report, as presented.
5. **Future scheduled teleconferences, videoconferences and meetings.**
  - a. July 8-9, 2020, videoconference, to be determined.
  - b. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - c. November 9-10, 2020, videoconference; to be determined.
  - d. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

*Committee Chair: Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University*

*Staff Liaisons: Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee April 24, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.	
Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Green Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Roberta Page, Stephanie Quigg and Karen Wolf.	

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee May 5, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.	
Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Green Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	
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Ashley Beaton, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Corbin McGuire, Roberta Page, Stephanie Quigg and Karen Wolf.	

# ATTACHMENT

Sport	Minimum Number of Contests for Championship Selections	Notes	Membership Committee Recommendation	Minimum Number of Contests for Sponsorship	Membership Committee Recommendation	Maximum Number	Contests or Dates of Competition	Notes	Membership Committee	
			33% Cut in All DII Championship Sports*, Except Rowing		33% Cut in All DII Sports				Supports CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests by sport, with the exception of softball and golf.	
									Recommended Maximum	% Cut
Acrobatics & Tumbling		N/A - Emerging Sport		6	4	12	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Baseball	24		16	24	16	50	Contests		40	20%
Basketball, Men's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	22	15	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%
Basketball, Women's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	22	15	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%
Beach Volleyball, Women's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			8	5	16	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Bowling, Women's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			8	5	32	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Cross Country	5	5 with 5 participants (no double duals to count towards minimum)	3	5	3	7	Dates		6	14%
Equestrian	N/A - Emerging Sport			6	4	15	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Fencing	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			6	4	11	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Field Hockey	10	10; 6 in-region	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%
Football	10	10 (8 Division II)	7	8	5	11	Contests		10	9%
Golf, Men's	12	7 (4 in championship segment); 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	8	6	4	21	Dates		16	24%
Golf, Women's	15	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment); 12 of the 15 rounds must be 5 team tourn.	10	6	4	21	Dates		16	24%
Gymnastics, Men's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			6	4	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Gymnastics, Women's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			6	4	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Ice Hockey, Men's	N/A - No Division II Championship			20	13	32	Contests		N/A - No Division II Championship	
Ice Hockey, Women's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			20	13	34	Contests		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Lacrosse, Men's	10		7	8	5	17	Dates		13	24%
Lacrosse, Women's	10	10 (in-region)	7	10	7	17	Dates	5 dates in other segment	13	24%
Rifle	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			8	5	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Rowing, Women's	5	5 including 3 in-region at 2,000 meters. Contest = trip down the course.	4	6	4	20	Dates		14	30%
Rugby, Women's	N/A - Emerging Sport			9	6	16	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Skiing	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			5	3	32 (Alpine) 32 (Nordic)	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Soccer, Men's	10	15 (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference Division II opponent)	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%
Soccer, Women's	10	10 (in-region)	7	10	7	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%
Softball	24		16	24	16	56	Contests		44	21%
Swimming/Diving	8	Sponsorship (Min. 8 contests with 11 participants) per gender	5	8	5	16	Dates		12	25%
Tennis, Men's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	10	7	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%
Tennis, Women's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	10	7	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%
Track and Field – Indoor	4	4 with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	4	3	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	12	33%
Track and Field – Outdoor	4	4 with 14 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	4	3	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	12	33%
Triathlon, Women's	N/A - Emerging Sport			4	3	6	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	
Volleyball, Men's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			9	6	28	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Volleyball, Women's	15	15 Division II matches (60 % of total matches must be against Division II teams)	10	15	10	26	Dates	4 dates in other segment	20	23%
Water Polo, Men's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			15	10	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Water Polo, Women's	N/A - National Collegiate Championship			10	7	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship	
Wrestling, Men's	None	None	N/A	9	6	16	Dates		12	25%
Wrestling, Women's	N/A - Emerging Sport			9	6	9	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport	

\*Recommended increased cut to selections minimums to provide similar relief to both genders of the same sport.

## Differences from D2CCA recommendations

Recommend Conference Challenge and DII Tip-Off Classic Contests would not be exempt for 2020-21 academic year

Note 1: Recommend that sports retain the three permissible discretionary exemptions (e.g., scrimmages, exhibitions).

Note 2: Recommend leaving National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey maximums as



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JUNE 1 AND 9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding possible changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee discussed the Core Principles for Resocialization of Sport and potential options for the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship calendars. The committee also reviewed survey feedback from Division II presidents and chancellors, athletics directors and conference commissioners. The committee recommended no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition and no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines. If the local or national landscape changes, the committee expressed support for potential revisions to championships schedules, as needed.
2. **Approval of April 24 and May 5, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the April 24 and May 5, 2020, videoconference report, as presented.
3. **Future scheduled teleconferences, videoconferences and meetings.**
  - a. July 8-9, 2020, videoconference, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern time.
  - b. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - c. November 9-10, 2020, videoconference; to be determined.
  - d. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

*Committee Chair:* Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee June 1 and 9, 2020, Videoconferences</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.	
Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
LaToya Green Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.	
Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 8-9, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the four institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:

- a. **Move the following institution to active member status, effective September 1, 2020:**

- Savannah State University.

- b. **Move the following institution to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2020:**

- University of Texas at Tyler.

- c. **Move the following institutions to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2020:**

- (1) College of Staten Island; and
- (2) Frostburg State University.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from the discussion and voting on these items.]

2. **Approved the applications of the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2020:**

- a. Allen University; and
- b. D'Youville College.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.]

3. **NCAA Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide class assignment for institution approved for active membership as of September 1, 2020.** The committee assigned the following institution to ISSG Class 3, noting that for Class 3, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2023:
  - Savannah State University.
4. **Paine College Division II membership status.** Staff provided an update that Paine College forfeited its active member status in Division II on May 29, 2020, due to a loss of regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges [see NCAA Division II Constitution 3.3.5.2 (Removal of Accreditation)].
5. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) and Bylaw 20.10.4.1 (five-sport/three-season requirement) for the 2020-21 academic year.** The committee discussed the institutions and conferences that may not be able to participate in fall 2020 sports during the traditional fall sport season due to COVID-19 and the impact it has on the five-sport/three-season requirement for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee determined that it was appropriate to take no action at this time and will discuss this issue again at a later date, if it is necessary. The committee noted that flexibility will continue to be provided to institutions and conferences on a case-by-case basis. The committee encourages institutions and conferences to make decisions that are in the best interest of student-athletes and institutions.
6. **Update regarding reductions to minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update regarding reductions to the minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championship selections and maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.
7. **Discussion regarding virtual competition and its impact on intercollegiate contest or date of competition, conference championship competition and sports sponsorship.** The committee discussed whether participating in virtual competition should constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and may be used to satisfy the requirements for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship, even if the event is conducted at separate sites and the results are submitted to a central location for scoring. The committee agreed to maintain the December 11, 2014, staff interpretation, which states "that in order for an event to constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and to satisfy the requirements for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship, the event must be conducted on the same date(s) and at the same site. Therefore, if an event is conducted at separate sites and the results are recorded and submitted to a central location for scoring, the event does not constitute an intercollegiate contest or date of competition and may not be used for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship purposes." Institutions may file a waiver to be

reviewed by the Membership Committee if they would like to participate in virtual competition and count such competition(s) for conference championship competition and/or for minimum sports sponsorship requirements.

8. **Update regarding changes to NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update from the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee on no change to the fall 2020 playing and practice seasons and championship schedules based on the recommendations from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee, NCAA Division II Legislation Committee and Membership Committee. Specifically, for Division II schools unable to participate in the traditional fall 2020 championship segment, including the NCAA Division II Championship, the Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver that allows schools to adjust schedules during a fall sport's championship segment and nonchampionship segment for the 2020-21 academic year only. The blanket waiver also provides more scheduling freedom for golf and tennis teams that use the alternate playing season format. In addition, the Administrative Committee signaled support for potential revisions to the 2020 fall championship schedules or formats as needed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for winter and spring championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update on the current discussions and timing of potential action regarding the 2020-21 playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for winter and spring championship sports and the potential impact of COVID-19.
10. **Review of action taken on ISSG Class 5 due to COVID-19.** The committee was provided an update regarding its decision during its April 2, 2020, teleconference to extend the deadline for institutions in ISSG Class 5 from June 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021, due to COVID-19. The committee noted that the institutions in ISSG Class 5 will not move to a new class and shall submit their next ISSG by June 1, 2025.
11. **Update regarding the suspension of sports sponsorship and financial aid audits for the 2020-21 academic year.** Staff provided an update on the action taken by the committee during its April 2, 2020, teleconference to suspend random and for-cause sports sponsorship and financial aid audits for the 2020-21 academic year due to budget concerns and the impact of COVID-19.
12. **Update regarding the suspension of the compliance blueprint program for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.** Staff provided an update on the committee's decision during the April 2, 2020, teleconference to suspend the compliance blueprint program for the upcoming 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years due to COVID-19.
13. **Update regarding actions approved by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee related to regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19.** Staff provided

an update on the approved actions by the Administrative Committee related to COVID-19 that impact the Division II membership.

14. **Membership Trends.** Staff provided an update on the actions taken and the relief provided in Divisions I and III related to membership issues in response to COVID-19.
15. **Update regarding Division I requirement that provisional institutions spend at least five years in Division II before applying for Division I membership.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussion regarding the Division I membership requirement that a provisional institution must spend at least five years in Division II prior to applying for Division I membership. It was noted that the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee recommended that the Division I Council introduce a legislated pathway to allow institutions to reclassify to Division I without spending at least five years as a Division II member. If the recommendation is adopted in Division I, it would have an effective date of June 1, 2021.
16. **Update regarding institutions seeking reclassification from Division II to Division I.** Staff provided an update on active Division II institutions applying for reclassification to Division I. The committee discussed the reclassification timeline of Bellarmine University, Dixie State University, Tarleton State University and the University of California, San Diego. The committee noted that Augustana University (South Dakota) has not yet been invited to join a Division I member conference but is expected to continue to pursue Division I membership.
17. **Review of the progress reports from institutions located in Puerto Rico.** In November 2017, the committee approved a five-year waiver of membership requirements for institutions in Puerto Rico following devastating hurricanes. The committee reviewed progress reports from University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon; University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez; and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. The institutions' next annual reports are due June 1, 2021.
18. **Review of Requests/Self-Reports Online use by provisional institutions.** The committee received an update on the usage of RSRO by provisional institutions during the 2019-20 academic year.
19. **Review of ISSG Class 1.** The committee reviewed the list of institutions in ISSG Class 1. The institutions must complete the ISSG by 5 p.m. Eastern time, June 1, 2021.
20. **Review of Membership Committee policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of its policies and procedures for the 2020-21 academic year.

21. **Approval of the Membership Committee June 1 and June 9, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its June 1 and June 9, 2020, videoconferences.
22. **Review of the April 2020 Management Council and Presidents Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council April 2020 meetings.
23. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update regarding recent initiatives and actions by the Board of Governors.
24. **Election of Division II Membership Committee chair and vice chair.** The committee elected Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, as chair; and Kirby Garry, athletics director, California State University, Monterey Bay, was elected vice chair. The terms for the chair and vice chair are effective September 1, 2020.
25. **Future meeting/teleconference/videoconference schedule.**
  - a. September 2020, teleconference; to be determined.
  - b. November 9-10, 2020, videoconference; to be determined.
  - c. February 9, 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
  - d. April 2021, teleconference; to be determined.
  - e. July 7-8, 2021, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

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<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Amy Mallett, The Compliance Group.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
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NCAA DIVISION II NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 29, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. Review of Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee process. [Attachment A]**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council approve a change to the NCAA Division II Nominating Committee policies and procedures regarding the process for Division II appointments on Association-wide, National Collegiate Championship Sport and Playing Rules Committees. The process establishes an Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee and the specific role the Nominating Committee has in reviewing nominees for vacancies that occur on these committees.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Consistent with the efforts to enhance the diversity of the governance structure when possible and appropriate, this change to the policies and procedures will assist the Nominating Committee in recommending the most qualified individuals to serve on these committees. It will also assist the overall governance structure to maintain the appropriate divisional representation in a consistent manner.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**b. NCAA High School Review Committee (one September 2020 reappointment). [Attachment B]**

- (1) Recommendation. Reappoint **Michael Allison**, principal, Hopewell High School, secondary school member.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. The committee recommends the reappointment of Mr. Allison. The High School Review Committee requires four members from the secondary-school community. Mr. Allison is eligible for a second four-year term.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Report of Previous Meeting.** The committee approved the reports from its March 10, 2020, teleconference, and its March 25, 2020, electronic action.
2. **Informational Documents.** The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.
3. **Additional Nominations.** The committee requested that the following vacancies be reposted to seek additional nominations:
  - NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee – one September 2020 vacancy – appointee West region. May be coach or administrator. Preference: RAC experience. West Region: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Pacific West Conference.
  - NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports – one immediate vacancy – replacing Jeff Williams; appointee must be a director of athletics and a male. The following conferences are currently represented and therefore not eligible for this vacancy: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Gulf South Conference.
4. **Future meetings.**
  - a. Teleconference –to be determined.
  - b. In-person meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2021, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and adjourn by 10 p.m.

*Committee Chair: Anita Barker, California State University, Chico*

*Staff Liaison: Jen Roe, Law, Policy and Governance*

<b>NCAA Division II Nominating Committee April 29, 2020, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Anita Barker, California State University, Chico.	
Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy College.	
Colleen Cannon, Queens University of Charlotte.	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Rob Fiedler, University of Tampa.	
Kathleen Heitzman, Bloomsburg State University of Pennsylvania.	
Bob Hogue, Pacific West Conference.	
Jamie Joss, Davis & Elkins College.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce.	
Jeff Williams, East Central University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Jen Roe and Gloria Roseman.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

**Nominating Process for NCAA Association-Wide Committees, Playing Rules and National Collegiate Championship Sport Committees**

The NCAA created a new subcommittee to oversee a well-defined appointment process for vacancies that may be filled by an individual from any division on Association-Wide Committees, National Collegiate Championship Sport Committees and Playing Rules Committees. According to the new process, each division's Nominating Committee will review the full slate of nominees at its in-person meeting to provide feedback on the nominees to the Association-Wide Nominating Subcommittee.

The Association-wide Nominating Subcommittee will review the feedback and provide the final recommendations to the appropriate divisional Nominating Committee(s) to move through the appointment process. The subcommittee shall be sensitive to the history of divisional representation and seek to ensure a balanced approach to the appointment process so that each division is provided opportunities to serve on the variety of committees that comprise the Association-wide governance structure.

The Association-wide Nominating Subcommittee is comprised of the committee chair (or their designee) of each division's Nominating Committee.

## 2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Legislated Requirements:** Nine members. One admissions officer (Division I or Division II); one institutional or conference member (Division I or Division II); one staff member of a Division I institution or conference; one Division II Academic Requirements Committee member; four members from the secondary-school community; one member selected at large (high school or Division I or II institution or conference office member). **Members can be reappointed immediately for one additional four-year term.**

**Duties:** Establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) to meet initial-eligibility requirements. This committee shall report to the Committee on Academics.

**Vacancies:** No September 2020 vacancies.

**Reappoint:** Allison (Term 2);

**Staff Liaisons:** Nicholas Sproull, Sarah Overpeck

DIV.	GEN	EM	POS	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	7/19-7/20	7/20-7/21	7/21-7/22	7/22-7/23
Admin Off DI-FBS	F	Y	Assoc VP, Enrollment	Kedra Ishop University of Michigan	Big Ten	Ishop (Term 2)	Ishop (Term 2)	Ishop (Term 2*)	
<b>Sec School</b>	<b>M</b>		<b>Principal</b>	<b>Michael Allison Hopewell High School</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Allison (Term 1)</b>			
DII ARC	F	N	Registrar	Jessica Swiney King University	Conference Carolinas	Swiney	Swiney	Swiney	Swiney (9/22*)
Sec School	M	U	College Counselor	William Morrison Highland Park High School	N/A	Morrison (term 1)	Morrison (term 1)	Morrison (term 1)	
At-large DI-FCS	F	N	FAR	Maureen Smith California State University, Sacramento	Big Sky	Smith (term 1)	Smith (term 1)	Smith (term 1)	Smith (term 1)
Sec School	M		Head of School	Brad Rathgeber One Schoolhouse	N/A	Rathgeber (term 2)	Rathgeber* (term 2)		
Sec School	F	U	Asst Superintendent	Mary Anne Butler Windsor Public Schools	N/A	(Butler) (term 2)	(Butler) (term 2)	(Butler) (term 2)	(Butler*) (term 2)
FCS	F	Y	Asst AD	Alyssa Morales Hofstra University	Colonial Athletic	(Morales) (term 2)	(Morales) (term 2)	(Morales) (term 2)	(Morales*) (term 2)
DI/DII (DI-FCS) Staff	F	Y	Sr Assoc AD	Kendra Greene North Carolina Central University	Mid-Eastern Athletic	Greene (term 2)	Greene* (term 2)		

\*Not eligible for reappointment. 1/07/2020



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JUNE 23, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (immediate vacancy replacing Jeff Williams). [Attachment A]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Tim McMurray**, director of athletics, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The committee recommends the appointment of Mr. McMurray. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports needs individuals who can see the big picture and have a strong conviction for doing that relative to health and safety initiatives for student-athletes. Mr. McMurray has that conviction and has shown that through his over 30 years of experience.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

[Note: The appointment noted above was approved July 2 by the Division II Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

**b. NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (September 2020 vacancy; Merlene Aitken declined appointment). [Attachment B]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Angie Jabir**, deputy athletic director/senior woman administrator, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. The committee forwards Ms. Jabir as its choice. She is a former student-athlete and coach. That experience combined with her current role will add a valuable perspective to the committee. Her appointment adds gender diversity to the committee.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Report of Previous Meeting.** The committee approved the report from its April 29, 2020, teleconference.
2. **Informational Documents.** The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.
3. **Future meeting.**
  - In-person meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2021, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and adjourn by 10 p.m.

*Committee Chair: Anita Barker, California State University, Chico*

*Staff Liaison: Jen Roe, Law, Policy and Governance*

NCAA Division II Nominating Committee June 23, 2020, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Anita Barker, California State University, Chico.	
Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy College.	
Colleen Cannon, Queens University of Charlotte.	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
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Jeff Williams, East Central University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Jamie Joss, Davis & Elkins College.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Jen Roe.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Gloria Roseman.	

## 2019-20 COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS

**Legislated Requirements:** 23 members total, including six positions allocated for men, six allocated for women (10 unallocated). In Division I all subdivisions must be represented.

**Duties:** Advocates for research, legislation and best practices supporting health and safety of student-athletes. This committee is subject to the direction of the Board of Governors and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute.

- 2 AD or SWA (1 M/ 1F);
- 3 medicine (at least 1 F, 1 primary-care physician who is board certified in family practice, internal medicine or emergency medicine, and shall have a current Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine; 1 board-certified orthopedic surgeon ; 1 physician from the general public.
- 1 Football Rules Committee;
- 1 active coach;
- 2 athletic trainers (1 M and 1 F; one must be responsible for total athletic training program);
- 1 secondary school representative (National High School Federation);
- 1 drug testing expert
- 3 S/As (1 from each division (SAAC);
- 1 licensed clinical/counseling sports psychologist;
- 1 registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition;
- 1 strength and conditioning specialist certified by an accredited strength and conditioning certification body;
- 1 law (active lawyer practicing in sports law or a related field, or a faculty member in sports law or a related field);
- 1 sport-science research;
- 1 expertise in drug education
- 1 Division II MC representative;
- 1 Division III MC representative;
- 1 Division I Council representative.

**Policies:** Representatives from all divisions and subdivisions.

**CHAIR** 1/06 – All divisions approved a proposal that would allow the committee chair’s term to be extended if he was appointed as chair with one year of less remaining on his or her four-year term.

**LEGISLATION:** One Immediate vacancy, Jeff Williams resigned. DII, AD, Male.

**Vacancies:** John Parsons, Jessica Wagner, Ann Rohlman

DIV.	EM	GEN	POSITION	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
FBS	Y	F	team physician	Stephanie Chu University of Colorado, Boulder	Pac-12	Chu	Chu	Chu*	
FBS	N	M	Drug-Testing (HTP)	Mark Stovak University of Nevada, Reno	Mountain West	Stovak	Stovak*		
FBS	N	M	Board certified orthopedist (HTP)	Jeffrey Dugas Troy University	Sun Belt	Dugas	Dugas*		
	N	M	Medicine – HTP ( <i>general public physician</i> )	Todd Stull		Stull	Stull	Stull	Stull*
FBS	N	F	Director of Nutrition ( <i>Dietitian</i> )	Auburn Weisensale University of Pittsburgh	Atlantic Coast	Weisensale	Weisensale	Weisensale	Weisensale *

DIII (D1)	N (N)	M (F)	Drug/Alcohol Counselor (FAR/Prof) ( <i>Drug education</i> )	Josh Ellow Swarthmore College (Nadine Mastroleo Binghamton University)	Centennial (America East)	Ellow*	Mastroleo	Mastroleo	Mastroleo (9/24*)
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DIV.	EM	GEN	POSITION	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
FBS (FBS)	N (N)	M (F)	Assoc Prof (FAR)  ( <i>Sport-science research</i> )	Shawn Arent Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick (Pam Hinton-Bruzina University of Missouri)	Big Ten (Southeastern)	Arent*	Hinton-Bruzina	Hinton-Bruzina	Hinton-Bruzina (9/24*)
FBS	N	M	Sr. Assoc. AD  ( <i>Strength and Cond</i> )	Luis Feigenbaum University of Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	Feigenbaum	Feigenbaum	Feigenbaum	Feigenbaum*
FCS (FBS)	N (N)	F (M)	Sport Psychologist  ( <i>Clinical Sports Psychologist</i> )	Jessica Mohler U.S. Naval Academy (James Houle The Ohio State University)	Patriot (Big Ten)	Mohler*	Houle	Houle	Houle (9/24*)
<b>II</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>AD (M)</b>	<b>Jeff Williams East Central University</b>	<b>Great American</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Williams*</b>		
II	N	M	Athletic Trainer (M)	R. T. Floyd University of West Alabama	Gulf South	Floyd	Floyd	Floyd*	
FCS	N	M	Head Football Coach	Buddy Teevens Dartmouth College	Ivy League	Teevens	Teevens	Teevens*	
FBS	Y	F	Athletic Trainer (F)	Kim Terrell University of Oregon	Pac-12	Terrell	Terrell	Terrell	Terrell*
III	N	F	Assoc AD/SWA  ( <i>SWA or AD(F)</i> )	Nicole Pieart, Aurora University	Northern Athletics Collegiate	Pieart	Pieart	Pieart	Pieart*
FCS	N	Y	Professor of Law  ( <i>Law</i> )	N. Jeremi Duru American University	Patriot	Duru	Duru	Duru	Duru*
II	N	F	Division II MC	Julie Rochester <sup>2</sup> Northern Michigan Univeristy	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Rochester <sup>2</sup>	Rochester <sup>2</sup>	Rochester <sup>2</sup> (1/22*)	

III	N	F	Div. III MC	Michelle Walsh <sup>3</sup> Vassar College	Liberty League	Walsh <sup>3</sup>	Walsh <sup>3</sup>	Walsh <sup>3</sup>	Walsh <sup>3</sup> (1/24*)
DIV.	EM	GEN	POSITION	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
I	Y	F	Div. I Council	LeRee Sugg <sup>1</sup> University of Richmond	Atlantic 10	Sugg <sup>1</sup>	Sugg <sup>1</sup> (7/21*)		
<b>III</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>(Football Rules Committee Rep)</b>	<b>Dave Eavenson Methodist University</b>	<b>USA South Athletic</b>	<b>Eavenson*</b>			
	N	M	High School Federation	Bob Colgate National Federation of State High School Associations		Colgate	Colgate	Colgate	Colgate <sup>4</sup>
<i>I</i>			<i>S/A (SAAC)</i>	<i>Caroline Lee Southeastern Louisiana University</i>	<i>Southland</i>	<i>Lee*</i>			
<i>II</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>S/A (SAAC)</i>	<i>Aja Grant Winston-Salem State University</i>	<i>Central Intercollegiate Athletic</i>	<i>Grant (1/19*)</i>			
<i>III</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>S/A (SAAC)</i>	<i>Samantha Kastner Notre Dame of Maryland University</i>	<i>Colonial States Athletic</i>	<i>Kasner (1/20*)</i>			

\* Not eligible for reappointment. <sup>2</sup>Term concurrent with service on Division II Management Council <sup>3</sup> Term concurrent with service on Division III Management Council 03/10/2020

<sup>4</sup> Eligible for reappointment without restrictions, individual shall be the National Federation of State High School Association's staff liaison to the Sport Medicine Advisory Board.

## 2019-20 COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

**Legislated Requirements:** Eleven members. At least one from each division and subdivision of Division I. In Division II and Division III at least one representative will be a member of the Management Council as addressed in Bylaw 21.8 and 21.6. One student-athlete from each division shall serve as a member of the committee and may serve on the committee up to two years after the completion of his or her intercollegiate eligibility.

**Duties:** Responsible for promoting the values of respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility in college sports. This committee is subject to the direction of the Board of Governors.

**Vacancies:** **One September 2020 vacancy, Merlene Aitken took a new position in DI and is no longer eligible.**

**Staff Liaisons:** Ben Brownlee, Tiese Roxbury, Geoff Ziegler

DIV.	EM/GEN	ROLE	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/19-9/20	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23
DI	Y/F	SWA/Sr Assoc AD	Sharon Brummell Georgetown University	Big East	Brummell	Brummell	Brummell	Brummell*
FBS	N/M	FAR	Jeremy Jordan Temple University	American Athletic	Jordan	Jordan*		
FCS	N/M	AD	David Diles Virginia Military Institute	Southern	Diles	Diles*		
DI	N/F	AD	Marilyn McNeil Monmouth University	Metro Atlantic Athletic	McNeil	McNeil	McNeil*	
<b>II</b>	<b>N/M (Y/F)</b>	<b>AD (SWA/Sr. Assoc AD)</b>	<b>Jud Damon Flagler College (Merlene Aitken Clayton State University)</b>	<b>Peach Belt (Peach Belt)</b>	<b>Damon*</b>	<b>Aitken</b>	<b>Aitken</b>	<b>Aitken (9/24*)</b>
II	Y/M	AD (MC Rep)	J. Lin Dawson <sup>2</sup> Clark Atlantic University	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic	Dawson <sup>2</sup>	Dawson <sup>2</sup>	Dawson <sup>2</sup> (1/22*)	
III	N/M	AD	Brian Cavanaugh D'Youville College	Allegheny Mountain Collegiate	Cavanaugh	Cavanaugh*		
III	N/F	AD (MC Rep)	Michelle Morgan <sup>3</sup> John Carroll University	Ohio Athletic	Morgan <sup>3</sup>	Morgan <sup>3</sup>	Morgan <sup>3</sup>	Morgan <sup>3</sup> (1/23*)

\* Not eligible for reappointment

<sup>2</sup> Term concurrent with service on Division II Management Council

<sup>3</sup> Term concurrent with service on Division III Management Council 05/27/2020



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. NCAA Division II Long-Range Budget.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Presidents Council approve changes to the long-range budget in light of the reduced Division II revenue allocation for the 2019-20 fiscal year due to the cancellation of 2020 winter and spring NCAA championships in response to the COVID-19 public health threat. Changes to the long-range budget [Attachment A], based on the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles, include:

- (a) **Championships.** To ensure the best possible championship experience for Division II student-athletes, no reductions to expenses for the division's championships budget were considered or made. In addition, budget increases for transportation, per diem and other enhancements are still scheduled. However, as part of the Association's efforts to reduce expenses, during the 2020-21 season, all three divisions will convert in-person sport committee meetings to virtual meetings, and student-athlete award banquets at the final site of the NCAA's championships will not be held. The NCAA championships staff will still recognize Elite 90 Award winners at the final site.
- (b) **Conference Grant Program.** No reductions were made to the current budget. Each conference's base amount will increase by \$10,000 in each triennial, starting with the 2021-22 fiscal year. This is a \$10,000 reduction from what was planned for the base amount in the 2021-22 fiscal year.
- (c) **Enhancement Fund.** The 2020-21 enhancement fund allocation will remain the same as allocated in 2019-20, which was \$7.3 million. The enhancement fund will increase two percent annually from the 2021-22 fiscal year through the 2023-24 fiscal year and 2.5 percent thereafter. This is a three percent reduction for the 2021-22 fiscal year through the 2023-24 fiscal year.

(d) **Strategic Initiatives.** Division II will honor its previously awarded Coaching Enhancement Grants, Internship Grants and Strategic Alliance Matching Grants; however, no new grants will be awarded in the 2020-21 fiscal year. New grants will resume in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Division II will continue to provide a \$50,000 annual grant to each of its seven affiliate organizations through the 2023-24 fiscal year: Division II Athletics Directors Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association, College Sports Information Directors of America, Faculty Athletics Representative Association, Minority Opportunities Athletics Association, National Association for Athletics Compliance and Women Leaders in College Sports. The affiliate grants will increase to \$75,000 in the 2024-25 fiscal year. The \$25,000 increase was initially planned for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Division II will conduct its new directors of athletics orientation virtually through the 2021-22 fiscal year and return to an in-person orientation in the 2022-23 fiscal year. Finally, Division II formed a partnership with the Disney Institute in February to promote excellent customer service among game day staff and improve the overall game environment at Division II contests. Planning for the initiative was scheduled to begin in May but has been delayed until 2021.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. With the cancellation of winter and spring championships and its impact on NCAA revenue, Division II received approximately \$14 million in revenue for FY20 (\$30 million less than expected) and is forecasting approximately \$31 million in expenses. Therefore, the division had to use \$16 million of its reserve in FY20. The changes recommended to the long-range budget are aimed at ensuring that the reserve policy for Division II (at least 70 percent of the operating revenue for the division, including the prior year's cash reserve, the current year's budget surplus, and the \$15 million event cancellation insurance policy) is maintained throughout the extent of the long-range budget in light of the reduced revenue allocation for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Cost savings of \$130,000 for fiscal year 2019-20 and up to \$1.7 million per year through fiscal year 2023-24.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Dependent upon the reductions to various programs.

[Note: The Presidents Council approved this item during its April 29, 2020, virtual meeting.]

**b. Division II Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020-21.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Presidents Council approve the budget requests for the 2020-21 fiscal year, as listed below. The rationale for each request is listed alongside the amount requested.

Request	Amount	Rationale
DII Drug Testing Program	\$4,693	Per the Division II long-range budget – two percent inflationary increase to pay for Division II’s portion of the Drug Free Sport contract.
DII Game Day Initiative	\$210,000	To pay for contractual obligations with the Disney Institute. All other efforts related to this initiative will be delayed by one year.
Contribution to Support Overhead Costs	\$42,654	Per the Division II long-range budget – three percent inflationary increase.
Division II Reserve	\$837,221	To assist in ensuring that the reserve policy for Division II (at least 70 percent of the operating revenue for the division, including the prior year’s cash reserve, the current year’s budget surplus, and the \$15 million event cancellation insurance policy) is maintained throughout the extent of the long-range budget in light of the reduced revenue allocation for the 2019-20 fiscal year.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,094,568</b>	

- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. See explanation next to each category. Additionally, the recommendations must receive final approval by the NCAA Board of Governors at its August 2020 meeting.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. \$1,094,568.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Dependent upon the various programs and their desired outcome.

[Note: The Presidents Council approved this item during its April 29, 2020, virtual meeting.]

**c. Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.**

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles, as presented in Attachment B.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The guidelines and principles are reviewed and approved annually by the Planning and Finance Committee to ensure that they are kept up to date and meet the Division II philosophy, strategic plan and positioning platform. Per the budget guidelines and principles, the Management Council and Presidents Council must also annually review them.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The chair convened the virtual meeting, welcoming new members Carlos Campo, president, Ashland University; Mark Corino, director of athletics, Caldwell University; and Amy Foster, senior woman administrator, Seattle Pacific University. Other members, as well as staff, introduced themselves.
- 2. **Update on the NCAA's Budget and 10-Year Finance Plan.** The committee received an update on long-term budget planning for the Association from NCAA Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely.

3. **December 2019 Teleconference Report.** The committee approved the report from the December teleconference, as presented.
4. **Discussion Regarding the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee's Recommendations Related to the Division II Budget.**
  - **Budget to Actual.** The committee reviewed the Administrative Committee's actions related to the 2019-20 budget-to-actual report. With Division II projected to use \$16 million of its reserve in FY20, the committee decided to cancel several in-person Division II programs for the remainder of 2020. The committee also tasked staff with determining if any of the programs could be held remotely. The in-person programs that have been canceled are:
    - a. Faculty Athletics Representative Institute;
    - b. Coaches' Identity Workshop;
    - c. Internship grant orientation;
    - d. Division II Athletics Directors Association mentor program;
    - e. New athletics director orientation; and
    - f. Compliance professional development workshop with NAAC.
5. **Division II Foundation for the Future Reports.** The committee reviewed each of the reports, which consisted of funds spent from March 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020, from the Foundation for the Future initiative. A brief summary of the progress is provided below:
  - a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association.** \$83,000 of the total grant has been spent to provide a yearlong new AD orientation and mentoring programs. An additional \$2,000 has been spent to hire two speakers in partnership with Division III and the NAIA during the NACDA Convention in June.
  - b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association.** Of the \$50,000 awarded to each Division II conference, 15 conferences had expended the entire amount awarded and eight conferences have used a portion of the funds.
  - c. **Division II Coaches Connection Program.** This program had expended over \$68,000 of its awarded funds for 2019-20.

- d. **Community Engagement Transportation at NCAA Championships.** This program had expended over \$12,800 of its awarded funds for 2019-20.
  - e. **Division II Degree Completion.** The carryover funds of \$88,000 from 2018-19 has been expended. No funds have been expended as of February 29, 2020.
  - f. **Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention.** This program used over \$294,000 of its carryover funds to host its second SAAC Super Region Convention April 12-14, 2019, at the Omni Orlando Resort in ChampionsGate, Florida. Only \$39.75 has been expended as of February 29, 2020. It was noted that the program was scheduled to host its third SAAC Super Region Convention on April 17-19, 2020, at the Westin Bonaventure in Los Angeles, California. The event was canceled on March 12 due to the impact of COVID-19 and in the interest of public health. The staff will look at the possibilities to reschedule a super region convention in the West Region.
  - g. **Division II University.** This program is on its projected target and, thus far, has expended approximately \$31,700 in fiscal year 2019-20. The remaining funds will likely be used for the development of new courses and license fees.
  - h. **Helper Helper.** The allotted award of \$20,000 for the 2019-20 year has been spent.
  - i. **National Association for Athletics Compliance.** Of the \$49,400 awarded, \$29,350 has been spent.
6. **Division II Enhancement Fund.**
- a. **Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures for the Division II Enhancement Fund. No changes were made.
  - b. **March 2020 Distributions.** The committee reviewed the March 11 allocations to conference offices, in the amount of \$5.52 million. The committee also reviewed the equal distribution to active and eligible Division II institutions (307 total), in the amount of \$5,997 per institution.
  - c. **Enhancement Fund Revenue Distribution Internal Audit.** The committee was provided the results of the internal audit conducted on the Enhancement Fund. It was noted that there are no concerns regarding the Enhancement Fund distribution process.
  - d. **Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 on the Enhancement Fund Calculation for the 2021 Distribution.** The committee discussed how to allocate funds budgeted for conference sports sponsorship in the Enhancement Fund due to

the cancelation of the 2020 spring season. The committee approved using the sports that institutions in each conference reported as intending to sponsor in the spring 2020 (as part of their 2019 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic submission) for purposes of determining the conferences' sport sponsorship distribution for 2021.

**7. Division II Conference Grant Program.**

- a. Guidelines and Principles.** The committee reviewed the Conference Grant Program Guidelines and Principles. No action was necessary.
- b. 2019 Audits.** The committee reviewed the findings from the audits of the three conferences that were selected at random last summer. The internal auditor found no exceptions with any of the three conferences and was satisfied that each conference had used its grant funding in a permissible manner.
- c. Timeline for Review of Grant Reports.** The committee reviewed the timeline for conference grant reports and the review process.
- d. Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 on 2019-20 and 2020-21 Conference Grant Uses and Reporting.** The committee discussed possible changes to the Conference Grant reporting due the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee agreed that flexibility should be provided for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 reporting cycles, including the following: (1) Conferences will not be required to spend a minimum 10 percent in each of the five strategic positioning outcome areas. Conferences are encouraged to meet the minimum 10 percent, but the Planning and Finance Committee will provide flexibility if conferences cannot meet the requirements due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. (2) There will be no limit on the amount a conference can carry over to the following academic year. (3) The committee will review the annual conference audit management letters that have been conducted for this reporting cycle but will provide flexibility when the Board/Presidents Group of a conference has decided to not conduct an audit. If the Board/Presidents Group of a conference decides to not conduct an audit, the committee requests that the conference attaches the management letter from the previous year and notes such decision in the text box where the auditor's name and contact information should be entered. The committee will revisit this requirement and provide additional flexibility for the 2020-21 report, as needed. All other requirements for the conference grant program still apply (e.g., June 30 deadline, fines for late submission, complete reporting on initiatives/subgrants that have taken place, permissible uses).

**8. Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 on 2019-20 Affiliated Organizations Grants Uses and Reporting.** The committee discussed possible changes to the Affiliate Organizations Grant reporting due the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee

agreed to provide flexibility for affiliated organizations to carry over some of the funds that have not been spent to the 2020-21 year. The 2019-20 Division II Affiliated Organization Reporting Form will include a section to indicate how any carry over funds from this year will be used.

**9. Triennial Championships Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021-22.** The committee was provided an overview of the triennial championships budget requests submitted by the sports committees for fiscal year 2021-22. It was noted that the committee will review the final recommendations during its December teleconference.

**10. Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed future meetings and teleconferences.

*Committee Chair: Allison Garrett, President, Emporia State University*

*Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance*

*Maritza Jones, Division II Governance*

*Ryan Jones, Division II Governance*

*Andrea Worlock, Administrative Services*

Division II Planning and Finance Committee April 28, 2020, Virtual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Carlos Campo, Ashland University.	
Mark Corino, Caldwell University.	
Amy Foster, Seattle Pacific University.	
Allison Garrett, Emporia State University.	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.	
Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Andrea Worlock.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Beaton, Kathleen McNeely, Roberta Page and Jill Waddell.	



## Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles

In accordance with NCAA Constitution 4.01.2.1 (budget allocations), Division II is guaranteed revenue through allocations made to each division from the Association's general operating revenue; and Division II shall receive at least 4.37 percent of the Association's annual general operating revenue.

The NCAA Division II Presidents Council, Management Council and Planning and Finance Committee are committed to developing budgetary principles/guidelines that are reflective of the NCAA mission and principles and the Division II philosophy, strategic positioning platform and strategic plan. These principles/guidelines will be used to guide any deliberations that may occur related to the possible use of funds allocated to Division II.

These principles/guidelines include the following:

1. That budget decisions will be made to support the Division II strategic positioning platform and the strategic positioning outcome areas outlined in the Division II strategic plan, including, but not limited to, academics and life skills; athletics operations and compliance; diversity and inclusion; game day and conference and national championships; and membership and positioning initiatives.
2. That as budget discussions occur and decisions are made, funding championships will remain a priority to ensure the best possible championship experience for Division II student-athletes.
3. That an institution's expenses for participating in championship rounds of NCAA Division II championships will be covered, as prescribed by the Division II Championships Committee and championships policies and procedures, and that consistent transportation and per diem guidelines will be maintained for all Division II championships.
4. That Division II championships policies will reflect an interest in generating Division II championships revenue to the greatest extent possible, consistent with Division II championships principles and guidelines. Further, Division II championship policies will reflect an overall cost-containment philosophy supporting initiatives, such as the regionalization concept. For purposes of these budget principles, cost containment encompasses the efficient and cost-effective operation of Division II championships.
5. That the Division II Championships Committee shall initially approve any budget request from a sports committee. The Division II Presidents Council shall have final approval.
6. That Division II championships shall operate on a triennial budget timeline to ensure a manageable approach to proposed adjustments. A triennial budget allows the division to make strategic decisions versus immediate reaction to items brought forth by the committees and keeps the division in alignment with the long-range budget determined for the division. The Planning and Finance Committee shall, however, have the ability to address items related to health and safety brought forth outside of the normal budget

process, and recommend any such items to the Presidents Council, which allows the division to address any immediate needs related to championships that may come forth between budget proposal years.

7. For programs and other strategic initiatives, the division shall operate on an annual budget process. The Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council may review such budget requests prior to final approval by the Presidents Council [Note that in some instances it may be necessary to use the legislative process.]
8. That, at a minimum, \$5.1 million will be distributed annually to Division II institutions and conferences via the current Division II enhancement fund distribution formula or any other formula(s) that may be adopted. The formula(s) shall include a principal goal of strengthening conference operations.
9. That the Division II Planning and Finance Committee will be responsible for the mechanics of distributing the enhancement fund, and the distribution policy will be reviewed annually by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.
10. That the Division II cash reserve maintains a balance of at least 70 percent of the operating revenue for the division. The balance shall include the prior year's cash reserve, the current year's budget surplus, and the \$15 million event cancellation insurance policy.
11. That the Division II Administrative Committee shall be gathered to address issues in light of an unexpected event to determine the use of Division II insurance and reserve dollars. As needed, the Administrative Committee will seek input from the Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Board of Governors. Further, the division shall prioritize expenses in the following order:
  - a. Contractual obligations.
  - b. Championships.
    - (1) Bracket reduction.
    - (2) Experience monies.
      - (a) Game experience.
        - (i) Official's assignments and fees.
        - (ii) Practice days and/or days off between competition days.
        - (iii) Web stream.
        - (iv) Marketing and promotion.
        - (v) Signage.
      - (b) Student-athlete experience.
        - (i) Trophies.
        - (ii) Awards (participant medallions).

- (iii) Banquets.
      - (iv) Mementos (jackets, for example).
      - (v) Watches.
    - (3) Adjustment of regional sites.
    - (4) Reduction of per diem.
  - c. Enhancement fund.
  - d. Conference grant program.
  - e. Strategic initiatives.
12. That the use of the annual operating surpluses from the previous fiscal year will be adopted each year by the Presidents Council.
  13. That the division (including colleges, universities and conferences) shall commit to fiscal responsibility at the local, conference, regional and national levels and that the division shall be held accountable for spending its dollars in a fiscally responsible manner. To that end, the Planning and Finance Committee has the authority to audit dollars allocated to Division II institutions and conferences from the Division II budget, including, but not limited to, sports sponsorship requirements of Division II member conferences.
  14. That care will be taken to avoid funding special interests of various segments of the Division II membership or items that may be more an institution's or conference's responsibility than that of the Association or the division.
  15. That Division II will follow the Association's request for proposal (RFP) process when the division has specific vendor relationships and/or consultant needs.
  16. That these budget principles will be reviewed annually by the Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council and modified as necessary to ensure that they are reflective of the Division II philosophy, strategic positioning platform and strategic plan. The Presidents Council has ultimate authority to approve the modifications to these guidelines and principles.

*Approved April 2019 at the Division II Planning and Finance Committee In-Person Meeting.*

REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**
  - None.
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
  - None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2020 SAAC Goals Discussion.** The committee was presented with possible goals to accomplish in 2020 based on the committee's initial goals' discussion at its January meeting. The committee decided to carry over the "Total Package Student-Athlete" concept to this year and continue to focus on diversity and inclusion, Love2Play, mental health and professional development. The committee will continue to use task forces for each category to allow progress to be made throughout the year. The task forces will report out to the committee during each quarterly meeting on their development.
  - a. **Diversity and Inclusion.** The diversity and inclusion task force plans to develop educational resources related to various diversity and inclusion topics. Each document will include information which will help the audience gain a better understanding of the topic that is being highlighted.
  - b. **Love2Play.** The Love2Play initiative is to encourage young athletes to participate in multiple sports and to have fun while they play. The task force plans to focus on brand building, which will include creating a logo specific to the Love2Play initiative. The task force also plans to complete a mission statement and create an informational document that will help with the branding of this initiative.
  - c. **Mental Health.** The mental health task force plans to utilize social media to share content. Ideas include producing TikTok videos and creating gifs for posting via social media. Further, the task force plans to roll out a campaign that will encourage member institutions and conferences to dedicate games to mental health awareness. During these games, the task force would like to consider encouraging teams to incorporate colors that reflect mental health awareness into their game attire.
  - d. **Professional Development.** The professional development task force is interested in contacting former student-athletes to provide testimonials sharing how they used their skills and experiences as student-athletes to succeed in their careers. The task

force also plans to finalize the format of an informational document that will cover topics related to professional development for student-athletes.

2. **Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Discussion.** The committee provided feedback on the legislative concepts related to the use of a student-athlete's NIL developed by the Division II Legislation Committee. The committee believes that student-athletes should be able to benefit from their NIL in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors' principles and guidelines and Division II philosophy. The committee will discuss legislative recommendations related to NIL that are put forward by the Legislation Committee during the July meeting.
3. **Discussion with NCAA President Mark Emmert.** The committee held an open dialogue with President Mark Emmert about the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on student-athletes and institutions in the spring semester. The committee shared with President Emmert the challenges that student-athletes are facing during these times.
4. **Feedback on Academic Requirements Committee Referral.** At the request of the Division II Academic Requirements Committee, the committee provided feedback related to institutions providing access to practice for nonqualifiers. The committee is in favor of nonqualifiers practicing with their team. By practicing, the committee believes nonqualifiers will feel like they are part of the team, which can help improve their mental, social and emotional health. This sense of belonging can help boost academic performance and give nonqualifiers additional incentive to excel in the classroom. In addition, participating in practice provides structure student-athletes usually enjoy. The committee also believes having nonqualifiers practice can benefit the team as a whole and lead to a greater sense of team unity.
5. **SAAC Super Region Convention Update.** The committee was provided an update on the cancelation of the April super region convention for the West Region due to COVID-19. NCAA staff will work to reschedule the program for institutions in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Lone Star Conference, Pacific West Conference and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. An update was also provided for the super region convention for the Central Region scheduled for Nov. 20-22 in Chicago for institutions in the Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
6. **Division II Notification of Transfer Resource.** The committee finalized a notification of transfer document that can be used as an educational resource for all Division II student-athletes. This document highlights the changes in the transfer process, with the notification of transfer model replacing permission to contact. The document includes an FAQ section

highlighting several areas of the new legislation. The committee will work with NCAA staff to make this document available to Division II student-athletes soon.

7. **Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received a Make-A-Wish update. In Division II, 10 wish reveals have been completed in the 2019-20 academic year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, three reveals have been postponed, and the planning for one wish reveal is in progress. The committee was reminded of the donation process and was encouraged to continue communicating the process with their respective conferences and institutions.
8. **Team IMPACT® Update.** The committee was informed of the efforts of Team IMPACT to keep teams and children connected during the COVID-19 pandemic, which include holding virtual huddles with their teammates and QuarantEAM training for teams and student-athletes. The committee was also informed that Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University, became the first Division II National SAAC representative to become a fellow for Team IMPACT.
9. **International University Sport Student-Athlete Survey.** The committee was asked to complete a survey distributed by the International University Sports Federation. The survey's purpose is to determine awareness of international university sport in the United States, interest in the World University Games and suggestions on how to promote the event in the U.S. The results will be presented as part of a scholarly project, exploring how to increase the visibility of international university sport in the U.S.
10. **Division II Committee Reports.** Members representing Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Management Council.
11. **Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various Association-wide committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, Olympic Sports Liaison Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics.
12. **Conference Updates.** Each committee member provided an update of initiatives undertaken by their respective conferences and conference SAAC meetings.
13. **January 2020 Meeting Report.** The January 2020 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
14. **New Members.** The committee welcomed the following new members to the Division II SAAC:

- a. **At-Large** – Juston Bailey, Chestnut Hill College.
- b. **East Coast Conference** – Billy Wildeman, Molloy College.
- c. **Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** – Ismael Contreras, Purdue University Northwest.
- d. **Great Midwest Athletic Conference** – Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College.
- e. **Independent** – Leshlie A. Ramirez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.
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**15. Future Meetings.**

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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 12, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Discussion regarding maximum contest limitations for the 2020-21 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Membership Committee regarding the maximum contest limitations in Division II championship sports for the 2020-21 academic year. Initially, the committee was not in support of a reduction in the number of maximum permissible contests/dates of competition for the 2020-21 academic year. After further discussion, where the committee continued to weigh the pros and cons of reductions to the maximums, the SAAC voted to support the Legislation Committee's recommendation. The committee understands that some reductions need to be made for competitive equity and financial reasons. The committee would like to see the least number of cuts made to the maximum number of contests/dates of competition, which aligned with the Legislation Committee's recommendation (see Attachment).

**2. Future Meeting Dates.**

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Maximum Number of Contest and Dates of Competition Per Bylaw 17

Sport	Maximum Number	Contests or Dates of Competition	Notes	Championships Committee Recommendation		SAAC/Legislation Committee Recommendation		Membership Committee Recommendation	
				Supports CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests by sport, with the exception of softball, golf and track and field.		Supports CCA recommended reductions in cross country and football. Recommend an average reduction of 16% in all other Division II championship sports.		Supports CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests by sport, with the exception of softball and golf.	
				Recommended Maximum	% Cut	Recommended Maximum	% Cut	Recommended Maximum	% Cut
Acrobatics & Tumbling	12	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Baseball	50	Contests		40	20%	42	16%	40	20%
Basketball, Men's	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%	23	12%	22	15%
Basketball, Women's	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%	23	12%	22	15%
Beach Volleyball, Women's	16	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Bowling, Women's	32	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Cross Country	7	Dates		6	14%	6	14%	6	14%
Equestrian	15	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Fencing	11	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Field Hockey	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Football	11	Contests		10	9%	10	9%	10	9%
Golf, Men's	21	Dates		16	24%	17	19%	16	24%
Golf, Women's	21	Dates		16	24%	17	19%	16	24%
Gymnastics, Men's	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Gymnastics, Women's	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Ice Hockey, Men's	32	Contests		N/A - No Division II Championship					
Ice Hockey, Women's	34	Contests		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Lacrosse, Men's	17	Dates		13	24%	15	12%	13	24%
Lacrosse, Women's	17	Dates	5 dates in other segment	13	24%	15	12%	13	24%
Rifle	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Rowing, Women's	20	Dates		14	30%	16	20%	14	30%
Rugby, Women's	16	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Skating	32 (Alpine) 32 (Nordic)	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Soccer, Men's	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Soccer, Women's	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Softball	56	Contests		44	21%	46	18%	44	21%
Swimming/Diving	16	Dates		12	25%	13	19%	12	25%
Tennis, Men's	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%	21	16%	17	32%
Tennis, Women's	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%	21	16%	17	32%
Track and Field – Indoor	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	14	22%	15	17%	12	33%
Track and Field – Outdoor	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	14	22%	15	17%	12	33%
Triathlon, Women's	6	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Volleyball, Men's	28	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Volleyball, Women's	26	Dates	4 dates in other segment	20	23%	22	15%	20	23%
Water Polo, Men's	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Water Polo, Women's	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Wrestling, Men's	16	Dates		12	25%	13	19%	12	25%
Wrestling, Women's	9	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					

## Differences from D2CCA recommendations

Recommend Conference Challenge and DII Tip-Off Classic Contests would not be exempt for 2020-21 academic year

Note 1: All three committees recommend that sports retain the three permissible discretionary exemptions (e.g., scrimmages, exhibitions).

Note 2: All three committees recommend leaving National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey maximums as is. Potentially revisit if Division I adjust championship selection requirements.

**REPORT OF THE**  
**NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 11, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Discussion on racial injustice in our environment.** The committee discussed the current events in the United States around displays of racial injustice with the assistance from the NCAA office of inclusion staff. The committee was encouraged to listen to one another for understanding, realizing that everyone has different experiences. They were reminded that these experiences shape us as individuals. Members of the committee shared their thoughts on the racial injustice, their personal history with racial discrimination and how they have overcome these experiences.

The committee brainstormed ideas to encourage progress with racial injustice. This conversation will continue, and the committee's ideas will be developed in future meetings. Following the conversation, the committee received strategies created by the inclusion staff for student-athletes that address racial injustice.

**2. Future meeting dates.**

- June 17; virtual meeting.
- July 16; virtual meeting.
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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Discussion of name, image and likeness concepts.** The committee reviewed the results of the membership survey discussing concepts related to student-athletes' name, image and likeness. The concepts that required student-athlete feedback prior to the June Division II Legislation Committee meeting were discussed.

- a. Whether to permit student-athletes to be paid to sign autographs. This concept was previously not supported by the committee, though it was supported by most student-athletes responding to the survey. The committee emphasized the importance of community engagement to the Division II experience and how permitting student-athletes to receive payment for their autograph could negatively impact the community engagement experience. The committee agreed if legislation is adopted that permits a student-athlete to be paid for their autograph, it should be part of a student-athlete's endorsement or related to promotion of a third-party product.
- b. Whether to permit student-athletes to be paid for appearances at commercial businesses and/or charitable, educational or nonprofit agencies. The committee believes payment for these appearances should be handled in a similar manner to autographs.
- c. Whether to permit student-athletes to sell athletics apparel, used equipment and awards provided by the institution. The committee supported this concept. If legislation is adopted, the committee believes no school-issued athletics apparel or equipment should be sold during the academic year it was given (e.g., team polo, travel gear, shoes). The committee stressed the importance of monitoring at the institutional level if legislation is adopted.
- d. Reporting requirements. The committee supported a level of reporting responsibility for student-athletes' activities related to name, image and likeness to

their institution. The committee suggested the creation of a resource to provide a uniform method of reporting and NIL education for student-athletes on NCAA.org.

**2. Discussion of possible changes for Division II playing and practice seasons and championships schedules for fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year.**

The committee discussed whether changes should be made to Division II playing and practice seasons and championship schedules for fall championship sports in the 2020-21 academic year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been recommended by the Division II governance structure that no changes be made to allow institutions flexibility to incorporate applicable guidance from local and state public officials about return to campus, return to practice and return to competition.

The committee recommended no changes to the first permissible dates for practice and competition, and no changes to the Division II championship start dates, format or timelines. If the local or national landscape changes, the committee expressed support for potential revisions to championships schedules, as needed. The committee noted additional changes to the fall schedule at this point would be challenging for several groups, including student-athletes and conference offices.

**3. Follow-up to racial injustice conversation.** The committee continued their discussion from the June 11 meeting. The committee was in support of participating in an Association-wide panel, hosted by the NCAA office of inclusion, in lieu of offering a Division II-specific panel. The committee is in favor of eventually offering additional programming nationally, regionally or at the institutional level. This conversation will continue during the next meeting.

**4. Future meeting dates.**

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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT  
MAY 13, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 16.8.2.1 – Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition -- Nonpermissible -- Travel Expenses During the Winter Break – De Minimis Violations.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.8.2.1 (travel expenses during the winter break) to specify that travel expenses received by a student-athlete in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break period shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation requires a student-athlete to make restitution of the value of the impermissible travel expenses received in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break period. However, similar violations of Bylaw 16.8.1 (permissible), where a student-athlete impermissibly receives actual and necessary expenses to represent an institution in competition, are de minimis and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility or require that a student-athlete make restitution. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement believes violations involving Bylaws 16.8.1 and 16.8.2.1 should be treated similarly since they involve the provision of institutionally issued competition related expenses during an impermissible time. The committee noted student-athletes have no culpability or responsibility for these violations given institutions are responsible for certifying that student-athletes are eligible to receive competition-related expenses, and requiring repayment would be overreaching. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators as a student-athlete reinstatement request would no longer need to be filed for relief from repayment. This amendment would not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of student-athlete name, image and likeness.** The committee received a presentation and provided feedback on the legislative concepts related to the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness developed by the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.
2. **Pre- and post-enrollment agent violations.** The committee reviewed data from the past five years related to pre- and post-enrollment agent violations. While the committee affirmed the guidelines associated with pre-enrollment benefits from an agent and agent agreements, the committee amended the pre-enrollment amateurism certification guideline specific to violations associated with scholarship agents. The committee believes that reducing the withholding condition associated with the use of scholarship agents from 10 percent to complete relief is appropriate given lack of prospective student-athlete culpability as a result of limited rules education. The committee noted this guideline change is effective for all amateurism certification decisions occurring on or after April 1, 2020. Finally, the committee affirmed the guidelines specific to post-enrollment agent violations.
3. **Discussion of season-of-competition waivers -- competition while ineligible involving timing of competition.** The committee reviewed the current season-of-competition, competition while ineligible legislation. The committee discussed whether the timing of when a student-athlete's competition occurs should be added as a requirement in the legislation. The committee noted the current legislation is suitable and no changes should be proposed at this time. The committee directed the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to continue to monitor waiver requests and provide an update to the committee during its spring 2021 meetings.
4. **Review of the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students study.** The committee received a presentation of the NCAA Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students (GOALS) study from the staff.
5. **Review of previously approved request list.** The committee reviewed the previously approved request list and endorsed the recommended edits and editorial revisions. The committee noted this change is effective on or after May 13, 2020, for all waiver requests that meet the criteria outlined in the previously approved request list.

6. **Review of the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the Division II Guidelines.
7. **Discussion of student-athlete reinstatement issues involving COVID-19.** Staff updated the committee on the impact of COVID-19 on issues related to student-athlete reinstatement. The committee agreed staff should provide flexibility in permitting spring sport student-athletes with unfulfilled withholding conditions from spring 2020 to count the number of contests/dates of competition withheld during the 2019-20 season toward the number of contests/dates of competition required by the withholding condition, provided the student-athlete was otherwise eligible to compete, and:
  - (1) The institution completed a portion of the season in the student-athlete's spring sport during the 2019-20 academic year;
  - (2) The institution withheld the student-athlete from all competition in that sport during the 2019-20 season; and
  - (3) The student-athlete did not have an opportunity to use a season of competition during the 2019-20 academic year because the remainder of the institution's season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Additionally, the committee noted staff should continue to request contemporaneous medical documentation, as required by legislation when processing extensions of eligibility, season-of-competition waivers – competition while eligible, hardship waivers and hardship waiver appeals. The committee noted in circumstances where an institution asserts required contemporaneous medical documentation is unavailable or cannot be obtained due to the impact of COVID-19, staff may provide flexibility where appropriate. The committee will review and revisit the challenges associated with obtaining contemporaneous medical documentation due to COVID-19 during its December 2020 meeting.

8. **Other business.**
  - a. The committee elected Jessica Harbison Weaver, associate commissioner, Pacific West Conference, as chair.
  - b. The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 2019 in-person meeting.
9. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:

- a. December 1-2, 2020, Indianapolis; and
- b. May 11, 2021, Videoconference.

*Committee Chair: Daniel Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Jess Rigler, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Danielle Teetzel, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement May 13, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Teresa Clark, Cedarville University.	
Marcus Grant, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Jessica Harbison Weaver, Concordia University Portland.	
Daniel Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.	
Katelyn Severance, Texas A&M University-Commerce	
Katherine Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University.	
<b>NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:</b>	
Jess Rigler, Julie Sargent and Danielle Teetzel.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Cynthia Alanis, Etta Biloon, Stephanie Grace, Kelsey Gurganus, Maison Haines, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Sarah Otey, Liz Perry, Ta'Shia Phillips, Stephanie Quigg, Adam Replogle, Brad Rochman, Zach Romash, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ENFORCEMENT AND INFRACTIONS TASK FORCE  
JUNE 29, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. 2022 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 32 – Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Responsibility to Cooperate – Tools to Facilitate Cooperation.**

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2022 NCAA Convention to amend Division II Bylaw 32 (enforcement policies and procedures) to: (a) Define full cooperation in the infractions process; (b) Establish that the Committee on Infractions may infer that failure or refusal to produce requested materials supports an alleged violation; (c) Establish that the Committee on Infractions may view the failure or refusal to interview as an admission that an alleged violation occurred; (d) Protect a "whistleblower" who voluntarily reports information about a potential violation; and (e) Confirm that information upon which the Committee on Infractions bases its decision could be information that both directly and circumstantially supports an alleged violation.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2022.
- (3) Rationale. Following the review by the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council of the increase in number of Division II major infractions cases opened and processed by the NCAA enforcement staff in recent years, the NCAA Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force was created and charged with studying recent changes to the Division I infractions process and recommending any legislative/policy changes that would enhance the infractions process in Division II. The process of developing these changes has included vast membership review and input, including a survey taken by close to 300 representatives of member institutions and conferences. This proposal is part of Phase One of a three-phase review that is expected to be voted as a comprehensive package at the 2022 Convention.

The task force recommends that investigators and adjudicators have the necessary tools and authority to effectively investigate and adjudicate violations, the failure to promptly respond to investigators' requests have significant consequences and "whistleblowers" be protected. Enhancing the tools available to the enforcement staff through defining full cooperation, extending the authority in decision-making available to the Committee on

Infractions, and protecting whistleblowers will create efficiency in the investigation and adjudication of cases and strengthen the process. For instance, defining full cooperation educates parties on the enforcement staff's expectations during an investigation and what satisfies the responsibility to cooperate. Permitting the Committee on Infractions to make inferences based on a party's noncooperation will promote cooperation. Clarifying that the committee may rely on both direct and circumstantial information provides more transparency. Finally, protecting individuals with information about potential violations may prompt them to come forward. The whistleblower protection will only make institutions answer to the NCAA for retaliating against whistleblowers and does not protect individuals from actions that may be taken by an institution against them nor does it supersede any state or federal regulations regarding whistleblowers.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. 2022 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 32 – Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Committee on Infractions Hearings – Basis of Decision – Importation.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2022 Convention to amend Bylaw 32 (enforcement policies and procedures) to specify that: (a) Facts established by a decision or judgment of a court, agency, accrediting body or other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, which is not under appeal, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by a member institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees, may be accepted as true in concluding whether an institution or individual violated NCAA legislation; and (b) Evidence submitted and positions taken in such a matter may be considered in the infractions process.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2022.

(3) Rationale. Following the review by the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council of the increase in number of Division II major infractions cases opened and processed by the NCAA enforcement staff in recent years, the NCAA Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force was created and charged with studying recent changes to the Division I infractions process and recommending any legislative/policy

changes that would enhance the infractions process in Division II. The process of developing these changes has included vast membership review and input, including a survey taken by close to 300 representatives of member institutions and conferences. This proposal is part of Phase One of a three-phase review that is expected to be voted as a comprehensive package at the 2022 Convention.

The task force recommends that the legislation expressly authorize the Committee on Infractions to import adjudicated facts, or consider evidence submitted and positions taken in judicial and other administrative proceedings. Current NCAA legislation does not expressly permit the Committee on Infractions to accept as true facts established by decisions or judgments from courts, agencies, accrediting bodies or other administrative tribunals, or by a commission, or similar review of comparable independence, authorized by an institution or the institution's university system's board of trustees. Likewise, the legislation does not expressly permit the Committee on Infractions to consider evidence submitted and positions taken in such matters. Investigators and adjudicators should be authorized to rely on such facts and information in their review of an infractions case. These modifications will clarify the acceptable use of such information and increase efficiency in the infractions process by saving the process time and resources. In addition, the modifications will help the enforcement staff close the gap between known and processed violations of legislation.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. 2022 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 32 – Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Negotiated Resolution.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2022 Convention to amend Bylaw 32 (enforcement policies and procedures) to establish a negotiated resolution process to allow the enforcement staff to negotiate resolution of a case with an institution or involved individual, subject to the review and approval of the Committee on Infractions.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2022.

(3) Rationale. Following the review by the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council of the increase in number of Division II

major infractions cases opened and processed by the NCAA enforcement staff in recent years, the NCAA Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force was created and charged with studying recent changes to the Division I infractions process and recommending any legislative/policy changes that would enhance the infractions process in Division II. The process of developing these changes has included vast membership review and input, including a survey taken by close to 300 representatives of member institutions and conferences. This proposal is part of Phase One of a three-phase review that is expected to be voted as a comprehensive package at the 2022 Convention.

The task force recommends an additional means to resolve infractions cases to create efficiencies in the investigation and resolution of cases. Presently, there is no mechanism for the enforcement staff to resolve a matter with an institution or involved individual beyond a contested hearing or summary disposition. The staff has and exercises discretion in alleging violations, but does not negotiate with parties or recommend penalties. This often frustrates cooperating member institutions that seek to negotiate a resolution in favor of a more expeditious investigative process. Beyond membership frustration, the inability to negotiate resolutions may tax the resources of the infractions process and forgo an opportunity to secure assistance from institutions or individuals who have useful information. This proposal would establish a process by which the enforcement staff may negotiate a resolution of a case with an institution or involved individual by agreeing to the facts, violations and penalties, subject to Committee on Infractions review and approval. Under the process, the committee will only reject a negotiated resolution if it is not in the best interests of the Association or the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable under the legislation. Negotiated resolutions are final, not subject to appeal and have no precedential value.

Division I adopted a negotiated resolution process in August 2018. As of July 2020, the Division I Committee on Infractions has reviewed and approved approximately 20 cases through negotiated resolution. These cases have been processed in an expeditious manner with just days between final committee review and public release of the agreement. The negotiated resolution track has created efficiencies in the Division I process and met the membership's desire for a way to more quickly resolve cases.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and Announcements.** The chair convened the virtual meeting, welcoming the task force and staff.
- 2. November 11, 2019, and January 9-10, 2020, Meeting Reports.** The task force approved the reports from its November 2019 teleconference and January 2020 in-person meeting, as presented.
- 3. Areas and Phases of the Review.** The task force was provided an overview of the areas and phases for this review. Phase One includes the review of tools to facilitate cooperation with the enforcement staff during an investigation, the type of information the Committee on Infractions may rely on in decision-making and a negotiated resolution process to resolve infractions cases. Phase Two encompasses review of the violation structure and the penalty structure. Finally, Phase Three incorporates the review of other elements of the investigative, hearing and appeals processes, and principles related to accountability and shared responsibility.
- 4. Membership Feedback on Phase One Topics.** The task force received an overview of feedback from a survey provided to the Division II membership regarding the Phase One concepts. In addition, the task force received an overview of feedback provided by the Division II governance structure, including feedback from the NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council. The task force agreed to recommend sponsorship of three proposals as part of Phase One of a three-phase review that is expected to be voted as a comprehensive package at the 2022 Convention [See Legislative Action items].
- 5. Phase Two Discussion.** The task force was provided an overview of the Division II violation structure, which consists of major and secondary infractions. The task force discussed the differences between the current Division II violation structure and the Division I three-level violation structure. The task force also received an overview of the mission of the infractions program. The task force will continue its Phase Two review during its fall meeting.
- 6. Discussion Regarding Enforcement Charging Guidelines for Division II.** The task force was provided an overview of the charging guidelines in Division I that the enforcement staff considers when it determine whether to allege lack of institutional control, failure to monitor, unethical conduct and head coach responsibility violations. The

task force discussed whether Division II would benefit from incorporating similar charging guidelines. The task force agreed to continue this discussion for possible charging guidelines for Division II.

7. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.** The task force reviewed the upcoming meeting and teleconference dates:
- a. Fall 2020 teleconference; date and time to be determined; and
  - b. Winter 2020 meeting; date and time to be determined.

<b>NCAA Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force June 29, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University.	
Doug Blais, Southern New Hampshire University.	
Dixie Cirillo, Colorado School of Mines.	
Allison Garrett, Emporia State University.	
Dan Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.	
Kim Pate, Lenoir-Rhyne University.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University.	
Eric Schoh, Winona State University	
Harry Stinson III, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University	
Payton Williams, Azusa Pacific University.	
Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Terri Steeb Gronau and Maritza Jones.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Markie Cook, Jon Duncan, Jim Elworth, Blair Griffith, Ken Kleppel, Jordan Lysiak, Laura Wurtz McNab, Joel McGormley, Heather McVeigh, Todd Shumaker, Naima Stevenson Starks, Joyce Thompson-Mills, Jared Tidemann, Jill Waddell, Wendy Walters and Karen Wolf.	



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL  
ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
MARCH 6, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- **Concussion safety protocol checklist.** The committee approved changes to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol checklist as recommended by the Concussion Safety Advisory Group.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Concussion safety protocol checklist.** The committee unanimously accepted recommendations from the Concussion Safety Advisory Group for changes to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist. The Checklist informs concussion safety protocols in NCAA Division I and concussion management plans in NCAA Divisions II and III. The CSAG, with the committee's oversight, advises the Association on emerging developments in concussion science and policy, and recommends modifications to the Checklist as needed. Based on emerging scientific information about concussion presented during CSAG's annual meeting held in February 2020, the CSAG did not make any recommendations for substantive changes to the Checklist. However, the CSAG did make several recommendations for non-substantive editorial changes including expanded protocol requirements specific to pre-season education, and recognition and diagnosis of concussion. These changes take effect immediately and staff will incorporate changes into the Checklist for use by the membership.
2. **COVID-19 update.** Dr. Brian Hainline provided an update to the committee on the NCAA's response to COVID-19, including both an internal and external response.

*Committee Chair:* Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy, Patriot League  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
Anne Rohlman, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute

<b>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports March 6, 2020, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Shawn Arent, University of South Carolina, Columbia; Southeastern Conference.

Bob Colgate, National Federation High School Associations.
N. Jeremi Duru, American University; Patriot League.
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University; USA South Athletic Conference.
Josh Ellow, Swarthmore College; Centennial Conference.
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida); Atlantic Coast Conference.
Jessica Mohler (chair), U.S. Naval Academy; Patriot League Conference.
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University; South Atlantic Conference.
Nicole Pieart, Aurora University; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Todd Stull, Inside Performance Mindroom.
Buddy Teevens, Dartmouth College; The Ivy League.
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon; Pac-12 Conference.
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College; Liberty League.
Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; Big Ten Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.
Jeff Dugas, Troy University; Sun Belt Conference.
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama; Gulf Shore Conference.
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Southland Conference.
Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas; American Southwest Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
John Parsons and Jessica Wagner
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Laura Arnett, Jackie Campbell, Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Jessica Kerr, Paul Roetert, and Crystal Rogers



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS  
AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
MARCH 17, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Concussion reporting mandate system and procedures.** The committee approved design and operational requirements for a concussion reporting system, as well as policy to guide the membership in making submission decisions.
2. **Visiting medical care-independent medical care.** The committee preliminarily approved a white paper about the provision of medical care for visiting athletes and referred the draft to divisional governance committees for review during their April meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of December 9-10, 2019 meeting.** The committee approved the report of its December 2019 meeting.
2. **Arrington Class Settlement Agreement.**
  - a. **Concussion reporting mandate system and procedures.** As per legislation in all three divisions (Division I Constitution 4.3.4.21; Division II Constitution 3.3.4.18; Division III Constitution 3.2.4.18), the committee approved functional requirements for the development and implementation of a concussion reporting system, as well as policy to guide schools in making submission decisions. The concussion reporting system will be operational by mid-April. At that time, guidance and instructions will be made available to the membership to facilitate reporting ahead of the May 18 deadline imposed by the Arrington Class Settlement Agreement.
  - b. **Arrington Settlement Agreement certification process.** The committee received an update from the NCAA office of legal affairs staff on the state of planning in support of the system and instructions to guide the membership in certifying that they meet the obligations established in Section IX.A. of the Arrington Settlement Agreement. The certification system is being finalized by the third-party settlement administrator, and detailed instructions and additional guidance will be distributed to the membership by the end of the week.

3. **Visiting medical care-independent medical care.** The committee preliminarily approved the Visiting Team White Paper and referred the draft to divisional governance bodies for review during spring 2020 governance meetings. The committee will receive membership feedback during its June 2020 meeting and will consider finalizing the document at that time.
4. **Review plan for the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook update.** The committee reviewed and approved a proposal to update the Sports Medicine Handbook. Updates are expected by late summer or early fall.
5. **Nominations to NCAA Drug Appeals Subcommittee.** The committee received an overview of the Drug Appeals Subcommittee operational policy and approved two nominees for appointment to the Drug Appeals Subcommittee.
6. **Update on NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy issues.** The committee was informed of progress on an update to the Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy. In addition, NCAA staff is tracking evolving state legislation concerning transgender athletes that may impact future policy considerations.
7. **Update on Division I legislative proposals.** The committee received an update on Division I legislative proposals that have health and safety implications for student-athletes.
8. **Update on Independent Medical Care issues.** The committee received an update on continued discussions about independent medical care legislation in the wake of the committee's statement made during its December 2019 statement.
9. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings. The committee's next meeting will occur on June 10-11, 2020, in Indianapolis.
10. **Other business.** The committee noted its support of the NCAA's internal and external COVID-19 task forces and recent decisions made to support the health and well-being of student-athletes.

*Committee Chair:* Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
Anne Rohlman, NCAA Academic and Memberships Affairs  
Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute

<b>March 17, 2020, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Shawn Arent, University of South Carolina, Columbia.	
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado.	
Bob Colgate, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Jeff Dugas, Troy University.	
N. Jeremi Duru, American University.	
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University.	
Josh Ellow, Swarthmore College.	
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida).	
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama.	
Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy.	
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University.	
Nicole Pierat, Aurora University.	
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University.	
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno.	
Todd Stull, Inside Performance Mindroom.	
Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas.	
Buddy Teevens, Dartmouth College.	
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon.	
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College.	
Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh.	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
John Parsons, Anne Rohlman and Jessica Wagner	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Laura Arnett, Jackie Campbell, Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Brian Hainline, Jessica Kerr, Paul Roetert and Crystal Rogers	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL  
ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
APRIL 27, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **COVID-19 operational update.** The committee received an update on the development of resocialization principles for college athletics, which are expected to be released to the membership in the near future. Additionally, the committee was informed of NCAA operations and ongoing membership engagement to address ongoing issues created by COVID-19. The committee was also informed that the CSMAS Prevention and Performance Subcommittee is meeting regularly to provide feedback on COVID-19 related issues that may impact the health and safety of student-athletes.
2. **Drug testing medical exceptions policy.** The committee approved procedural changes to the medical exception process for narcotics. Specifically, narcotics will no longer require pre-approval. Instead, an institution will be required to complete and maintain documentation that supports the medical need for a student-athlete to be treated with narcotics. This documentation must be provided to the NCAA should the student-athlete test positive for the banned substance. In short, the medical exception process for narcotics will mirror the current process for stimulants used to treat ADHD. In making the change to the medical exception process for narcotics, the committee noted scheduling for surgeries does not allow for timely submission of pre-approval requests and existing confusion in the membership.
3. **COVID-19 playing rules considerations.** The committee discussed its previous recommendation that, in baseball and men's and women's lacrosse, chest protectors must be certified to the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment ND200 standard at the time of manufacturing and contain the Safety Equipment Institution certification mark to be legal for play. The committee reaffirmed the 2021 effective date and noted that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic should not interfere with the implementation of playing rules aimed at reducing health and safety risks.
4. **Update on interpretive application of spring 2020 drug-testing penalties.** The committee received an update on the application of drug-testing withholding penalties that were impacted by the cancellation of the spring 2020 competitive season. The interpretive approach, which was previously approved by the committee's chair and vice chair, provides some flexibility to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 while ensuring the penalties

are still meaningfully applied. The committee encouraged institutions to work directly with NCAA staff to ensure accurate and fair application of the penalties.

5. **2020 vice-chair nomination and election process.** The committee received an update on the vice-chair nomination and election process scheduled to occur by the June 2020 meeting.

*Committee Chair:* Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
Anne Rohlman, NCAA AMA  
Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute

<b>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports</b> <b>April 27, 2020, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Pamela Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia	
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder	
Bob Colgate, National Federation High School Associations.	
Jeff Dugas, Troy University	
N. Jeremi Duru, American University	
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University	
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida)	
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama	
Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy	
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University	
Nicole Pieart, Aurora University	
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University	
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno	
Todd Stull, Inside Performance Mindroom.	
Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas	
Buddy Teeven, Dartmouth College	
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon	
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College	
Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh	
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Josh Elbow, Swarthmore College	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
John Parsons, Anne Rohlman and Jessica Wagner
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Laura Arnett, Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Brian Hainline, Jessica Kerr, Paul Roetert, Crystal Rogers and Jared Tidemann



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS  
APRIL 15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. Division Membership, Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women - STUNT.**

- (1) Recommendation. To add STUNT as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.
- (2) Effective date. To be specified by each division based on the philosophical, strategic, operational and financial priorities of each division with consideration to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) Rationale. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics noted the continued growth in high school STUNT sponsorship and participation, steady increase in the number of member institutions sponsoring STUNT, and support from the sport's national governing body as compelling rationale to include STUNT as an emerging sport for women. The committee further noted the relatively low cost of sponsoring the sport and the opportunity for the sport to enrich sponsoring institutions' enrollment management strategies. STUNT provides participation opportunities for female student-athletes of all body types and diverse sport backgrounds (e.g., power lifting, gymnastics), as well as opportunities for female sport administrators, coaches and officials. STUNT leadership demonstrated that current STUNT programs are fully integrated into athletics departments as stand-alone programs, the experience of a STUNT student-athlete is comparable to the experience of student-athletes who compete in NCAA sports, and the sport's organizational structure and sport rules are consistent with NCAA values and legislation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

**b. Division Membership Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Acrobatics and Tumbling and Women's Wrestling.**

- (1) Recommendation. The Committee on Women's Athletics continues to support Division I Proposal Nos. 2019-131 and 2019-132 and recommends the NCAA Division I Council consider the proposals prior to the August 1, 2020 effective date.

Recognizing that consideration prior to the August 1, 2020 effective date may not be appropriate due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee would then recommend that the Council consider the proposals during the 2020-21 Division I legislative cycle. If the Division I Council is unable to consider both proposals during the 2020-21 legislative cycle, the committee further recommends the Division I Council reintroduce both proposals into the 2021-22 Division I legislative cycle.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.

(3) Rationale. Considering emerging sport proposals during the current legislative cycle ensures consistency across the Association's divisions and promotes the long-term success of the Emerging Sports for Women program. Specifically, it assures member institutions that do sponsor such programs that opportunities for women are a priority of the Association. Adopting the proposals related to emerging sports for women prior to the 2020-21 academic year supports the member institutions currently sponsoring acrobatics and tumbling and women's wrestling without imposing additional requirements on institutions that do not sponsor either sport. Specifically, recognizing acrobatics and tumbling and women's wrestling as emerging sports for women in Division I permits the nearly 30 member institutions currently sponsoring either sport to use these sports to satisfy Division I membership requirements and supports institutional efforts to use emerging sports as part of enrollment management strategies during a time of declining enrollment.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

## 2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed committee members to the videoconference.
2. **Review and approve NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics February 11, 2020 teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its February 11, 2020, teleconference report.
3. **NCAA Emerging Sports for Women application discussion – STUNT.** The committee reviewed the STUNT application and met with STUNT representatives as part of its

deliberation to recommend adding STUNT as an emerging sport for women. Staff also updated the committee on how the COVID-19 pandemic may impact consideration of legislative proposals.

4. **NCAA Woman of the Year.** The committee received an update on the nomination process, criteria and eligibility requirements for the 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year award. Nominees will have an opportunity to address in their nomination how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their student-athlete experience. The Woman of the Year selection committee and CWA will consider the achievements and honors for academics, service and leadership, and athletics from throughout each nominee's time as a student-athlete. The 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year will be announced on November 1, 2020.
5. **Recognition of committee member service.** The committee thanked Marc Johnson and Grace McGuire for their service on the committee, noting this was their last meeting.
6. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - September 14-15, 2020 videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Denise Udelhofen, Loras College

*Staff Liaisons:* Jan Gentry, championships and alliances  
Jean Merrill, office of inclusion  
Karen Metzger, academic and membership affairs  
Shay Wallach, office of inclusion

NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics April 15, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Renee Bostic, Notre Dame of Maryland University.	
Jason Doviak, Alfred State, the State University of New York College of Technology.	
Marc A. Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno.	
Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.	
John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.	
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.	
Monica Lebron, Tulane University.	
Grace McGuire, Utah State University.	
Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Miriam Merrill, Hamilton College.	
Kellianne Milliner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Robert S. Nelson, California State University, Sacramento.	

Abigail Newkirk, Bluffton University.
Donna Price Henry, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.
Renie Shields, Saint Joseph's University.
Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University.
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Dawn Condeza, Hiram College.
Sarah Dehring, Alma College.
Kayla Duffey, Southwest Baptist University.
Alyssa Goodpaster, Southwest Baptist University.
Amy Haney, USA Cheer.
Lauri Harris, USA Cheer.
Terri Lakowski, Active Policy Solutions.
Marcus Manning, Centenary College (Louisiana).
Mackinley Prentice, Alma College.
Mo Roberson, Concordia University, Irvine.
Jessica Stiles, Oklahoma Baptist University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger and Shay Wallach.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Gail Dent, Sarah Hebbard, Craig Malveaux and Amy Wilson.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AND MINORITY  
OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 16, 2020, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and the chair of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee welcomed both committees and asked staff to introduce themselves.
2. **Review and approve the February 11, 2020, joint teleconference report.** The committees reviewed and approved the joint teleconference report.
3. **2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.** The committees received an update on the 2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign. Specifically, the campaign will be held October 27-29 and will feature the following themes:
  - October 27: "My Story Matters."
  - October 28: "I've Got Your Back."
  - October 29: "Together We Rise."

The office of inclusion will develop resources to assist membership institutions in the continuation of open dialogue surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion via the social media campaign. The resources will be made available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

4. **NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.** The committees reviewed the policy adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors in 2011. The purpose of the review is to determine what, if any, changes to the policy are needed to ensure the policy continues to: 1) provide fair, inclusive and dignified participation opportunities for all student-athletes; 2) ensure competitive equity for all student-athletes; and 3) be supported by evidence-and-consensus-based research. The committees engaged in a discussion regarding potential updates to the policy and implications to student-athletes and member institutions and conferences. Committee members discussed social, legal and scientific developments since adopting the current policy and noted the need for the policy to maintain a balance between inclusion and equity. The committees will conduct a joint videoconference this summer to continue their review.
5. **Optimization of the Senior Woman Administrator initiative.** Staff provided background on the senior woman administrator initiative and informed the committees of recently published resources available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). The committees received updates on the

SWA working group's recent efforts to address the low representation and engagement of women of color SWAs and to examine the experiences of SWAs serving at conference offices. Staff noted that a survey about the SWA designation at conference offices is postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. **Membership engagement on inclusion issues.** The committees discussed national office engagement with the membership on equity, diversity and inclusion issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Committee members noted that during the pandemic, it would be difficult to engage extensively on programming provided by the office of inclusion. While the committees acknowledged the challenges, they supported the continued focus on mental health and suggested incorporating considerations of equity, diversity and inclusion in broader COVID-19 communications and resources. Lastly, staff suggested it may be beneficial to make targeted outreach efforts to individuals who were registered to attend the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum.

7. **Future meeting schedule.**

- September 14-15, 2020.

*Committee Chairs:* José Rodriguez, Cabrini University  
 Denise Udelhofen, Loras College

*Staff Liaisons (CWA):* Jan Gentry, Championships and Alliances  
 Jean Merrill, Office of Inclusion  
 Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Shay Wallach, Office of Inclusion

*Staff Liaisons (MOIC):* Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Championships and Alliances  
 Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion

<b>NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and          NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee          April 16, 2020, Joint Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.	
Renee Bostic, Notre Dame of Maryland University.	
Mark Brown, Pace University.	
Roy Brown, University of Illinois at Springfield.	
Marquette Dickens, College of Saint Elizabeth.	
Jason Doviak, Alfred State, the State University of New York College of Technology.	
Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.	
Dena Freeman-Patton, University of New Orleans.	

Tony Gaskew, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford.
Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.
John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.
Monica Lebron, Tulane University.
Grace McGuire, Utah State University.
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.
Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
Kellianne Milliner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Robert S. Nelson, California State University, Sacramento.
Donna Price Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise.
Chaunte O'Neil, University of Miami.
José Rodriguez, Cabrini University.
Renie Shields, Saint Joseph's University.
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.
Dwight Watson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.
Alisa White, Austin Peay State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Soraya Coley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Kenneth Gormley, Duquesne University.
Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon.
Marc A. Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno.
Miriam Merrill, Hamilton College.
Abigail Newkirk, Bluffton University
Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College.
Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Michael Bazemore, Niya Blair Hackworth, Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger and Shay Wallach.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Leland Brown, Kina Davis, Gail Dent, Terri Gronau, Sarah Hebberd, Craig Malveaux and Amy Wilson.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Committee chair José Rodriguez welcomed the committee members and staff to the videoconference, including new member Dwight Watson.
2. **Review and approve NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 26, 2020, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its February 26, 2020, teleconference report.
3. **Discuss Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designation resource.** The committee identified next steps to advance and operationalize the designation throughout the Association. Specifically, it will establish a working group comprised of MOIC members to develop online educational resources similar to those resulting from the Optimization of the Senior Woman Administrator project to assist the membership.
4. **2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.** The committee reviewed the 2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign proposal developed by the office of inclusion in partnership with students from Rowan University, selected the campaign themes and established a timeline for member institutions to participate. The campaign will be held October 27-29 and will feature the following themes:
  - October 27: "My Story Matters."
  - October 28: "I've Got Your Back."
  - October 29: "Together We Rise."

The office of inclusion will develop resources to assist membership institutions in the continuation of open dialogue surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion via the social media campaign. The resources will be made available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

5. **NCAA Champion of Diversity and Inclusion honoree discussion.** Staff provided an overview of the Champion of Diversity and Inclusion award, including information about its purpose and the nomination process, and highlighted changes to the selection process and honoree announcement timeline.
6. **NCAA Ethnic Minority Scholarship update.** The committee received an overview of the NCAA Ethnic Minority Scholarship, a program developed to increase opportunities for minority and female candidates entering their initial year of postgraduate studies.

Staff identified ways to grow the pool of applicants, particularly amongst Division II and Division III students and males. Specifically, staff will develop an external communications plan in collaboration with the selection committee to increase exposure of the program and raise awareness of the scholarships available.

7. **Selection of officers.** The committee elected Dena Freeman-Patton as the new committee chair and Marquetta Dickens as vice chair.
8. **Discussion of current issues and impact on intercollegiate athletics.** The committee discussed current national, campus and conference matters related to the mission and duties of the MOIC. Specifically, the committee discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the safety and well-being of student-athletes, administrators and coaches as well as the financial impact on member institutions. Staff informed the committee that the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committees will disseminate a survey to student-athletes with a variety of questions about mental and physical health. The survey also will gauge student-athlete needs and ways administrators can support them.
9. **Future meeting dates.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
  - September 14-15, 2020, videoconference.
10. **Other business.** NCAA staff recognized MOIC members completing their term of service August 31, 2020, and thanked them for their commitment and service.
11. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned with the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and MOIC joint meeting on April 16, 2020.

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*Committee Chair:* José Rodriguez, Cabrini University

*Staff Liaisons:* Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Championships in Alliances  
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion

NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee April 15, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.	
Mark Brown, Pace University.	
Roy Brown, III, University of Illinois at Springfield.	
Marquette Dickens, College of Saint Elizabeth	
Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.	
Dena Freeman-Patton, University of New Orleans.	
Tony Gaskew, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford.	
Kenneth Gormley, Duquesne University.	
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon.	
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University.	
Chaunte O'Neil, University of Miami.	
José Rodriguez, Cabrini University.	
Dwight Watson, University of Wisconsin Whitewater.	
Alisa White, Austin Peay State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Soraya Coley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.	
Micaiah Page, Morehouse College.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Michael Bazemore and Niya Blair Hackworth.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Leland Brown III, Kina Davis, Gail Dent, Craig Malveaux and Amy Wilson.	



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL  
APRIL 20, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed the panel members and thanked them for their time.
- 2. Duties and conflict of interest.** The panel reviewed the panel duties and the Conflict of Interest Policy from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 3. Review of the report of the February 26, 2020, PROP teleconference.** The panel reviewed and approved the report as written.
- 4. NCAA Football Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved 11 rules proposals submitted by the NCAA Football Rules Committee, which included the following:
  - A new disqualification procedure was approved for the targeting foul. Players will be allowed to remain in the team area if disqualified for targeting; previously, the player had to be escorted to the locker room and out of the playing enclosure.
  - No more than two players on the same team may wear the same number. The digit zero was also added as an allowable number.
  - The pregame protocol was adjusted and codified to help curb some negative pregame interactions. Game officials' jurisdiction was adjusted to be 90 minutes instead of 60; conferences may petition the rules committee for a waiver of this policy if it creates a potential hardship.
  - The recommended time for instant replay review was set at no more than two minutes.
- 5. NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved nine rules proposals submitted by the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee, which included the following:
  - Changes to accidental handballs, free kicks, penalty kicks and goal kicks to align with the IFAB (FIFA) Laws of the Game.
  - Allowing members of the official coaching staff to communicate with each other via electronic devices whether on-site or at another location.

- Allowing video review to be used to correct timing issues.
- Limiting the postgame protest procedure to only situations involving player identification or illegal participation by ejected or suspended personnel.
- Redefining the fighting rule and creating a violent behavior I and II red card to better categorize violent actions.

**6. NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Committees joint meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved one rules modification proposal (outlining a rule to determine the outcome of a match that is stopped and that could not be resumed later) and the proposed creation of a Field Hockey Playing Rules Subcommittee with representatives from the NCAA Divisions I, II and III Field Hockey Committees.

**7. Future meeting dates and times.** The panel reviewed upcoming teleconference dates and times and agreed to begin meeting virtually starting with the April 29 meeting.

*Committee Chair:* Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaisons:* Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Jay Fitzwater, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Barb Hallam, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel April 20, 2020, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
David Hicks, King University.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Dave Roach, Fordham University.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Ronda Seagraves, Concordia University Texas.	
Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame.	

Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Greg Johnson.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL  
APRIL 29, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed the panel members and thanked them for their time.
2. **Duties and conflict of interest.** The panel reviewed the panel duties and the Conflict of Interest Policy from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. **Review of the report of the April 20, 2020, PROP teleconference.** The panel reviewed and approved the report as written.
4. **Delaying the implementation dates of selected rules changes with potential financial impact.** Due to the financial challenges that many NCAA conferences and institutions are experiencing as the result of COVID-19, the committee voted to delay by one year the implementation date of five playing rules changes that have a potential financial impact that were scheduled to go into effect during the 2020-21 academic year. The affected rules changes include the following:
  - **Baseball.** Divisions II and III – regular-season baseball bat testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (although a visual inspection of bats required for the 2021 season).
  - **Men's Basketball.** Divisions II and III – new three-point line delayed until 2021-22 season.
  - **Men's Lacrosse.** Divisions I, II and III – second visible shot clock delayed until Spring 2022 season.
  - **Softball.** Division I – regular-season barrel compression testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (which is the same as Divisions II and III).
  - **Swimming and Diving.** Divisions II and III - required minimum number of officials (depending on the size of the meet) delayed until 2021-22 season.
5. **Future meeting dates and times.** The panel reviewed upcoming teleconference dates and times.

*Committee Chair: Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Jay Fitzwater, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Barb Hallam, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

<b>NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel April 29, 2020, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
David Hicks, King University.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Dave Roach, Fordham University.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Ronda Seagraves, Concordia University Texas.	
Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame.	
Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.	
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Anthony Holman, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Greg Johnson and Candace Martin.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
MAY 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Report of the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.** The committee approved the report of its February 20-21, 2020, meeting.
2. **Review of scholarship applications.** The committee reviewed 103 winter sport nominations (45 men and 58 women). The committee awarded 21 postgraduate scholarships for men's sports and 21 postgraduate scholarships for women's sports.

*Committee Chair:* Julie Partridge, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

*Staff Liaison:* Lori Thomas, Administrative Services

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee May 8, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology.
	Lissa Broome, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
	Bernadette Cafarelli, American Athletic Conference.
	Joshua Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University.
	Jameica Hill, Wofford College.
	Julie Partridge, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
	Caitlin Schwehofer, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
	Lori Thomas.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	None.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WALTER BYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 26-27, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Opening remarks.** Walter Byers Scholarship Committee Chair Steve Moniac welcomed committee members, including new member Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
2. **Scholarship application scoring guide.** The committee discussed the scoring guide for scholarship applications, which is being restructured to provide a more detailed breakdown of the maximum number of points for the applicant's grade point average.
3. **Selection of Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed three finalists for the Jim McKay Scholarship. The committee selected Abigail Holland, a former women's basketball student-athlete at Trinity University (Texas) as the 2019-20 Jim McKay Scholarship recipient. None of the male applicants met the criteria to be awarded.
4. **Selection of Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed six scholarship finalists and selected, Kayla Leland, a former women's track and field, student-athlete at Whitworth University, and Xavier Gonzalez, a former men's tennis student-athlete at Harvard University, as the 2019-20 Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.

*Committee Chair: Steve Moniaci, Houston Baptist University*

*Staff Liaisons: Lori Thomas, Administrative Services*

NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee April 26-27, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Laura Clayton-Eady, University of West Georgia.	
Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.	
Nicole McKinney, Purdue University.	
Steve Moniaci, Houston Baptist University.	
Pegjohnny Moses, Stetson University.	
Joseph Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Lori Thomas.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

# ***STRATEGIES ADDRESSING RACIAL INJUSTICE***

***DEVELOPED BY NCAA OFFICE OF INCLUSION***



# Athletics Administrators/Coaches/Staff:

- ▶ Acknowledge your awareness of what is happening in the world to your colleagues and student-athletes, even if you feel like you don't know the “right” words to say.
- ▶ Commit to understanding how your athletic department, institutional and community policies and practices shape your perspective and efforts on racial inequality.
- ▶ Provide educational opportunities and encourage your staff and student-athletes to educate themselves by reading books and articles and watching instructional videos to “unlearn” things that perpetuate racist ideology and racial discrimination.
- ▶ Regularly assess the needs and climate of your student-athletes, coaches, and administrators of color to better foster an inclusive environment and to heighten awareness of discrimination and challenges this community may face.

# Athletics Administrators/Coaches/Staff:

- ▶ Strive to be anti-racist vs. non-racist, which means you are actively helping to tackle racism. (e.g., Speak up when you hear a racist joke by a friend, colleague, or family member. Highlight and support efforts to change systems, organizational policies, practices, and attitudes that provide equitable opportunities.)
- ▶ Check-in with your Black colleagues/teammates and student-athletes to illustrate you care, but don't make assumptions or expect them to respond to you. ( Make sure you have a relationship with those you are checking in with).
- ▶ Partner with your diversity office(s) on campus and organizations in your community to support diversity-related efforts and gain additional insight and best practices to support student-athletes of color.

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**NCAA Division II Management Council  
Committee and Project Team Assignments for 2020**

*(Mentor assignments are listed in italics below new Management Council members' names)*

<b>Management Council Representative (<i>Mentor</i>)</b>	<b>Committees/Project Teams</b>
Brenda Cates <i>(Julie Rochester)</i>	Division II Legislation Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Jessica Chapin	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Teresa Clark	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee
Laura Clayton Eady	NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Mark Corino <i>(Bob Dranoff)</i>	Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee Division II Planning and Finance Committee
J. Lin Dawson	NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Division II Infractions Appeals Committee
Bob Dranoff	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Membership Committee
Amy Foster	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Planning and Finance Committee
Marty Gilbert	Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Chris Graham, <i>chair</i>	NCAA Board of Governors ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Division II Administrative Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Division II Management Council Liaison to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) Division II Planning and Finance Committee ( <i>ex officio</i> )
Amy Henkelman <i>(Judy Sackfield)</i>	NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Division II Management Council Liaison to Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA)
Felicia Johnson	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Liaison to National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC)
Jim Johnson, <i>vice chair</i>	Division II Administrative Committee Division II Championships Committee ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Division II Planning and Finance Committee
Kristi Kiefer	Division II Convention Planning Project Team

Management Council Representative ( <i>Mentor</i> )	Committees/Project Teams
(Amy Foster)	NCAA Research Committee
David Kuhlmeier	NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
John Lewis	<del>Division II Championships Committee</del> <del>Division II Convention Planning Project Team</del> <del>Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA)</del>
Courtney Lovely	Division II Championships Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team ( <i>chair</i> ) Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
David Marsh	Division II Legislation Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Carrie Michaels (Jessica Chapin)	Division II Championships Committee Management Council Liaison to Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee
Julie Rochester	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force Division II Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
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Doug Peters	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
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Jeff Williams (Jim Johnson)	Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Nominating Committee
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Jerry Wollmering (Courtney Lovely)	Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Management Council Liaison to CoSIDA NCAA Honors Committee

Management Council Subcommittee chairs:

- Appeals of Membership Committee decisions on provisional membership status: Marty Gilbert
- Appeals of Academic Requirements Committee decisions on waivers involving the Academic Performance Census and the Academic Success Rate: Bob Dranoff
- Appeals of Legislative Review Subcommittee decisions involving the amateur status of prospective student-athletes: Jessica Chapin
- Appeals of Championships Committee decisions: Amy Foster

Vacancies:

Division II Convention Planning Project Team

Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA)



**NCAA Division II Management Council  
July 2020 Election for Independent/At-Large Representative**

**Please vote for one candidate.**

	<b>Independent/At-Large Position: Replacing John Lewis, AD, Bluefield State College, former independent representative</b>
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	Jamie Grodecki, SWA, Georgia College
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	Mary Rob Plunkett, SWA, University of North Georgia
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	Chris Ratcliff, AD, Rogers State University (Independent Member)
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	Leslie Schuemann, conference administrator, Great Midwest Athletic Conference
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	Harry Stinson III, AD, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
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	Chauncey Winbush, AD, Shepherd University
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**Division II Management Council**  
**Vice-Chair Election**

The term of office of Jim Johnson as vice chair of the Management Council will come to a close August 31, 2020. Jim's term on the Management Council, however, will continue until January 2022.

The duties of the Management Council vice chair are listed below:

1. Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
2. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee (*monthly teleconferences*);
3. Serve as a member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee (*two in-person meetings*); and
4. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Championships Committee and all Division II sports committees (*three in-person meetings*).

Note that the vice chair of the Council shall serve a term of office not to exceed two years and will not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Council before serving as vice chair.

Courtney Lovely and Julie Rochester has been nominated to serve as vice chair of the Council.



**Division II Management Council  
Vice Chair Election Ballot**

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**Courtney Lovely**

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**Julie Rochester**

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**Management Council Chair Duties**

Listed below are the duties and responsibilities of the Division II Management Council chair:

1. Preside at Management Council meetings;
2. Serve as ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Governors;
3. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
4. Report to the Division II membership at the annual Convention the activities of the Management Council and Division II committees;
5. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of any Division II committee or project team that reports to the Division II Management Council; and
6. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

Chris Graham's term as chair of the Management Council will end at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2021 NCAA Convention, at the same time his term on the Management Council expires.

If you have an interest in serving as chair for 2021, please contact Maritza Jones or Chris Graham not later than September 28, 2020.



## **Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport**

The United States is currently using physical distancing and stay-at-home guidelines as the primary means of preventing the spread of COVID-19 — a highly contagious and virulent disease, especially for the elderly and for individuals with preexisting pulmonary and cardiovascular disease. COVID-19 has penetrated all 50 states, with variable rates of community infection, hospitalization and death. Because of the widespread nature of this disease presently, containment strategies such as testing, identification and isolation are neither practical nor efficacious.

Sport, as a microcosm of society, is similarly using physical distancing and stay-at-home policies as the primary means of preventing COVID-19 disease spread. Group practice and all sport competition have ceased.

Once COVID-19 infection rates diminish for at least two weeks, resocialization of society and sport may be possible. Importantly, there will not be a single day of reemerging into society as normal. Rather, resocialization must be rolled out in a stepwise manner that helps ensure sustained low infection spread coupled with the ability to rapidly diagnose and isolate new cases. Bear in mind that upward spikes in infection spread may cause resocialization efforts to halt or even retreat until infection spikes lower again.

Collegiate sports differ from professional sports because all collegiate athletes are first and foremost students. Thus, resocialization of collegiate sport must be grounded in resocialization of college campuses. As with society at large, such resocialization must be measured, nimble and based on sound science. In all instances, college athletics must operate with approval of school leadership, and the school must be operating in accordance with local and state public officials regarding a return to campus, return to practice and return to competition. In the end, school and governmental leadership determine who can participate in, assist with, and watch student-athlete practices and competition.

The recently released document, [Guidelines — Opening Up America Again](#), provides national recommendations that allow a regional approach for resocialization. Three phases of resocialization are described, with each phase addressing those aspects of daily life for which restrictions remain appropriate due to COVID-19. The core principles outlined below are offered as a premise for resuming practice and competition at the collegiate level. They are meant to be consistent with the federal guidelines and otherwise reflective of the best available scientific and medical information available at the time. These core principles are intended as resources for member schools to use in coordination with the federal guidelines and related institutional and local governmental decision-making, all of which remain subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continues to emerge and evolve.

### **Core principles of resocialization of collegiate sport:**

1. There must not be directives at the national level that preclude resocialization.
2. State and local authorities must have in place a plan for resocialization.
  - a. In accordance with the federal guidelines, such a plan assumes the following state/local **GATING CRITERIA** have been satisfied:

- i. A downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses reported within a 14-day period **and** a downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period.
  - ii. A downward trajectory of documented cases of COVID-19 within a 14-day period **or** a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests within a 14-day period.
  - iii. Hospitals can treat all patients without crisis care **and** there is a robust testing program in place for at-risk health care workers, including emerging antibody testing.
3. There should be a plan in place at the university/college level for resocialization of students. In keeping with the federal guidelines, universities should consider guidance provided to employers to develop and implement appropriate policies regarding the following:
  - . Social distancing and protective equipment.
    - a. Temperature checks.
    - b. Testing and isolating.
    - c. Sanitation.
    - d. Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas.
    - e. School business travel.
    - f. Monitoring of the workforce for indicative symptoms and preventing symptomatic people from physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.
    - g. Workforce contact tracing after an employee's positive test for COVID-19.
4. There must be a plan in place at the university/college level for resocialization of student-athletes within athletics. In keeping with the federal guidelines, athletics should practice the following:
  - . All student-athletes, athletics health care providers, coaches and athletics personnel should practice good hygiene.
    - a. All student-athletes, athletics health care providers, coaches and athletics personnel should stay home if they feel sick.
    - b. Guidance noted above for university employees should be in place within athletics.
5. There must be adequate personal protective equipment for athletics health care providers, and there must be sanitizers to manage infection control in all shared athletics space.
6. There must be the ability to assess immunity to COVID-19 at a regional and local level. This could include immunity at the college campus, plus a more focused assessment of herd immunity for athletics teams.
7. There must be access to reliable, rapid diagnostic testing on any individual who is suspected of having COVID-19 symptoms.
8. There must be in place a local surveillance system so that newly identified cases can be identified promptly and isolated, and their close contacts must be managed appropriately.
9. There must be clearly identified and transparent risk analyses in place. Such risk analyses consider issues such as economics, education, restoration of society, and medical risk of sport participation, including COVID-19 infection and possible death.

### **Phase One:**

In accordance with the federal guidelines, resocialization of sport for Phase One assumes the following:

1. Gating criteria have been satisfied for a minimum of 14 days.
2. Vulnerable student-athletes, athletics health care providers, coaches and athletics personnel should continue to shelter in place. Vulnerable populations include individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity and asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised, such as by chemotherapy.
3. Those living in dorms and other residences where vulnerable individuals reside should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home, and appropriate isolating precautions should be taken.
4. Physical distancing should continue.
5. Gatherings of more than 10 people should be avoided unless precautionary measures of physical distancing and sanitization are in place.
6. Gyms and common areas where student-athletes and staff are likely to congregate and interact, should remain closed unless strict distancing and sanitation protocols can be implemented.
7. Virtual meetings should be encouraged whenever possible and feasible.
8. Nonessential travel should be minimized, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines regarding isolation after travel should be implemented.

### **Phase Two:**

In accordance with the federal guidelines, if Phase One has been implemented successfully, with no evidence of a rebound, and gating criteria have been satisfied for a minimum of 14 days since the implementation of Phase One:

1. Vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place.
2. Awareness and proper isolating practices related to vulnerable individuals in residences should continue.
3. Physical distancing should continue.
4. Gatherings of more than 50 people should be avoided unless precautionary measures of physical distancing and sanitization are in place.
5. Gyms and common areas where student-athletes and staff are likely to congregate and interact should remain closed, or appropriate distancing and sanitation protocols should be implemented.
6. Virtual meetings should continue to be encouraged whenever possible and feasible.
7. Nonessential travel may resume.

### **Phase Three:**

In accordance with the federal guidelines, if Phase Two has been implemented successfully, with no evidence of a rebound, and gating criteria have been satisfied for a minimum of 14 days since the implementation of Phase Two:

1. Vulnerable student-athletes, athletics health care providers, coaches and athletics personnel can resume in-person interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to settings where such distancing is not practical.

2. Gyms and common areas where student-athletes and staff are likely to congregate and interact can reopen if appropriate sanitation protocols are implemented, but even low-risk populations should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.
3. Unrestricted staffing may resume.

The transition from the above core principles to a relaxation of these principles can occur when COVID-19 can be managed in a manner like less virulent influenza strains. COVID-19 has essentially shut down society because it is highly contagious and has an unacceptably high death rate. More common strains of influenza do not close society because society has learned to adapt to and develop acceptable management strategies for influenza. For COVID-19, future phases are dependent on the successful development of widely available treatment, including prophylactic immunotherapy, coupled with widespread, effective vaccination.



## **Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Updated May 28, 2020**

This frequently asked questions document was originally developed in support of the release of the document, [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#) (Core Principles) which was developed in consultation with the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#) (Advisory Panel). It has been updated to support the release of a companion document, [Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations](#) (Action Plan), and to address resocialization-related questions received since the release of the Core Principles document. This revision also includes information reflective of input received from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Prevention and Performance Subcommittee and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine COVID Working Group in response to membership inquiries specific to the COVID-19 situation.

These materials are offered as further guidance for the concepts in the Core Principles and Action Plan documents and are meant to be consistent with the [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#) published by the federal government (Federal Guidelines) and its corresponding health agencies and otherwise reflective of the best available scientific and medical information available at the time of print. These materials are not and should not be used as a substitute for medical or legal advice. They remain subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continues to emerge and evolve. In the meantime, questions can be directed to [SSI@ncaa.org](mailto:SSI@ncaa.org).

*\*Indicates new or updated content.*

### **Section I: Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport**

**Is the Core Principles document intended to represent formalized best practices or Association-wide policy? In other words, are member schools obligated to follow these guidelines?**

Unlike many of the other health and safety materials disseminated by the NCAA, this document is not formally endorsed by any third-party organization and does not represent Association-wide policy. Rather, its purpose is to provide broad guidance to the membership based on currently available evidence regarding COVID-19 and resocialization at both the society and sport level. As our understanding of COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, it is likely that these Core Principles may be updated.

Importantly, a decision to follow the Core Principles is to be made at the individual school level, with the approval of institutional leadership, and in concert with applicable guidance from local and state public officials with regard to return to campus, return to practice, and return to competition. In the end, institutional and governmental leadership will determine who can participate in, assist with and watch student-athlete practices and competition.

**Although the Core Principles document is meant to serve as guidance, there are several places in the document where the word "must" is used rather than "should." Why the difference?**

The members of the advisory panel believe that when these Core Principles are followed, certain criteria are essential to, and must be in place for, proper resocialization of sport to occur. This includes the following:

- There must not be national directives that preclude resocialization.
- State and local authorities must have a resocialization plan in place.
- A school's athletics department must have a resocialization plan in place.
- Athletics health care providers must have access to personal protective equipment.
- There must be the ability to work on the local/regional level to assess immunity, provide rapid diagnostic testing, have a surveillance system in place and develop transparent risk analyses.

Although these represent strongly worded statements from the advisory panel, in keeping with the spirit of the document, the overall content is meant to serve as guidance only.

**How did the Core Principles document originate?**

The first draft of the Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport was written in consultation with the Advisory Panel. The Federal Guidelines were published as the NCAA draft document was being reviewed. As there were many similarities between the NCAA draft document and the Federal Guidelines, the decision was made to merge the content from these two documents.

**Was the Core Principles document reviewed by the NCAA membership before its release and, if so, how?**

Yes. NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline presented the document to numerous membership committees and groups before its public release. These included the following:

- Association-wide: Board of Governors and Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
- Division I: Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, Division I Council, Presidential Forum, Board of Directors, Football Oversight Committee, Competition Oversight Committee, Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, and Collegiate Commissioners Association.
- Divisions II/III: Management Councils and Presidents Councils.

**Even though the content of the Core Principles document mirrors the Federal Guidelines, many states seem to be opening up in a manner that is not completely consistent with the Federal Guidelines. What does this mean for member schools?**

As is reflected in the Federal Guidelines, each state has the authority to implement resocialization in a manner that it deems appropriate. This may mean that the Core Principles document will not be followed precisely or at all. As the Core Principles and the Federal Guidelines are meant to

provide nonbinding guidance, each member school must operate in accordance with guidance from local and state public officials but will have the flexibility to further develop guidelines that are more consistent with the Core Principles or even more restrictive than the Core Principles. The Core Principles are meant to serve as guidance for the resocialization of sport.

**\*What type of activities are recommended in Phase One?**

Phase One contemplates the beginning of sport resocialization for each sport once a team reconvenes on campus after the gating criteria have been satisfied. Phase One can be considered a testing phase, to help determine the readiness of an athletics department to begin working with student-athletes. It is recommended that physical distancing and strict sanitation measures remain in place. Masks are necessary when physical distancing is not possible, and repetitive handling of a shared object such as game balls and other shared equipment should be avoided. In keeping with updated [CDC guidance](#), if game balls are shared, this should be done in a controlled manner with strict attention to sanitizing hands, the ball, and avoidance of face touching. It is particularly important to adhere to strict sanitation procedures: Common areas such as gyms and training rooms should remain closed unless strict distancing and sanitation measures can be implemented, and group activities should be limited to 10 or fewer individuals.

**\*What type of activities are recommended in Phase Two?**

Phase Two is a continuation of Phase One, but the size of gatherings can be increased to 50 people, as long as physical distancing and sanitation practices remain in place. Masks are still recommended when physical distancing is not possible. This phase allows for more organized group activities, and the sharing of common objects such as game balls should be done in a controlled manner with attention to sanitizing balls and hands, and avoidance of face touching. If equipment is shared, it should be done with attention to sound sanitizing practices.

**\*What types of activities are recommended in Phase Three?**

Phase Three signifies that Phases One and Two have been successfully implemented, meaning that protocols involving personnel, athletes and infrastructure were followed/amended as necessary and federal and/or state gating criteria were satisfied. Careful adherence to infection control remains in place, but it is during Phase Three that repetitive handling of common objects such as game balls and other shared equipment may become more commonplace, but still with sanitizing practices in mind. Because of the increase in contact among individuals, it remains important to be aware of the possibility of new infections and the important role that contact tracing will play in those scenarios.

**\*When teams gather on campus for the first time, in what resocialization phase do they start? Is it possible to begin either summer access or fall practice in Phase Two or Phase Three if that is the status of the community in which the school is located?**

As noted above, each state has the authority to implement resocialization in a manner that it deems appropriate and each member school should decide whether and to what extent to apply the Core Principles in accordance with guidance from local and state public officials.

That said, the structure of the Core Principles document contemplates that each team will begin organized activities in Phase One, regardless of the status of the institution's community resocialization efforts. As teams reconvene for the first time, student-athletes and staff may be relocating from distant locations with varying public health situations and resocialization policies. While schools are free to apply some or all of the Core Principles, the document contemplates the start of activities at Phase One for each sport team to account for a more restrictive resocialization plan that may want to provide more time for schools to understand the health status of all members of the team, and to proceed more conservatively.

**\*In what phase can competition with other schools begin? Do we have to wait for the completion of a two-week Phase Three before starting to compete?**

Unlike Phase One and Phase Two of resocialization, which are well-defined two-week phases, Phase Three doesn't contemplate a specific timeframe but, rather, is designed to continue until such time as effective and accessible treatment or widespread vaccination and/or immunity exist. The model contemplates that schools will continue Phase Three precautions during that time so as to be ready to respond in the event of infection in an athletic team.

Phase Three activities contemplate the repetitive handling of common objects, such as game balls and other shared equipment, and the commencement of high contact activities like practice and competition. However, because the Phase Three guidance in the Core Principles document does not speak to the physiological and mental health aspects of practice and competition readiness, answers to this question must be generated by the school in close consultation with the coaches, student-athletes and applicable medical staff of each team.

**\*What is the guidance on distancing between groups? For example, during Phase One when group size is limited to 10, do the Core Principles contemplate that two groups of 10 should be in the same facility? If so, is minimum distancing contemplated between groups?**

These decisions should be evaluated by the school on a case-by-case basis in light of the totality of the applicable risks. While not specifically stated, it is reasonable to conclude that physical distancing would be contemplated within groups, even when those groups are small.

**\*Do the Core Principles address the possibility of a setback or resurgence in cases in a later phase of resocialization? For example, if a school has successfully progressed to Phase Two but suddenly finds it is no longer complying with the gating criteria, do Core Principles contemplate that the institution would rebound to Phase One, or implement 14 days of shelter in place?**

Based on the capabilities of currently available testing alternatives, existing standards of care suggest a quarantine period of at least 14 days for all newly infected individuals and their high-risk (e.g., "inner bubble") contacts. Accordingly, if infection occurs after the commencement of team practice activities and impacts a broad group of individuals, this response plan could involve, among other things, temporarily or permanently ceasing in-person activities. If the infection occurs during a period in which a competition takes place, the response and mitigation plan will likely

need to contemplate the safety of student-athletes and staff from the opposing team. Additional details can be [found here](#).

## **Section II: Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations**

### **\*What is the role of the Action Plan document in relationship to the original Core Principles document? Who wrote the Action Plan document?**

The Action Plan document serves as a follow up to, and assumes the premise of, the Core Principles. The information in the Action Plan document, which was developed in consultation with the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#), is also offered as guidance and is meant to be consistent with guidance published by the federal government and its corresponding health agencies and otherwise reflective of the best available scientific and medical information available at the time of print. The Action Plan is not and should not be used as a substitute for medical or legal advice. Rather, it is intended as a resource for member schools to use in coordination with applicable government and related institutional policies and guidelines and it remains subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continues to emerge and evolve.

### **\*Is testing a necessary component of successfully implementing resocialization of sport?**

Universal access to testing is strongly preferred. Importantly, there are two types of tests to consider.

The first type of test is diagnostic testing, which means that the test result indicates if an individual is currently infected with COVID-19. Most diagnostic tests are performed in a laboratory using the polymerase chain reaction technique for identifying the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is responsible for COVID-19, and the turnaround time for test results is usually between 8 and 48 hours. The current standard is for the sample to be obtained via a nasopharyngeal swab, although nasal swabs and salivary samples are being studied as alternatives. Point-of-care diagnostic tests are also being developed, and although such tests may provide a result within minutes, they require further validation. Additionally, a new antigen point-of-care test has been developed, which also must undergo further validation steps. Although the infrastructure for diagnostic testing has been steadily increasing, it is not likely that the federal or state governments will be providing such tests at the school level. Therefore, each member school, or each conference, should consider developing relationships within the broader community health care infrastructure that will allow ready access to such testing.

The second type of test — serological testing — is still in the developmental stages. Theoretically, this type of test will determine whether an individual has antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, and the presence of such antibodies might confirm immunity to future infection or reinfection. The validity of such tests is in the early stages, and there are few that are U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved. Serological testing may be useful in the future to help determine immunity.

The third type of test — surveillance testing — is an important aspect of the mathematical modeling and epidemiological analysis of COVID-19. Surveillance testing can be used to monitor virus movement, effect on certain groups of people and patterns of growth and decline. Such

testing is currently still in its infancy. Because emerging adults may develop COVID-19 with minimal or no symptoms, diagnostic testing provides a method to mitigate infection spread, which is one reason why such testing is an important component of resocialization of sport.

**\*Is contact tracing a necessary component of successfully implementing resocialization of sport?**

In order to efficiently and effectively respond to a new infection, athletics departments, in conjunction with the member school and local public health department, should evaluate how best to identify contact networks and trace contact interactions for staff and student-athletes. There are various ways to accomplish this including, among other concepts, the identification of contact "bubbles." The "inner bubble" for each individual would include the applicable staff member or student-athlete and those other individuals with whom they must interact with regular frequency and at an intimate level. The individual's "outer bubble" would include other people, like support staff and other campus personnel with whom the individual may have infrequent and non-intimate contact. The identification of the participants in each bubble network can facilitate contact tracing if an individual becomes newly infected and can help the school and applicable authorities prioritize the removal, isolation, and quarantine of other at-risk individuals.

**\*The Action Plan describes universal masking as one of the strategies to mitigate COVID-19 spread. Does this apply indefinitely? What type of mask is recommended?**

Universal masking generally means all individuals wear masks when they are in public spaces, especially indoors or when physical distancing is not possible. Wearing masks and enhanced infection control principles applies indefinitely in Phase Three; in other words, Phase Three is not a return to pre-COVID practices, but rather reflects the fact that the SARS-CoV-2 virus remains a threat because a vaccine or effective treatment has not yet been developed. Universal masking applies to athletes, coaches and staff, but breaks down for athletes during practices and competition because of the impracticality of wearing masks during intense exercise. This is why surveillance and other infection control measures, as outlined in the Action Plan, remain important.

The primary purpose of wearing a mask is to reduce viral spread to those with whom we have close contact. Cloth or surgical masks are acceptable. N-95 masks and other personal protective equipment are reserved for health care workers who are treating individuals with potential or actual COVID-19 infection.

**\*For those colleges/universities that expect student-athletes will complete mandatory medical exams prior to returning to campus in the fall, what if student-athletes cannot get exams because their personal physicians are not available to perform the exam?**

This issue has been considered by the Prevention & Performance Subcommittee of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. The subcommittee has been charged to provide timely input on emerging health and safety related questions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and includes several practicing physicians.

The subcommittee noted that while the delivery of health care has undoubtedly changed with the advent of COVID-19, general access to health care and the number of available practicing physicians and nurse practitioners has not. For the great majority of individuals, necessary care appointments are still available and very accessible. The subcommittee noted that most mandatory medical exams are conducted before student-athletes return to campus and are scheduled within 2 to 4 weeks before return. Therefore, student-athletes should not have difficulty scheduling and completing an appointment with a physician or appropriately licensed nurse practitioner over the summer months.

For those student-athletes who are not able to complete an exam before arriving to campus, schools will need to address the requirement once the student arrives. In most cases, this should not create an unreasonable burden on resources, and in fact, many schools have always required that mandatory medical exams be conducted on campus. So, while there would be no change in process for these schools as a result of COVID-19, schools should give operational attention to this issue and begin planning accordingly.

**\*What about team travel?**

Consistent with the Federal Guidelines, the Core Principles document contemplates non-essential travel as one of the activities that would resume in phases. While the Federal Guidelines contemplate that non-essential travel might resume in Phase Two, that guidance is geared toward individual travel and does not contemplate the COVID-related complexities related to large group team travel. Assuming a school has otherwise accounted for and adequately addressed these complexities, it is reasonable to conclude that the Core Principles document would contemplate team travel could resume as part of Phase Three but we anticipate that this question will be addressed in more detail in the future as we develop both a better understanding of COVID-19 and the travel industry's response to infection control.

**Section III: Playing and Practice Seasons Issues**

**Is the current calendar for fall championship events still in place?**

The working assumption of sport resocialization is that the current dates for fall championship events remain in place as scheduled, although governance committees, conferences and related staff working groups within each division continue to evaluate potential adjustments to practice and regular season competition schedules.

**\*Since we are working with the current fall championship calendar, what considerations are being given to possible modifications in summer practice, preseason and the playing season?**

At the time of this writing, the Division I Council has established that student-athletes may voluntarily return to campus on June 1, 2020. The Council also adopted temporary legislation to prohibit a school from conducting required summer athletics activities (pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.11.3.9, 13.11.3.10 and 17.1.7.2.2.5) in basketball and football through June 30.

In making both decisions, the Council established that the primacy of student-athlete health and safety in any decisions related to such issues is paramount. Access to institutional facilities should be provided in compliance with applicable state and local regulations regarding the use of such facilities, group size restrictions and any other articulated limitations. Each school should use its discretion to make the best decisions for its student-athletes within the applicable restrictions and parameters.

Deliberations continue in all three divisions about the playing season calendar for all fall sports.

### **How is a determination for "safe competition" made?**

The specific path to "safe competition" will vary from campus to campus, depending on geographic, demographic and other risk considerations that are unique to each institution, campus, community and student body. A successfully implemented phased-in strategy, like the one outlined in the Core Principles document, is one indication that competition may be able to occur safely. However, our understanding of COVID-19 is increasing rapidly, and we anticipate that emerging data and information will allow us to more fully address this question in the future. This could possibly include an adjustment or cancellation of events in response to local or national circumstances.

### **\*If student-athletes are restricted from participating in required summer activities on campus because of COVID-19, can student-athletes safely participate in virtual workouts with strength and conditioning coaches?**

This question was considered by the Prevention and Performance Subcommittee of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Assuming that a workout is truly voluntary (both in perception and legislatively), the subcommittee identified a potential health and safety benefit related to providing flexibility for strength and conditioning coaches to observe certain aspects of virtual workouts, especially where the observation or specific health and safety feedback (e.g., proper form) has been requested, unsolicited, by the student-athlete. This feedback has been shared with the NCAA's Academic and Membership Affairs group so as to inform future interpretive actions on these questions. It has also been shared with membership bodies in each of the three governance divisions for future consideration.

In response, the Division I Council Coordination Committee determined that a strength and conditioning coach may, beginning June 1, 2020, virtually observe a student-athlete's voluntary workouts for health and safety purposes (e.g., proper form, technique) and have discussions with the student-athlete related to such workouts, provided the student-athlete initiates the request for the observation and/or discussion. A strength and conditioning coach is not be permitted to conduct the virtual workouts. The Coordination Committee encourages the continued review of possible scenarios in which a voluntary workout could be conducted by a strength and conditioning coach. The Coordination Committee noted that, consistent with feedback from the Prevention and Performance Subcommittee, a school that elects to permit strength and conditioning coaches to virtually observe student-athlete workouts should proactively take into consideration its overarching responsibility to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, each student-athlete. Each school should also proactively address how the strength and conditioning

coach would respond in the event that an unsafe workout environment is observed or in the event that a medical emergency occurs during the observational session.

With respect to required and/or school-conducted virtual physical athletically related activities, the subcommittee identified that the health and safety risks would be no different than they are for on-campus workouts such that if all existing health and safety requirements are met, there would be no student-athlete well-being rationale for prohibiting these types of activities. However, the subcommittee acknowledged that it would be challenging, but not necessarily impossible, for a school to adequately address all existing health and safety precautions via a virtual model, and that the challenge would vary depending on the workout model being used (e.g., one or two athletes versus large groups or entire teams). For example, Division I legislation requires the presence of first aid/AED/CPR-certified personnel during all physical, countable athletically related activities. Additionally, Association-wide catastrophic injury prevention materials provide that workout plans should be prepared in advance, documented and should account for various health and safety considerations including a workout location designed to accommodate venue-specific emergency action planning and that a school should have emergency action plans that account for, among other things:

- Fast access to AED technology.
- Specifics related to the venue, sport and circumstances which, for virtual workouts, would vary further by student-athlete circumstance.
- A wide variety of risks including, among others, head and neck injuries, cardiac arrest, exertional heat illness and heat stroke, exertional rhabdomyolysis, asthma, exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait and diabetic emergency.



## **Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations**

*This document serves as a follow-up to and assumes the premise of [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#). The information in this document, which was developed in consultation with the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#), is offered as guidance and is meant to be consistent with guidance published by the federal government and its corresponding health agencies and otherwise reflective of the best available scientific and medical information available at the time of print. These materials are not and should not be used as a substitute for medical or legal advice. Rather, they are intended as a resource for member schools to use in coordination with applicable government and related institutional policies and guidelines. They remain subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continues to emerge and evolve.*

As the rates of infection and death from COVID-19 have recently declined or stabilized in some areas of the country, many states have established plans for resocialization, and there is an increasing dialogue about the need to balance the economic and other benefits of resocialization and reopening with the need to protect society from the public health consequences of the ongoing spread of COVID-19. Until a vaccine is in place, or until there is effective treatment, this type of balance analysis should continue, with an understanding that the most effective strategy to mitigate COVID-19 spread during resocialization includes the following:

- Personal.
  - Physical distancing.
  - Universal masking when physical distancing is not possible.
  - Hand hygiene, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
  - Using a tissue, or the inside of your elbow, to sneeze or cough into.
  - Not touching your face.
  - Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
  - Staying home if you feel sick and following the advice of your health care provider.
- Local/institutional
  - Safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals and trace contacts.
  - Surveillance, including contact tracing.
  - Isolation and quarantine for new infections or for high-risk exposure.

The decision to reopen college campuses and resume sport is part of this balance and is not binary in nature. Rather, it involves a complex combination of objectives that speak to decreasing harm, maximizing the number of lives saved, and improving overall quality of life for American citizens.

A successful balancing of these objectives will most likely involve the development of targeted strategies that are based on emerging COVID-19 data and information, including the recently reported considerations described below:

- One-third of American deaths from COVID-19 have, to date, occurred in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- The COVID-19 death rate among young healthy Americans is currently similar to the most recent death rates resulting from influenza.
- Asymptomatic infections have been common, especially in young healthy Americans.
- After infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, viral shedding is prominent in days two through five, and symptoms usually develop around day five.
- Certain individuals have been identified as being at higher risk for severe complications and death from COVID-19, and they include those with:
  - Age greater than or equal to 65.
  - Chronic lung disease, including moderate and severe asthma.
  - Serious heart conditions.
  - Immune system compromise.
  - Severe obesity with body mass index greater than or equal to 40.
  - Diabetes mellitus.
  - Chronic kidney disease with dialysis treatment.
  - Liver disease.
  - Sickle cell disease (not sickle cell trait).

While some stakeholders have embraced the idea of planning for the reopening of collegiate sports, others have questioned whether it would be better to simply wait until there is no longer a threat from COVID-19. The fact is that, at this time, we do not know how long COVID-19 will remain as a threat and, based on currently available data, it is conceivable that the SARS-CoV-2 virus will remain endemic with the number of new cases in society continuing to fluctuate over the next year or even longer. A resocialization plan that attempts to properly balance the public health considerations through the identification and implementation of appropriate safeguards provides an alternative to shutting down society and sport indefinitely.

Collegiate sport is intimately tied to college education. In other words, NCAA student-athletes are first and foremost students. While the structure of typical student life may evolve over time, and while student-athletes — like other students who are pursuing passions beyond the traditional

classroom — invest intensely in the development of their unique skills, being a student is and will continue to be an essential function of being a student-athlete.

Within this context, these broad considerations relate to planning for the resocialization of collegiate sport.

### Reopening Considerations

Before reopening athletics facilities for student-athletes, athletics departments and institutional leadership should consider whether and how the following may be incorporated into the broader campus action plan to facilitate identified health and safety objectives:

- A COVID-19 communication plan that connects athletics with the broader institution.
- A COVID-19 communication plan that connects the school, including athletics, with local and state facilities.
- A plan to protect and support higher-risk individuals.
- A plan to provide virtual alternatives as necessary and appropriate.
- Facility-specific health and safety plans that address, among other things, necessary resources, supplies and other applicable distancing and sanitation guidelines.
- The development of an athletics COVID-19 action team that may include these individuals among others:
  - Athletics director or designee.
  - Athletics health care administrator.
  - Head athletics trainer or designee.
  - Head team physician or designee.
  - Coach representative.
  - Strength and conditioning coach representative.
  - Student health services representative.
  - Counseling services representative.
  - Student-athlete representative.
  - Health care and emergency preparedness representative.
  - Faculty athletics representative.

- Campus coordinator (dining hall, dormitory).
- Compliance office representative.
- Institutional legal counsel or risk management representative.
- University relations and/or athletics communications representative.

### Athletics Staff and Student-Athlete Return to Campus Considerations

Athletics department staff and student-athletes are part of the broader institutional population and any plan for their return to campus should align with broader institutional policy for return, which may or may not involve a COVID-19 testing protocol. However, student-athletes and athletics staff have traditionally interacted with closer contact than the broader campus population such that there are additional risk and mitigation factors that should be considered within the athletics framework. Whereas new COVID-19 infections might be managed at a broad school level, it might be more difficult to manage any new infections and resulting potential for COVID-19 spread within athletics, and specifically within a team environment. Additional pre-return practices that may be considered for student-athletes and athletics staff may include, among others:

- Confirmation of no high-risk exposure to COVID-19 for at least two weeks before returning to campus.
- Absence of typical COVID-19 symptoms including, among others, respiratory issues, gastrointestinal problems, fever, headache, fatigue and muscle pain, for at least two weeks before returning to campus.
- If travel back to school involves physical distancing challenges (e.g., air or commuter bus travel), confirmation of local off-campus or campus-designated self-quarantine for at least seven days — or longer if advised by local or state governmental health officials — before returning to athletics.

Special consideration should be given to student-athletes and staff who are at higher risk of developing severe cases of COVID-19, including an individualized plan of safely returning to campus.

### Post-Return Operational Considerations

#### Daily Self-Health Evaluations

Schools should consider asking all student-athletes and staff to practice at least daily self-health evaluations before participating in any aspect of in-person athletics activities. Encourage individuals who identify any of the following symptoms or signs during the self-health evaluation to contact the designated athletics health care representative by telephone or virtual visit before coming on campus or to any athletics facility:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

- Cough or other respiratory symptoms.
- Headache.
- Chills.
- Muscle aches.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Pain, redness, swelling or rash on toes or fingers (COVID-toes).
- New rash or other skin symptoms.
- High-risk exposure (e.g., new contact with an infected individual or prolonged contact with a crowd without physical distancing).
- Temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit or above.

### Preparticipation Physical Screening and Clearance

Institutions should prepare for the amount of time and resources that will be needed to complete adequate preparticipation health screening activities. Although some of these activities may be completed via telehealth or otherwise before return to campus, a thorough preparticipation exam is critical and may need to account for new and different COVID-specific symptoms and/or indications, including those pertaining to symptomatic and asymptomatic impact on pulmonary, respiratory and cardiac systems. [Emerging information](#) has revealed potential cardiac abnormalities in individuals who have developed COVID-19, but the incidence and impact on young adults is unknown.

In addition to these COVID-related medical complexities, which may require additional screening steps, basic COVID-specific distancing and sanitation recommendations likely will require more space for exam activities and more time between visits. While schools have great flexibility in terms of how they design the health screening and clearance process, it is critical that it be completed before preseason physical activities begin and that schools properly consider any related health and safety resource and scheduling needs.

### Mental Health Considerations

An NCAA [survey](#) of student-athletes revealed that a majority of student-athletes surveyed reported experiencing high rates of mental distress since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over a third reported experiencing sleep difficulties, more than a quarter reported feeling sadness and a sense of loss, and 1 in 12 reported feeling so depressed it has been difficult to function,

“constantly” or “most every day.” Mental health concerns were highest among respondents of color, those whose families are facing economic hardship and those living alone. Additionally, college seniors reported a sense of loss at 1.5 times the rate of underclassmen. In most instances, the rates of mental health concerns experienced within the last month were 150% to 250% higher than historically reported by NCAA student-athletes in the American College Health Association’s National College Health Assessment. For these reasons, considerations should be given to a focused mental health evaluation as part of pre-participation medical screenings, focusing on mental health symptoms and disorders that may have either developed or become exacerbated as a result of this pandemic.

### Individual and Facility Health Hygiene Practices

Athletics departments should consider how best to promote and support appropriate adherence by student-athletes and athletics staff to applicable health hygiene recommendations including, among others, those described below:

- Hand hygiene.
- Physical distancing.
- Use of face masks/coverings where physical distancing isn’t feasible.
- Proper cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Not touching the face
- Those feeling ill staying at home, or if they begin to feel ill once on site, avoiding contact with others, departing for home, and informing a physician and/or athletics health care provider.

In addition, athletics departments should give focused consideration to how staff and student-athletes might best align those practices with athletically related activities, especially those involving cardiovascular and group workouts.

Beyond individual hygiene practices, institutions should consider the development of protocols and techniques that speak to the serious risks related to the sharing of items like towels, water bottles and food and the importance of appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of shared equipment and spaces. Similarly, schools should evaluate how best to promote and support the same protocols to student-athletes, custodial and food services staff, medical personnel, coaches and other athletics department personnel.

### Physical Distancing

As noted in the [Core Principles](#) document, resocialization of each sport begins as Phase One, and then progresses to Phases Two and Three in a manner consistent with established gating criteria. During Phases One and Two, strength and conditioning and other sport activities are conducted with the physical distancing guidance provided in the document. Although physical distancing is not possible during Phase Three practice and competition in high-contact risk sports (see below), institutions should consider how best to promote appropriate physical distancing practices outside

of such organized sport/exercise activities, including in waiting and seating areas, entrances, exits and hallways in other high-volume common areas including, among others:

- Athletics training rooms and other sports medicine facilities.
- Athletics locker rooms.
- Strength and conditioning facilities.
- Team meeting rooms.
- Athletics academic areas.
- Athletics dining areas.

Similarly, departments should consider using virtual team meetings whenever appropriate and possible.

## Infection Monitoring and Response Considerations

### Infection Testing and Surveillance

Sports and activities vary with regard to potential contact with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Accordingly, sports and activities may be divided into low contact risk (e.g., bowling, cross country, diving, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis and track and field); medium contact risk (e.g., baseball, softball); and high contact risk (e.g., basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, volleyball, water polo, wrestling). Further, athletics staff may be divided into those with close contact (“inner bubble”), intermediate contact (“intermediate bubble”) and limited or no contact (“outer bubble”) with student-athletes. Surveillance and testing protocols should consider both the type of sport and the “bubble” of athletics personnel.

Each institution should proactively and carefully consider how it will monitor and respond to potential cases of COVID-19 within the athletics department. Surveillance and testing are considered by many to be the foundation of a successful COVID-19 monitoring and management plan. However, the infrastructure and details that underlie any surveillance and testing plan will likely depend on the unique nature of state, local and institutional guidelines and will vary from institution to institution.

Many different types of testing have been introduced and discussed by community health leaders since the onset of COVID-19.

**Diagnostic Testing** — Two distinct tests are included in diagnostic testing:

1. Polymerase chain reaction testing for viral particles. PCR testing assesses for the genetic information of the virus, that is present in an individual who is actively infected. PCR testing has traditionally relied on nasopharyngeal swabs and a specified reagent for completion of the test.

2. **Antigen testing.** Antigen testing assesses for proteins found on or within the virus. Antigen testing does not require the reagent and nasopharyngeal swabs that have been traditionally used for PCR testing. This allows antigen testing to be completed as a point-of-care test, meaning that the results are provided by a specific device on site and within minutes.

While for the most part PCR testing for viral particles is currently taking place in public or private laboratories, there has been a rapid evolution of point-of-care tests for PCR testing as well. Additionally, there is increasing progress in using more simple nasal swab tests or saliva samples for both types of diagnostic tests. This is important because nasopharyngeal swab testing requires full personal protective equipment for the tester, as this procedure often induces a cough reflex.

**Serological Testing** — Serological testing assesses for antibody response to COVID-19 infection via a blood test. IgG antibody indicates a history of prior infection and hopefully correlates with future immunity, although data are not conclusive. IgM antibodies are an indicator of active infection. Sensitivity and specificity have not been well validated for serological testing, but such testing could be worthwhile once validation is secured.

**Surveillance Testing** — An important aspect of the mathematical modeling and epidemiological analysis of COVID-19, surveillance testing can be used to monitor virus movement, effect on certain groups of people and patterns of growth and decline. Such testing is still in its infancy. Any successful surveillance strategy will need to balance practicality and acceptable risk. There is not a no-risk option.

## Testing Limitations and Future Methodologies

While diagnostic testing can be helpful and is currently the most accessible and accurate for purposes of large population use, it is important to understand that it currently only assesses for infection at the time that the test is taken. Negative diagnostic test results can, therefore, potentially provide a false sense of security, and athletics departments should consider the impact that testing frequency may have on the reliability of monitoring plans.

It's arguable that diagnostic testing becomes increasingly important in high-contact risk sports, especially after Phase Three practices and competition begin, because the risk of COVID-19 spread is greater where physical distancing and universal masking of athletes cannot occur, both of which are much less feasible in sports where student-athletes are regularly practicing and competing in very close proximity or while in physical contact. Some high-contact risk sport teams such as football also generate significantly high testing volumes in terms of the number of participants per team.

In light of these factors, athletics departments should consider the development and implementation of effective contact tracing protocols (e.g., “bubble” network identification process described above) that can be leveraged to efficiently and effectively ramp up and otherwise adjust testing protocols to address these heightened risks in the event a student-athlete becomes infected and has been participating in contact/collision sport practices or competitions.

If bulk batch testing and/or point-of-care viral and antigen tests become more widely accessible and reliable, this may help remove some of the inefficiency and cost currently associated with individualized laboratory testing processes. Regardless, athletics departments should consider the

current and future availability and reliability of different kinds of testing, and any related budget, logistical and operation impacts, as they develop their broader institutional monitoring plans.

### Contact Tracing

To efficiently and effectively respond to a new infection, athletics departments should evaluate how best to identify contact networks and trace contact interactions for staff and student-athletes. The identification of the participants in each “bubble” network can facilitate contact tracing if an individual becomes newly infected and can help the institution and applicable authorities prioritize the removal, isolation and quarantine of other at-risk individuals.

### Response to New Symptoms/Diagnosis

If a student-athlete or a member of the athletics department staff develops COVID-19, the school, in conjunction with local health authorities, will need to evaluate how best to protect the others who may come in contact with that individual. Such a plan might include steps like immediate isolation from others and prompt contact with the primary athletics health care provider and required government authorities, as well as consideration of the following:

- A designated isolation room.
- Personal protective equipment for both the symptomatic individual and the treating clinician.
- Transportation to one of the following:
  - An on-campus facility with an isolation room.
  - Off-campus housing with isolation precautions.
  - Hospital or other medical facility (e.g., for individuals with shortness of breath or other evidence of cardiopulmonary compromise).
- Contact tracing of all exposed individuals.
- Return-to-activity protocol.

If the infection occurs during a period in which a competition takes place, the response and mitigation plan likely will need to take into account the safety of student-athletes and staff from the opposing team. Schools should consider the benefit of competition protocols that may include, among other precautions, daily self-health evaluations for all “inner-bubble” personnel, and campus access for only those with a demonstrated temperature of less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and no new symptoms, and/or a negative result from a pre-competition diagnostic test. Testing strategies can also be employed but would not negate the benefit of daily self-health evaluations.

Based on the capabilities of currently available testing alternatives, existing standards of care suggest a quarantine period of approximately 14 days for all newly infected individuals and their high-risk (e.g., “inner-bubble”) contacts. However, emerging protocols are being developed that

include an alternative to the 14-day quarantine; such protocols include daily, or every other day, or select day diagnostic testing over five to eight days, with action plans based on test results. Accordingly, if infection occurs after the commencement of team practice activities, this response plan could involve, among other things, temporarily or permanently ceasing in-person activities, or a diagnostic testing protocol that has been vetted by the institution and the local health authorities.

While the structure and details of response plans will vary from institution to institution, an athletics department should consider how its plan may impact the broader campus and community and how best to ensure its plan is appropriately aligned with applicable state, local and institutional requirements.



## Student-Athlete Mental Health Update

The NCAA Sport Science Institute is committed to supporting schools in their efforts to promote the health and well-being of student-athletes. This communication is intended to update the membership on some of the more relevant information and national office initiatives related to student-athlete mental health and well-being.

It is important to know how COVID-19 has impacted student-athlete well-being and ways to support them during this time. To understand this, the NCAA Student-Athlete COVID-19 Well-Being Study was designed to examine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student-athletes' current physical and mental well-being. The survey was designed by NCAA Research in collaboration with the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the three national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee governing bodies.

The results revealed that survey participants were experiencing high rates of stress and anxiety during the pandemic. Furthermore, reported mental health concerns were highest among respondents of color, those who are facing economic hardship and those living alone. Barriers to training, academic experiences, athletics connections and desired resources were also explored in the study.

The executive summary and detailed results of the survey can be found [here](#). The NCAA is exploring the possibility of a follow-up survey to further assess the state and specifics of student-athlete mental health in fall 2020.

We hope that the content of these materials may be helpful as departments assess the needs of the student-athletes returning to campus and, more specifically, how athletics departments in consultation with broader institutional leadership can:

- *Identify and support the unique needs of each student-athlete during this time (e.g., mental health concerns, structural and emotional barriers to resocialization, impact of housing or food instability, uncertainty around fall return-to-campus);*
- *Effectively and proactively communicate with student-athletes about institutional plans for return-to-campus, return-to-play and related health and safety practices; and*
- *Identify and share with student-athletes relevant information about additional available mental health resources.*

The impact of COVID-19 as reflected in the survey data, when coupled with the trauma of recent events involving violence against people of color, continue to amplify and escalate the mental health considerations specific to student-athletes of color and those that are part of other marginalized groups. We recognize the importance and challenge of further exploring and adequately supporting these unique mental health needs and will continue our collaborative efforts with the NCAA Office of Inclusion, the membership and key mental health and medical organizations. We are hosting a Diverse Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well-Being task force this summer that will address mental health disparities in athletes of color. This task force will examine available data and will propose immediate, intermediate and long-term considerations to address such disparities.


In the interim, we have provided below a non-exhaustive list of mental health resources for student-athletes of color that may be used by staff and student-athletes who may be looking for additional support:

- University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity [Video Toolkit](#).
- BIPOC Mental Health [Resource Guide](#).
- [What Am I Thinking](#)-General CQ Brown.
- [The Steve Fund](#).
- [Black Mental Health Alliance](#).
- [Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective](#).
- [Association of Black Psychologists Self-Care Tool Kit](#).
- [American Psychologist Special Issue on Racial Trauma and Healing](#).

We thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our student-athletes safe and healthy

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**NCAA ISP Participation by Division**  
As of May 4, 2020

<b>Division</b>	<b>Participating</b>	<b>Participated in 18-19, Haven't Submitted Data in 19-20 Yet</b>	<b>Not Participating, Compatible EMR</b>	<b>Not Participating, Incompatible EMR</b>	<b>Unknown EMR</b>	<b>No EMR</b>
<b>Division I</b>	118 (33%)	23 (7%)	109 (31%)	55 (16%)	0 (0%)	12 (3%)
<b>Division II</b>	104 (33%)	23 (7%)	122 (39%)	23 (7%)	13 (4%)	16 (5%)
<b>Division III</b>	101 (23%)	18 (4%)	221 (49%)	41 (9%)	20 (4%)	24 (5%)
<b>Overall</b>	323 (29%)	64 (6%)	452 (41%)	119 (11%)	33 (3%)	52 (5%)

## NCAA ISP Participation by Division II Conference

*As of May 4, 2020*

Division	Participating	Participated in 18-19, Haven't Submitted Data in 19-20 Yet	Not Participating, Compatible EMR	Not Participating, Incompatible EMR	Unknown EMR	No EMR
California Collegiate Athletic Association	31%	0%	69%	0%	0%	0%
Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	14%	0%	50%	14%	7%	14%
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	33%	8%	42%	8%	0%	0%
Conference Carolinas	58%	8%	25%	0%	0%	0%
East Coast Conference	33%	11%	22%	11%	0%	22%
Great American Conference	17%	0%	50%	0%	8%	25%
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	33%	0%	67%	0%	0%	0%
Great Lakes Valley Conference	44%	13%	13%	13%	0%	0%
Great Midwest Athletic Conference	8%	8%	54%	8%	8%	8%
Great Northwest Athletic Conference	27%	18%	27%	0%	9%	9%
Gulf South Conference	31%	8%	31%	8%	0%	23%
Lone Star Conference	37%	0%	37%	16%	5%	0%
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	36%	14%	36%	7%	0%	0%
Mountain East Conference	25%	8%	58%	0%	0%	8%
Northeast-10 Conference	79%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	38%	0%	50%	13%	0%	0%
Pacific West Conference	42%	8%	33%	8%	8%	0%
Peach Belt Conference	17%	17%	50%	0%	8%	0%
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	33%	0%	39%	17%	0%	6%
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	31%	13%	44%	6%	6%	0%
South Atlantic Conference	58%	17%	25%	0%	0%	0%
Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf.	0%	0%	57%	21%	14%	7%
Sunshine State Conference	55%	9%	18%	9%	0%	0%
Independent	0%	0%	33%	0%	50%	17%
<b>Total Percentage</b>	33%	7%	39%	7%	4%	5%

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## Concussion Reporting Process Reminder

This memo serves as a reminder that the reporting cycle in support of the annual concussion reporting requirement will begin tomorrow, July 1, 2020, and will remain active through June 30, 2021. The URL for the concussion reporting website can be found in step-by-step reporting instructions, which can be accessed [here](#). We have also developed a [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) about the annual concussion reporting process.

As a reminder, in January 2020, all three NCAA divisions passed emergency or noncontroversial legislation (Division I Constitution 4.3.4.21; Division II Constitution 3.3.4.18; Division III Constitution 3.2.4.18) requiring active member institutions “to report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolution to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.”

**Important:** This legislation requires that schools report concussions that are diagnosed from May 18, 2020 forward. Because this initial reporting cycle does not begin until July 1, 2020, schools are expected to report all concussions diagnosed from May 18, 2020 through the date the school chooses to report prior to the end of the first annual reporting cycle on June 30, 2021. In subsequent years, schools will report only those concussions occurring since the date of their last reporting.

Upon successful submission of the concussion report, the individual that reports on behalf of the member school will immediately receive an email confirming submission. This email will also contain a confirmation number, as well as the number of reported and resolved concussions for the purpose of checking reporting accuracy.

As always, please contact us at [ssi@ncaa.org](mailto:ssi@ncaa.org) in the event you have any questions.

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A background image showing a group of people's hands stacked in a huddle, with a person wearing a blue sports watch and a black athletic sleeve visible in the center.

# 2019-20 NCAA Health and Safety Survey

Division II Results

# Background

- ▶ The health and safety survey was designed to collect information on the administrative and organizational aspects of sports medicine programs.
- ▶ Overseen by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS).
- ▶ In 2019, NCAA legislation (Constitution 3.3.4.21) became effective and required all Division II member schools to complete the survey.
- ▶ Information is included in the NCAA Institutional Performance Program (IPP) and is used by CSMAS and our Sport Science Institute to monitor student-athlete health and safety.

# Survey Instrument

- ▶ The current survey consists of 80 questions on the following topics:

Physician & Other Medical Services    Mental Health

Administration and Management    Sleep

Facilities    Concussions

Medical Documentation    Nutrition

Emergency Care    Equipment

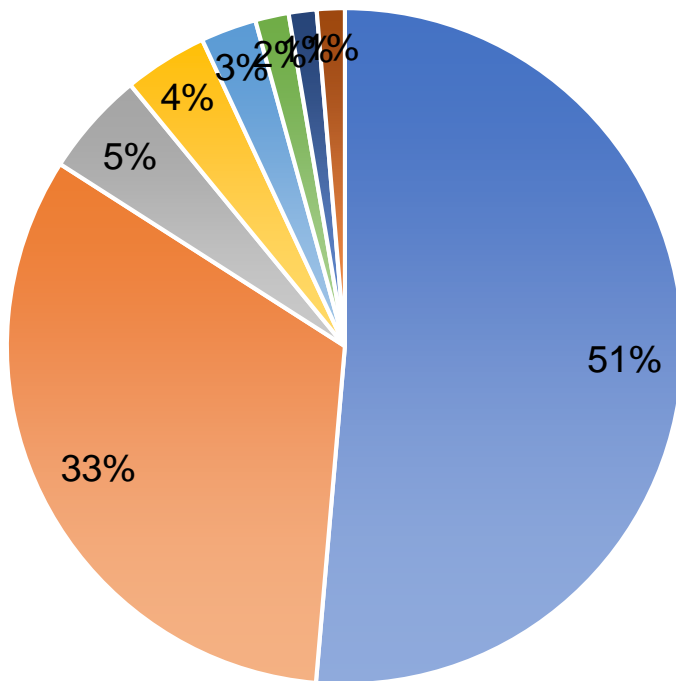
# Methodology

- ▶ A memo was sent to various stakeholders at Division II institutions and conferences in early November
- ▶ The survey was sent directly to athletics health care administrators on November 19<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of January 17<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Reminders were sent periodically over the two months
- ▶ The deadline was extended to March 6<sup>th</sup> and additional follow-up correspondence were sent to institutions
- ▶ Two Division II schools did not submit their survey

# **Physicians and Other Medical Services**

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

“What is the medical specialty of your head team physician(s)?”\*



- Orthopaedic, surgery
- Family medicine / sports medicine
- Physical medicine & rehabilitation / sports medicine
- Orthopaedic, other
- Internal medicine / sports medicine
- Other, please specify:
- Emergency medicine / sports medicine
- Pediatrics / sports medicine

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

- ▶ Many head team physicians (45%) are contracted while 5% are employed by the institution. 41% have no formal contractual arrangement.
- ▶ Head team physicians are primarily contracted/employed by the athletics department (74%).
- ▶ Including the head team physician, there are an average of two team physicians that have been formally designated at an institution.

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

- ▶ 45% or more of institutions have arrangements for the following physician-based medical specialties and/or sub-specialties to be made available to student-athletes:
  - Orthopaedic (sports medicine, surgery, foot/ankle, hand/wrist, spine)
  - Family medicine / sports medicine
  - Physical medicine and rehabilitation / sports medicine
  - Cardiology
  
- ▶ The top 3 non-physician health care services available to student-athletes:
  - Athletic Training
  - Physical Therapy
  - Chiropractic

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

“How many athletic trainers are utilized by your institution to deliver care to student-athletes?”

	Average # of ATs
Total	5
Full-Time Employees	4
Part-Time Employees	0
Graduate Assistants	1
Interns	0

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

Average percentages of athletic trainer coverage:

## Athletic Trainers PRESENT

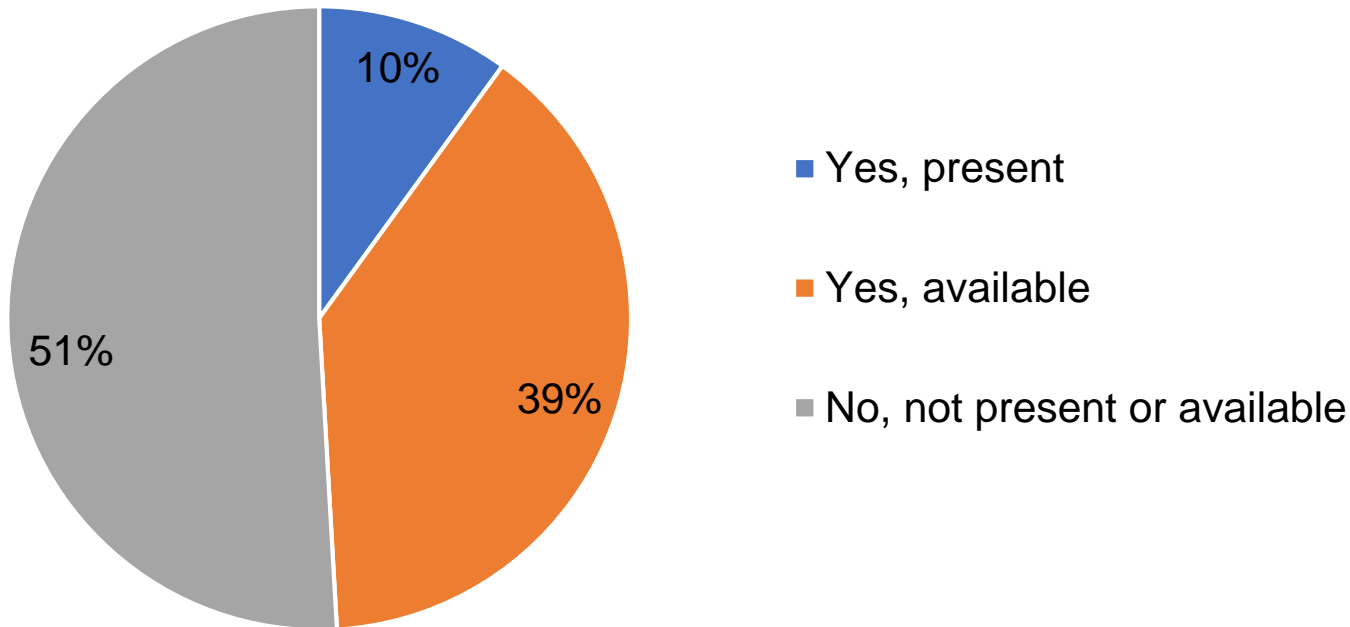
In-Season Practice	62%
In-Season Home Competition	93%
In-Season Away Competition	54%
Out-of-Season Practice	31%
Out-of-Season Home Competition	93%
Out-of-Season Away Competition	22%
Voluntary Workouts	15%
Summer Weight Training and Conditioning	30%

## Athletic Trainers AVAILABLE

In-Season Practice	89%
In-Season Home Competition	93%
In-Season Away Competition	77%
Out-of-Season Practice	86%
Out-of-Season Home Competition	93%
Out-of-Season Away Competition	76%
Voluntary Workouts	74%
Summer Weight Training and Conditioning	75%

# Physicians and Other Medical Services

- ▶ Certified athletic trainer(s) on-site for men's and women's summer basketball practice:



# **Administration and Management**



# Administration and Management

- ▶ The majority of institutions have a written policy that ensures the following:
  - The designated head team physician is ultimately responsible for the clearance to participate and the return-to-play decisions for the institution's student-athletes (90%)
  - Primary athletics health care providers have autonomous, unchallengeable authority to make decisions about the medical management and return-to-play of student-athletes (92%)
  - A coach at your institution does not have a primary role in employment decisions for primary athletics health care providers (83%)

# Administration and Management

- ▶ The majority of institutions have a written policy that ensures the following:
  - The administrative responsibilities of the primary athletics health care providers are evaluated by a person qualified to evaluate the quality of administrative services (72%)
  - Primary athletics health care providers with academic duties are evaluated by a person qualified to evaluate the quality of academic services (64%)
  - The medical competence of the primary athletics health care providers (AT and Physician) is evaluated by a person qualified to evaluate the quality of health care delivery (61%)

# Facilities

# Facilities

- ▶ There is an average of one full-service athletic training clinic and one “satellite” athletic training clinic on each campus.
- ▶ Facility Standards:

Board of Certifications (BOC), Inc	82%
State-based standards	41%
Own facility standards	25%
Affiliated hospital/medical center standards	15%
Other standards	10%

# Medical Documentation

# Medical Documentation

- ▶ The majority of institutions (83%) have an institutional policy that requires all athletic health care services are documented in a manner consistent with state and federal laws.
- ▶ 52% of institutions track 91-100% of their athletic health care electronically.
- ▶ Almost all institutions (98%) have policies and procedures regarding the confidentiality and privacy of student-athlete health information, however only 35% have identified a “privacy officer” or someone with primary administrative responsibility for the oversight of this information.

# Emergency Care

# Emergency Care

- ▶ There are an average of eight different locations / venues that are used for competition.
- ▶ 95% of all athletic departments have an emergency action plan (EAP) customized for each of the venues at which their student-athletes practice or compete.
  - 91% of athletic departments review and/or modify their EAPs at least once a year.
  - 76% of athletic departments practice and/or rehearse their EAPs at least once a year.
  - 68% of athletic department's EAPs do not contain a plan for a mass casualty event (e.g., facility collapse; domestic terrorism) at an athletic contest.

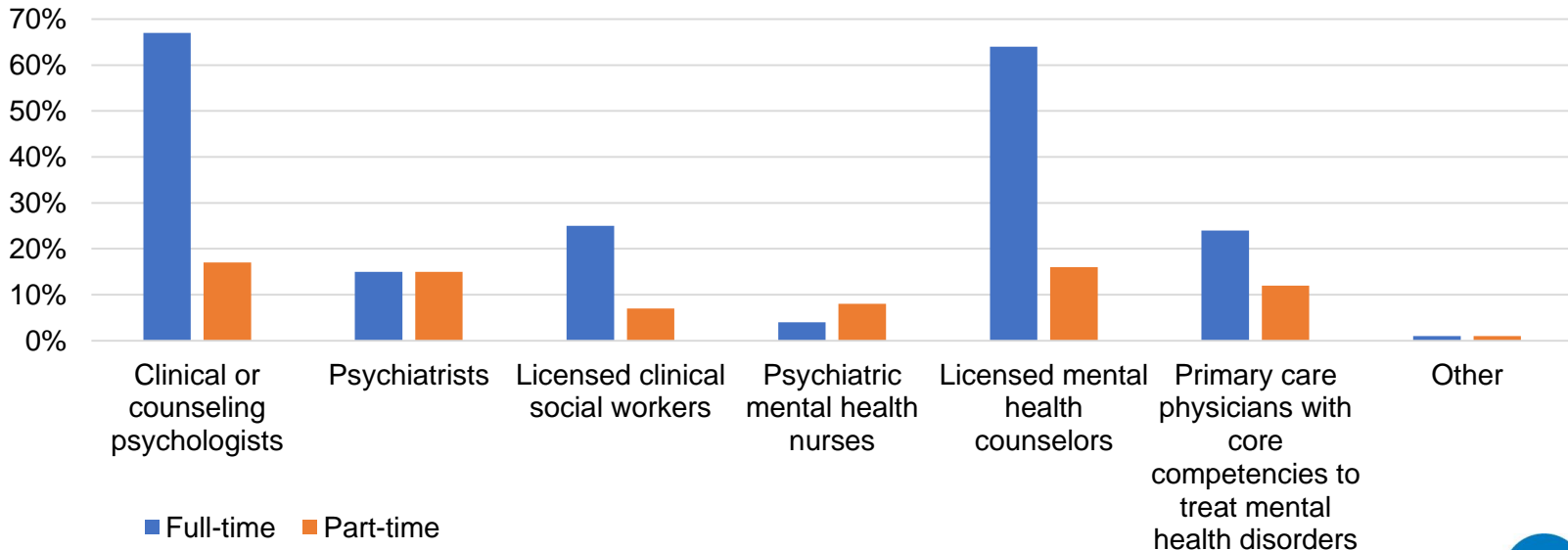
# Emergency Care

- ▶ 93% of institutions have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) accessible within 3 minutes of each athletic facility.
- ▶ 95% of athletic departments have equipment necessary to treat an exertional heat illness patient with full body cold water immersion.
- ▶ 84% monitor the wet bulb globe temperature (WBGT) on a daily basis during warm weather months.
- ▶ 60% monitor the temperature, wind chill, etc. on a daily basis during cold weather months.
- ▶ 57% have a written EAP to address mental health emergencies, such as drug overdose, suicide ideation/attempt, psychosis. Of these athletic departments, 66% practice and/or rehearse their mental health EAP at least once a year.

# Mental Health

# Mental Health

- ▶ Most institutions (86%) do not have the full-time clinical services of a licensed mental health professional who is dedicated solely to student-athletes.
- ▶ These clinical mental health professionals are available to student-athletes:



# Mental Health

- ▶ 57% of institutions have established a written protocol to assist athletics staff in recognizing and referring student-athletes with psychological concerns.
- ▶ Of those institutions with a written protocol, it is shared with the following stakeholders for review:







All athletics department administrators	53%
Counseling center	51%
Health services	40%
Office of student affairs	30%
General counsel	24%
Risk management	24%

- ▶ 58% of these institutions conduct an annual review / update of their mental health written protocol.

# Sleep

# Sleep

- The majority of athletic departments indicated they have (or do not have) the following guidelines when it comes to student-athlete's sleep:

Routinely evaluate student-athlete sleep as part of the pre-participation physical exam or other pre-screening	
Provide sleep education as part of orientation or team meetings	
Monitor the sleep habits and/or sleep quantity of the student-athletes on your team(s)	
Student-athlete sleep (quantity and/or quality) is a factor that is typically considered when scheduling athletic activities at your institution	
Formally proposed or enacted policies to address barriers to good sleep habits among student-athletes	
Athletics teams have a curfew policy for student-athletes during the competitive season	

# Concussions

# Concussions

- ▶ 85% or more of institutions have the following concussion protocols:
  - a formal process to ensure that a student-athlete who is exhibiting signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent with a concussion is removed for activity and evaluated by a medical staff member
  - a written policy that precludes a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion from returning to athletic activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day
  - a written policy that requires medical clearance of student-athletes diagnosed with a concussion for return to activity as determined by a physician or his/her designee
  - a written policy for identifying and re-evaluating a student-athlete with concussion symptoms lasting longer than two weeks from the time of the original injury

# Concussions

- ▶ 97% of institutions have a concussion management team.
- ▶ These staff are part of concussion management teams:

Athletic trainer	97%
Team physician	92%
Neurologist	19%
Physician assistant	12%
Physical therapist	10%
Sports psychologist	6%
Mental Performance Coach	2%
Psychiatrist	1%






# Concussions

- ▶ 78% of institutions have a team physician that has designated another individual beside himself/ herself to make return-to-play decisions for a student-athlete with a diagnosed sport-related concussion.
- ▶ 84% of institutions have a written policy for returning a student-athlete to the classroom following concussion (i.e., a return-to-learn policy).
- ▶ 79% of institutions perform a concussion baseline assessment for all sponsored sports.
- ▶ 82% of institutions employ computerized neuropsychological testing services.
- ▶ 63% of institutions are currently using the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT5) in their diagnosis and/or management of sport-related concussion.

# Nutrition

# Nutrition

- The majority of athletic departments indicated they have (or do not have) the following guidelines/resources when it comes to student-athlete nutrition:

Services of a sports registered dietitian	
Contract with local sports dietitians	
Nutritional information resources available to your student-athletes	
Utilize campus health/student recreation services or an academic department for student-athlete nutrition education	
Designated an individual to answer student-athletes' questions about nutritional supplements	

# Nutrition

- ▶ The following nutrition services are most frequently utilized by student-athletes at your institution:

Other provider nutrition education resources	30%
Sport or team-based consultations with a sports dietitian	26%
One-on-one consultations with a sports dietitian	19%
Other	17%
Nutrition seminars	15%

- ▶ On average, there are two campus-based dining halls that are open and available for student-athletes.
- ▶ The most accessible campus-based dining hall operates 11 hours in a 24-hour period.
- ▶ 64% of respondents agreed campus-based dining halls are open and available for those student-athletes who practice during traditional meal times.

# Equipment

# Equipment

- ▶ On average, institutions have one graduate assistant that serves as equipment manager. following equipment managers.
- ▶ 92% of institutions do not require that at last some of their equipment manager(s) hold a certification (e.g., Certified Equipment Manager credential):



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The APPLE Training Institutes, developed and coordinated by the University of Virginia's Gordie Center, are the leading national substance misuse prevention and health promotion training symposia for student-athletes and athletics department administrators. The goal of the APPLE Training Institute is to assist colleges in applying the Gordie Center's comprehensive APPLE model to their campus environment. Over the course of a weekend, student-athletes and administrators create an institution-specific action plan with measurable outcomes. Each school receives coaching from the Gordie Center over the following year.

The 2019 DII-only APPLE Training Institute was held in Dallas, Texas on March 22-24 with 37 institutions in attendance. Of the 200 participants, 116 (58%) were student-athletes, and 84 (42%) were athletics or university administrators. This report summarizes the results of the final follow-up assessment with campus team contacts, conducted eleven months after APPLE. Direct quotes from team contacts, submitted as part of the evaluation survey, are included throughout the report. Report highlights include:

- At the eleven-month follow-up, 96% of schools reported at least some progress in their action plan, including 48% of schools that have completed 75% or more of their action plan items.
- 96% of team contacts agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend the APPLE Training Institute to others.
- 90% of team contacts believe the APPLE Training Institute and subsequent meetings made an impact in their athletics department. 88% reported APPLE had an impact on their *personal* behavior, actions, and attitudes.
- 76% of school action plans addressed alcohol misuse prevention, 72% included a mental health focus, and 48% addressed cannabis misuse prevention.

The 2019 DII APPLE assessment data indicate that the APPLE Training Institute continues to benefit NCAA Division II student-athletes and administrators in promoting student-athlete wellness and preventing substance misuse on campus.

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*"APPLE ALLOWED INSIGHT ON STUDENT-ATHLETE NEEDS AND CURRENT TOPICS THAT WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING AS AN INSTITUTION."*

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## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Thirty-seven colleges and universities participated in the 2019 DII APPLE Training Institutes. Sixteen institutions (43%) had not attended a previous APPLE Training Institute (as indicated by \*). An additional seven institutions (19%) had not attended APPLE in the last five years (as indicated by ^). Two schools selected by Division II were not able to attend. Many of the 2019 schools indicated a desire to return to APPLE in the future.

American International College • Springfield, MA	Northeast Ten Conference
Bluefield State College • Bluefield, WV	East Coast Conference
Cal Poly Pomona University • Pomona, CA^	California Collegiate Athletic Association
Cal State University, Los Angeles • Los Angeles, CA*	California Collegiate Athletic Association
Claflin University • Orangeburg, SC*	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Clarion University • Clarion, PA*	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Concordia University, Irvine • Irvine, CA*	Pacific West Conference
Fayetteville State University • Fayetteville, NC*	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Flagler College • St. Augustine, FL	Peach Belt Conference
Florida Southern College • Lakeland, FL*	Sunshine State Conference
Georgia Southwestern State University • Americus, GA*	Peach Belt Conference
Georgian Court University • Lakewood, NJ	Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
Henderson State University • Arkadelphia, AR	Great American Conference
Kentucky Wesleyan College • Owensboro, KY^	Great Midwest Athletic Conference
King University • Bristol, TN	Conference Carolinas
Le Moyne College • Syracuse, NY*	Northeast Ten Conference
Lindenwood University • St. Charles, MO	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Metropolitan State University of Denver • Denver, CO*	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Midwestern State University • Wichita Falls, TX*	Lone Star Conference
Minnesota State University, Mankato • Mankato, MN^	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Minot State University • Minot, ND*	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Newberry College • Newberry, SC	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Post University • Waterbury, CT*	Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
Quincy University • Quincy, IL*	Great Lakes Valley Conference
Rollins College • Winter Park, FL	Sunshine State Conference
Saginaw Valley State University • University Center, MI^	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Seton Hill University • Greensburg, PA*	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
St. Edward's University • Austin, TX	Heartland Conference
University of Central Oklahoma • Edmond, OK	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

University of Missouri-St. Louis • St. Louis, MO	Great Lakes Valley Conference
University of Montevallo • Montevallo, AL*	Gulf South Conference
University of North Georgia • Dahlonega, GA	Peach Belt Conference
University of West Georgia • Carrollton, GA^	Gulf South Conference
Wayne State University • Detroit, MI	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Western Oregon University • Monmouth, OR^	Great Northwest Athletic Conference
William Jewell College • Liberty, MO*	Great Lakes Valley Conference
Wingate University • Wingate, NC^	South Atlantic Conference

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## SPRING 2020 FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION

The University of Virginia's Gordie Center surveyed team contacts at five and eleven months after the March 2019 DII APPLE to assess the impact of the Training Institute and to provide an opportunity for schools to request additional coaching. Twenty-five of the 37 institutions responded to the eleven-month follow-up (68% of schools).

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

The learning outcomes for the APPLE Training Institutes are for participants to:

- improve relationships between administrators and student-athletes
- increase understanding of the APPLE Model
- increase ability to impact substance misuse problems
- increase student ability to confront teammates
- increase student leadership skills
- increase knowledge of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) issues for student-athletes
- increase knowledge of effective ATOD misuse prevention programs
- create a clearly defined, measurable action plan

All participants complete a pre- and immediate post-Training Institute evaluation survey to measure progress toward the learning objectives. Team contacts complete the same evaluation questions as part of the five- and eleven-month follow-up surveys. The percent of team contacts who agreed or strongly agreed with each item are presented below. Percentages remain relatively unchanged from the five-month follow-up.

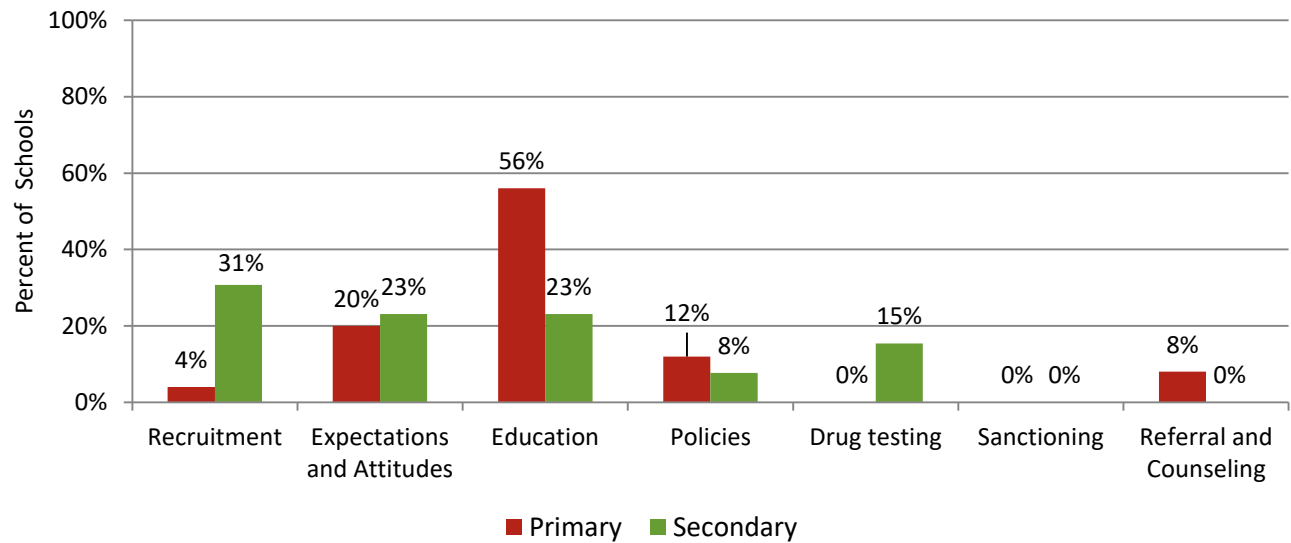
Percent of team contacts who AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED to each statements at the 11-month follow-up	
I am comfortable working with the administrators/coaches on my APPLE team.	100%
I am confident in my ability to confront a student-athlete about unhealthy choices.	100%
I am a positive role model for student-athletes at my school.	100%
I believe that peer education is an effective approach to reducing substance misuse.	100%
I believe the opinions of student-athletes on my APPLE team are valued and respected.	100%
I would recommend the APPLE Training Institute to others.	96%
I am comfortable working with the student-athletes on my APPLE team.	96%
Our APPLE team received appropriate assistance in creating/ implementing our campus action plan.	96%
I am aware of NCAA health and wellness resources.	92%
I can identify my athletics department's STRENGTHS regarding substance misuse prevention.	88%
I am confident in my ability to impact substance misuse problems at my school.	84%
I can identify my athletics department's WEAKNESSES regarding substance misuse prevention.	84%
I collaborate more with other departments on campus to address substance misuse prevention.	84%
I have the knowledge to develop effective substance misuse prevention programs for student-athletes.	80%
I gained ideas that I am implementing at my school.	80%
I have made contacts with other campuses to improve our prevention programming.	52%

**ACTION PLAN FOCUS AREAS**

All teams are required to submit a substance misuse prevention action plan prior to departure from the APPLE Training Institute, but over time, the action plan may change to reflect new opportunities or address challenges that require schools to scale back their goals.

At the eleven-month survey, we asked teams to report their primary and secondary prevention areas or “slices” (Figure 1). A majority of schools (56%) primarily focused their action plan on the education slice – the area that had one of the lowest mean scores in the pre-Training Institute athletics department baseline assessment. Thirteen teams (52% of respondents) identified a secondary area of focus. The slices that were most frequently included as secondary foci were recruitment (four schools), expectations/attitudes (three schools), and education (three schools).

Figure 1: Action Plan Primary and Secondary "Slice"



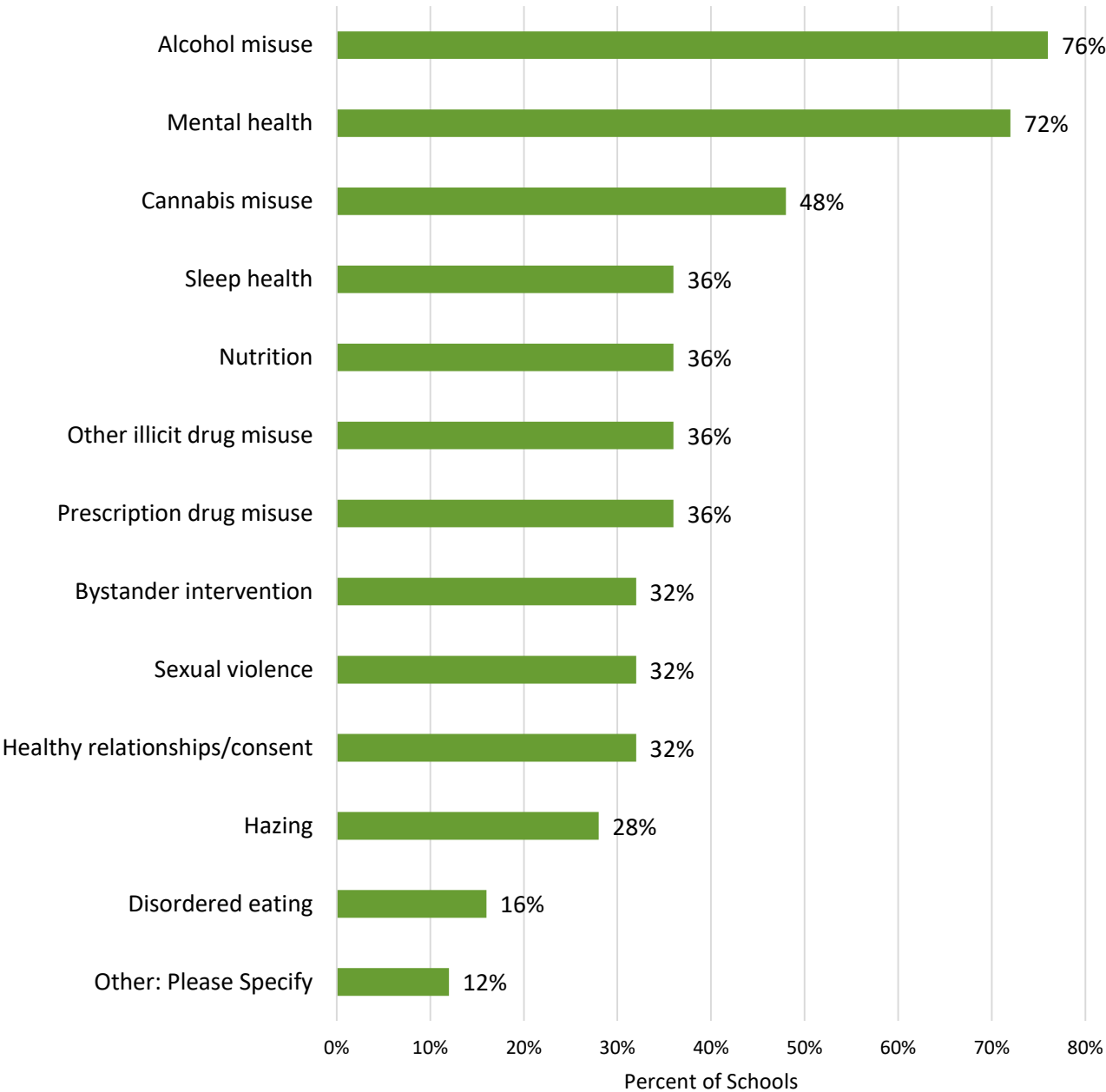
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**PREVENTION TOPICS INCLUDED IN ACTION PLANS**

Historically, APPLE teams have focused their action plans on alcohol misuse prevention; however, an increasing number of schools have a secondary focus on other health topics. At the eleven-month follow-up, 76% of schools indicated their action plan included a focus on alcohol misuse prevention, 72% included mental health issues, and nearly half included cannabis misuse (Figure 2). Vaping was listed as an additional topic.

Figure 2: Which student-athlete health topics are included in your action plan? Select all that apply.



## ACTION PLAN DETAILS

Team contacts provided an update on their action plans, and those who gave permission to share a summary are provided below:

**Cal State University, Los Angeles:** “Our team's action plan consisted of creating policy development and education, centered towards substance abuse prevention tools and strategies.”

**Clarion University:** “Our action plan is to develop a model for standardized recruitment procedures of potential student-athletes visiting our campus. Additionally, we hope to change the attitude and behaviors of current student-athletes and coaches associated with on-campus visits by encouraging the use of pre-visit questionnaires and recruitment pamphlets.”

**Concordia University, Irvine:** “We have developed a template for student-athlete hosts when recruits are on-campus with important phone numbers and basic emergency action procedures. We have also developed an education module that is peer-to-peer driven starting with our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.”

**Fayetteville State University:** “Our action plan centered on educating student-athletes on the importance of healthy relationships and dedicating our focus on several premier athletic events in the fall and spring. Changing the culture and establishing a recruitment policy is still underway.”

**Georgia Southwestern State University:** “The team decided to update our Hurricane Cup guidelines, [a] friendly competition between all the sports teams on campus. Within these new guidelines, they also created an accountability pledge called “Canes Care” that aims to unite the Athletic Department further by instilling in each one of them the expectations of a Hurricane student-athlete.”

**Minot State University:** “We worked on having a recruiting questionnaire to help student hosts know the recruit better. We also educated the student body on facts about alcohol and contact information on resources for support.”

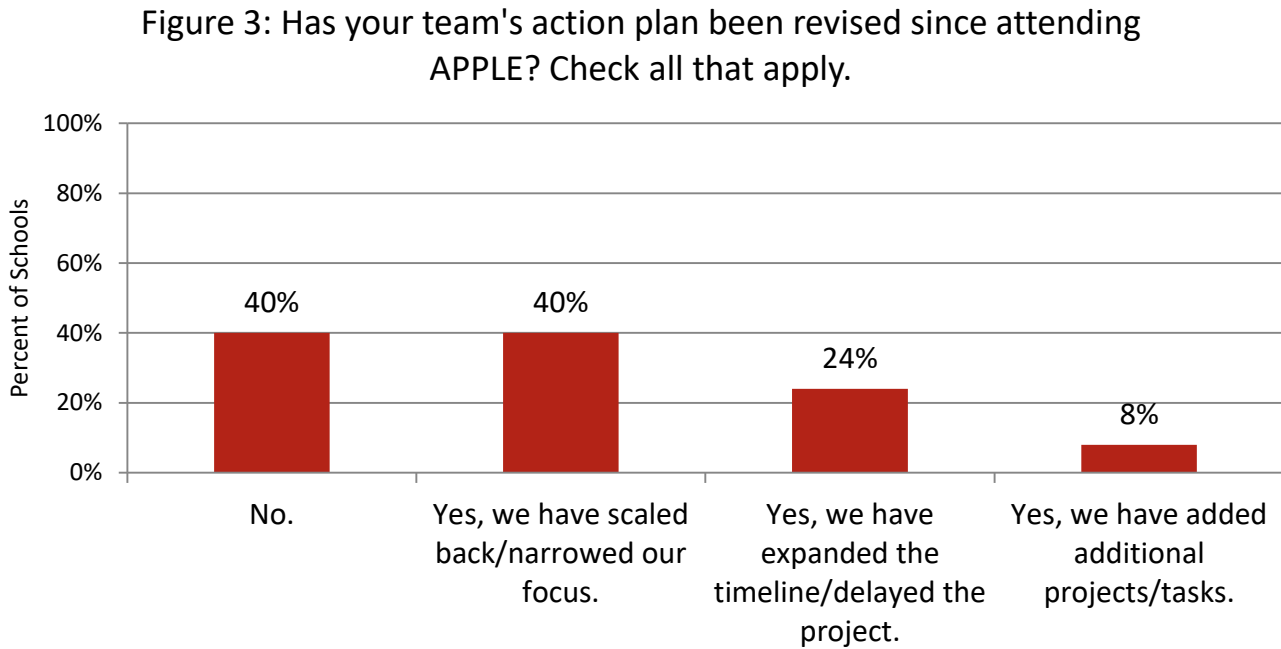
**University of Missouri-St. Louis:** “We enhanced our alcohol education for student-athletes at multiple SAAC and athletic events throughout the year. We have a Triton Tailgate scheduled for this weekend at a baseball game. The timing was chosen to get safe alcohol use information out right before spring break.”

**University of West Georgia:** “We decided to focus on gathering all our collaborations across campus and put together a formal resource manual for our staff, coaches and student-athletes. This includes Counseling, Health Educators, Tutoring Services, etc.”

**William Jewell College:** “We want to define the “Cardinal THEME” to our athletes, coaches, and administrators. We believe by defining who we are and the culture we support we can build out consistent educational sessions, trainings, and recruitment practices. By having an overarching THEME, we can foster a “culture of care” within our department. **Tenacity, Honesty, Empathy, Mindfulness, Empowerment.**”

**ACTION PLAN REVISIONS**

Fifteen schools (60%) revised their action plan goals (Figure 3), with the majority scaling back their project or delaying the timeline.



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*“WE STARTED OUR MENTOR PROGRAM BECAUSE OF APPLE AND WE ARE STILL USING THIS ON CAMPUS.”*

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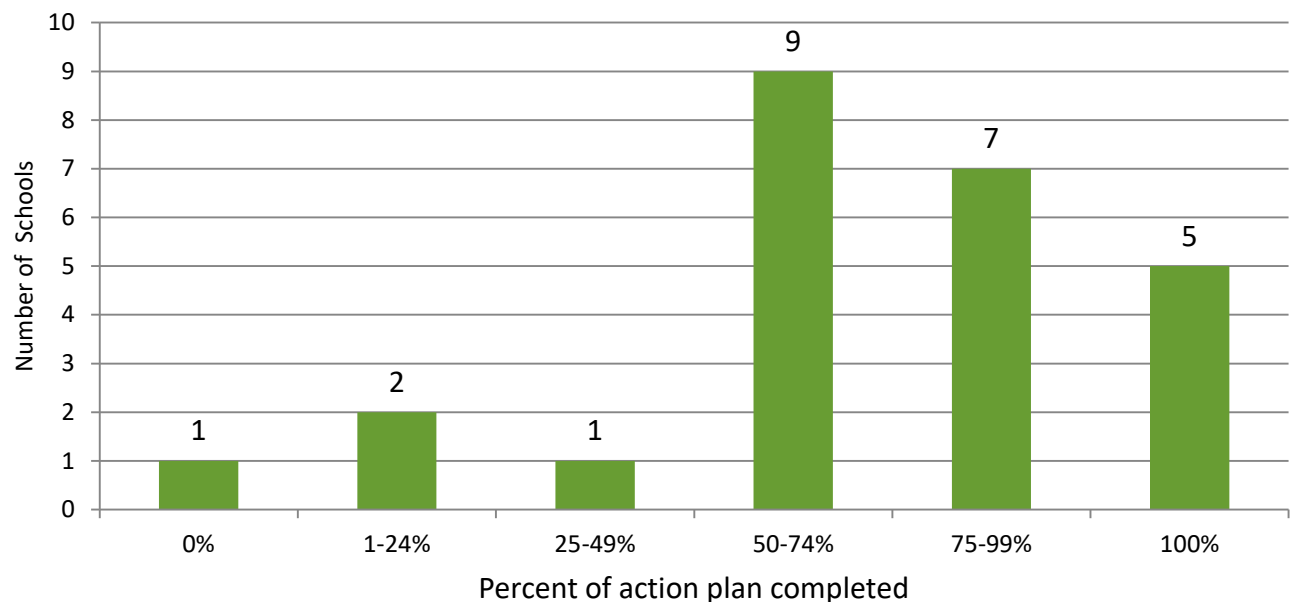
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# GOAL PROGRESS

Ninety-six percent of reporting schools made at least some progress in their action plans (Figure 4). Nearly half (48%) completed 75% or more of their action plan goals. Forty percent completed between 25% and 74% of their action plan items. This level of progress indicates that the APPLE model helps athletic departments make tangible progress in improving student-athlete health and wellness.

Figure 4: What percent of the action plan created by your team at the 2019 DII APPLE Training Institute has been completed?



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## **IMPACT OF APPLE ON THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT, CAMPUS, AND PERSONAL BEHAVIORS & ATTITUDES**

Ninety percent of team contacts believe the APPLE Training Institute and subsequent meetings made an **impact in their athletics department**. The following are quotes from team contacts:

- “Our student representative was instrumental in gaining support from other athletes. Our Athletic Director continues to support health and mental health initiatives for our athletes and athletic department as a whole.”
- “We continued to build out and enhance our peer mentor program - we are approaching Year 3 of our program this Fall which came from our initial APPLE training.”
- “APPLE allowed us to have a focus point on how we want to continue to enhance drug education and student-athlete well-being.”
- “We were able to present to athletes during one of our student seminars and the Kahoot questions and then answers from APPLE really hit home in the room. We hope it had an impact. I can speak for my team that we have very few incidents in the dorms and with substance abuse.”
- “With the support of our AD, our team presented to all 28 athletic teams on campus. Our coaches were supportive of making the time and ensuring that their athletes attended.”
- “It allowed us to find areas of opportunities and ways in which we can grow and develop our student-athletes holistically.”

Fifty-two percent of team contacts reported that the Training Institute and follow-up meetings had an **impact on their broader campus community**. The following are quotes from team contacts:

- “We have had involvement from every area of campus so we can talk to all students in the classroom, in the athletic arena, in academic meetings, and in the cafeteria. Our students have resources and collaboration from the whole campus community.”
- “With our health administrator attending, she was able to bring things back to use on a broader scale.”
- “We have collaborated with non-athletics staff to come in and speak and present to the athletes.”
- “The educational program was taught to all freshmen, not just athletes. We intend to continue to offer this program to incoming freshmen in the future as part of their freshmen experience.”

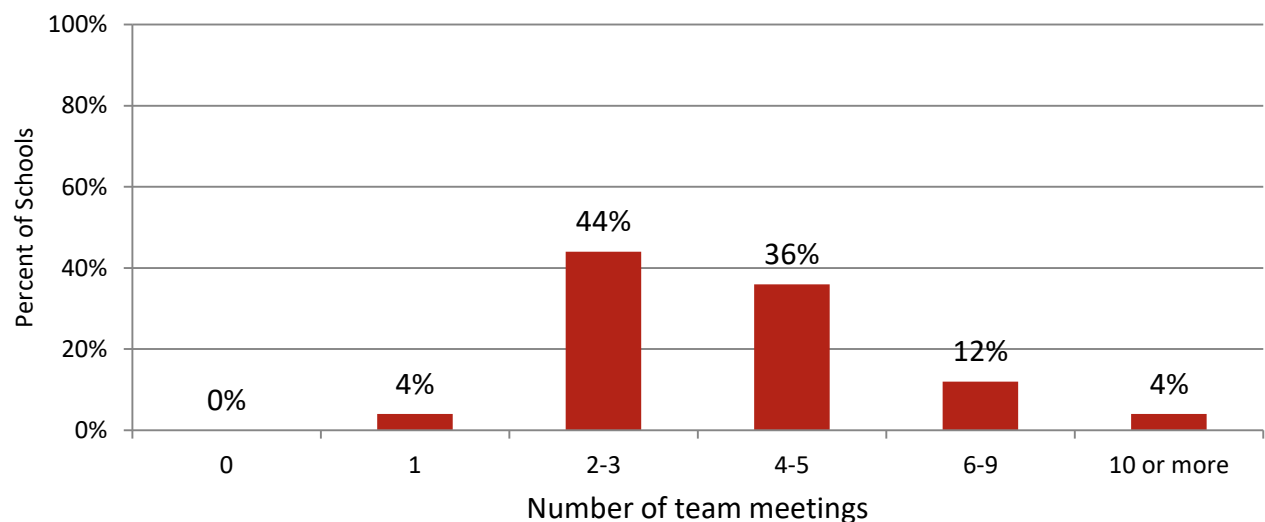
Eighty-eight percent of team contacts reported that the Training Institute and follow-up meetings had an **impact on their personal behavior, actions and attitudes**. The following are quotes from team contacts:

- “It allowed me to personally grow and see how I could best serve the student-athlete population within my department.”
- “APPLE has helped me better understand mental health issues and how to recognize them and how to get through them.”
- “APPLE was very eye opening and there was information presented that I was not aware of previously. I have tried diligently to make my players just as aware of the information.”
- “I am more open in discussion with students and I have more research and information to provide to them.”

# APPLE TEAM MEETINGS

In the past year, 100% of schools held at least one APPLE team meeting, and half of teams (52%) held four or more meetings (Figure 5). Previous APPLE Training Institute research shows a highly significant ( $p<.001$ ) positive correlation between the number of team meetings and percent goal completion, indicating that schools which meet more often are more likely to make greater progress.

Figure 5: How many APPLE team meetings have you had since returning from the DII APPLE Training Institute?



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*“OUR APPLE TEAM TOOK ON MORE OF A LEADERSHIP ROLE AND GAINED SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CAN NOW FEEL COMFORTABLE HELPING OTHERS.”*

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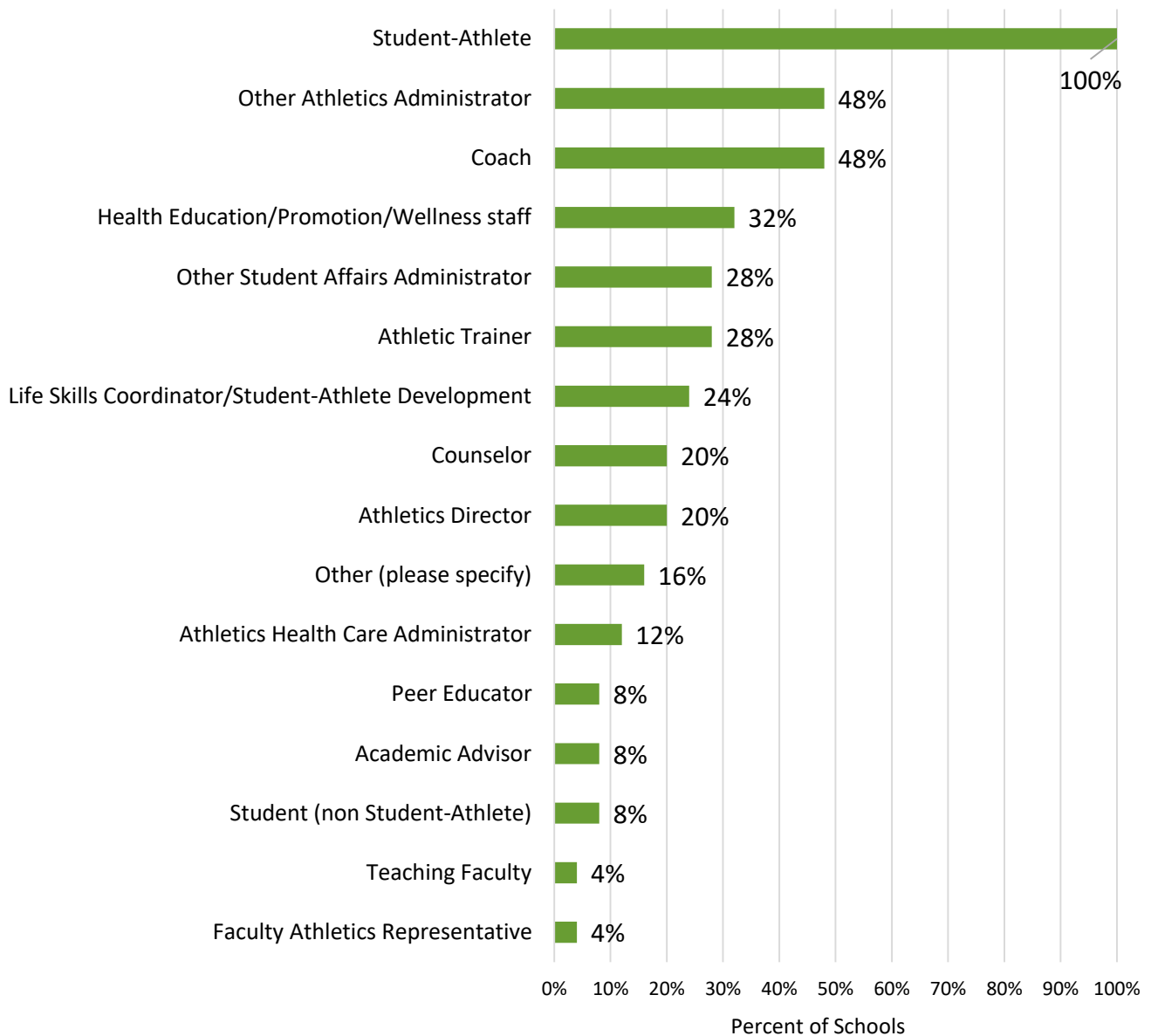
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## TEAM MEMBERSHIP

The Gordie Center encourages campuses to expand their prevention team beyond those who attend the APPLE Training Institute. Every school (100%) includes student-athletes on their APPLE action plan team and many schools include members from outside of athletics (Figure 6). The “other” category included residence life staff and Title IX Coordinators.

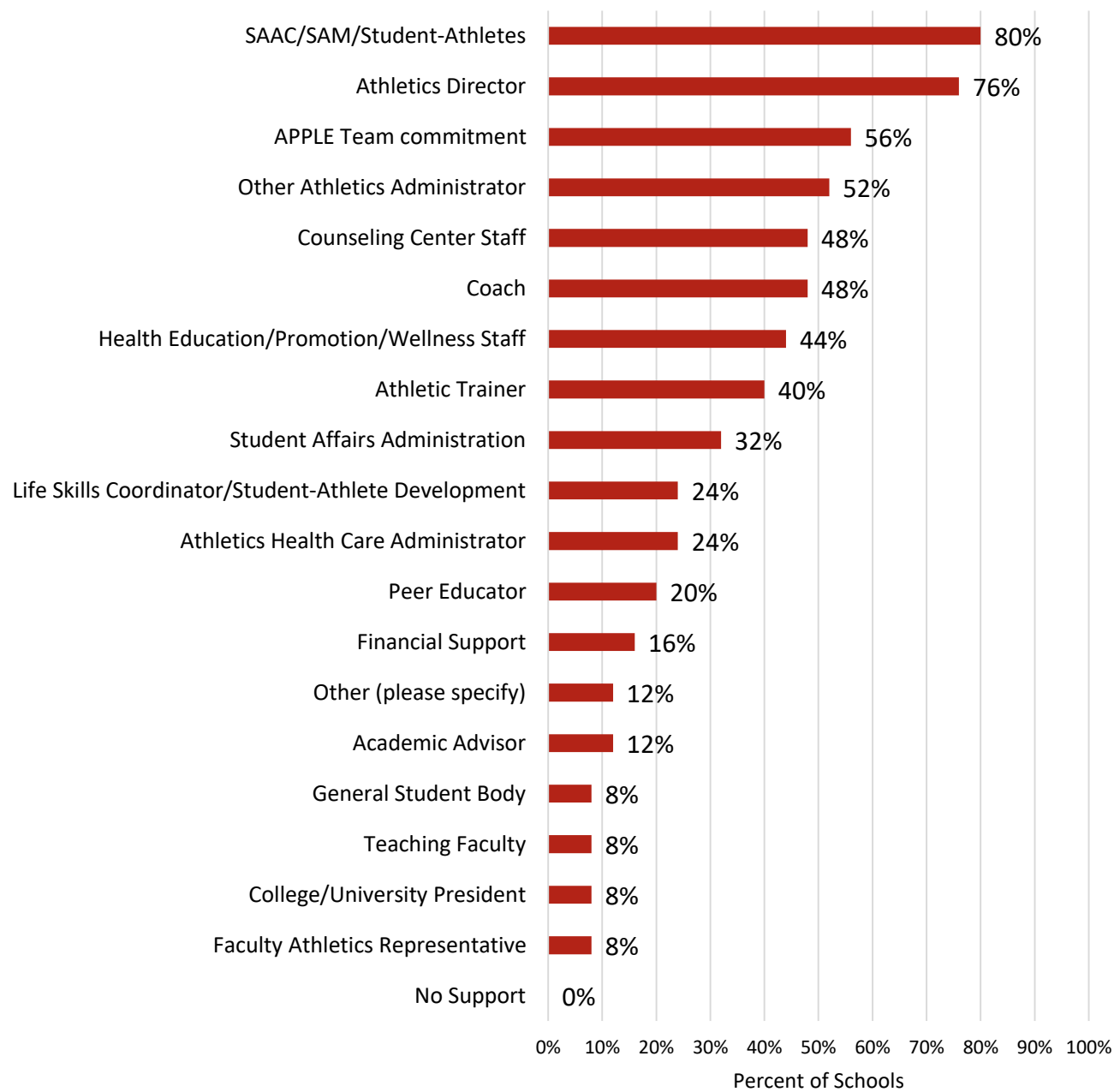
Figure 6: APPLE Team Membership (including those who attended the DII Training Institute and those who have been added)



# CAMPUS SUPPORT

Every team received at least some level of support for their action plan (Figure 7). The majority of APPLE teams (80%) have support from student-athletes, and three-quarters (76%) report support from their athletics director. In a separate question, 96% of team contacts reported that they had communicated with their athletics director about their action plan. Only 16% of schools report receiving financial support for their action plan.

Figure 7: What kind of support has your team received for your action plan?



Team contacts were asked to provide additional information on how they gathered support for their action plans, so we can share their ideas with other APPLE teams. Most schools noted that student-athlete engagement and athletic director buy-in were key components to success. Selected comments are below:

- “Our campus has struggled with alcohol issues, so our administration is very supportive. Our athletic director and VP of Student Affairs both gave us their full support for the presentations. They made sure that coaches knew it was mandatory for their teams to participate.”
- “Having students as part of your team helps create gracious attitudes across campus.”
- “Met with our Athletic Director when we got back and he was fully on board with our plans.”
- “CHOICES Grant and student-athlete buy-in from previous initiatives; supported by Athletic Director and emphasis that programming is important and these are important topics.”
- “As the APPLE Team, we met with the Dean of Student Success and explained our plan; then met with her to review the curriculum; she met with faculty. The student on the APPLE Team spoke with SAAC/other athletes.”
- “The APPLE team presented the plan to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who voted to support the plan and implement it among each one of their teams.”
- “Support came from meeting with Athletics Director and sharing initiatives with our Title IX Coordinator.”

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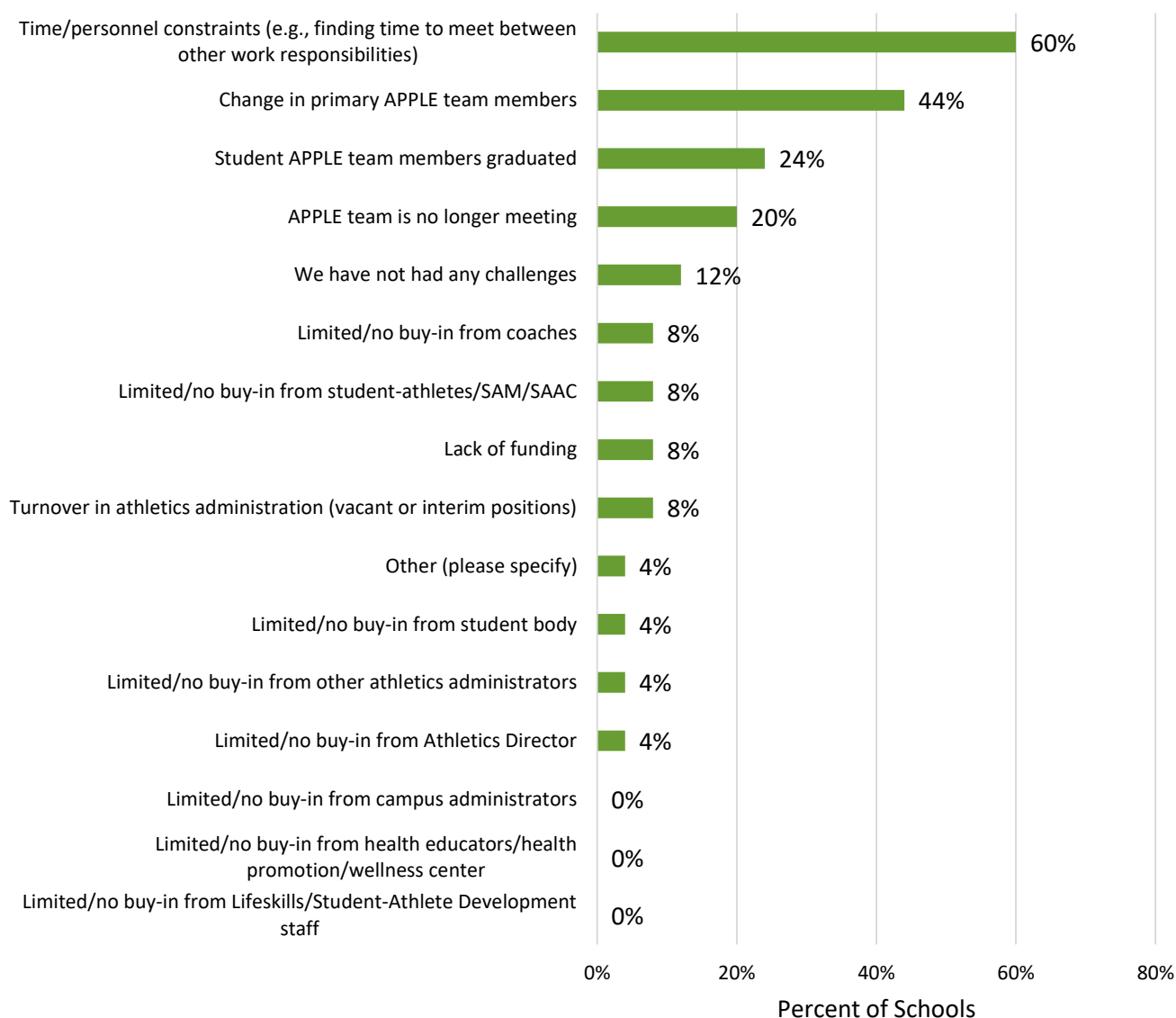
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# ROADBLOCKS TO SUCCESS

Consistent with previous APPLE data, time and personnel constraints are the most frequently reported roadblocks (60%), with all other roadblocks occurring with significantly less frequency (Figure 8). Three schools reported no implementation challenges. No schools reported problems gaining support from campus administration, Lifeskills/Student-Athlete Development staff, or health education/promotion/wellness staff.

Figure 8: What challenges have you encountered while implementing your action plan? Check all that apply.



Team contacts were asked to provide additional information on challenges their team experienced. The most frequently mentioned barriers were finding time for the APPLE team to meet, turnover in staff and balancing multiple commitments. Selected comments are provided below:

- “Time is the hardest. COVID-19 has now put our plans for 2020 on hold as we were in the midst of meeting to set up that timeline. We wanted to get a jump on 2020.”
- “There's been turnover in the student-athletes who have spearheaded the initiatives, with that being said, there is consistent support for the programming and we believe it will continue.”
- “Most of our APPLE team are student-athletes who are also involved in other campus areas such as RA, SAAC, etc. It makes it hard to find time to meet and for them to present. The bigger challenge though was getting the students to buy in. Our team members chose to not tell them not to drink or do drugs, instead they took it from the impact on performance side hoping that would get through. Unfortunately, our student-athletes seemed to see it as one more presentation to get through and then forget. We have been trying to find ways to continue sharing the message.”
- “The APPLE team has many responsibilities, so it is difficult to get everyone together and get commitment and follow through from everyone. The responsibility is falling on a few individuals which can be overwhelming.”
- “The main challenges stem from a lack of resources and getting complete buy-in from the department heads to administer a program on a consistent basis.”

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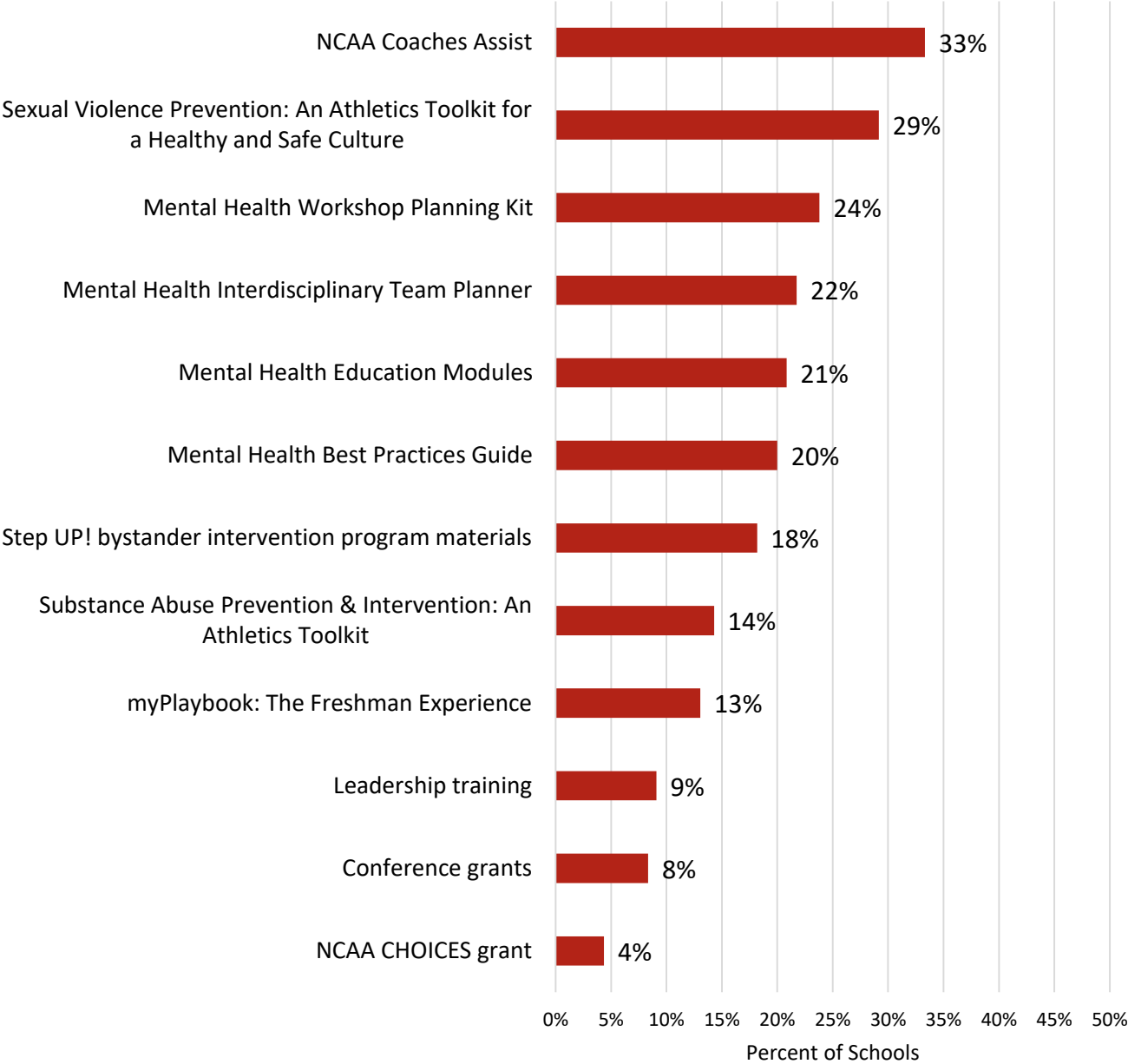
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# USE OF NCAA SPORT SCIENCE INSTITUTE RESOURCES

The APPLE Training Institute highlights numerous NCAA-created or endorsed resources, and hyperlinks are included in the APPLE curriculum slides posted on the APPLE website. Several of the concurrent sessions also discuss NCAA health and safety resources. Figure 9 shows the percent of schools that use NCAA Sport Science Institute resources “as a result of APPLE.”

Figure 9: APPLE teams or athletics departments that utilize NCAA resources AS A RESULT OF APPLE (percent that agreed)



## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Based on the spring assessment results, the 2019 DII APPLE Training Institute was highly successful in creating campus change. The University of Virginia's Gordie Center continues to support DII schools in following ways:

- APPLE Newsletters

The APPLE newsletter frequency has been increased from quarterly to bi-monthly. The newsletter provides specific, measurable items to help teams move their action plans forward. Profiles of successful school action plans from previous APPLE Training Institutes are included as well as information on resources from the NCAA Sport Science Institute. The mailing list was updated in February 2020 and now includes 808 individuals who have attended APPLE over the past several years.

- Continue to Update APPLE Curriculum Content

The APPLE curriculum is continually updated to reflect emerging issues of interest to the NCAA membership and the latest NCAA-generated research. The Gordie Center staff will review the NCAA's latest GOALS and Social Experiences Survey data, and make appropriate updates to the APPLE curriculum presentations to highlight healthy social norms data and address areas of concern. Two years ago, APPLE updated the APPLE curriculum presentations with information from NCAA resources on marijuana's impact on athletic performance. This content will be enhanced, drawing from Dr. Jason Kilmer's 2020 APPLE keynote. We will also include information about the NCAA's new mental health education requirement and provide examples of how schools can incorporate alcohol and other drug misuse prevention with mental health education.

- Timing of Future APPLE Training Institutes

In 2019, Gordie Center staff queried team contacts who attended the association-wide APPLE and DII-only APPLE about the best time to hold future APPLE Training Institutes. Overwhelmingly, summer was rated poorly and the current timing of mid-January was listed as the best time by those who attended the association-wide APPLE, but not by those who attended the DII-only APPLE. Among DII team contacts, the best time was early to mid-October. As a result, we plan to hold the next DII-only APPLE in October.

The University of Virginia's Gordie Center is dedicated to continually improving the APPLE experience for attendees, assisting schools in implementing their action plans and serving the NCAA membership. Our staff support and coach APPLE attendees by providing information on current ATOD data, promising prevention practices, programming ideas and overcoming roadblocks.

It has been our pleasure to collaborate with the NCAA DII staff and schools to implement three DII-only APPLE Training Institutes since 2015. We thank the NCAA DII leadership for their continued support of the APPLE Model of substance misuse prevention and look forward to hosting the next DII APPLE Training Institute.



Year	Name	Institution	Position	Change
2011-12	Cimino, Linda	Caldwell College	Assistant AD/SWA	Division I Women's Basketball Coach
	Clayton, Laura	University of West Georgia	Assistant AD/SWA/Compliance	Finalist in 3 searches
	DeJong, Debbie	Dowling College	Assistant AD/Facilities	Director of Athletics, LIU Post
	Hill, Shantey	C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University		Director of Athletics, St. Joseph's College Long Island
	Kelly, Kristene	St. Augustine's College	Associate AD/SWA	Director of Athletics, Keene State College
	Laurita, Brandi	University of Findlay	Assistant AD/SWA	Director of Athletics, Findlay
	Long, Meredith	Chowan University	Deputy Athletic Director	Turned down AD position at Chowan
	Miller, Kimberly	Western State CO University	Assistant AD/SWA	Finalist in 2 searches
	Mott, Sandee	Metropolitan State College of Denver	Associate Director of Athletics	Director of Athletics, Johnson and Whales University
	Passeggi, Tracee	Cal Poly Pomona	Associate AD/SWA	
2012-13	Andrew, Lynne	Fort Lewis College	Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations	Associate AD/SWA
	Bell, Linda			
	Bushnell, Meghan	Academy of Art University	Assistant Athletic Director/Extenral Relations & Student-Athlete Development	Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator
	Charland, Tonya	Maryville University	Assistant Athletic Director - Compliance/SWA	GLVC, Associate Commissioner, Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator
	Ellis, Bethany	Assumption College	Associate Athletics Director/ SWA	Senior Associate AD for Student-Athlete Development/SWA, Boston University
	Johnson, Felicia	Virginia Union University	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Director of Athletics Virginia Union
	Liotta, Lisa	Lake Erie College	Asst Athletic Director - Operations/SWA/Student Athlete Development	Associate Director of Athletics, Findlay
	Quinine, Donte	Seattle Pacific University	Assistant Athletic Director - Compliance	Out of Athletics
	Smikle, Jayson	Pace University	Assistant Atheltic Director/Compliance	NJIT, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance
	Spada, Stephanie	Philadelphia University	Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance/SWA	Associate Director for Compliance and Sport Management, Patriot League
2013-14	Becker, Keri	Grand Valley State University	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Director of Athletics, Grand Valley State University
	Blueford, Shardonay	The College of Saint Rose	Asst. AD for Compliance	Assistant Director of Compliance, Georgia Tech
	Burleson, Rachel	Western State CO University	Asst. AD/SWA	Director of Athletics, Franklin Pierce
	Clausen, Alison	West Virginia Wesleyan College	Asst. AD for Athletic Services/Director of Compliance & Academic Services	
	Flowers, Jennifer	Winona State University	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	NSIC Associate Comissioner
	Fredrickson, Vicki	Saint Leo University	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Regulatory and Equity Administrator at Saint Leo University
	Johnson Tettah, Bridget	Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Assistant Commissioner	

## Division II Mentoring Program Mentees

Year	Name	Position	Institution	Change
<b>2013-14 (cont.)</b>	Kohn, Selina	Paine College	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Director of Athletics, Paine College
	Perez, Ruben	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Assoc. Commissioner & Director Championships	Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Communications
<b>2014-15</b>	Bailey, Whitney	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ	Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations	Out of athletics
	Bell, Jennifer	Anderson University	Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance Coordinator/SWA	Director of Athletics, Converse College
	Brunsdon, Melanie	Winona State University	Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance	Associate AD and SWA
	Bouyer Purnell, Jamie	California State University - Dominguez Hills	Associate Athletics Director/SWA	
	Light, Kelly-Ann**	Dominican College	Associate Director of Athletics/Director of Sports Information/SWA	
	Loggins, Randy	Tusculum College	Assistant Athletic Director	
	McAthie, Regan	Concordia University	Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA	Director of Athletics Concordia University
	O'Brien, Ellen*	CACC Conference	Associate Commissioner/SWA	
	Red, Angela*	McKendree University	Assistant Athletic Director - Operations/SWA	Assistant Director, NCAA
	Whetsel, Christina*	Angelo State University	SWA/Director of Athletic Compliance	Associate AD Augusta
<b>2015-16</b>	Bazemore, Michael	Montana State University Billings	Director of Compliance and Internal Operations	NCAA Assistant Director
	Bennett, Rebecca	California Collegiate Athletic Association	Director of Communications	
	Dulude, Meggan	Saint Michael's College	Associate Athletic Director	
	Hagenbuch, Kate	Michigan Technological University	Director Compliance and Student-Athlete Services	
			Coordinator of Athletic Operations and Special Events	
	Harris, Melissa	LIU Post		
	Henkelman, Amy	Dominican University of California	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	Director of Athletics Dominican University (CA)
	Hiltner, Erin	Metropolitan State University of Denver	Asst. AD for Student Services/SWA	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA
	Nash, Myranda	Brevard College	Asst. Athletic Director/SWA	Director of Athletics- Brevard College
	Smith, Darnell	University of Central Oklahoma	Director of Athletic Compliance	Director of Athletics Texas A&M University San Antonio
<b>2016-17</b>	Watson, Harold	Armstrong State University	Asst. AD for Marketing and Promotions	Director of Athletics Goshen College
	Bailey, Darrell	California State University, East Bay	Assistant Athletic Director for External Operations	
	Edwards, Michelle	Saint Leo University	Associate Athletic Director/SWA	Out of Athletics
	Hoy Reed, April	Azusa Pacific University	Associate AD/SWA/Director of Sports Medicine	
	Johnson, Kari	Central Washington University	Head Athletic Trainer/SWA	
	Lantz, Hanna	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Coordinator of Student-Athlete Services/SWA	
	Lovely, Courtney	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Senior Associate AD-Internal Operations/SWA	Director of Athletics Palm Beach Atlantic

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<b>2016-17 (cont.)</b>	McManus, Wendy	Northwestern Oklahoma State	Associate Director of Athletics- Compliance and Student- Athlete Services	Elmhurst Director of Athletics
	Oakes, Natasha	Missouri Western State University	Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance/SWA	Senior Associate for Compliance, University of North Texas
	Rolle, Jermaine	Holy Family University	Assistant AD-Compliance	
	Wallgren, Jackie	Colorado State University- Pueblo	Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance/SWA	
<b>2017-18</b>	Guerinot, Brandi	Daemen College	Associate Director of Athletics	Associate Director for Compliance American East Conference
	Jones, Lenette	Henderson State University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	
	Kelly, Rose	Philadelphia University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	
	Kish, Kelley	Nova Southeastern University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	Director of Athletics- Lake Erie College
	Parker, Molly	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Asst. AD for Student Academic Services/SWA	
	Pluger, Nikki	Urbana University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	
	Roberts, Erienne	Slippery Rock University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	Itasca Associate AD
	Traphagen, Ann	Augustana University (SD)	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	
	Webster, Lauren Packer	Mercyhurst University	Associate Director of Athletics/SWA	Director of Athletics Franklin and Marshall
	Williams, Kevin	Queens College (NY)	Associate Director of Athletics for External Relations	
<b>2018-19</b>	Armstrong, Jackie	Point Loma Nazarene University	Associate Director for Compliance/SWA	
	Dutton, Seth	University of Arkansas, Monticello	Asst. AD for Compliance	Associate Athletic Director Texas A&M commerce
	Ford, Melanie	Shepherd University	Asst. AD for Compliance	
	Frassinelli, Kelley	Southern Connecticut State University	SWA	
	Gohl, Pam	University of Sioux Falls	Senior Associate AD- Compliance/SWA	Director of Athletics- University of Sioux Falls
	Lee, Matisse	Claflin University	Asst. AD for Internal Operations/Student-Athlete Affairs	
	McC Campbell, Tiffany	South Dakota School of Mines	Sr. Assoc. AD of Internal Operations/SWA	Associate AD David Williams
	Middleton, Kisha	Lincoln University (PA)	Asst. AD/SWA	
	Walker, Morgan	California State University, San Bernardino	Assoc. AD for Compliance	
	Williams, Sharod	Conference Carolinas	Asst. Commissioner for External Operations	
<b>2019-20</b>	Ford, Kirsten	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	Assoc. commissioner/SWA	
	Grosbach, Theresa	Missouri Western	Assoc. AD/SWA	
	Kimball, Channing	Cal State Monterey Bay	Assistant AD/SWA	
	Knight, Amanda	Barry University	Assoc. AD/SWA	
	Kolezynski, Allie	Mountain East Conference	Asst. Commissioner for Communications and Operations	
	Nicholson, Jaqueline	Albany State University (GA)	Assoc. AD for Academics and Compliance/SWA	
	Salters, Robin	University of New Haven	Deputy Director of Athletics	

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<b>2019-20 (cont.)</b>	Severance, Katelyn	A&M-Commerce	Associate AD for Compliance and Administration	
	Ward, Christie	Georgia Southwestern State University	Associate Director of Athletics	
	Williams, Payton	Azusa Pacific University	Director of Compliance and Academic Support	
<b>2020-21</b>	Browne, Jaime	Queens (NY)	Assoc. AD for Internal Operations	
	Brownell, Rudy	Tiffin University	Head Men's Soccer Coach/Asst. AD/Deputy Title IX Coordinator	
	Cirillo, Dixie	Colorado School of Mines	Assoc. AD/SWA	
	Dunbar, Loraine	Benedict College	Asst. AD of Women's Sports	
	Gable, Heather	Ashland University	Asst. AD/SWA	
	Kime, Kelly	Humboldt State	Asst. AD/SWA	
	McKillop, Jeanette (Jen)	Franklin Pierce	Assoc. AD - Compliance/SWA	
	Vallee, Stacey	Francis Marion	SWA/Head Softball Coach	
	Vogel, Robert	Albany State	Asst. AD for Communications and Marketing	
	Weston, Jill	Conference Carolinas	Asst. Commissioner	

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2011-12	Bamburger, Greg	Kutztown University
	Helsel, Dennis	Chowan University
	Hendricks, Denisha	Kentucky State University
	McDermott, Joan	Metro State Denver
	Marfise, Larry	Tampa University
	Moseley, Jared	Abilene Christian University
	Reidy, Fran	Saint Leo University
	Shirley, Tom	Philadelphia University
	Wiegandt, Scott	Bellarmino University
	Willey, Sue	University of Indianapolis
2012-13	Bryant, Clint	Augusta State University
	Collins, Bryan	C. W. Post Campus - Long Island University
	Doughty, Clyde	New York Institute of Technology
	Fusco, Bill	Sonoma State University
	Giglio, Tom	East Stroudsburg University
	Hendricks, Denisha	Kentucky State University
	Liesman, Laura	Georgian Court University
	Shirley, Tom	Philadelphia University
	Skinner, Dana	University of Massachusetts - Lowell
	Waggoner, Greg	Western State College
2013-14	Bassett, Matt	Le Moyne College
	Erwin, Ryan	Dallas Baptist University
	Folda, Joe	Colorado State University-Pueblo
	Hendricks, Denisha	Kentucky State University
	Mara, Dana	Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
	Pate, Kim	University of Illinois-Springfield
	Rackley, Steven	University of Findlay
	Sanregret, Suzanne	Michigan Technological University
	Swanson, Brian	CSU-Pomona
	Thomas, Roger	University of Mary

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Year	Name	Institution
2014-15	Bassett, Matt	Le Moyne College
	Fusco, Bill	Sonoma State University
	Gines, Scott	Texas A&M University - Kingsville
	Manning, Marcus	Maryville University (MO)
	McFarland, Mike	Bloomsburg University
	McKnight, Cindy	Ursuline College
	Prewitt, Will	Great American Conference
	Rackley, Steven	University of Findlay
	Zimmerman, Griz	Texas A&M International University
2015-16	Duncan, Tim	Clayton State University
	Hamilton, Ethan	Point Loma Nazarene University
	Lind, Erin	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
	Manning, Marcus	Maryville University (MO)
	Reeves, Lindsay	University of North Georgia
	Ruppert, Julie	Northeast-10 Conference
	Sanregret, Suzanne	Michigan Technological University
	Stevens, Bren	University of Charleston (WV)
	Walker, Tonia	Winston-Salem State University
	King, Jeanne	Queens University (NC)
2016-17	Coleman, Mark	Western New Mexico University
	Erwin, Ryan	Rogers State University
	Garry, Kirby	California State University, Monterey Bay
	Guthrie, Charles	San Francisco State University
	Montague, Krista	Montana State University Billings
	Niland, Bridget	Daemen College
	Pate, Kim	Lenoir-Rhyne University
	Schoh, Eric	Winona State University
	Staton, Wendell	Georgia College

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<b>2017-18</b>	Christy, Dick	University of North Carolina Pembroke
	Culbreath, Jahan	Central State University
	Jay, Ben	Academy of Art
	McFarland, Mike	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
	McMurray, Tim	Texas A&M University- Commerce
	Snell, Debbie	Holy Names University
	Stone, Carolyn	Palm Beach Atlantic University
	Tubman, Lynn	Chestnut Hill College
	Weems, Heather	St. Cloud State University
<b>2018-19</b>	Bamberger, Greg	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
	Garry, Kirby	California State University, Monterey Bay
	Gordon, Sherie	Albany State University
	Hansburg, David	Colorado School of Mines
	Kohn, Selina	Paine College
	McCabe, Danny	Adelphi University
	Goddard McGuirk, Lisa	Gannon University
	Pate, Kim	Lenoir-Rhyne University
	Powicki, Mike	Wayne State College (NE)
	Smith, Connor	Dallas Baptist University

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2019-20	Barker, Anita	Chico State
	Carmichael, Jason	Cal State East Bay
	Davis, Peggy	Virginia State
	Lind, Erin	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
	McFarland, Mike	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
	Montague, Krista	Montana State Billings
	Peters, Doug	Minnesota State University Moorhead
	Plinske, Paul	Colorado State-Pueblo
	Sanregret, Suzanne	Michigan Tech
	Thomas, Etienne	Winston-Salem State
2020-21	Burleson, Rachel	Franklin Pierce
	Cassidy-Lyke, Susan	Molloy
	Francois, Dennis	Central Washington
	Gavin, Andrew	Wisconsin-Parkside
	Janz, Curtis	Arkansas-Fort Smith
	Laurita, Brandi	Findlay
	Looney, Josh	Missouri Western
	McGuirk, Lisa Goddard	Gannon
	Owens, Tara	Central State (Ohio)
	Wooten, Sheila	Bloomfield

**MEMORANDUM**

April 17, 2020

VIA EMAIL

TO: Participants of the 2020 NCAA Division II Identity Workshop.

FROM: Ann Martin  
Assistant Director of Division II.

Jill Willson  
President, Double L Consulting.

SUBJECT: 2020 NCAA Division II Identity Workshop Update.

As noted in the memo dated April 1, the in-person events scheduled for the Division II Identity Workshop later this summer are cancelled. However, we are committed to providing the membership with valuable professional development experiences during this time. You are invited to attend a professional development webinar via Zoom on Tuesday, June 23, 1 to 3 p.m. Eastern time.

The webinar will be hosted by Justin Patton, an international speaker, executive leadership coach and author of “Bold New You” and “Unleashing Potential: Confidence.” Justin challenges leaders to think differently about how they lead and communicate. His high-energy and interactive approach keeps audiences engaged, and his message forces leaders to come face-to-face with themselves and tell the truth about how they are showing up. Please use this [link](#) to access the webinar.

Additionally, you will be invited to attend the 2021 NCAA Division II Identity Workshop scheduled for June 2-4 in Indianapolis. Please hold these dates in your calendar, and we will confirm your attendance in December.

Please contact Lisa Rogers ([lrogers@ncaa.org](mailto:lrogers@ncaa.org), 317-917-6776) if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation in the June 2020 webinar and 2021 in-person workshop!

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cc: Division II Conference Commissioners  
Selected NCAA Staff

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### 2020-21 Connectors/Liaisons

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office Number</u>	<u>Cell Number</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Date of Conference Call</u>
Baseball	Scott Wiegandt	502-272-8496	502-263-8794	<a href="mailto:swiegandt@bellarmine.edu">swiegandt@bellarmine.edu</a>	2nd Monday of month, noon Eastern
Baseball	Eric Breece	317-917-6781		<a href="mailto:ebreece@ncaa.org">ebreece@ncaa.org</a>	
Baseball	Jordan Lysiak	317-917-6104		<a href="mailto:jlysiak@ncaa.org">jlysiak@ncaa.org</a>	
Basketball (M)	Bob Boerigter	816-889-8143	816-889-8143	<a href="mailto:bboer48@gmail.com">bboer48@gmail.com</a>	2nd Monday of month, 10:30 a.m. Eastern
Basketball (M)	Donnie Wagner	317-917-6813		<a href="mailto:dwagner@ncaa.org">dwagner@ncaa.org</a>	
Basketball (M)	Stephanie Quigg	317-917-6326		<a href="mailto:squigg@ncaa.org">squigg@ncaa.org</a>	
Basketball (M)	Angela Red	317-917-6228		<a href="mailto:ared@ncaa.org">ared@ncaa.org</a>	
Basketball (W)	Karen Stromme	218-726-7143	218-310-1493	<a href="mailto:kstromme@d.umn.edu">kstromme@d.umn.edu</a>	2nd Tuesday of month, 11 a.m. Eastern
Basketball (W)	Roberta Page	317-917-6493		<a href="mailto:rpage@ncaa.org">rpage@ncaa.org</a>	
Basketball (W)	Karen Wolf	317-917-6765		<a href="mailto:kwolf@ncaa.org">kwolf@ncaa.org</a>	
Cross Country	Kim Duyst	209-535-1449	209-535-1449	<a href="mailto:kduyst@yahoo.com">kduyst@yahoo.com</a>	4th Wednesday of month, noon Eastern
Cross Country	Liz Homrig	317-917-6245		<a href="mailto:lhomrig@ncaa.org">lhomrig@ncaa.org</a>	
Cross Country	Michael Woo	317-917-6077		<a href="mailto:mwoo@ncaa.org">mwoo@ncaa.org</a>	
Field Hockey	Pam Arpe	508-360-2232	508-360-2232	<a href="mailto:pam.arpe@yahoo.com">pam.arpe@yahoo.com</a>	3rd Tuesday of month, 11 a.m. Eastern
Field Hockey	Roberta Page	317-917-6493		<a href="mailto:rpage@ncaa.org">rpage@ncaa.org</a>	
Field Hockey	Susan Britsch	317-917-6597		<a href="mailto:sbritsch@ncaa.org">sbritsch@ncaa.org</a>	
Football	Mel Tjeerdsma	903-818-1372	903-818-1372	<a href="mailto:nwcoacht1@gmail.com">nwcoacht1@gmail.com</a>	4th Monday of month, noon Eastern
Football	Donnie Wagner	317-917-6813		<a href="mailto:dwagner@ncaa.org">dwagner@ncaa.org</a>	
Football	Mike Bazemore	317-917-6630		<a href="mailto:mbazemore@ncaa.org">mbazemore@ncaa.org</a>	
Golf (M and W)	Jimmy Wilson	478-445-2082	478-288-6027	<a href="mailto:jimmy.wilson@gcsu.edu">jimmy.wilson@gcsu.edu</a>	Men's: 4th Wednesday of month, 11 a.m. Eastern Women's: 4th Thursday of month, 11 a.m. Eastern
Golf (M)	John Baldwin	317-917-6442		<a href="mailto:jbaldwin@ncaa.org">jbaldwin@ncaa.org</a>	
Golf (W)	Jay Jay Rackley	317-917-6834		<a href="mailto:jrackley@ncaa.org">jrackley@ncaa.org</a>	
Golf (M and W)	Jordan Lysiak	317-917-6104		<a href="mailto:jlysiak@ncaa.org">jlysiak@ncaa.org</a>	
Lacrosse (M)	Mike Cerino	864-488-4564	864-761-7399	<a href="mailto:mcerino@limestone.edu">mcerino@limestone.edu</a>	4th Thursday of month, 11 a.m. Eastern
Lacrosse (M)	Will Hopkins	317-917-6779		<a href="mailto:whopkins@ncaa.org">whopkins@ncaa.org</a>	
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# Division II Coaches Connection Program

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**NCAA Division II Diversity Grants Update**

**1. Grants Overviews.**

- a. Coaching Enhancement Grant.** The Coaching Enhancement Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to Division II member institutions for the creation of new assistant coaching positions, with the intent to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women. The grant funding was restructured in 2016-17. Selected recipients receive three years of grant funds from the NCAA. The NCAA contributes \$25,000 during the first year of funding for the salary and benefits of the hired assistant coach; \$15,000 during the second year; and \$8,000 in the third year. Recipients supply the complimentary funding toward the salary and benefits. Additionally, the NCAA provides \$1,200 for each year of funding to emphasize the commitment to professional development. Participating institutions are required to maintain the position for a minimum of two years after grant funds are exhausted, preferably incorporating the position into their ongoing operations.
  - b. Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.** The Division II Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to Division II conferences and member institutions committed to enhancing ethnic minority and gender representation in full-time, entry-level administrative positions. Selected recipients receive one year of grant funds, including \$23,660 to be allocated toward the hired intern's salary and \$3,000 in professional development funding. Recipients must also contribute \$3,700, at minimum, as an in-kind gift to the hired intern as outlined in their proposal.
  - c. Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.** The Strategic Alliance Matching Grant provides funding for Division II institutions and conference offices to enhance diversity and inclusion through full-time, senior-level positions in athletics administration. Selected institutions and conference offices receive grant funding for three years, with diminishing contributions by the NCAA. The NCAA funds 75 percent of the position during the first year; 50 percent the second year; and 25 percent the third year. Participating institutions or conference offices are required to maintain the position for a minimum of two years after grant funds are exhausted, preferably incorporating the position into their ongoing operations.
- 2. Eligibility.** For all grants, the position must be considered full time and the hired employee must identify as an ethnic minority and/or woman according to federal guidelines.
  - 3. Selection Committees.** The composition for the selection committee for each of the Division II diversity grants is listed below.

**a. Coaching Enhancement Grant.**

- (1) Dede Allen, University of Alaska Anchorage, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, *chair*.
- (2) Matt Finley, Anderson University (South Carolina), South Atlantic Conference.
- (3) Michael Grasso, Molloy College, East Coast Conference.
- (4) Jeremy Rogers, University of Central Oklahoma, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

**b. Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.**

- (1) Jamie Purnell, California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association, *chair*.
- (2) Bridget Johnson-Tetteh, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (3) Carlos Enrique Vega, Saint Michael's College, Northeast-10 Conference.
- (4) Willie Washington, Benedict College, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- (5) Sharod Williams, Texas A&M University Commerce, Lone Star Conference.

**c. Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.**

- (1) Demetrus Caldwell, California State University, Los Angeles, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- (2) Hayley Ross-Treadway, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, *chair*.
- (3) Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University, Gulf South Conference.
- (4) William Sullivan, Mercy College, East Coast Conference.
- (5) Lauren Packer Webster, Mercyhurst University, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

4. **2020 Selections.** Due to the effects of COVID-19 on the Division II budget, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council decided to not award new grants for the 2020-21 cycle. However, all current grants will be fulfilled and the below institutions will be funded due to their deferment agreement from the previous year.
  - a. **Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.**
    - (1) Kentucky State University, Marketing and Communications Intern.
  - b. **Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.**
    - (1) Christian Brothers University, Associate Athletic Director of External Relations.
    - (2) Goldey-Beacom College, Assistant Athletic Director.
    - (3) University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Athletic Academic Advisor.
5. **2020-21 Budget Distribution.**
  - a. **Coaching Enhancement Grant.** The budget for the Division II Coaching Enhancement Grant for 2020-21 is \$180,000. The projected total spend for 2020-21 to fulfill all existing contracts is \$177,800, with \$161,000 being spent on salaries for these classes and \$16,800 on professional development.
  - b. **Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.** The budget for the Division II Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant for 2020-21 is \$26,660 to fulfill one deferment from the previous year. The projected total spend for 2020-21 is \$26,660 with \$23,660 being spent on salaries and \$3,000 on professional development.
  - c. **Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.** The budget for the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant for 2020-21 is \$500,000. The projected total spend for 2020-21 to fulfill all existing contracts is \$483,427, with \$415,427 being spent on salaries and \$68,000 on professional development.
6. **2020-21 Proposal Submission Information.** Proposals for the 2021-22 selection cycle may be submitted starting Monday, September 21, 2020, and must be submitted not later than Friday, January 29, 2021, via the NCAA Program Hub.
7. **NCAA Staff Liaison.** For more information regarding the Division II diversity grants, contact Lamarr Pottinger, associate director of leadership development via e-mail at ([lpottinger@ncaa.org](mailto:lpottinger@ncaa.org)) or phone (317-363-5719).

**NCAA Government Relations Report**  
(July 2020)

**Congressional Overview**

The global health crisis has demanded much of Congress' attention throughout the spring and early summer of 2020. In March and April, Congress passed four legislative proposals designed to address the extensive economic and public health impact COVID-19 has had on a wide range of stakeholders, including the higher education community. Congressional operations have also been impacted as both chambers have limited access to Congressional buildings and adjusted proceedings to permit virtual participation in meetings and hearings. The House of Representatives also passed rule changes to allow for proxy voting for the duration of the pandemic.

Congressional focus on the health crisis has extended to college sports as Members of Congress and their staffs have demonstrated an increasing interest in the safe return of student-athletes to practice and competition. Additionally, Members from the House and Senate have continued to engage on the issue of student-athlete name, image, and likeness.

**Federal Issues**

**Name, Image, and Likeness**

While COVID-19 continues to impact legislative priorities and the congressional calendar, a bipartisan group of policymakers in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate continue to discuss the complex issues surrounding name, image, and likeness and the prospects of federal legislation to establish a national policy on NIL. Key voices in these discussions include Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) and Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Marco Rubio (R-FL).

As an extension of these discussions, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation conducted a hearing on July 1, 2020, titled "Exploring a Compensation Framework for Intercollegiate Athletes." The hearing examined the NCAA Board of Governors recent actions on NIL and how these new opportunities could be provided to student-athletes without compromising the integrity of institutions and the amateurism model. Additionally, the topic of safely returning student-athletes to practice and competition during this global pandemic was discussed. Witnesses included, Dr. Michael Drake, Chair, NCAA Board of Governors; Greg Sankey, Commissioner, Southeastern Conference; Keith Carter, Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics, the University of Mississippi; Dionne Koller, Law Professor, University of Baltimore; and Eric Winston, former National Football League Players Association president, NFL player and collegiate athlete.

Prior to the hearing, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced S. 4004, the Fairness in Collegiate Athletics Act. The proposal, which was introduced on June 18, 2020, would require the NCAA to implement rules allowing student-athletes to be compensated for use of their NIL by June 30, 2021. The bill would preempt state NIL laws and provide safe harbor protections for the Association as

it modernizes rules in this area. Finally, the Act would be enforced by the Federal Trade Commission. S. 4004 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and currently has no cosponsors. It is expected that Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) will introduce NIL legislation prior to Congress' August recess and discussions will continue in the Senate where additional legislation may be introduced in the near future.

NCAA government relations staff has continued its broad outreach to congressional offices to share information on Association efforts to modernize rules related to NIL. Significant attention has been given to the Board of Governors' approval of the Federal and State Legislation Working Group final report, with a focus on the kind of assistance the Association may need from Congress to support efforts to modernize rules in college sports. While most Members have been encouraged by the progress made to date, they have expressed a desire to better understand what guardrails and enforcement mechanisms will need to be implemented to allow student-athletes to be compensated for use of their NIL.

### **Return to Practice and Competition**

As Congress continues to evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 and identify policy solutions to guide the country through this pandemic, there has been increased interest in how campuses can safely reopen in the fall. While some Members of Congress have strongly encouraged the NCAA and its member schools to conduct fall competitions as scheduled, others have cautioned against the return of college sports without uniform protocols and testing procedures.

Members of Congress have also raised questions about the use of liability waivers by some schools as student-athletes return to campus for voluntary workouts. On June 24, 2020, Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) sent a letter to NCAA President Mark Emmert, expressing their concern with the use of COVID related liability waivers and urging this practice to be prohibited. Shortly after sending this letter, Senators Blumenthal and Booker introduced S. 4102, the College Athlete Pandemic Safety Act. The proposal would prohibit institutions of higher education from using COVID-19 related liability waivers for any sporting activity and allow student-athletes to retain their athletic scholarship if they decide not to compete due to concerns about contracting or transmitting COVID-19. The bill would also require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines for college sports. S. 4102 has been referred to the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and currently has no additional cosponsors.

### **State Issues**

#### **Name, Image and Likeness**

The issue of student-athlete name, image and likeness continues to be of interest for many state legislators across the country. Three states have passed legislation which prohibit schools, conferences or the NCAA from preventing student-athletes to be compensated for the use of their NIL (CA, CO, FL). The California and Colorado laws take effect January 1, 2023 and include provisions which permit student-athletes to obtain professional representation and that prohibit student-athletes from entering into contracts which conflict with team contracts. The Florida law

has an earlier effective date of July 1, 2021 and includes more restrictive provisions related to amateurism, booster activity and recruiting. Thirty-three additional states have introduced legislation related to student-athlete NIL (AL, AZ, CT, GA, HI, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV). NIL proposals in seven of these states have been passed by one chamber (AZ, HI, IL, KS, MI, NJ, OR). While the vast majority of state legislatures have adjourned, several states have suspended or postponed their legislative calendars due to the pandemic, so there is a possibility that activity related to this issue could resume at a later point this year.

### **Sports Wagering**

Efforts to legalize sports betting continue in states throughout the country. Currently, 19 jurisdictions are accepting wagers on athletic competitions (AR, CO, DC, DE, IA, IL, IN, MI, MS, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OR, PA, RI, WV) and four additional states (NC, TN, VA, WA) have legalized sports betting and are in the process of developing regulations. Twenty-four additional states have introduced sports wagering legislation this session (AK, AL, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SC, SD, TX, VT, WY). Of these, three states will hold ballot measures in November that could legalize sports betting in those states (LA, MD, SD).

### **Transgender Athletes**

State legislators across the country have demonstrated an increasing interest in the issue of transgender rights as it relates to the fairness of competition within women's sports. In March, Idaho HB 500 - which prohibits college athletes who are born biologically male from competing in women's athletics events - was signed into law by Governor Little. Twenty-one additional states have introduced legislation related to the athletic participation of transgender athletes and seven of these states have bills which apply to college athletics (AZ, KY, LA, MS, NH, OH, WA). While the vast majority of state legislatures have adjourned this year, many states have suspended or postponed their legislative calendars due to the pandemic, so there is a possibility that activity related to this issue could resume.

### **Impact of COVID-19 on State Legislatures**

The legislative landscape for all policy issues remain fluid as state legislative priorities and session calendars continue to fluctuate in response to the global pandemic. NCAA government relations staff will continue to closely monitor how these changes impact legislative activity and continue to work with member schools to educate state legislators on relevant issues.

### **Higher Education Associations**

NCAA government relations staff continues to build strong relationships with various higher education associations. The American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers (NACUBO), among others, continue to provide guidance and support on issues of common interest, including emerging COVID-related matters which impact students and student-athletes. Most recently, the NCAA partnered with ACE in response to guidance provided by the

Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement which prohibits international students from returning to or remaining in the U.S. if their colleges adopt online-only instruction models. With ACE's leadership, the NCAA signed on to a letter voicing concern for the guidance and joined an amicus brief in support of a lawsuit filed by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in response to the new federal restrictions. The NCAA government relations office looks forward to continuing these mutually beneficial relationships to better formulate and further the NCAA's legislative goals.

## NCAA issues next set of return-to-sport guidelines

**Third installment of recommendations outlines daily self-health checks, testing within 72 hours of competition for high contact risk sports**

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The NCAA Sport Science Institute has released the [Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition](#) to extend previous guidance and provide updated recommendations about the protection of athletes and prevention of community spread of COVID-19.

The guidelines are designed to inform schools in responding appropriately based on their specific circumstances and in the best interest of returning college athletes' health and well-being. Many sports require close, personal contact and require specially crafted guidelines. Among the recommendations put forth:

- Daily self-health checks.
- The appropriate use of face coverings and social distancing during training, competition and outside of athletics.
- Testing strategies for all athletics activities, including pre-season, regular season and post-season.
- Testing and results within 72 hours of competition in high contact risk sports.
- Member schools must adhere to public health standards set by their local communities.

"Any recommendation on a pathway toward a safe return to sport will depend on the national trajectory of COVID-19 spread," said Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer. "The idea of sport resocialization is predicated on a scenario of reduced or flattened infection rates."

"When we made the extremely difficult decision to cancel last spring's championships it was because there was simply no way to conduct them safely," said NCAA President Mark Emmert. "This document lays out the advice of health care professionals as to how to resume college sports if we can achieve an environment where COVID-19 rates are manageable. Today, sadly, the data point in the wrong direction. If there is to be college sports in the fall, we need to get a much better handle on the pandemic."

The recommendations were developed in collaboration with the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#), [American Medical Society for Sports Medicine \(AMSSM\) COVID-19 Working Group](#), [Autonomy-5 Medical Advisory Group](#), [National Medical Association](#), and [NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Prevention and Performance Subcommittee](#). The guidance also takes into consideration recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is the latest update to the initial [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#) recommendations, providing guidelines and practices that schools should consider as they develop their own mitigation plans. The previously released [Action Plan Considerations](#) offered recommendations to help schools mitigate risks of COVID-19 spread as staff and student-athletes return.

For more information on the NCAA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [ncaa.org/covid-19](https://ncaa.org/covid-19).

# Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition

## Executive Summary

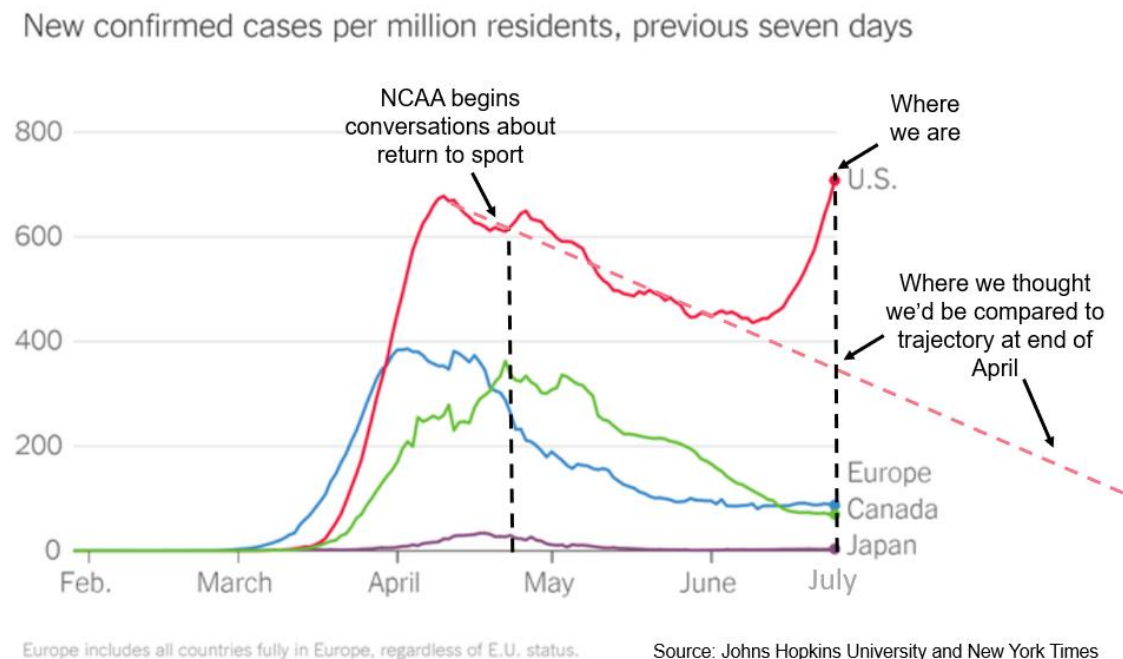
This third publication on resocialization of collegiate sport updates the prior two documents and provides new guidance specific to the prevention of community spread of COVID-19 in the athletics setting. Importantly, the guidelines provide NCAA members tools to assist with their efforts to provide a healthy and safe environment for those participating in athletics. Key takeaways from the guidance include:

- Asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic spread of COVID-19 is common in young adults.
- COVID-19 remains high risk for certain individuals, including those with a Body Mass Index of 30 or greater.
- Testing strategies should be implemented for all athletics activities, including pre-season, regular season and post-season.
- Testing and results should be obtained within 72 hours of competition in high contact risk sports.
- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing is the preferred method of testing, but alternative strategies will be considered as testing technology evolves.
- Daily self-health checks should be performed by all student-athletes and athletics personnel before entering any athletics facility.
- Physical distancing and masks/cloth face coverings are an integral part of athletics, and should be practiced whenever feasible.
- Although face shields are not proven to offer the same risk mitigation as masks/cloth face coverings, they should be integrated into sport where feasible.
- Universal masking should be observed on all sidelines, including when an athlete moves from the playing field to the sideline to confer with a coach.
- Training should occur outdoors. When not feasible, indoor training with good ventilation is preferable to indoor training with poor ventilation.
- Hand sanitization, cough/sneeze etiquette, physical distancing and masks/cloth face coverings are key in COVID-19 risk mitigation.
- Time-based strategies for resuming activities after positive test results should follow CDC recommendations.
- All individuals with high-risk exposure must be quarantined for 14 days.
- All student-athletes and athletics personnel should understand that COVID-19 risk mitigation practices should be observed at ALL times, including non-athletic related activities.

This third NCAA publication regarding resocialization of collegiate sport is intended as an update and supplement to the original publication, [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#), and the second NCAA publication [Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations](#). The first publication provided guidance for phasing in sports and was consistent with the federal publication [Guidelines: Opening Up America Again](#).

The second NCAA publication emphasized personal and institutional considerations related to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The first two documents were written within the conceptual framework of a national projection for a downward rate of COVID-19 infection in the United States. As the graph below indicates, when the NCAA began discussions about return of sport after the cancellation of 2020 winter and spring championships, there was an expectation that such a return would take place within a context that assumed syndromic surveillance, national testing strategies and enhanced contact tracing. Although testing and contact tracing infrastructure have expanded considerably, the variations in approach to reopening America for business and recreation have correlated with a considerable spike in cases in recent weeks. This requires that schools contemplate a holistic strategy that includes testing to return to sports with a high contact risk.



The information in this third publication was developed in consultation with the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#), the [American Medical Society for Sports Medicine \(AMSSM\) COVID-19 Working Group](#), which is composed of sports medicine physicians from NCAA member schools who supplement and support the work of the advisory panel as it relates to specific areas of COVID-19 risk: the [Autonomy-5 Medical Advisory Group](#), which includes team physicians and infectious disease experts from the five autonomous conferences; the [National Medical Association](#); the [NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports](#). This document also takes into consideration available recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These materials are intended to do two things:

- Update and extend the guidance provided in the first two resocialization publications in light of new and emerging information.
- Provide new guidance about considerations specific to the prevention of community spread of COVID-19 in the athletics setting, including, specifically, examples of recommendations for COVID-19 testing for individuals in sports with a high contact risk.

As with prior NCAA publications, the materials are meant to be consistent with guidance published by the federal government and its health agencies. This document reflects the relevant scientific and medical information available at the time of print. These materials should not be used as a substitute for medical or legal advice. Rather, they are intended as a resource for member schools to use in coordination with applicable government and related institutional policies and guidelines, and they remain subject to further revision as available data and information in this space continue to emerge and evolve.

The federal government has not yet published uniform federal guidance related to certain practices like diagnostic testing protocols, contact tracing and surveillance. But as individual states have reopened businesses and entertainment venues, the NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel, the AMSSM COVID-19 Working Group, and the Autonomy-5 Medical Advisory Group have reviewed and evaluated those practices. Through this anecdotal evidence and related analysis and discussion, these groups have been able to identify certain practices that should be highlighted for more focused consideration by member schools.

## **Risk of Transmission of COVID-19**

As reported by the CDC, while surface contact may be a risk, the most impactful determinant of COVID-19 spread is human-to-human contact.<sup>[1]</sup> COVID-19 spread is greatest when individuals are in a crowded environment with prolonged close contact. Further, the risk of COVID-19 transmission is greater in indoor areas with poor ventilation. Indoor areas with good ventilation are better, and outdoor areas are best. Thus, COVID-19 spread is most likely when individuals are in prolonged close contact in an indoor area with poor ventilation, which has implications for both sport training and sport competition planning.<sup>[2]</sup>

The CDC defines high risk of COVID-19 transmission as any situation in which there has been greater than 15 minutes of close contact, defined as being less than 6 feet apart, with an infectious individual.<sup>[3]</sup> Importantly, there is a risk of transmission from being present with infectious individuals who are symptomatic, pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic.

Asymptomatic spread of COVID-19 is of significant concern in the college sport environment because, like the broader student body, it is largely composed of younger adults (18-29 years of age). These individuals will often remain asymptomatic after being infected with SARS-CoV-2, but even though they have no symptoms, they are still capable of spreading this virus, which causes COVID-19. If they infect another younger

adult, the risk of an adverse outcome is low, although the long-term consequences to cardiopulmonary health to themselves or other younger adults remain unknown. In contrast, contact with that same asymptomatic/minimally symptomatic individual presents a potentially lethal risk for high-risk category individuals who are far more likely to have an adverse outcome if infected with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Relatedly, pre-symptomatic spread is also a concern, as these individuals are infected with COVID-19 but have not yet developed symptoms or signs of this disease.

The CDC recently updated its guidance to emphasize that, among adults, the risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk and 8 out of 10 COVID-19-related deaths reported in the United States to date occurring in adults age 65 and older. In addition, the CDC also has established that individuals of any age with the following underlying medical conditions are at increased risk: <sup>[4]</sup>

- [Chronic kidney disease.](#)
- [COPD \(chronic obstructive pulmonary disease\).](#)
- [Immunocompromised state \(weakened immune system\) from solid organ transplant.](#)
- [Obesity \(body mass index of 30 or greater\).](#)
- [Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies.](#)
- [Sickle cell disease.](#)
- [Type 2 diabetes mellitus.](#)

Finally, the CDC has advised that children who have complex medical situations, who have congenital heart disease or who have neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 than other children.

While data is still fairly limited, the CDC has said people with the following conditions ***might*** also be at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19:<sup>[5]</sup>

- [Asthma \(moderate to severe\).](#)
- [Cerebrovascular disease \(affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain\).](#)
- [Cystic fibrosis.](#)
- [Hypertension or high blood pressure.](#)
- [Immunocompromised state \(weakened immune system\) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids or use of other immune weakening medicines.](#)
- [Neurologic conditions, such as dementia.](#)
- [Liver disease.](#)
- [Pregnancy.](#)
- [Pulmonary fibrosis \(having damaged or scarred lung tissues\).](#)
- [Smoking.](#)
- [Thalassemia \(a type of blood disorder\).](#)
- [Type 1 diabetes mellitus.](#)

As published data confirms that the risk of death from COVID-19 increases with age and high-risk underlying medical conditions, students and student-athletes who are not in high-risk categories themselves may be unlikely to have complications from COVID-19, but they represent a significant threat to any high-risk category individuals with whom they may have unprotected contact. These risks must be considered as part of the risk/benefit ratio of resocialization of collegiate sport. Of note, sports such as football may have an overrepresentation of student-athletes (for example, football linemen) who meet the high-risk criteria as it relates to obesity. For this reason, prevention and testing strategies should recognize that some athletes may have an increased risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19.

## **Mitigating Risk With Daily Self-Health Checks**

Every student-athlete and all athletics personnel should practice at least daily self-health evaluations before participating in any aspect of in-person athletics activities. Individuals who identify any of the following symptoms or signs during the daily self-health evaluation should be encouraged to contact the designated athletics health care representative by telephone or virtual visit before coming on campus or to any athletics facility:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Cough or other respiratory symptoms.
- Headache.
- Chills.
- Muscle aches.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- New loss of taste or smell.
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Pain, redness, swelling or rash on toes or fingers (COVID toes).
- New rash or other skin symptoms.
- High-risk exposure: a new contact with an infected individual or prolonged contact with a crowd without physical distancing (for example, attended a party in which there was no masking or physical distancing).
- Temperature of 100.4° Fahrenheit or above.

## **Mitigating Risk With Face Coverings and Physical Distancing**

Emerging data makes it clear that along with hand washing and good sanitization practices, physical distancing and universal masking are the most effective strategies for preventing COVID-19 spread at the community level. While the CDC continues to recommend wearing “cloth face coverings” in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, some health experts believe it is reasonable to conclude that face shields may be an effective alternative.<sup>[6]</sup> The use of a face shield, an emerging consideration as either an alternative or supplement to a face mask/cloth face covering, similarly may mitigate spread of virus from an infected individual to a non-infected person. The CDC does not currently recommend that the face shield may replace

a cloth face covering, but does note that individuals may choose to use a face shield when sustained close contact with other people is expected, provided the shield wraps around the sides of the wearer's face and extends to below the chin if used without a mask/cloth face covering.<sup>[7]</sup> Thus, even where state and local requirements may permit otherwise, schools should consider the recognizable benefit of requiring face coverings and appropriate physical distancing wherever possible in the college athletics environment.

In sport, universal masking would mean that all individuals engaged in athletics activities would wear a mask/cloth face covering during all phases of non-water-based activity that involve proximity to other individuals. This practice could present a challenge during activities involving contact to the head or face region or strenuous exercise. Where a mask/cloth face covering cannot be safely tolerated, schools should consider implementing physical distancing protocols that encourage at least 6 feet between individuals. Schools may want to consider the effectiveness of face shields as a potential [alternative](#) to the use of masks/cloth face coverings for protection of others against exposure by asymptomatic individuals. Because face shields are usually made from clear plastic and they generally extend below the chin and around the ears, they may offer some protection but with less impediment in terms of heat, moisture and effective communication. They also have the added benefit of preventing wearers from touching their face.

Face shields also have been developed for football helmets and are made to affix to the helmet's rigid face mask. Like masks/cloth face covering, the shields are designed to prevent the outward projection of respiratory droplets during coughing, sneezing, heavy breathing, or grunting. It should be noted that these products are considered helmet additions and require confirmation from the helmet manufacturer that the helmet can retain necessary National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment certification when the shield is added. Schools are advised to confirm with the manufacturer of their football helmets before deciding to purchase or add a face shield product.

Theoretically, if a team can successfully implement universal masking and distancing practices during athletically related activities, it could reduce the risk of spread in the event of an infected team member. Individuals who participate in athletics activities while in proximity (less than 6 feet) to an infected individual and who may otherwise be considered a high-risk contact because of that proximity, could possibly not be considered a high-risk contact for contact tracing purposes if the infected individual was wearing a mask/cloth face covering during those athletics activities. In other words, in addition to lowering the risk of transmission, universal masking practices may potentially ease the operational burden that would otherwise accompany managing a community or team outbreak. This theoretical consideration is likely to be in flux as we understand better the operational considerations for "prolonged exposure" and "close contact in sport."

## **Mitigating Risk With Outdoor Training**

There is good evidence<sup>[2]</sup> that risk of COVID-19 transmission is greater in indoor areas with poor ventilation. Indoor areas with good ventilation are better, and outdoor areas are best. This means, to the extent possible, there should be maximization of outdoor activity during training as a strategy to mitigate COVID-19 risk.

When outdoor training is not feasible, or for indoor sports, it is important to try to ensure that ventilation systems are operating properly, air flow is maximized, and physical distancing is maintained. Consider the following CDC recommendations:<sup>[2]</sup>

- Ensure proper maintenance of ventilation systems.<sup>[8]</sup>
- Increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans and following other related methods if doing so does not create a hazard.
- Install transparent shields or other physical barriers in common areas of training where physical distancing may be compromised.
- Use signs, tape marks or other visual cues placed 6 feet apart to encourage physical distancing in common training areas.
- Increase the percentage of outdoor air in HVAC systems.
- Increase total airflow supply to occupied spaces.
- Disable demand-control ventilation controls that reduce air supply based on temperature or occupancy.
- Improve central air filtration.
- Consider running the building ventilation system even during unoccupied times to maximize dilution ventilation.
- Generate clean-to-less-clean air movement.
- Consider using portable high-efficiency particulate air fan/filtration systems to help enhance air cleaning, especially in higher risk areas.
- Ensure exhaust fans in restroom facilities are functional and operating at full capacity when the building is occupied.
- Consider using ultraviolet germicidal irradiation as a supplement to help inactivate the coronavirus.

## **Impact of State and Institutional Guidelines on Early Resocialization Guidance**

As states have evaluated regional risks as they relate to emerging data such as COVID-19 infection and death rates and available medical resources, they have established their own reopening (or resocialization) guidelines. The variations in these resocialization practices and requirements between states are often significant. In addition to this lack of consistency between states, many of the state-level practices are inconsistent with the [Guidelines: Opening Up America Again](#), the federal publication upon which the original [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#) was based.

For example, many states have elected to forgo strict adherence with the two-week phased intervals of resocialization that were described in the federal Guidelines and Core Principles document and, instead, implemented strategies and practices that emphasize

long-term adherence to more practical strategies that mitigate and minimize campus and community spread.

Similarly, the size of the group or gathering has become less of a focus in these state-level strategies as emerging data has suggested that even a very small group can pose a substantial risk if none of the individuals in that group practices risk mitigation strategies (for example, masking and physical distancing). Conversely, if large groups are assembled and effective risk mitigation strategies are in place, such gatherings are consistent with promoting health behaviors that reduce COVID-19 spread.<sup>[9]</sup> Therefore, the six-week phased-in resocialization approach originally presented in the Core Principles document should now be interpreted and applied in a way that takes into account this emerging data and emphasizes risk mitigation strategies for all groups, regardless of size.

It remains that the first two weeks of return to campus deserve special consideration because student-athletes are converging from multiple parts of the country and may well be asymptomatic, pre-symptomatic, or symptomatic carriers of COVID-19. As athletics departments continue to develop protocols related to student-athlete re-entry to campus, including testing athletes upon campus return, the following considerations identified in the [Action Plan](#) document remain relevant, and may warrant consideration of additional testing based on the athlete's timeline:

- Confirmation of no high-risk exposure to COVID-19 for at least two weeks before returning to campus.
- Absence of typical COVID-19 symptoms.
- Assessment of risk factors involved in traveling back to school.
- Management of infected individuals in accordance with local public health guidance.

## **Strategies for Transition Periods and Return to Activity**

As member schools plan for a return to organized activity for fall sports, questions have emerged about the structure of activity during identified transition and acclimatization periods. COVID-19 has undoubtedly increased the complexities and will continue to impact health and safety considerations related to returning to athletics and preseason activities. Traditional transition and acclimatization considerations (for example, cardiovascular conditioning, heat, altitude) are still very relevant, and when coupled with the loss of spring and summer activities and other physical and nonphysical impacts related to COVID-19, they can create complex re-entry challenges for student-athletes.

Recommendation No. 3 of the NCAA's [Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes](#) (Catastrophic Materials) speaks to the vulnerability of student-athletes during the first week of activity of a transition period in training and the importance of establishing a seven- to 10-day initial transition period during which student-athletes are afforded the time to properly progress through the physiologic and environmental stresses placed upon them as they return to required activities.

In addition to the NCAA guidance that can be found on the [NCAA Coronavirus Resource Page](#), various evidence-based resources have been published by professional organizations in sports medicine and strength and conditioning. These resources may help inform member schools as they design and implement evaluation activities, physical conditioning and practice sessions during these transition periods impacted by COVID-19. Schools are encouraged to leverage all available resources and information as they plan for return to campus and athletics activities. A nonexhaustive list of some of these materials is included for reference:

- [American Medical Society for Sports Medicine](#).
- [College Athletic Trainers' Society](#).
- [Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association](#).
- [Korey Stringer Institute](#).
- [National Athletic Trainers' Association](#).
- [National Strength and Conditioning Association](#).

## **Strategies for Resuming Activities After Positive Test Results – Asymptomatic Individuals**

The CDC has published strategies for the resumption of normal activities for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 but **who have not had any symptoms**.<sup>[10]</sup> Any decision to discontinue isolation of infected individuals should be made in the context of local circumstances.

### *Time-based strategy*

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 but have not developed any symptoms may discontinue isolation 10 days after the date of their first COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms. If symptoms do develop, this time-based strategy should not be used, and the symptom-based strategy should be used instead.

### *Test-based strategy*

Although the CDC does provide guidance for a test-based strategy, such a strategy is not widely applied in health care settings and is not generally embraced as a strategy for athletics.

## **Strategies for Resuming Activities After Positive Test Results – Symptomatic Individuals**

The CDC has published strategies for the resumption of normal activities for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and **who have symptoms**.<sup>[10]</sup> Any decision to discontinue isolation of infected individuals should be made in the context of local circumstances.

### *Time-based strategy*

Individuals who test positive and are symptomatic should remain in isolation until at least 72 hours have passed since recovery, which is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in any respiratory symptoms **and** at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

### *Test-based strategy*

As above, although the CDC does provide guidance for a test-based strategy, such a strategy is not widely applied in health care settings and is not generally embraced as a strategy for athletics.

## **Other Considerations Related to Resumption of Activities After Positive Tests**

The CDC has identified other information that athletics departments should consider as part of their development of protocols related to the discontinuation of isolation for infected individuals after positive test results.<sup>10</sup> For example, for certain populations, including those containing individuals with conditions that may weaken their immune system, a longer isolation timeframe for infected individuals may be desired to minimize the chance of prolonged shedding of the virus. Similarly, it should be noted that recommendations for discontinuing isolation in people known to be **infected** with COVID-19 may be different than CDC recommendations on when to discontinue quarantine for people known to have been **exposed** to COVID-19. For example, the CDC still recommends 14 days of quarantine after high-risk exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness if infected. Thus, it is possible that a person known to be infected, but who has been tested, could leave isolation earlier than a person who is quarantined, but who has not been tested, because the possibility of infection remains where testing has not occurred.

## **Cardiac and Exercise Considerations for Resumption of Exercise After COVID-19 Infection**

The COVID-19 virus can potentially negatively impact any endothelial structure, including the heart and lungs, thereby posing a potential risk to individuals who return to exercise post-infection. Published data suggests that athletes with prior COVID-19 infection should undergo cardiac screening.<sup>[11],[12]</sup> However, it should be noted that the data referenced in these publications was gathered from individuals who suffered severe complications from COVID-19. These individuals did not show the clinical case presentation typical to younger adults who contract the disease and infrequently develop severe complications. To date, there have not been any evidence-based recommendations published to guide the return to exercise in asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic athletes who have become infected with COVID-19.

However, a group of experts from the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and the American College of Cardiology have developed the following considerations, which are available on the [AMSSM website](#).

### *Cardiac Recommendations*

*Athletes with a confirmed past infection (antibody or prior diagnostic test), and mild to moderate illness or asymptomatic, (i.e., managed at home):*

- A medical evaluation or routine pre-participation exam can be performed, including a symptom screen.
- Electrocardiogram can be considered.
- Further workup as indicated.

*Athletes with a confirmed past infection and severe illness (hospitalization) or ongoing cardiovascular symptoms:*

- Medical evaluation with symptom screen.
- Additional testing, which may include:
  - Cardiology consult, electrocardiogram; blood troponin 48 hours after exercise and echocardiogram.
  - Consider additional cardiac tests such as cardiac MRI, Holter, stress test, chest X-ray, spirometry, pulmonary function tests, d-dimer and chest CT.

### *Exercise Recommendations*

*Athletes with new infection and no symptoms:*

- Exercise in isolation is permitted if such exercise does not cause cardiopulmonary symptoms.
- Monitor for development of symptoms during isolation.
- Cardiac recommendations as above.

*Athletes with new infection and mild illness (common cold-like symptoms without fever):*

- No exercise for at least 10 days, or longer if symptoms persist.
- Monitor for symptom development with exercise.
- Cardiac recommendations as above.

*Athletes with new infection and moderate illness (fever and flu-like illness):*

- No exercise for at least 14 days, or longer if symptoms persist.
- Monitor for symptom development with exercise.
- Cardiac recommendations as above.

*Athletes with new infection and severe illness (hospitalized):*

- For more severe illness, hospitalization, or ongoing symptoms, a comprehensive medical evaluation and cardiology consult is recommended.

*Athletes placed in quarantine for high risk contact but who are not infected with COVID-19:*

- Exercise in quarantine is permitted if such exercise does not cause cardiopulmonary symptoms.
- Monitor for development of symptoms during quarantine.
- If symptoms develop, with or without exercise, test for SARS-CoV-2.

## Updated Strength and Conditioning Considerations

Because of the number of respiratory droplets that are distributed into the air during a typical strength and conditioning work-out, athletics departments should consider the potential risk mitigation benefits of implementing clear physical distancing and masking practices during such sessions, and such sessions preferably should occur outdoors. See also “*Mitigating Risk With Outdoor Training*” above. These risks and benefits would apply to athletes and coaches (including strength and conditioning specialists), as well as any other essential personnel involved in these workouts or located within the workout space. See also “*Mitigating Risk With Face Coverings and Physical Distancing*” above.

## Updated Team Practice Considerations

Available data supports the idea that, although sport has many positive effects, group practice activities have the potential to significantly increase the risk of COVID-19 spread if proper distancing and/or masking practices are not implemented, and if air flow/ventilation is compromised. As athletics departments account for and plan to address these risks they should consider the following:

- **Face Coverings During Team Practice Activities.** See “*Mitigating Risk With Face Coverings and Physical Distancing*” above.
- **Working in Functional Units.** Schools should consider the establishment of “functional units” as a strategy to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19. A functional unit may be composed of five to 10 individuals, all members of the same team, who consistently work out and participate in activities together. Assuming that these individuals observe appropriate sanitization, physical distancing and universal masking practices at all other times and do not otherwise place themselves in high contact risk scenarios (for example, attending off-campus social events), the individuals would only be considered high risk to one another. A similar strategy is to have one unit of a team always train against another unit of a team. For example, the first unit of the football team always training against the third unit of the football team; and the second and fourth units always training together. This means that if an individual from one of those units does become infected, the entire team may not be impacted, and contact tracing may be more manageable than it would be otherwise in the event of an infection.

- **Electronic Whistles.** Schools should consider the use of [electronic whistles](#) in practice scenarios as a strategy to avoid the deep breath and forced burst of droplet-filled air that results from the use of a traditional whistle.

## Impact of Activities Outside of Athletics

Student-athletes are students first and, although they may be under relatively strict supervision during their daily commitments to athletics, it is likely that little supervision exists during their remaining hours (for example, in the dorms, at the dining facilities, at parties). For this reason, campus policies coupled with a commitment from each student-athlete to practice infection control are integral to the successful mitigation of the risk of COVID-19 spread within and outside of the athletics department. Without the broader campus policies and practices to guide their behavior when away from athletics, student-athletes may incur more risk through their everyday activities than they might as a participant in a sport with high contact risk. Before assuming that the implementation of sanitization, distancing and masking practices are an effective strategy for mitigating risks within the athletics setting, a school should consider whether and to what extent those mitigation practices are successfully occurring outside of athletics activities and whether/how testing protocols may provide an effective supplement to those practices.

## Updates Regarding Testing Methodologies

The polymerase chain reaction test, by way of a nasopharyngeal swab, with testing for amplification of the nucleic acid of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is currently considered the gold standard and has a very high sensitivity and specificity. However, testing paradigms are still rapidly changing, and other strategies may become available. For example, rapidly emerging testing strategies include the use of nasal swab or salivary samples rather than nasopharyngeal swabs. In addition, emerging point-of-care PCR testing will provide results more immediately instead of the typical 24-hour or more wait for laboratory-based PCR testing.

Another emerging strategy is point-of-care antigen testing, which assesses for the presence of a viral protein. With this method, up to 50 tests in one hour can be performed and can selectively identify any positive results without having to rerun the tests (as is typical for other types of bulk batch testing). Point-of-care antigen testing currently has relatively low sensitivity of around 70% to 90%, meaning it could miss some positive cases, but the sensitivity has been improving rapidly. On the other hand, its specificity is essentially 100%, meaning that the test should not produce false-positive results. Point-of-care antigen testing costs less than typical lab-based PCR testing. Because such testing may allow a combination of increased testing frequency combined with rapid speed of reporting, this may provide a benefit for surveillance testing that outweighs high sensitivity tests that are coupled with delayed (for example, more than 48 hours) reporting.<sup>[13]</sup>

Serology testing, either using IgG or IgM antibodies, has not been sufficiently validated to warrant its use for diagnostic testing purposes. Antibody testing may be considered to

screen for possible previous exposure to SARS-CoV-2, but should not be used as the sole modality to determine potentially infected individuals.

Diagnostic testing refers to either PCR or point-of-care antigen testing to confirm or negate infection with COVID-19.

Surveillance testing is used to track patterns of spread in a community setting. Typically, a percentage of the population, or the entire population of a defined group, is tested without regard to whether the individual is symptomatic or may be engaged in high contact risk behavior. Surveillance testing may be used to help mitigate risk of an outbreak due to the sport activity. Repeat surveillance testing of someone who previously tested positive for the virus should not need to be performed; however, these individuals should continue to follow all risk mitigation strategies. Testing should be performed for new COVID-19 symptoms. This is an evolving area of research, and recommendations may need to be adjusted as new information arises about the definitive possibility of reinfection.

Diagnostic testing in athletics may be considered a combination of surveillance testing, testing individuals/groups engaged in high-risk exposure, and testing individuals with suspected COVID-19 infection. At present, scientific studies do not provide clear guidance on the following:

- Test sensitivity in asymptomatic people.
- Prediction rules for estimating the pretest probability of infection for asymptomatic individuals to allow calculation of post-test probabilities after positive or negative results.
- Thresholds for ruling out infection for a variety of clinical situations, including sport. Therefore, the testing strategies for asymptomatic athletes noted below are based on consensus recommendations and are subject to change as more data emerge.<sup>[14]</sup>

**For the purposes of this document, based on current evidence and standards, PCR is the standard testing method for both baseline and ongoing surveillance testing. Testing strategies are always contingent on the availability of ample testing supplies, laboratory capacity, efficient turnaround time and convenient access to testing. If PCR testing in a community is prioritized for symptomatic individuals, if PCR supplies/turnaround time are compromised, or as testing technology evolves, alternative strategies may need to be considered.**

## **Sport Classification Update**

The categorization of sport risk was previously noted in the [Action Plan](#) document and is based on consensus from the NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel and the AMSSM COVID-19 Working Group and on the probability and significance of respiratory droplet spread during vigorous exercise when physical distancing and masking are not applied or are not possible. Importantly, the sport classification refers to sport-specific training and competition and not cross-training or other aspects of training. For example, swimming is

a low contact risk sport, but dry land training activities such as trampoline, stretching, and tumbling may be associated with higher risk activity if risk-mitigating strategies noted above are not in place.

The risk assessment has now been updated below to include all NCAA-sponsored sports, including both winter and spring sports. Importantly, this risk assessment differs from the National Federation of State High School Associations and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and also may differ from state/local risk categorization guidance.

- **Low contact risk:** bowling, diving, equestrian, fencing, golf, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis, track and field.
- **Medium contact risk:** acrobatics and tumbling, baseball, beach volleyball, cross country\*, gymnastics, softball, triathlon\*.
- **High contact risk:** basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, soccer, squash, volleyball, water polo, wrestling.

*\* The level of risk in cross country, track and field and triathlon are dependent upon the student-athlete's proximity to other unmasked individuals. For example, the start or finish of a race may involve a group of athletes who are breathing heavily in a group space with a breakdown in physical distancing.*

## Low Contact Risk and Medium Contact Risk Sports

If a team in a low contact risk or medium contact risk sport can successfully implement physical distancing and universal masking practices during all sport activities, then the risk of potential spread related to those sports will decrease. This becomes an important consideration as schools evaluate risks related to competition with other member schools and make decisions about how to employ testing resources and strategies. **In any low contact risk or medium contact risk sport or other scenario where appropriate physical distancing and universal masking practices cannot always be maintained, schools should consider necessary testing strategies and protocols to mitigate community spread of COVID-19.** Testing protocols should address student-athletes and all “inner bubble” personnel including coaches, medical staff, officials and other essential personnel who are at high risk of exposure. Two examples of possible testing protocols are provided below:

- **Scenarios Presenting Medium Contact Risk:**
  - Diagnostic testing upon arrival to campus.
  - During summer athletic activities and out-of-season athletic activities: surveillance PCR testing, for example, testing 25%-50% of athletes and “inner bubble” personnel every two weeks if physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high-contact risk individuals.

- During in-season (preseason, regular season and postseason): surveillance PCR testing, for example, 25%-50% of athletes and “inner bubble” personnel every two weeks if physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals.
- Symptomatic testing and high-contact risk testing as appropriate.
- **Scenarios Presenting Low Contact Risk:**
  - Diagnostic testing upon arrival to campus.
  - During summer athletic activities and out-of-season athletic activities: surveillance testing in conjunction with a university plan for all students, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals.
  - During in-season (preseason, regular season, postseason): symptomatic testing and high contact risk testing thereafter.

## High Contact Risk Sports

**Because it is highly unlikely that physical distancing and universal masking can always be maintained during practice and competition in high contact risk sports, schools should consider necessary testing strategies and protocols to mitigate community spread of COVID-19.** Testing protocols should address student-athletes, plus all “inner bubble” personnel (coaches, medical staff, officials and other essential personnel) for whom physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained.

For high contact risk sports teams returning to campus and engaging in voluntary and required summer athletic activities and out-of-season athletic activities, schools should contemplate initial testing upon return. Further, schools should consider surveillance testing every two weeks thereafter during voluntary and required summer athletic activities, as well as out-of-season athletic activities for all student-athletes and “inner bubble” personnel if physical distancing, masking and other protective measures are not maintained. For high contact risk sports that are in-season (preseason, regular season, postseason), weekly surveillance testing should be performed for student-athletes, plus “inner bubble” personnel for whom physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained. (See Table 1 below for graphic summary.)

***Table 1. Testing Strategy Considerations for High Contact Risk Sports***

Arrival on Campus	All athletes and “inner bubble” personnel are tested.
Summer Athletic Activities (Voluntary)	Surveillance PCR testing, for example, 25%-50% of athletes and “inner bubble” personnel every two weeks if physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained*, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals
Summer Athletic Activities (Required)	Surveillance PCR testing, for example, testing 25%-50% of athletes and “inner bubble” personnel every two weeks if physical distancing, masking and other protective features

	are not maintained*, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals.
In-Season (Pre-Season, Regular Season, Post-Season)	<b>Weekly PCR testing**</b> of all athletes, plus “inner bubble” personnel for whom physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained; additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals.
Out-of-Season Athletic Activities	Surveillance PCR testing, for example, 25%-50% of athletes and “inner bubble” personnel every two weeks if physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained*, plus additional testing for symptomatic and high contact risk individuals.

*\* Those unable to fully implement appropriate sanitization, physical distancing and masking in all activities.*

*\*\* Competition testing may account for the weekly testing*

## Updated Competition Considerations

With respect to competition with other schools, athletics departments should consider how best to secure reasonable assurance that the same risks have been adequately considered and addressed by the other team. Schools should consider how to share testing results and related safety assurances to opposing teams before the start of an event in a manner consistent with applicable health information and education privacy laws. Further, in conjunction with local public health officials and contact tracers, schools should have in place a mechanism for notifying other schools should an athlete from one team test positive within 48 hours after competition with another team.

### *Pre-Competition Testing*

School and conferences should contemplate pre-competition testing protocols that include all high contact risk student-athletes and officials, plus “inner bubble” personnel for whom physical distancing, masking and other protective features are not maintained. Schools should plan to secure the resources necessary to both perform the tests and to manage the details related to any positive results. In addition to general health and safety risks related to potential disease spread, the complexities related to pre-competition testing should encourage schools to limit the number of “inner bubble” individuals involved with each competition.

For all high contact risk sports, protocols should be contemplated that include testing of student-athletes within 72 hours of competition for football and within 72 hours of the first of the week’s set of games for other high contact risk sports. Officials in football and basketball, due to their close contact with athletes, should also be tested weekly. Athletes must continue all infection risk mitigation behaviors after testing.

If PCR testing cannot be performed within 72 hours of competition, then the competition should be postponed or canceled, or an alternative plan for testing should be developed and agreed upon. This should include consultation with conference and local health officials before implementation. If an alternative, agreed upon testing strategy results in a lower sensitivity test result, repeat testing before competition should be considered to mitigate false negative results.

### *Clinical-Based Testing and Isolation*

In addition to routine surveillance and pre-competition testing, schools and conferences should contemplate protocols that include clinical evaluation for student-athletes and/or other athletics personnel who develop COVID-19 symptoms after pre-competition testing, including testing for the presence of the virus. If a student-athlete or staff member becomes symptomatic between testing and competition, protocols should be considered that include isolating the student-athlete or staff member until repeat results are available, in each case in a manner consistent with applicable state, local and institutional recommendations.

### *Game Officials*

Officials and referees may operate in proximity to student-athletes and school personnel during or as part of competition events. As a result, they may create risk for these individuals, and may also be at risk for contracting the disease from student-athletes. Athletics departments should consider how best to plan for and address these additional risks. For example, schools should consider the implementation of appropriate distancing and masking practices, as well as the use of [electronic whistles](#), and should consider how best to ensure that officials are aware of any other competition-specific practices or expectations that will be implemented for risk mitigation purposes (for example, teams not swapping benches between periods). Note: Officials and referees in football and basketball would be considered part of the “inner bubble” of personnel deemed essential to the conduct of competition for purposes of pre-competition testing as noted above. Additional considerations also may need to be given to logistical issues, such as locker room and hospitality facilities typically used by officials and referees, and ingress and egress strategies to competition venues.

### *Universal Masking*

As part of agreed-upon competition protocols, schools and conferences should contemplate universal masking for all coaches and other personnel who are present at the event. This can help prevent the unwitting spread of infection to others with whom they may have close contact, especially when talking at a close physical distance as is so common on the sidelines or bench area. Similarly, because wearing a mask/cloth face covering/face shield will not adequately protect a coach from infection by an infectious athlete, schools and conferences should contemplate a policy of universal masking for all student-athletes when they are not playing and when they move from the court/field to the sidelines for timeouts or between-period strategy discussions.

## *Team Travel*

Public travel poses logistical challenges related to potential exposure and appropriate risk mitigation. Schools should continue to evaluate the current data regarding risks related to commercial plane and other travel, and travel protocols should be considered that include physical distancing, as possible, and universal masking for all individuals traveling with others by private car, van, chartered bus or chartered plane. Schools should also plan for proper communication of all travel rules, protocols and expectations to everyone in the travel party. When feasible, schools should aim to travel and play the same day to avoid overnight stays. For overnight stays or same-day travel, prepackaged meals or room service should be considered. If restaurant dining is the only option, consider take-out food or outdoor eating as preferable alternatives.

## **Updated Contact Tracing Considerations**

Effective contact tracing is critical in breaking the chain of transmission and limiting the spread of infection for infectious diseases such as COVID-19. However, there is no federal oversight of contact tracing programs, and the number of contact tracers in this country is currently inadequate to effectively manage disease spread among individuals and groups of people with high contact risk exposure. As a result, athletics departments, in consultation with institutional leadership, should consider evaluating the availability of, and accessibility to, local contact tracing resources. Where the availability of local contact tracing resources is identified as inadequate, schools should consider the need for and benefit of training on-site personnel through accepted courses such as the [Coursera class](#). Staff who complete formal training in contact tracing can be an invaluable resource with respect to institutional risk-management efforts and resources.

## **Considerations After a Positive Test Result**

When an athlete tests positive for COVID-19, local public health officials must be notified, and contact tracing protocols must be put in place. All individuals with a high risk of exposure should be placed in quarantine for 14 days as per CDC guidance. This includes members of opposing teams after competition. The difficulty is defining individuals with a high risk of exposure, and in some cases, this could mean an entire team (or teams). The CDC defines a close contact requiring quarantine as:<sup>[15]</sup>

- An individual who was within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes.
- An individual who provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- An individual who had direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them).
- An individual who shared eating or drinking utensils.
- An individual who was sneezed or coughed on by an infected individual or who somehow was touched by respiratory droplets from an infected individual.

## **Considerations Related to the Discontinuation of Athletics**

At the time of this writing, the [rate of spread of COVID-19](#) has been increasing in many regions of the country. Because of this increase, it is possible that sports, especially high contact risk sports, may not be practiced safely in some areas. In conjunction with public health officials, schools should consider pausing or discontinuing athletics activities when local circumstances warrant such consideration. Some examples of such local circumstances that might trigger a conversation with local public health officials include:

- A lack of ability to isolate new positive cases or quarantine high contact risk cases on campus.
- Unavailability or inability to perform symptomatic, surveillance and pre-competition testing when warranted and as per recommendations in this document.
- Campuswide or local community test rates that are considered unsafe by local public health officials.
- Inability to perform adequate contact tracing consistent with governmental requirements or recommendations.
- Local public health officials stating that there is an inability for the hospital infrastructure to accommodate a surge in hospitalizations related to COVID-19.

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