



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Sports sponsorship requirements for winter sports.

- (1) Recommendation. Reduce the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) for winter sports in the 2021-22 academic year, as follows:

Sport	Minimum Standards	2021-22 Recommended Reductions
Men's & Women's Basketball	22 contests	19 contests
Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving	8 contests with 11 participants	6 contests with 8 participants
Men's & Women's Indoor Track and Field	4 contests with 10 participants	3 contests with 7 participants
Men's Wrestling	9 contests with 6 participants	7 contests with 5 participants

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. As a condition of NCAA Division II membership, institutions must sponsor a minimum of 10 sports each academic year. For a sport to count toward the minimum sports sponsorship requirements, the institution's team shall engage in a minimum number of contests each year. In addition, in individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants.

Due to event/contest cancellations in various parts of the country due to COVID-19 and its variants, there is uncertainty amongst the membership surrounding the winter sport season and the ability to participate in the minimum number of contests (and participants in individual sports) required for sports sponsorship. The NCAA Division II Membership Committee believes these reductions provide institutions flexibility in meeting the minimum requirements. In addition, the committee noted that

the recommendations are consistent in the percentage of reductions in the individual/team sports, both in the number of contests and the number of participants required.

The Membership Committee's recommendations to reduce minimum contests and participants requirements were informed by the recent action taken by the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee during its February 2, 2022, videoconference to reduce minimum contests requirements for championship selection in winter sports, as follows:

Sport	2022 Reductions
Men's & Women's Basketball	19 contests (no in-region requirement)
Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving	6 contests with 8 participants
Men's & Women's Indoor Track and Field	1 qualifying mark
Men's Wrestling	7 contests with 5 participants

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies, depending on institutional discretion.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
- (b) **Requirement for NCAA staff to participate in provisional year one visits of the membership process in spring 2022.**
- (1) Recommendation. Waive the requirement set forth in NCAA Division II Bylaw 20.2.2.3.1-(a)-(4) (assessment program – year one) for NCAA staff to participate in an on-campus assessment of an institution in provisional year one of the membership process in spring 2022.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. During the provisional membership process, an on-campus assessment is required by an outside vendor of an institution in provisional year one of the membership process. In addition, a representative of the Membership Committee and NCAA staff are required to participate in the assessment. Due to staffing on the academic and membership affairs Division II team, the committee agreed to waive the requirement for NCAA staff to participate in the on-campus assessments of institutions in provisional year one of the membership process in spring 2022. The

committee noted that a representative of the Membership Committee will still participate in the on-campus assessments.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding compliance blueprint reviews.** The committee discussed its decision from the April 2, 2020, teleconference to suspend the compliance blueprint review program for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years due to the financial impact in light of COVID-19. The committee agreed to resume the compliance blueprint review program for the 2022-23 academic year and thereafter, citing the value the program provides for active member institutions.
2. **Update regarding progress of institutions in provisional years one, two and three of the membership process.** The committee received updates regarding institutions in provisional years one, two and three of the membership process. The following institutions were discussed:
 - a. Allen University (South Carolina);
 - b. College of Staten Island;
 - c. D'Youville College;
 - d. Edward Waters University;
 - e. Emory & Henry College; and
 - f. Frostburg State University.
3. **Update on recent membership issues.** Staff provided an update regarding the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon, and its current financial challenges to remain an active Division II member. It was noted that in November 2017, the committee approved a five-year waiver of select membership requirements for institutions located in Puerto Rico and that the waiver is set to expire August 31, 2022. Bayamon declared its intent to continue as an active member through the period of the waiver with plans to find alternatives and opportunities to remedy its fiscal situation. Additionally, the committee received an update that the University of the Sciences is planning to merge with Saint Joseph's University as of June 1, 2022. Therefore, the University of the Sciences athletics department will cease operations on May 31, 2022.

4. **Update regarding the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee.** The committee was provided an update regarding the work of the Implementation Committee, areas of focus and the timing of future meetings.
5. **2022 NCAA Convention recap.** The committee discussed and provided feedback on the provisional member meeting conducted during the 2022 NCAA Convention.
6. **Approval of the November 9, 2021, videoconference report to the NCAA Division II Management Council.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 9, 2021, videoconference report.
7. **Updates from January 2022 meetings of the Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council.** Staff provided an update from the winter 2022 meetings of the Management Council and Presidents Council.
8. **2021-22 NCAA Division II Priorities.** Staff provided an update on the priorities of the division in the 2021-22 academic year.
9. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update on items from the January 2022 Board of Governors meeting.
10. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. 1 to 4 p.m. Eastern time, April 19, 2022; videoconference.
 - b. July 12-13, 2022, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - c. September 2022, teleconference; timing to be determined.
 - d. November 9, 2022, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - e. February 7, 2023, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

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Committee Chair: Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference

Staff Liaison: Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University.	
Curtis Campbell, Morehouse College.	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.	
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.	
Will Prewitt, Great American Conference.	
Debbie Snell, Hawaii Pacific University.	
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
Absentees:	
Andy Carter, Minot State University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Angela Red.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones and Stephanie Quigg.	