



## AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

### Microsoft Teams Meeting

April 10-11, 2021

1. Welcome. (Mackenzie O'Neill)
  - a. Icebreaker. (Kate Pigsley)
  - b. Mentor/mentee assignments. [Supplement No. 1] (Pigsley)
  - c. Read mission statement, guiding principles and governing rule. [Supplement No. 2] (O'Neill)
  - d. Review Division II Strategic Positioning Platform. [Supplement No. 3] (Ismael Contreras)
  - e. Review of 2020-21 Division II Priorities. [Supplement No. 4] (Ryan Jones)
  - f. Review acronym document. [Supplement No. 5] (John Michael Etheridge)
  - g. Address committee roster. [Supplement No. 6] (Lamarr Pottinger)
  - h. Recognize term expirations and new appointments. [Supplement No. 7] (Pottinger)
  - i. Solidify subcommittees for 2021. [Supplement No. 8] (Pottinger)
  - j. Assign members to follow-up with absent committee members. (Pigsley)
  - k. Meeting guidelines. (O'Neill)
  - l. Setting up alerts in SharePoint. [Supplement No. 9] (Lisa Rogers)
2. Review weekend schedule. [Supplement No. 10] (Jones)
3. Conference updates. (All)
  - Conference SAAC network. [[Supplement No. 11](#)] (Madison Heck)
4. Approve January meeting report. [Supplement No. 12] (O'Neill)

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5. Division I transfer proposal. [Supplement Nos. 13a,13b and 13c] (Michael Woo, Karen Wolf)
6. 2021 SAAC goals discussion. [Supplement No. 14] (O’Neill)

<u>Love2Play</u>	<u>Mental Health</u>	<u>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</u>	<u>Professional Development</u>	Task forces TBD
Emma Mack Gillian Braydon	Mads Lexie Kate Maddie Grace Leshlie Billy Bianca	John Michael Angel Ismael	Wiley Zach Kiana	Michaela Nick Molly Vincent Maggie Corbin Thomas
				Marty Jackie

7. 2021 SAAC Super Region Convention. [Supplement No. 15] (Amanda Benzine, Pottinger)
8. NCAA Standardized Test Task Force. [Supplement No. 16] (Felicia Martin)
9. SWOT Analysis for 2024-29 Division II Strategic Plan. [Supplement No. 17] (Gary Brown)
10. Visit from Senior Vice President for Inclusion, Education and Community Engagement Derrick Gragg.
11. Inclusion Update and Summit Engagement. (Niya Blair Hackworth, Jessica Wagner, Amy Wilson, LaGwyn Durden)
12. NCAA Sexual Violence Task Force update. [Supplement Nos. 18a and 18b] (Colby Pepper)
13. Student-Athlete COVID-19 Fall Wellbeing Survey. [Supplement No. 19] (Lydia Bell)
14. Student-Athlete Activism and Racial Justice Engagement Study. [Supplement No. 20] (Bell)
15. Make-A-Wish® update. (Benzine)
16. Team IMPACT update. (Benzine)
17. Division II committee reports.

- a. Academic Requirements Committee. (Heck)
    - (1) February 8 videoconference. [Supplement No. 21]
    - (2) March 26 videoconference. [Supplement No. 22]
  - b. Championships Committee. (Grace Martin)
    - (1) January 7 videoconference. [Supplement No. 23]
    - (2) February 8 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 24]
    - (3) February 12 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 25]
    - (4) February 25 videoconference. [Supplement No. 26]
    - (5) March 4 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 27]
    - (6) March 22 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 28]
    - (7) April 1 videoconference. [Supplement No. 29]
  - c. Legislation Committee. [Supplement No. 30] (Etheridge)
  - d. Management Council report. [Supplement No. 31] (Marty Gilbert)
  - e. Management Council preview. [Supplement No. 32] (Braydon Kubat, Madeleine McKenna)
17. Association-wide committee reports.
- a. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 33] (Wiley Cain)
  - b. Committee on Women's Athletics. [Supplement No. 34] (Emma Svagdis)
  - c. Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 35] (Jones)
    - Election of new representative to committee. (O'Neill)
  - d. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. (Angel Bautista-Ponce)
    - (1) December 8, 2020, videoconference. [Supplement No. 36]
    - (2) March 3 videoconference. [Supplement No. 37]

- e. Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. [Supplement No. 38] (Bautista-Ponce, Gillian Edgar)
18. Other reports.
- a. Concussion Safety Advisory Group. [Supplement No. 39] (Cain)
  - b. Student-Athlete Liaisons to COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group. (Cain, Bianca Lockamy, Corbin Thaete)
  - c. Uniform Law Commission NIL drafting committee. (Kiana Wiggins, McKenna)
  - d. Review of issues related to sustainability and Division I collegiate model. [Supplement No. 40] (Cain, Jones)
  - e. Division II game day initiative. [Supplement No. 41] (Contreras, McKenna, Jones)
  - f. National SAAC re-brand. [Supplement No. 42] (O'Neill, Jones)
  - g. Preview of SAAC/Management Council Summit. (Jones)
19. Other business. (O'Neill)
20. Meeting recap/things to report back to conferences. (O'Neill)
21. Future meeting dates.
- a. July 15-16, 2021; SAAC/Management Council Summit, videoconference.
  - b. Fall 2021 conference call, date TBD.
  - c. Nov. 18-21, 2021, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
  - d. Jan. 18-22, 2022, in conjunction with NCAA Convention; Indianapolis.
  - e. April 8-10, 2022; TBD.
  - f. July 15-17, 2022; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
  - g. Fall 2022 conference call, date TBD.
  - h. Nov. 18-20, 2022, Indianapolis.
  - i. Jan. 10-14, 2023, in conjunction with the 2023 NCAA Convention; San Antonio, Texas.

Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
Mentor/Mentee Pairings  
April 2021

<b>Mentee</b>	<b>2021 Mentors</b>
Michaela Boyd – Palm Beach Atlantic, soccer	Mack O’Neill – Missouri Western State, soccer
Zach Brown – North Georgia, basketball	Kate Pigsley – Southern New Hampshire, field hockey
Nick Dill – Northwestern Oklahoma State, football	Grace Martin – West Virginia State, volleyball
Molly Hansen – Montevallo, swimming	Alexia Autrey – King, swimming
Vincent Jaworski – Lindenwood, swimming	John Michael Etheridge – Kentucky State, baseball
Maggie Langheim – Mars Hill, softball	Billy Wildeman, Molloy, baseball
Bianca Lockamy – Virginia Union, basketball	Maddie Heck – Georgian Court, lacrosse
Corbin Thaete – Cal State San Marcos, soccer	Ish Contreras – Purdue Northwest, soccer
Thomas Webb Jr. – Western New Mexico, football	Wiley Cain – Kentucky Wesleyan, football
Kiana Wiggins – Caldwell, Tennis	Emma Svagdis – Azusa Pacific, volleyball

**Division II SAAC Mission Statement**

The mission of the NCAA Division II SAAC is to enhance the voice of the student-athlete to ensure the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity for all student-athletes; protecting student-athlete welfare; and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

**Division II SAAC Guiding Principles**

Division II SAAC will be guided by the following principles: ethics, integrity, fairness and a respect for diversity and inclusion, which *includes, but is not limited to*, attention to gender, race, ethnicity and sport.

Division II SAAC's purpose is meant to reflect the voice of the student-athlete and should adhere to the following guiding principle in all of its processes and decision-making. *The well-being of student-athletes is at the center of what SAAC does:*

1. *Any process must be flexible and timely and include effective communication.*
2. *Decisions must be fair, reasonable and consider the potential impact on the student-athlete.*

**Division II SAAC Governing Rule**

We, as the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, will ultimately hold one another accountable for all actions, particularly those actions taking place during the SAAC meetings.



# Division II Strategic- Positioning Platform



## NCAA MISSION

### *What the brand wants to accomplish*

To govern athletics competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner; integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount; and position college sports as a pathway to opportunity.

## DIVISION II POSITIONING STATEMENT

### *Who we are*

Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced and inclusive approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. The Division II experience not only provides student-athletes the opportunity to earn scholarships based on their academic, athletic and leadership abilities, but it also offers the best championships-participant ratio among the NCAA's three divisions, and it prioritizes preparation for life beyond graduation. Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms.

## DIVISION II ATTRIBUTES

### *What we stand for*

- ▶ **LEARNING:** multiple opportunities to broaden knowledge and skills
- ▶ **BALANCE:** emphasis on collective knowledge; integration of skills
- ▶ **RESOURCEFULNESS:** versatile skill set drawn from a broad range of experiences
- ▶ **SPORTSMANSHIP:** respect for fairness; courtesy; ethical conduct toward others
- ▶ **PASSION:** enthusiastic dedication and desire in effort
- ▶ **SERVICE:** positive societal attitude through contributions to community

## KEY BENEFITS OF THE DII EXPERIENCE

### *For student-athletes/parents*

- ▶ Participation in high-level athletics competition without overemphasizing sports in student life
- ▶ Availability of faculty and sports staff in a personal setting
- ▶ With the broad, versatile range of experiences, student-athletes are more likely to find interest and value in school and therefore stay to graduate
- ▶ Upon graduation, student-athletes leave with broader experiences, skills and knowledge as resources for the future

### *For Division II colleges and universities*

- ▶ Achieve educational mission and graduation success for student-athletes through a comprehensive program that provides a path to graduation and develops broad skill sets
- ▶ Ability to market/promote high-level athletics competition within the region/community and nationally to help tell the institution's story
- ▶ Develop key local relationships through Division II community engagement

### *For the general public*

- ▶ Access to high-level, passionate athletics competition in an intimate, family-friendly environment
- ▶ Opportunities to interact face-to-face with student-athletes in different venues
- ▶ Positive impact in communities and region through Division II community engagement



## DISTINGUISHING DOZEN

### *12 characteristics that set Division II apart*

- ▶ **GRADUATION RATES.** The Division II student-athlete graduation rate is consistently higher than that of the total student body. Division II also features a high number of first-generation college students, thus increasing the access to education.
- ▶ **ACADEMIC EMPHASIS.** Division II's regionalization philosophy in scheduling limits missed class time for student-athletes.
- ▶ **ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS.** The partial athletics scholarship model rewards athletic ability while allowing student-athletes to earn other sources of financial aid. Scholarship student-athletes benefit institutions' overall academic profile, and the partial-aid model generates revenue for the school.
- ▶ **BALANCED BOTTOM LINE.** The median expense for Division II athletics departments with football is roughly \$6 million, while that figure is about \$15 million for Division I Football Championship Subdivision programs and about \$64 million for programs in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision.
- ▶ **FAVORABLE ADMISSION RATES.** Division II membership is split almost evenly, with 49 percent of schools being public and 51 percent private. On average, Division II schools have the highest admission rate (70 percent, versus 62 to 63 percent in the other two divisions).
- ▶ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.** Through student-athlete leadership, Division II has enjoyed long-term and successful partnerships with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Team IMPACT and military groups. Division II also conducts community engagement activities at all championships final sites.
- ▶ **POSITIVE GAME ENVIRONMENT.** Division II members pledge to conduct athletics contests in a family-friendly environment that is civil and entertaining.
- ▶ **UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL FOOTPRINT.** Division II is the only NCAA division with schools in Alaska (Anchorage and Fairbanks), Puerto Rico (Bayamon, Mayaguez and Rio Piedras) and Canada (Simon Fraser).
- ▶ **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.** Division II features unparalleled opportunity for student-athletes to advance to national championship competition as a result of the division's generous championship access ratios (the best among all three divisions).
- ▶ **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FESTIVALS.** Division II is the only NCAA division that conducts "National Championships Festivals," Olympic-style events in which a number of national championships are held at a single site during a period of several days.
- ▶ **MAKE IT YOURS.** This student-athlete-driven brand enhancement strengthens awareness among external audiences by clearly communicating the experience Division II schools create for student-athletes.
- ▶ **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.** Matching grants encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women in administration and coaching.



# 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.
- Waived the sports sponsorship and three-season requirement for conferences and schools, and approved changes to the minimum number of contests for championships selection, and maximum number of contests and dates of competition for the 2020-21 academic year only.
- Continues addressing ongoing and emerging concerns.

## Championships

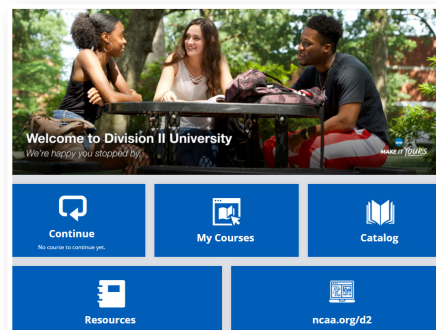
**Winter and Spring Sports.** Given the challenges associated with COVID-19, the Championships Committee will make recommendations to the Management and Presidents Councils on items such as bracket/field size and timing of championships for winter and spring sports to provide student-athletes with a safe and rewarding experience.

**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 of 2020-21.



## 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.

# 2020-21 Division II Priorities

## 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.

**RISE to Vote.** Partnering with the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) and the Divisions I and III SAACs, the Division II SAAC will educate student-athletes on how to vote in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, the importance of voting and how student-athletes can use their platform to amplify their voice for civic engagement.

**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



## 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.



## Inclusion Forum

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



## 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.



## 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.

**NCAA Acronym List**

<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
ACL	Anterior cruciate ligament
ACP	Amateurism certification process
ACS	Athletics Certification System
ACT	Term used for college entrance exams
AD	Director of athletics
ADA	Division II Athletics Directors Association
ADR	Athletics direct report – VP that oversees athletics.
AFCA	American Football Coaches Association
APC	Academic performance census
APPLE	Athlete Prevention, Programming and Leadership Education (APPLE Training Institute)
APR	Academic Progress Rate
ASR	Academic Success Rate
ATC	Certified athletic trainer
BCA	Black Coaches Association
BCS	Bowl Championship Series
BOG	NCAA Board of Governors
BOG SAEC	NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee
CAC	Committee on Athletics Certification
CA	Compliance Assistant
CAP	Committee on Academic Performance
CCA	Conference Commissioners Association
CCACA	Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators
CFP	College Football Playoff
CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation
CLR	Committee for Legislative Relief
COI	Committee on Infractions

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Definition</u>
CoSIDA	College Sports Information Directors of America
CSEC	Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct
CSMAS	Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
CWA	Committee on Women's Athletics
D2ADA	Division II Athletics Directors Association
D2CCA	Division II Conference Commissioners Association
EADA	Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act
EC	Eligibility Center
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
FAR	Faculty Athletics Representative
FARA	Faculty Athletics Representatives Association
FBS	Football Bowl Subdivision
FCS	NCAA Football Championship Subdivision
GOALS	Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Learning of Students in College Study
GSR	Graduation Success Rate
HACU	Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HOC	Hall of Champions
HSI	Hispanic Serving Institutions
IAC	Infractions Appeals Committee
IEW	Initial Eligibility Waiver
IPP	Institutional Performance Program
IPOPL	NCAA Convention II (or III) Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation
ISS	Injury Surveillance System
LSDBi	Legislative Services Database for the Internet
ManCo	Division II (or III) Management Council
MCL	Medial collateral ligament

<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
MOIC	Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee
NAAC	National Association of Athletics Compliance
NABC	National Association of Basketball Coaches
NACDA	National Association of College Directors of Athletics
NAIA	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
NGB	National Governing Body
NLI	National Letter of Intent
OSLC	Olympic Sports Liaison Committee
PROP	Playing Rules Oversight Panel
PSA	Prospective student-athlete
PTD	Progress toward degree
SAR	Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement
SAT	Standard Aptitude Test
SCORE	Study of College Outcomes and Recent Experiences
SID	Sports Information Director
SPOPL	NCAA Convention II (or III) Second Publication of Proposed Legislation
SSI	NCAA Sport Science Institute
SWA	Senior Woman Administrator
USOPC	United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee
WBCA	Women's Basketball Coaches Association

**2021 NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>California Collegiate Athletic Conference</b>	Corbin Thaete, California State University, San Marcos, Men’s Soccer	Thaete	Thaete	Thaete	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Conference Carolinas</b>	Alexia Autrey, King University (TN), Women’s Swimming and Diving	Autrey	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference</b>	Madison Heck, Georgian Court University, Women’s Lacrosse	Heck	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association</b>	Bianca Lockamy, Virginia Union University, Women’s Basketball (Began term October 2020)	Lockamy	Lockamy	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>East Coast Conference</b>	Billy Wildeman, Molloy College, Baseball	Wildeman	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Great American Conference</b>	Nick Dill, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Football	Dill	Dill	Dill	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference</b>	Ismael Contreras, Purdue University Northwest, Men’s Soccer	Contreras	Contreras	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>Great Lakes Valley Conference</b>	Vincent Jaworski, Lindenwood University, Men’s Swimming and Diving	Jaworski	Jaworski	Jaworski	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Great Midwest Athletic Conference</b>	Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Football	Cain	Cain	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>Great Northwest Athletic Conference</b>	Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Rowing	Edgar	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Gulf South Conference</b>	Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo, Women’s Swimming and Diving	Hansen	Hansen	Hansen	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Lone Star Conference</b>	Thomas Webb, Jr., Western New Mexico University, Football	Webb	Webb	Webb	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association</b>	Mackenzie O’Neill, Missouri Western State University, Women’s Soccer	O’Neill	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Mountain East Conference</b>	Grace Martin, West Virginia State University, Women’s Volleyball	Martin	Martin	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>Northeast-10 Conference</b>	Kate Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University, Field Hockey (Began term October 2018)	Pigsley	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference</b>	Braydon Kubat, University Minnesota Duluth, Men’s Cross Country & Track and Field	Kubat	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Pacific West Conference</b>	Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University, Women’s Volleyball	Svagdis	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Peach Belt Conference</b>	Zach Brown, University of North Georgia, Men’s Basketball	Brown	Brown	<b>OPEN</b>			

CONFERENCE	NAME	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference</b>	Madeleine McKenna, California University (PA), Women's Volleyball	McKenna	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference</b>	Angel Bautista-Ponce, Colorado Mesa University, Track and Field	Bautista	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>South Atlantic Conference</b>	Maggie Langheim, Mars Hill University, Softball	Langheim	Langheim	Langheim	<b>OPEN</b>		
<b>Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference</b>	John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University, Baseball	Etheridge	<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>Sunshine State Conference</b>	Michaela Boyd, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Women's Soccer	Boyd	Boyd	Boyd	Boyd	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Independents</b>	Leshlie Ramirez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Women's Volleyball	Ramirez	Ramirez	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>At-Large</b>	TBD	<b>OPEN</b>					
<b>At-Large</b>	Kiana Wiggins, Caldwell University, Women's Tennis	Wiggins	Wiggins	<b>OPEN</b>			
<b>Management Council Rep</b>	Jackie Wallgren, Colorado State University-Pueblo, SWA	Wallgren	Wallgren	Wallgren	Wallgren	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Management Council Rep</b>	Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, FAR	Gilbert	Gilbert	<b>OPEN</b>			
		1 Openings	12 Openings	8 Openings	6 Openings		

When possible, new members begin their terms of office following the adjournment of the Convention of the appropriate year.

Student-Athlete Representation by Sport, Gender and Ethnic Diversity as of March. 17, 2021

<b>Number of Representatives</b>	<b>Women's Sport</b>	<b>Number of Representatives</b>	<b>Men's Sport</b>
1	Basketball	2	Baseball
1	Field Hockey	1	Basketball
1	Lacrosse	1	Cross Country
1	Rowing	3	Football
2	Soccer	2	Soccer
1	Softball	1	Swimming and Diving
2	Swimming and Diving	2	Track and Field
1	Tennis		
4	Volleyball		

<b>Number of Representatives</b>	<b>Gender/Ethnic Diversity</b>
11	Males
14	Females
7	Ethnic minorities

**2021**  
**NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)**  
**OFFICER, SUBCOMMITTEE, PROJECT TEAM AND**  
**ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEE**  
**RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Division II SAAC Officers and Subcommittees**

**Division II SAAC Chair Responsibilities**

**Chair – Mackenzie O’Neill (1/22)**

1. Help design, along with the executive subcommittee and NCAA staff liaisons, the national Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) agendas for the four in-person meetings. Designate the time allowances for each agenda item.
2. Oversee and lead the four in-person meetings and conference call.
3. Serve as the voice of the committee in the media and other promotion inquiries.
4. Be present and moderate executive subcommittee conference calls.
5. Lead Make-A-Wish subcommittee.
6. Report out to various NCAA committees regarding SAAC issues (e.g., joint SAAC/Management Council/Presidents Council meeting).
7. Stay up to date with on-going NCAA projects.
8. Play an active role in the new member orientation presentations.
9. Work with the vice-chair to prepare legislative grids and committee position statements. Maintain an ongoing dialogue with the vice-chair regarding the involvement of all Division II SAAC members in this process.
10. Be willing to fill in as needed.

**Division II SAAC Vice-Chair Responsibilities**

**Current Vice-Chair – John Michael Etheridge (1/22)**

1. Represent the committee on the Division II Legislation Committee.
2. Supervise the distribution of legislative grids to all SAAC representatives. The cover memo that explains the process will be sent under the vice-chair’s signature.
3. Compile the feedback from the conferences and independent institutions into one Division II grid for use at the November meeting.
4. Designate Division II SAAC members to prepare speeches on the division’s proposals for the NCAA Convention.

**Division II SAAC Vice-Chair Responsibilities (cont.)**

5. Update the legislative speaking points sheet that will be distributed for use at the NCAA Convention.
6. Return conference grids to the appropriate SAAC representative.
7. Oversee the discussion and voting on legislative issues at Division II SAAC meetings.
8. Solicit suggestions to improve the legislation feedback process.
9. Participate on executive subcommittee conference calls.
10. Fill in for the chair as needed.

**Division II SAAC Internal Operations Coordinator Responsibilities**

**Current Internal Operations Coordinator – Kate Pigsley (1/22)**

1. Serve as chair of the nominations subcommittee; responsible for scheduling and leading the conference calls.
2. Oversee the orientation process of new committee members, assist with assigning mentors.
3. Assist with preparation of the SAAC agenda for the four in-person meetings and annual legislation teleconference call.
4. Participate on executive subcommittee teleconference calls.
5. Serve as de facto Joint SAAC rep maintaining open lines of communications with the issues pertaining to Division II amongst all three divisional SAACs.
6. Ensure all Year End Reports are submitted on time.
7. Fill in for the vice-chair as needed.

**Division II SAAC Communications Coordinator Responsibilities**

**Current External Communications Coordinator – Ismael Contreras (1/23)**

1. Serve as chair of the community engagement subcommittee.
2. Promote the Division II student-athlete experience and the role of the Division II National SAAC. This position oversees the implementation and execution of National SAAC communications within the Division II Strategic Plan.
  - Twitter, SAAC Network, etc.
3. Assist with preparation of the SAAC agenda for the four in-person meetings and annual legislation teleconference call.

**Division II SAAC External Communications Coordinator Responsibilities (cont.)**

4. Assist with preparation of the SAAC agenda for the four in-person meetings and annual legislation teleconference call.
5. Participate on executive subcommittee conference calls.
6. Fill in for the vice-chair as needed.

**Division II SAAC Executive Subcommittee (E-Board) Responsibilities**

The Division II SAAC executive subcommittee comprised of the chair, vice chair, internal operations coordinator, and external communications coordinator, is responsible for designing the agendas for all Division II SAAC meetings. Executive subcommittee members also are required to take conference calls to plan future meetings and to discuss current issues. On a broader level, the executive subcommittee members are responsible for keeping the SAAC on task, and they are the designated spokespeople for the Division II SAAC.

**Current E-Board Members**

Mackenzie O'Neill, chair (1/22)

John Michael Etheridge, vice chair (1/22)

Ismael Contreras, external communications coordinator (1/23)

Kate Pigsley, internal operations coordinator (1/22)

**Staff liaisons:** Ryan Jones, Amanda Benzine, Lamarr Pottinger and Michael Woo

**Division II SAAC Legislation Subcommittee Responsibilities**

The Division II SAAC legislative subcommittee is led by the vice-chair. This subcommittee is responsible for the following: ensuring that the legislative grids are distributed; ensuring that the proposed legislation is understood; compiling a master list of conference and independent institutions' positions and comments on the proposed legislation; and assigning SAAC members to prepare speeches for the NCAA Convention.

**Current Legislation Subcommittee Members**

John Michael Etheridge (1/22), subcommittee chair

Braydon Kubat (1/22)

Madeleine McKenna (1/22)

**Staff liaison:** Michael Woo

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Grace Martin (1/23)

Billy Wildeman (1/22)

**Division II SAAC Nominations Subcommittee Responsibilities**

The Division II SAAC nominations subcommittee is led by the internal operations coordinator. The Division II SAAC nominations subcommittee is responsible for reviewing nomination forms for committee vacancies in order to make recommendations to the full SAAC. The subcommittee also is responsible for reviewing and suggesting changes to the selection process and criteria as needed. The nomination subcommittee may meet in person during a scheduled SAAC meeting in addition to conference calls throughout the year.

(subcommittee members listed on next page)

**Current Nominations Subcommittee Members**

Kate Pigsley (1/22), subcommittee chair      Alexia Autrey (1/22)  
Wiley Cain (1/23)      Gillian Edgar (1/22)  
John Michael Etheridge (1/22)      Madison Heck (1/22)  
Madeleine McKenna (1/22)      Mackenzie O'Neill (1/22)

OPEN

**Staff liaison:** Lamarr Pottinger

**Division II SAAC Community Engagement Subcommittee Responsibilities**

The Division II SAAC Community Engagement Subcommittee is responsible for working with the current community engagement initiatives within Division II. Additionally, this subcommittee will explore new ways to further enhance this initiative on Division II campuses. This committee will vote on the Division II Award of Excellence winner. This subcommittee may meet in person during a scheduled SAAC meeting in addition to conference calls throughout the year.

**Current Community Engagement Subcommittee Members**

Ismael Contreras, subcommittee chair (1/23)      OPEN  
Leshlie Ramirez (1/23)      Emma Svagdis (1/22)  
Kiana Wiggins (1/23)

**Staff liaison:** Ryan Jones

**Division II SAAC Make-A-Wish® Subcommittee Responsibilities**

The Division II SAAC Make-A-Wish Subcommittee is responsible for the following: creating a strategic plan for the Make-A-Wish® divisional and Joint SAAC project; liaison between Make-A-Wish® National Office and SAAC; being the contact group for the project.

**Current Make-A-Wish® Subcommittee Members**

Mackenzie O'Neill (1/22), subcommittee chair      Zach Brown (1/23)  
Ishmael Contreras (1/23)      Kate Pigsley (1/22)  
Leshlie Ramirez (1/23)      OPEN

**Staff liaison:** Amanda Benzine

**Division II SAAC Honors, Awards, and Recognition Subcommittee Responsibilities**

The committee is responsible for overseeing the selection process for the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award and the Division II Award of Excellence.

**Current Honors, Awards, and Recognition Subcommittee Members**

Kate Pigsley (1/22), subcommittee chair      OPEN  
Braydon Kubat (1/22)      Bianca Lockamy (1/23)

OPEN

**Staff liaison:** Lamarr Pottinger

## **NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEES**

### **Academic Requirements Committee Responsibilities**

**Current Committee Member:** Madison Heck (1/22)

The Division II Academics Requirements Committee is responsible for studying and creating policies and, when appropriate, makes legislative recommendations to ensure that Division II has sound academic requirements.

### **Championships Committee Responsibilities**

**Current Committee Member:** Grace Martin (1/23)

The Division II Championships Committee is responsible for making budgetary recommendations to the Division II Management Council for the conduct of Division II championships. Additionally, this committee supervises qualification and/or selection procedures for Division II championships. Overall this committee maintains oversight responsibility for applicable playing regulations in the areas of player safety, financial impact and image of the sport and approve appeals for exceptions to the applicable playing regulation when significant financial impact a may occur (subject to final authority of the Administrative Committee).

### **Legislation Committee Responsibilities**

**Current Committee Member:** John Michael Etheridge (1/22)

The Division II Legislative Committee is responsible for determining interpretations of all Division II-specific legislation; incorporating new legislation and interpretations in the NCAA Manual; reviewing and consider legislative issues regarding financial aid, eligibility, recruiting, playing and practice seasons, amateurism and personnel limitations; and reviewing and consider issues relating to rules compliance and rules education.

### **Division II Management Council Responsibilities**

**Current Committee Members:** Braydon Kubat (1/22), Madeleine McKenna (1/22)

The Management Council reports directly to the Presidents Council and is charged with recommending administrative policy and regulations that govern the division. The Management Council reviews and acts on recommendations from the Division II committee structure and from Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions. The Council also is responsible for appointing Division II representatives to those committees.

### **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee Responsibilities**

**Current Committee Member:** Kate Pigsley (1/22)

The Division II SAAC liaison to the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee is responsible for working with this committee to ensure that the Division II student-athlete perspective is represented regularly throughout the year regarding reinstatement issues and policies. This liaison is responsible for attending all in-person meetings (two per year) and participate on conference calls.

**NCAA ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES**

**Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee (BOGSAEC)**

**Current Committee Members:** Angel Bautista-Ponce (1/22), Gillian Edgar (1/22), Krissy Ortiz (1/22)

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

**Current Committee Member:** Wiley Cain (1/23)

**Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC)**

**Current Committee Member:** TBD

**Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA)**

**Current Committee Member:** Emma Svagdis (1/22)

**Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct**

**Current Committee Member:** Alexia Autrey (1/22)

**Olympic Sports Liaison Committee**

**Current Committee Member:** Angel Bautista-Ponce (1/22)

*Bylaw 21.1 has been amended to require that Division II student-athletes who serve on Association-wide committees must be appointed from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.*

## Making *the DII SAAC Site* Yours: Setting up an alert in SharePoint

### Why should alerts be set up?

Committee members can be notified when the materials for each meeting are posted. If any other communications are posted, those can be identified as well.

### How are alerts set up? How frequently will I be notified and how?

Step-by-step instructions for setting up alerts are included below and on the following pages. When the alerts are set up, committee members can determine how frequently alerts are received and by what method.

### To set up an alert in the SharePoint after logging into [DII SAAC site](#):

1. From the home screen, click **PAGE**.
2. Click **ALERT ME**, then **MANAGE MY ALERTS**.
3. Click **ADD ALERT**, opening a different screen. On this page, several alerts are available, but must be selected individually.
  - It is recommended that either **DOCUMENT LIBRARY** or **DOCUMENTS** is selected.
  - Selecting **ANNOUNCEMENTS** can also be helpful.
4. Once the type of alert is selected, click **NEXT**, opening a different screen. The alerts must be selected individually, and this step should be repeated for each alert created.
5. The next screen has many options to customize the alerts, click **OK** when finished:
  - Alert title.
  - Delivery method (email or text).
  - Types of changes that trigger an alert.
  - Type of alerts (any time, if a document is changed, etc.).
  - Frequency of alerts.
6. Steps 3-5 should be repeated for each alert that is set up.

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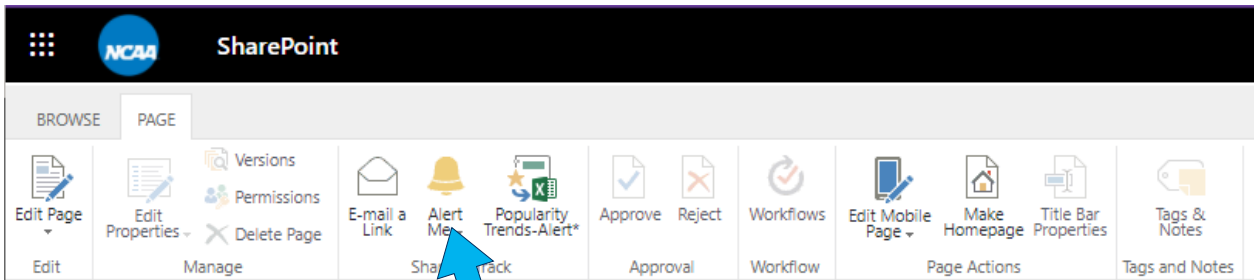
YES! Please see the following pages for illustrations each of the steps above. 😊

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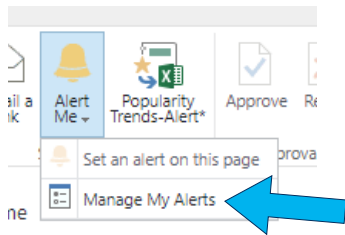


From the home screen, click **PAGE**.

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Click **ALERT ME** then **MANAGE MY ALERTS**.



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DII SAAC Site EDIT LINKS  
My Alerts on this Site

Click **ADD ALERT**, opening a different screen.

Add Alert Delete Selected Alerts

DII SAAC Site EDIT LINKS

My Alerts on this Site › New Alert

Choose a List or Document Library

Select a list or document library that you want to keep track of. You may also view the contents of a list and then track one of the individual items. After creating an alert, you'll receive notification of changes.

- Document Library  
View this list...
- Documents  
Share a document with the team by adding it to this document library. View this list...
- Form Templates  
This library contains administrator-approved form templates that were activated to this site collection. View this list...
- Site Assets  
Use this library to store files which are included on pages within this site, such as images on Wiki pages. View this list...
- Site Collection Documents  
This system library was created by the Publishing Resources feature to store documents that are used throughout the site collection. View this list...
- Site Collection Images  
This system library was created by the Publishing Resources feature to store images that are used throughout the site collection. View this list...
- Site Pages  
View this list...
- Style Library  
Use the style library to store style sheets, such as CSS or XSL files. The style sheets in this gallery can be used by this site or any of its subsites. View this list...
- Photos  
View this list...
- Announcements  
Use the Announcements list to post messages on the home page of your site. View this list...

On this page, a number of alerts are available (only a portion are pictured), but must be selected individually.

- It is recommended that either **DOCUMENT LIBRARY** or **DOCUMENTS** is selected.
- Selecting **ANNOUNCEMENTS** can also be helpful.

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Once the type of alert is selected, click **NEXT**, opening a different screen. The alerts must be selected individually and this step should be repeated for each alert created.

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Options to customize the alerts: Click **OK** when finished.

### Alert Title

Enter the title for this alert. This is included in the subject of the notification sent for this alert.

Announcements

### Send Alerts To

You can enter user names or e-mail addresses. Separate them with semicolons.

Users:

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### Delivery Method

Specify how you want the alerts delivered.

Send me alerts by:

E-mail

Text Message (SMS)

Send URL in text message (SMS)

### Change Type

Specify the type of changes that you want to be alerted to.

Only send me alerts when:

All changes

New items are added

Existing items are modified

Items are deleted

### Send Alerts for These Changes

Specify whether to filter alerts based on specific criteria. You may also restrict your alerts to only include items that show in a particular view.

Send me an alert when:

Anything changes

Someone else changes an announcement

Someone else changes an announcement created by me

Someone else changes an announcement last modified by me

An announcement with an expiration date is added or changed

### When to Send Alerts

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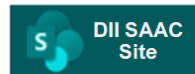
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Steps 3-5 should be repeated for each alert that is set up.



Division II

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**April 10-11 Meeting Schedule**  
All times Eastern

**April 10**

- 10:30 a.m. Meeting convenes.
- 11:45 a.m. Division I transfer proposal discussion with Michael Woo, Assistant Director of Academic and Membership Affairs, and Karen Wolf, Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs.
- 12:15 p.m. Break for lunch.
- 12:35 p.m. Meeting resumes.
- 1 p.m. Standardized Test Task Force update from Felicia Martin, Vice President of the Eligibility Center.
- 2 p.m. SWOT analysis discussion for Division II strategic plan with Gary Brown, Division II Contractor.
- 3:30 p.m. Break.
- 3:40 p.m. Roundtable discussion on goals.
- 5 p.m. Meeting adjourns.

**April 11**

- 10:30 a.m. Meeting convenes.
- 11 a.m. NCAA Inclusion introduction from Dr. Derrick Gragg, Senior Vice President of Inclusion, Education and Community Engagement
- 11:30 a.m. NCAA Inclusion and Summit engagement update from Niya Blair Hackworth, Director of Inclusion; Amy Wilson, Managing Director of Inclusion; LaGwyn Durden, Director of Sport Science Institute, Sports Medicine; and Jessica Wagner, Associate Director of Sport Science Institute, Prevention and Health Promotion.
- Noon Break for lunch.
- 12:20 p.m. Meeting resumes.
- 12:30 p.m. NCAA Sexual Violence Task Force update from Colby Pepper, student-athlete representative on task force and chair of Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
- 1 p.m. NCAA Research update from Lydia Bell, Associate Director of Research.
- 1:30 p.m. Break.
- 3 p.m. Meeting adjourns.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 11-12, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Preparation for the 2021 NCAA Convention Division II Business Session.** The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reviewed its legislative positions for the 2021 Division II business session and reviewed voting policies and procedures.

The legislative proposals discussed are listed below. The committee reviewed all aspects of the proposed legislation in preparation for the business session.

- a. Proposal No. 2021-2 (2-2): Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements and Two-Year College Transfers – Elimination of Nonqualifier Qualification Status – Access to Athletics Aid and Practice for All Incoming Student-Athletes.
  - b. Proposal No. 2021-3 (2-3): Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements and Two-Year College Transfers – Nonqualifiers – Access to Athletics Aid.
2. **New Appointments.** There are five new members joining the Division II SAAC: Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo, Gulf South Conference; Vincent Jaworski, Lindenwood University, Great Lakes Valley Conference; Maggie Langheim, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference; Corbin Thaete, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association; and Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University, Lone Star Conference.
  3. **Election of 2021 SAAC Executive Board.** The committee elected Mackenzie O’Neill, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, as chair of national SAAC for 2021. The committee also elected the following individuals to executive board positions, John Michael Etheridge, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, vice chair; Ismael Contreras, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, external communications coordinator; and Kate Pigsley, Northeast-10 Conference, internal operations coordinator.
  4. **Election of 2021 Management Council Representatives.** The committee reelected its Division II Management Council representatives for 2021: Braydon Kubat, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, and Madeleine McKenna, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
  5. **Election of 2021 NCAA Division II and Association-Wide Committee Representatives.** New representatives were selected to serve on various Division II and Association-wide committees.

- a. Madison Heck, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, will serve on the Division II Academic Requirements Committee.
  - b. Grace Martin, Mountain East Conference, will serve on the Division II Championships Committee.
  - c. John Michael Etheridge, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, will serve on the Division II Legislation Committee as part of his vice chair responsibilities.
  - d. Kate Pigsley, Northeast-10 Conference, will continue to serve on the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
  - e. Angel Bautista-Ponce, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, will join Gillian Edgar, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, on the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
  - f. Wiley Cain, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, will serve on the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
  - g. Alexia Autrey, Conference Carolinas, will serve on the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.
  - h. Emma Svagdis, Pacific West Conference, will continue to serve on the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.
  - i. Micaiah Paige, At-Large, will continue to serve on the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.
  - j. Angel Bautista-Ponce, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, will serve on the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.
- 6. Discussion with NCAA President Mark Emmert.** President Mark Emmert met with SAAC for an open forum in which the committee asked about several items, including the delay of each division voting on its Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) proposals, the Association's next steps with NIL, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Association and Division II institutions, student-athletes' personal decisions to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and the NCAA Board of Governors Policy on Campus Sexual Violence. President Emmert reiterated the Association is dedicated to working through the delay with its proposed NIL legislation and remains committed to modernizing the Association's rules and providing student-athletes additional opportunities in the area of NIL.
- 7. Discussion with Board of Governors Chair and NCAA Chief Operating Officer.** The committee met with NCAA Board of Governors Chair Jack DeGioia and NCAA Chief Operating Officer/Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy for an open forum in which several

topics were discussed, including the delay of each division voting on its respective NIL proposals, the United States Supreme Court's review of the Alston/Grant-in-Aid case, the NCAA's existing revenue streams, the national office's plans to combat social and racial injustice, and whether the COVID-19 vaccine will be a requirement for student-athletes.

- 8. Discussion with NCAA Chief Medical Officer.** The committee held a question-and-answer session with NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline. The committee asked about several COVID-19 items, including student-athletes' personal decisions to receive the vaccine, testing, return to play guidelines, the wearing of a mask while competing, and health and safety protocols for Division II championships. The committee also asked about the NCAA Sport Science Institute targeting coaches with mental health information for student-athletes.
- 9. Discussion with Division II Presidents Council Chair.** The committee met with Presidents Council Chair Sandra Jordan to discuss her reaction to the delay of Division II voting on NIL proposed legislation, the effects of the NCAA's loss of revenue on Division II and diversity and inclusion initiatives spearheaded by student-athletes that have inspired her.
- 10. Feedback on Legislation Committee Referrals.** The committee discussed two referrals from the Division II Legislation Committee pertaining to student-athlete involvement in recruiting activities and team sports institutional vacation period activities in response to the impact of COVID-19 for consideration of permanent legislative change.

  - a. NCAA Bylaws 13.1.2.4 (student-athlete) and 13.1.3.4.1 (enrolled students and student-athletes). The Legislation Committee asked for SAAC's feedback on a potential legislative change to permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting correspondence at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member. The committee expressed support for the legislative change. The committee noted these changes could allow a school's current student-athletes to form bonds with future teammates and give prospective student-athletes the opportunity to hear first-hand from current student-athletes.
  - b. Bylaw 17.1.6.3.5 (institutional vacation period). The Legislation Committee also asked for SAAC's feedback on a potential legislative change to permit student-athletes in team sports to 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. The committee expressed support for the legislative change, provided such workouts are voluntary and at the request of the student-athlete. The committee believes this would benefit student-athletes who choose to stay on campus over the summer, by allowing them to work out with a coach they are already familiar with, rather than seeking out a new trainer to conduct their workouts.

- 11. Civic Engagement Proposal.** The Division II Presidents Council sponsored a civic engagement legislative concept for the 2022 Convention that was recommended by SAAC in November 2020. The concept is similar to legislation Division I adopted last fall and prohibits countable athletically related activities, such as practices and games, on the first Tuesday after Nov. 1 every year (Election Day). The concept is designed to provide more opportunities for student-athletes to participate in civic engagement activities like voting, volunteering and other community engagement. The concept will return in legislative form to the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council in April.
- 12. 2021 SAAC Super Region Conference Update.** The committee received an update on the next Division II SAAC Super Region Convention, which is scheduled for Nov. 19-21, 2021, in Chicago. The conferences included in this super region convention are 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. The division's independent institutions located in the super region will also be invited. NCAA staff will continue to provide updates on the progress and timeline of this event.
- 13. Review of 2020 SAAC Initiatives and Goals.** Each task force met following the meeting to discuss its designated goal and provided the committee with an update on the goal's progress and action items. The areas of emphasis discussed were part of the committee's overarching goal, Total Package Student-Athlete, which includes diversity and inclusion, Love2Play, mental health and professional development.

  - a. **Diversity and Inclusion.** The task force is interested in creating information to help reduce racial profiling and create a more inclusive environment.
  - b. **Love2Play.** The task force will be seeking formal approval from the NCAA Sport Science Institute on a one-page informational resource that summarizes some of the challenges of early sport specialization and encourages children to play multiple sports.
  - c. **Mental Health.** The task force is interested in potentially sharing mental health content that has been created for coaches and administrators with student-athletes (e.g., a recording of the Division II mental health education session from the virtual 2021 Convention). The task force is also interested in continuing to utilize social media to share information on mental health with student-athletes and encouraging affirmation.
  - d. **Professional Development.** The task force is working on a best practices document that would serve as a resource for student-athletes.

The committee will further discuss these goals and finalize its 2021 goals at its April meeting.

- 14. Make-A-Wish®.** The committee received an update on Make-A-Wish's \$400,000 fundraising goal for the 2020-21 academic year for Division II. The committee members were informed of the continued effects of COVID-19 on wish granting and how the organization is adapting. Eight institutions have recently been granted wish reveals and institutions continue to participate in Make-A-Wish's "Workout for Wishes" initiative. The committee was informed of the creation of a diversity and inclusion task force comprised of 45 members from a wide range of identities and cultures that will work to ensure equity across the Black community. The committee members were reminded of the 2021 Week of Wishes scheduled for Feb. 15-22.
- 15. Team IMPACT®.** The committee received an update on Team IMPACT's continued work to connect student-athletes with Team IMPACT. Team IMPACT created a student-athlete development program called IMPACT U. The curriculum in the development program allows student-athletes to evaluate their identity, discuss self-care and highlights their experience, in sports and beyond. The committee also discussed Team IMPACT's fellowship program and how to become involved.
- 16. Gallup Study of NCAA Student-Athletes: Undergraduate Experiences and Post-College Outcome.** The committee reviewed the results from the Gallup Study of NCAA Student-Athletes: Undergraduate Experiences and Post-College Outcome. The survey highlighted wellbeing in the areas of purpose, social, community, physical and financial. Over a five-year period, 671 Division II student-athletes participated in the survey. Former student-athletes thrived in four of the five areas, earned a postgraduate degree at a higher rate than nonathletes and were more likely to be in a managerial position than former nonathletes.
- 17. 2020 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The 2020 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award was awarded to Dr. Joan Davison of Rollins College, who will be honored during the 2022 Convention.
- 18. 2021 Division II Award of Excellence.** The committee reviewed the finalists for the 2021 Division II Award of Excellence as selected by SAAC's Community Engagement Subcommittee and Honors, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee. Third place was awarded to Texas A&M University-Commerce for its #MakeItImportant initiative, which connected student-athletes with administrators, local politicians and the community. Second place was awarded to Belmont Abbey College for its Mr. Crusader Pageant, a community engagement event, which was planned, organized and produced by Belmont Abbey's SAAC. First place was awarded to Roberts Wesleyan College for partnering with the Golisano Children's Hospital. Roberts Wesleyan's monthlong fundraising effort for the children's hospital concluded with a basketball doubleheader where student-athletes connected with the community by meeting with the patients of the children's hospital.
- 19. Presidents Council, Management Council, SAAC Joint Meeting.** The committee reviewed the agenda and discussed the information that would be covered during the

Presidents Council, Management Council and SAAC joint meeting. The topic of the meeting was lessons learned from 2020 that the SAAC and council members would like to apply in future years.

- 20. Division II Degree Completion Award Program.** The committee was provided an update on the Division II Degree Completion Award Program. The NCAA established the award to provide deserving student-athletes financial assistance to complete their first baccalaureate degree. On Jan. 6, the Administrative Committee approved a recommendation from the Division II Degree Completion Award Committee to waive select award requirements for student-athletes who received an extension of eligibility waiver in 2020-21 for the 2021-22 academic year due to COVID-19. The application deadline has been extended from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 to allow more time for nominations under the revised criteria.
- 21. Conference Updates.** Each committee member gave an update on their respective conference SAAC meetings, initiatives and events.
- 22. November 2020 Meeting Report.** The November 2020 committee meeting report was reviewed and approved.
- 23. Future Meetings.**
  - a. Jan. 31, 2021, videoconference.
  - b. April 10-11, 2021, videoconference.
  - c. July 16-18, 2021; SAAC/Management Council Summit; videoconference.
  - d. Fall 2021 conference call; Date to be announced.
  - e. Nov. 18-21, 2021 in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
  - f. Jan. 18-22, 2022 in conjunction with 2022 NCAA Convention; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance*

*Amanda Benzine, Championships and Alliances*

*Lamarr Pottinger, Leadership Development*

*Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee January 11-12, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Alexia Autrey,	King University (Tennessee), Conference Carolinas.
Angel Bautista-Ponce,	Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
Zach Brown,	University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference.
Wiley Cain,	Kentucky Wesleyan College, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
Jessica Chapin,	American International College, Northeast-10 Conference
Ismael Contreras,	Purdue University Northwest, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Father John Denning,	Stonehill College, Northeast-10 Conference.
Gillian Edgar,	Seattle Pacific University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
John Michael Etheridge,	Kentucky State University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Grant Foley,	Delta State University, Gulf South Conference.
Marty Gilbert,	Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference.
Olivia Graham,	Southern Arkansas University, Great American Conference.
Madison Heck,	Georgian Court University, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Braydon Kubat,	University of Minnesota Duluth, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
Bianca Lockamy,	Virginia Union University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Grace Martin,	West Virginia State University, Mountain East Conference.
Madeleine McKenna,	California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Mackenzie O'Neill,	Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
Micaiah Paige,	Morehouse College, At-Large.
Kate Pigsley,	Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference.
Leshlie A. Ramirez,	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Independent.
Jacob Renie,	University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Madison Schiller,	California State University, East Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Alex Shillow,	Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference.
Emma Svagdis,	Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference.
Kiana Wiggins,	Caldwell University, At-Large.
Billy Wildeman,	Molloy College, East Coast Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Mary Northcutt,	Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Benzine,	Haydyn Gibson, Ryan Jones, Lamarr Pottinger, Lisa Rogers, Michael Woo.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lydia Bell,	Jackie Campbell, Michael Cioroianu, Mark Emmert, Kimberly Fort, Brian Hainline, Mckenzie Maneggia, Donald Remy, Cari Van Senus.

**Guests in attendance:**

Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University (chair, Board of Governors), Devon Herlihy, Make-A-Wish America, Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina, Aiken (chair, Presidents Council), Amy VanRyn, Team IMPACT.



**Request for Feedback from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee –  
NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (Academic Eligibility – Exceptions for Transfers  
from Four-Year Colleges – One-Time Transfer Exception – Uniform Application)**

**Issue.**

Provide feedback on the current application of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception) and whether Division II should consider any of the components of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (academic eligibility –exceptions for transfers from four-year colleges – one-time transfer – uniform application) for a possible legislative change in Division II; further, to provide feedback on what education is necessary to inform Division II student-athletes of the impact of the potential adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2020-11.

**Background.**

Transfer regulations have been actively under review in NCAA Division I since 2012. In May 2020, the NCAA Division I Council resolved to modernize the four-year transfer eligibility legislation by establishing a uniform and equitable approach for student-athletes across all sports to qualify for a one-time transfer exception. As a result, the NCAA Division I Council Working Group on Transfers recommended Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 with the intent to revise the one-time transfer exception.

Currently, Division I student-athletes who participate in baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football and men's ice hockey do not qualify for the existing one-time transfer waiver exception. Proposal No. 2020-11 would remove the existing sport-specific limitation and permit Division I student-athletes in all sports to be eligible for competition immediately at another four-year institution, provided certain objective criteria are met.

Proposal No. 2020-11 would require a student-athlete to complete a mandatory educational module before a notification of transfer may be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal. In addition, the proposal would eliminate the ability for a student-athlete's previous institution to object to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. Instead, an institution's head coach and the student-athlete will be required to certify that no contact occurred prior to the student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal. To provide stability and finality to those impacted by transfer decisions, the proposal includes notification of transfer dates by which a student-athlete must indicate intent to transfer in order to qualify for the proposed exception: May 1 for fall and winter sports and July 1 for spring sports.

Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 is currently tabled after a vote at the January 2021 NCAA Convention was delayed.

During its March 2021 videoconference, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee received an update on Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 and its impact on student-athletes transferring from Division II to Division I and provided feedback on how to educate the Division II membership on that impact if it is adopted. The committee discussed potential legislative changes to the one-time

transfer exception in Division II and directed staff to seek feedback from the Academic Requirements Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for review on the June 29-30 videoconference.

### **Impact on Division II.**

Current NCAA Division II legislation gives institutions the ability to object to a student-athlete being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement upon transfer to another institution. However, if Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 is adopted, Division II institutions would not have the ability to deny a student-athlete access to the one-time transfer exception if they are transferring to a Division I institution. Additionally, Division II institutions would still be required to seek consent to use the one-time transfer exception for a student-athlete transferring from a Division I institution.

### **Questions to Consider:**

1. Is the committee supportive of a potential legislative change similar to Division I Proposal No. 2020-11? If so:
  - a. Should student-athletes be required to complete an educational module related to transferring before the institution may enter their information into the transfer database?
  - b. Should the previous institution retain the ability to object to the student-athlete's use of the one-time transfer exception?
  - c. Should the head coach of the certifying institution and the student-athlete be required to certify that no athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interest communicated or made contact with the student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process?
  - d. Should there be a deadline for a student-athlete to provide written notification of transfer to the institution?
  - e. Should the graduate student exception in NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.1.8.1 (transfer exception) only be able to be used if the student-athlete has not previously transferred?
  - f. What additional membership feedback is necessary before the committee makes a legislative recommendation?

2. What are the committee's recommendations on how to educate Division II student-athletes regarding the impact of Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 on Division II transfers?

### **Conclusions.**

1. The committee is **supportive** of a potential legislative change similar to Division I Proposal 2020-11.
2. The committee is **not supportive** of a potential legislative change similar to Division I Proposal 2020-11.

### **Applicable Division II Legislation.**

**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):

(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or Bylaw 1/25/21 141 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions;

(b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution, except that, for a student transferring from a Division I institution, he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution; and

(c) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

(d) A student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three fulltime quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits.

**14.1.8 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate/Second Baccalaureate Participation.** A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a United States baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, or a nonmatriculating, nondegree seeking graduate student who satisfies all eligibility requirements (e.g., enrolled full time, in good academic standing), may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15- quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.5).

#### **Applicable Division I Legislation.**

**13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.** An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA fouryear collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete.

**13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer.** A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete.

**14.5.5.2.10 One-Time Transfer Exception.** The student transfers to the certifying institution from another fouryear collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.6.1):

(a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men's ice hockey at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant in championship subdivision football at the institution to which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying

institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football or the participant transfers from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that offers athletically related financial aid in football to a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football;

(b) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception);

(c) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), the student would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and (d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

**14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity.** If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release or enters a denial of the release in the NCAA Transfer Portal, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside 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 institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.4) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a 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 or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

**14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception.** A student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

- (a) The student fulfills the remaining conditions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10;
- (b) The student has at least one season of competition remaining; and
- (c) Either the student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year or did not offer athletically related financial aid in the student's sport, or the student never received athletically related financial aid as an undergraduate student.

**Applicable Division I Proposals.**

See Attachment.

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# NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2020-11

- What's next for Division I?
- What does this mean for Division II?

	Division I Current State	Division I Proposed State	Division II Legislation
Applicable to all sports?	No. Baseball, basketball, FBS football and men's ice hockey are excluded.	Yes.	Yes.
Separate graduate student exception?	Yes.	No.	Yes.
May previous institution object to use?	Yes.	No, regardless of where SA transfers from (any NCAA division, NAIA).  New institution's head coach and SA must certify no contact occurred prior to SA's entry into the transfer portal.	Yes.
Deadline to provide notification of transfer?	No. SA may initiate at any time.	May 1: fall/winter sports. July 1: spring sports.  SA must complete an educational module before entry into transfer portal.	No. SA may initiate at any time.



**QUESTIONS?**

**Division:** I

**Proposal Number:** 2020-11

**Title:** ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- UNIFORM APPLICATION

**Status:** Tabled

**Intent:** To revise the one-time transfer exception to apply to all sports, as specified.

**Category:** Amendment

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not **communicate or** make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, **or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor)**, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.2-(f).]

13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. **The student-athlete must complete an educational module related to transferring before the institution may enter his or her information into the national transfer database.** The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete **or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later.** [D]

[13.1.1.3.2 through 13.1.1.3.6 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution.

[14.5.5.1.1 through 14.5.5.1.3 unchanged.]

14.5.5.2 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to original institution without participation or with minimal participation exception) and any of the following exceptions is satisfied. During the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment,

such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement only for transfer students who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for qualifiers (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1) in Division I.

[14.5.5.2.1 through 14.5.5.2.9 unchanged.]

14.5.5.2.10 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 **post**graduate students, see Bylaw 14.6.1):

~~(a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men's ice hockey at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant in championship subdivision football at the institution to which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football or the participant transfers from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that offers athletically related financial aid in football to a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in football;~~

~~(b)~~ **a)** The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception);

~~(c)~~ **b)** At the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), the student would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and

~~(d)~~ **c)** ~~If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete~~ **The head coach of the certifying institution and the student shall certify that no athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interest communicated or made contact with the student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.3).**

**(d) The student must provide written notification of transfer to the institution by the following dates:**

**(1) Fall and winter sports: May 1.**

**(2) Spring sports: July 1.**

~~14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release or enters a denial of the release in the NCAA Transfer Portal, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside 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 institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.4) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a 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 or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.~~

**14.5.5.2.10.1 Exceptions to Notification of Transfer Dates -- Fall and Winter Sports. A student-athlete who participates in a fall or winter sport is not required to provide written notification of transfer prior to May 1 if either of the following occur on or before July 1 of the same academic year:**

**(a) The student-athlete's athletics aid is reduced, canceled or not renewed (except as permitted per Bylaws 15.3.4.2 or 15.3.5.1); or**

**(b) The head coach of the student-athlete's team departs or announces departure from the institution.**

**14.5.5.2.10.2 Application of Notification Dates to Midyear Transfers. A midyear transfer student-athlete is not required to have provided notification of transfer to the institution by the notification deadline in the previous academic year.**

[14.5.5.2.11 unchanged.]

[14.5.5.3 through 14.5.5.5 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10, *and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 (a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:*

*(a) The student fulfills the remaining conditions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10;*

*(b) The student has at least one season of competition remaining; and*

*(c) Either the student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year or did not offer athletically related financial aid in the student's sport, or the student never received athletically related financial aid as an undergraduate student.*

[14.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Working Group on Transfers)

**Effective Date:** Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year. Mandatory education related to transferring will be applicable upon its availability.

**Topical Area:** Academic Eligibility

**Rationale:** In May 2020, the Council resolved to modernize the four-year transfer eligibility legislation by establishing a uniform and equitable approach for student-athletes across all sports to qualify for a one-time transfer exception. Currently, student-athletes who participate in five sports do not qualify for the existing one-time transfer waiver exception. This proposal removes the existing sport-specific limitation and creates a mechanism for student-athletes in all sports to be eligible for competition immediately at another four-year institution, provided certain objective criteria are met. Specifically, to encourage informed transfer decisions,

a student-athlete will be required to complete a mandatory educational module before a notification of transfer may be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal. To further deter the impermissible influence by individuals from or on behalf of other institutions on a student-athlete's desire to transfer, an institution's head coach and the student-athlete will be required to certify that no contact occurred prior to the student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal. To provide stability and finality to those impacted by transfer decisions, the proposal includes notification of transfer dates by which a student-athlete must indicate intent to transfer in order to qualify for the proposed exception. The Working Group on Transfers has recommended that the notification of transfer date component of this proposal be voted on separately from the rest of the proposal. If the Council agrees to take separate votes, the vote on the primary concept (mandatory student-athlete education on transferring, undergraduate and postgraduate transfer exception) would occur first. Then a separate vote on whether the notification of transfer dates (May 1 and July 1) would be taken.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential decreased impact on overall budgets by allowing a student-athlete from any sport to compete without serving a year of residence.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Would remove the year of residence requirement for those who qualify in baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football and men's ice hockey.

**Position Statements:**

Committee on Academics	No Formal Position	The committee continues to support the inclusion of an academic component to the proposal to better ensure transfer student-athletes are academically successful at the next institution and ultimately graduate with a four-year degree, as demonstrated by research and data.
Women's Basketball Oversight Committee	Supports	Support is contingent upon the proposal including a transfer notification date of May 1. This is important to the sport in order to provide certainty to team rosters and to limit tampering of current student-athletes.
Football Oversight Committee	Supports	The committee notes strong concerns about the potential impact on a school's NCAA Division I Academic Performance Rate (APR) and about the tampering the proposal may encourage. Recommends that any tampering violation be considered a Level I violation and that the Committee on Academics continue to evaluate likelihood and significance of any unintended APR impact.
Student-Athlete Experience Committee	Supports	The committee notes continuing discussion of notification of transfer dates.
Men's Basketball Oversight Committee	Supports	The committee notes strong support of the May 1 notification of transfer date.

**History:**

Nov 13, 2020	In Progress	
Dec 16, 2020	In Progress	The Council modified the proposal to specify that a midyear transfer student-athlete is not required to have provided notification of transfer to the institution by the notification deadline in the previous academic year.

**Legislative References**

<b>Legislative Cite</b>	<b>Title</b>
13.1	Contacts and Evaluations.
13.1.1.3	Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.1.1.3.1	Notification of Transfer.
14.5.5	Four-Year College Transfers.
14.5.5.1	General Rule.
14.5.5.2	Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges.
14.5.5.2.10	One-Time Transfer Exception.
14.5.5.2.10.1	Hearing Opportunity.
14.6	Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.
14.6.1	One-Time Transfer Exception.

**Student-Athlete Success/Well-Being:** This proposal would create a uniform, equitable approach to transfer eligibility in all sports.

**Enforceable and Merits Outweigh Monitoring Burdens:** Yes. The need to create an equitable approach to transfer and to reduce burden associated with transfer waivers would outweigh the increased monitoring burden.

**Consequential or Nationally Significant:** Yes. Legislation related to transfers is significant to the entire Division I membership.

**Division I Commitment:** The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

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# DIVISION II SAAC 2020 GOALS

SUPPLEMENT NO. 14

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## TOTAL

Being healthy is a combination of physical and **mental health**.

Mental health will continue to be a priority of national SAAC as we look to help break the stigma and inspire others to promote mental well-being. Together, we can promote a total state of health and well-being for all student-athletes.



## PACKAGE

The student-athlete population is extremely diverse, yet we all share a bond through athletics.

National SAAC is looking to support and celebrate the **diversity** in athletics and promote **inclusion** at all levels in our institutions to enhance the overall student-athlete experience.



## RISE TO VOTE

Partnering with the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) and the Division I and III SAACs, educate student-athletes on **how to vote** in the 2020 United States presidential election, the importance of voting and how student-athletes can use their platform to **amplify their voice for civic engagement**.



## STUDENT

As student-athletes, our lives and skills go far past the playing field.

National SAAC has made it a goal to promote and educate student-athletes on **professional development** so that they are prepared for the experiences and challenges in life after athletics.



## ATHLETE

The term athlete resonates with no particular sport. The **Love2Play** initiative encourages young athletes to participate in more than one sport.

National SAAC supports these young athletes to find what sport they truly love to play and is making it a priority to spread awareness of the negative effects of sport specialization at an early age.



**MAKE IT YOURS**

2019 NCAA Division II  
 SAAC Super Region Convention  
 April 17-19, 2020

**Friday, April 17**

1-3	Convention registration	SAAC Assignment	Location
3	Welcome Reception-Back of the ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snack stations-</li> <li>• Games</li> </ul>	All SAAC	
3:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex Shillow (15 min)</li> <li>• Icebreaker- (15 min)</li> </ul>	<b>Icebreaker:</b> Mads, Jake, and Micaiah	
4:00	Speaker No. 1: Impact of SA Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Josh Looney and Roberto Baroniel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mack	
4:45	SA Voice Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC member introduction/example</li> </ul>	Mack	
5:40	Project Planning Session No. 1: SA Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conferences sent to designated rooms</li> </ul>	Grant	Breakout rooms
6:50	Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC member led debrief</li> <li>• Takeaways</li> <li>• Announce night activity</li> </ul>	Micaiah	
7-9	Administrator/SA networking activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities in ballroom                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dinner</li> <li>○ Games</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Micaiah	

**Saturday, April 18**

7:00	Breakfast		
8:00	Ice Breaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAAC</li> </ul>	<b>Icebreaker:</b> Mads, Jake, and Micaiah	

8:15	Mental Health Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivy Watts</li> </ul>	Mads/Madison	
9:35	Break	Mads/Madison	
9:45	Student-Athlete Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker-SSI</li> <li>Round table exercise</li> </ul>	Mads/Madison	
10:25	Project Planning Session: Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC member introduction/example</li> <li>Dismiss conferences to designated rooms</li> </ul>	Alex Shillow	
12:00	Make A Wish Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC member introduction</li> </ul>	Mack/Lex	
12:30	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage sitting with attendees from outside of conference</li> <li>Invite MAW</li> </ul>	Braydon	
1:45	Facilitating communication with administrators	Dr. Ben Cherry, Erin Hiltner, Mack, Alex, Mads	
2:15	Community Engagement	Madison Schiller	
3:30	Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC member to announce</li> <li>Coffee, soft drinks, juices</li> </ul>	Emma	
3:45	Social Justice Discussion/Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC member to introduce</li> <li>Facilitator-Curtis Hill</li> </ul>	Alex, Alexandria	
4:45	After Athletics	Micaiah	
6:00	Debrief/ Dinner	Jake	

**Sunday April, 19**

7:00	Breakfast		
8:00	Morning ice breaker activity	Mads, Jake and Micaiah	
8:15	Weekend Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAC member led</li> </ul>	Alex	
8:30	Final Project Planning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental health specialist</li> </ul>	Alex	Breakouts
10:00	Project Presentation	Mads	
11:15	Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee, soft drinks, juices</li> </ul>	Mads	
11:30	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justin Patton</li> </ul>	Braydon	
12:30	Lunch		
1:30	Complete convention survey, depart for home	Alex	

#### **Other SAAC Assignments**

- Assign SAAC members to stage chairs/mics
  - Kate, Grant, Micaiah
- Assign SAAC member to welcome guest speakers
  - Madison, Mads, Grant
- SAAC members for registration table

# ***NCAA Standardized Test Score Task Force***

- ▶ Exploratory process to review SAT/ACT requirement in the NCAA Eligibility Center's initial-eligibility standard.
- ▶ Representation includes NCAA research, regulatory affairs, office of inclusion, NCAA Division I and Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), NCAA Division I Committee on Academics and NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.
- ▶ Recommendations will be developed in an inclusive manner, encouraging input from a broad cross section of the NCAA membership, and brought forward for consideration through the NCAA governance process.

*Note:* NCAA initial-eligibility requirements will not require students enrolling in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 academic years to have a standardized test score due to COVID-19 policy adjustments.



# ***NCAA SAAC REPRESENTATIVES***

## ***Division I***

- ▶ Brynn Carlson —  
Women's Volleyball,  
Kansas State University.

## ***Division II***

- ▶ Madison Heck —  
Women's Lacrosse,  
Georgian Court University.



**Feedback Exercise to Help Determine  
Division II Strategic Priorities Through 2029**

**Division II Mission Statement:** *To provide value and significance for Division II members by supporting the purpose of higher education and striking a balance among academic excellence; athletics competition; community engagement; and social and personal development and wellness.*

<b>SWOT ANALYSIS</b> (Consider both Division II overall as well as the work of your specific committee)	
<p><b>STRENGTHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is working well?</li> <li>• What is making a difference?</li> <li>• How does Division II add value to college athletics?</li> <li>• How does Division II add value to higher education?</li> <li>• What are Division II’s distinguishing attributes?</li> <li>• How do Division II student-athletes make the experience their own?</li> </ul>	<p><b>WEAKNESSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is not working as optimally as it could?</li> <li>• What is not making a difference?</li> <li>• What processes need improving?</li> <li>• What do people dislike about Division II?</li> </ul>
<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What needs to be improved or changed?</li> <li>• What should Division II <i>stop</i> doing?</li> <li>• What should Division II <i>start</i> doing?</li> <li>• What Division II benefits/attributes are not being promoted?</li> <li>• How does Division II work to your advantage in recruiting?</li> </ul>	<p><b>THREATS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends in higher education?</li> <li>• Trends in technology?</li> <li>• Economic/financial trends?</li> <li>• Other?</li> </ul>

**Philosophical Question (all members answer):** In five to seven years, Division II will be \_\_\_\_?

**Strategic Plan Timeline**

Spring/Summer 2021	Committees and Councils conduct SWOT analysis.
Fall 2021	Division II Membership Census is developed.
January 2022	Division II Membership Census is distributed to the membership.
April 2022	Census results reviewed by SAAC, Management Council and Presidents Council; executive summary of results created.
May 2022	Joint virtual meeting of Presidents Council, Management Council and SAAC to develop areas of priority/focus/goals.
Spring/Summer 2022	Committees, affiliate groups and other constituents review and provide feedback on executive summary of census results and initial priorities/focus areas/goals.
Fall/Winter 2022	Planning and Finance Committee creates draft strategic plan based on feedback.
March – August 2023	Councils, committees, affiliate groups and other constituents review strategic plan draft.
August/September 2023	Planning and Finance Committee recommends final plan to Presidents Council.
October 2023	Management Council endorses plan; Presidents Council approves plan.
January 2024	Plan formally introduced to the membership at the 2024 NCAA Convention.

**NCAA Board of Governors  
Policy on Campus Sexual Violence**

**Adopted August 8, 2017**

**Updated August 7, 2018**

**Revised April 30, 2020**

*(Effective with the 2022-2023 academic year attestation)*

**Preamble.**

The NCAA is a voluntary membership organization dedicated to promoting and developing its core values of academics, well-being and fairness among the 1,100 member schools and more than 450,000 student-athletes who participate in college sports. Sexual discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual and interpersonal violence violate human decency and the Association's core values.

**Association's Efforts in Sexual Violence Prevention.**

The Association has been actively engaged in addressing sexual violence prevention through proactive membership and societal engagement measures since 2010. In 2010, the NCAA Executive Committee (now NCAA Board of Governors) issued a directive to the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct to support the membership in addressing sexual violence on campus. The directive was followed-up with the 2011 Summit on Violence Prevention. In 2012, the NCAA sponsored a think tank, which led to the production of the comprehensive 2014 guide titled "Addressing Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence." In August 2014, the Executive Committee passed a resolution that specifies that appropriately addressing sexual violence is integral to responsible intercollegiate athletics programs. Specifically, the resolution states that addressing sexual violence: (1) Is consistent with the values and principles articulated in the NCAA Constitution; (2) Is mandated by state and federal laws; and (3) Must be part of a collaborative effort with campus policies. Following the resolution, a newly formed interdisciplinary task force produced the "Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit" in 2016 and updated in 2019, which is endorsed by 12 Higher Education organizations, five NCAA committees and three national organizations. Also in 2016, the NCAA convened the Higher Education Summit on Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence which included representatives from higher education associations, NCAA Association-wide committees and subject matter experts. In August of that year, the Board of Governors appointed a Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence, for which the commission defined the aspirational culture for colleges and universities as:

*A positive and thriving athletics team culture that revolves around respect and empathy for all, fostering a climate in which all feel that they are respected, valued and contributing members of their teams, athletics programs and institutions; and creating an environment in which students (athletes and nonathletes alike) feel safe and secure, both emotionally and physically, and are free of fears of retaliation or reprisal. The positive culture exuded by a member institution's NCAA teams is the catalyst for a positive culture across an entire campus.*

In keeping with this aspirational culture, the commission recommended the Board of Governors adopt an Association-wide policy to reinforce previous efforts of the Association in addressing campus sexual violence and this document represents the Board of Governors' adoption of such policy.

**Overarching Principles.**

1. Intercollegiate athletics departments should be informed on and integrated in overall campus policies and processes addressing sexual and interpersonal violence prevention and acts of sexual violence, particularly those related to adjudication and resolution of matters related to sexual and interpersonal violence.
2. Intercollegiate athletics departments should review annually the most current Checklist Recommendations of the NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit, using it as a guide with resources to conduct ongoing, comprehensive education for student- athletes, coaches and athletics administrators.
3. Intercollegiate athletics programs should utilize their platform to serve as leaders on campus through engagement in and collaboration on efforts to support campus-wide sexual and interpersonal violence prevention initiatives. This includes involving student- athletes in prevention efforts in meaningful ways across the campus, including encouraging use of leadership roles on campus to support such efforts.

**Each university chancellor/president, director of athletics and campus Title IX coordinator\* must attest annually that:**

1. The athletics department is informed on, integrated in, and compliant with institutional policies and processes regarding sexual violence prevention and proper adjudication and resolution of acts of sexual and interpersonal violence.
2. The institutional policies and processes regarding sexual violence prevention and adjudication, and the name and contact information for the campus Title IX coordinator\*, are readily available within the department of athletics, and are provided to student- athletes.
3. All student-athletes, coaches and staff have been educated each year on sexual violence prevention, intervention and response, to the extent allowable by state law and collective bargaining agreements.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.

*[Note: Item Nos. 4 to 6 above require attestation beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year attestation.]*

Further, the athletics department will cooperate with college or university investigations into reports and matters related to sexual and interpersonal violence involving student-athletes and athletics department staff in a manner compliant with institutional policies for all students.

**If a school is not able to attest their compliance with the above requirements, it will be prohibited from hosting any NCAA championship competitions for the next applicable academic year.**

\*For international members and schools that do not receive federal funding, or are otherwise exempt from Title IX, the signature should be from the Title IX coordinator or institutional staff member with comparable responsibilities

\*\*A person who has been disciplined through a Title IX proceeding or criminally convicted, regardless of the degree, and whether the result of a plea or court determination, of either of the following:

**Interpersonal Violence:** Violence that is predominantly caused due to the relationship between the victim and the perpetrator, including dating and domestic violence.

**Sexual Violence:** A term used to include both forcible and nonforcible sex offenses, ranging from sexual battery to rape.

**Other Acts of Violence:** Crimes including murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault or any assault that employs the use of a deadly weapon or causes serious bodily injury.



**NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
2022 CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION  
TASK FORCE**

- 1. Preamble.** The NCAA has passed a series of measures and provided resources to assist campuses with sexual violence prevention for several years. In April 2020, the NCAA Board of Governors expanded the Association-wide policy on campus sexual violence to include individual accountability measures. This action is an opportunity for member schools to evaluate their prevention measures based on their campus policies and state and federal laws. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education released new Title IX regulations that became effective in August 2020. These new regulations raise several questions for the membership regarding how the Association's expanded policy intersects with the new requirements of the DOE regulations. To fully serve the membership in fulfilling this annual policy requirement and given the new DOE regulations, the Board of Governors directed the development of a membership task force to provide resources to assist members in developing implementation measures on campus.
- 2. Purpose.** The task force shall work to develop operational guidelines, best practices and supporting documentation that campuses can use to implement the expanded policy. Their work will enable member schools to use the resources developed to better prepare for the 2022-23 attestation requirements.
- 3. Composition.** The 2022 Policy Implementation Task Force shall consist of ten members, including at least five from Division I, two from Division II and two from Division III. Task force members should comprise members holding roles as university general counsel, campus Title IX coordinators, compliance administrators, conference administrators or senior woman administrators.
  - a. Division I members**
    - One university general counsel.
    - One campus Title IX coordinator.
    - One compliance administrator.
    - One senior woman administrator
    - One conference administrator.
  - b. Division II members**
    - One campus Title IX coordinator.
    - One conference administrator.
  - c. Division III members**
    - One university general counsel.
    - One compliance administrator.
  - d. Student-Athlete Representative from the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee**
- 4. Duties.** The task force duties are as follows:
  - a. Create sample operational guidelines and supporting documentation to facilitate members' development of their own campus policies and procedures.

- b. Identify possible barriers to and consequences of implementation of the expanded policy to assist members in developing effective policies and procedures.
- c. Identify resources for the membership to utilize for consistent policy implementation across the membership.
- d. Determine interim requirements for 2021-22 that the membership shall meet to facilitate their preparation to comply with the expanded policy requirements in the following academic year.
- e. Develop a FAQ for member schools to utilize for questions related to the expanded policy and sample documentation.

[Note: The task force may engage external subject matter experts and NCAA membership groups as necessary to carry out its duties.]

- 5. Timeline.** The task force should begin its work no later than January 2021 and plan to deliver its final report to the Board of Governors on April 27, 2021. After board approval, the task force's resources and guidelines will be distributed to the membership.

**6. Staff Liaisons.**

Cari Van Senus, Vice President of Policy and Chief of Staff, *Lead Liaison*  
Scott Bearby, General Counsel  
Amy Wilson, Managing Director of Inclusion  
Gretchen Miron, Assistant Director of Executive Affairs



***NCAA Student-Athlete  
Well-Being Survey  
(Fall 2020)***

## NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Study

As a follow-up to the [NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey \(Spring 2020\)](#), NCAA Research collaborated with the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the NCAA's Division I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees to design and distribute a similar survey in fall 2020. The survey examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the physical and mental well-being of 24,974 student-athletes. The full report can be found [here](#).



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## CAMPUS LIVING AND LEARNING AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Academic experiences and mental well-being were related to student-athletes' ability to return to campus and take in-person classes in the fall 2020 academic term. Nearly 90% of student-athletes surveyed across divisions reported living on campus or in their college community and 60% reported attending a blend of virtual and in-person classes in the fall. Fall campus living and learning experiences differed by NCAA division. These findings are drastically different from the spring study, where nearly 80% of respondents were living away from campus with parents, family or a significant other at the time of survey (April 2020) and nearly all student-athletes had moved to online-only education.

Knowing how to access physical and mental health care increased in the fall, while perceptions of food security and confidence in managing personal exposure to COVID-19 decreased from spring levels. Similar to spring survey results, racial disparities were reported in food security and access to health care.

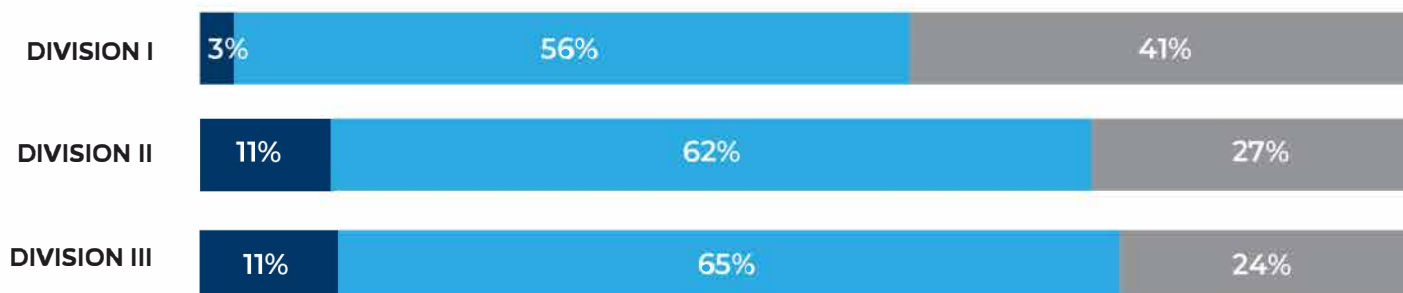
### Living Arrangements

■ On campus ■ Off campus in college town ■ In another town



### Learning Environment

■ Fully in-person ■ Hybrid (virtual and in-person) ■ Fully virtual



## MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Student-athletes reported fewer sleep difficulties and lower levels of loneliness, loss, anger and sadness in fall 2020 than at the outset of the pandemic. However, similar to spring findings, elevated rates of mental exhaustion, anxiety, hopelessness and feelings of being depressed were reported. Mental health concerns remained highest among demographic subgroups typically displaying higher rates of mental distress (for example, women, student-athletes of color, those on the queer spectrum, those living alone or away from campus and those reporting family economic hardship). Student-athletes in their senior year and those attending classes fully virtually displayed heightened mental health concerns in the fall, as well. In most instances, the rates of reported mental health concerns experienced within the last month were 1.5 to two times higher than have been historically reported by NCAA student-athletes in pre-pandemic studies.

### Mental Health Concerns by Learning Environment

(Percent of Participants Who Endorsed “Constantly” or “Most Every Day”)

	<i>Fully virtual</i>	<i>Hybrid (virtual/in-person)</i>	<i>Fully in-person</i>
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do	45%	42%	40%
Felt exhausted (not from physical activity)	35%	32%	31%
Experienced sleep difficulties	26%	24%	21%
Felt overwhelming anxiety	25%	22%	19%
Felt very lonely	23%	16%	14%
Felt sad	21%	17%	15%
Felt things were hopeless	17%	13%	12%
Felt a sense of loss	14%	10%	8%
Felt so depressed that it was difficult to function	10%	7%	6%
Felt overwhelming anger	9%	6%	7%

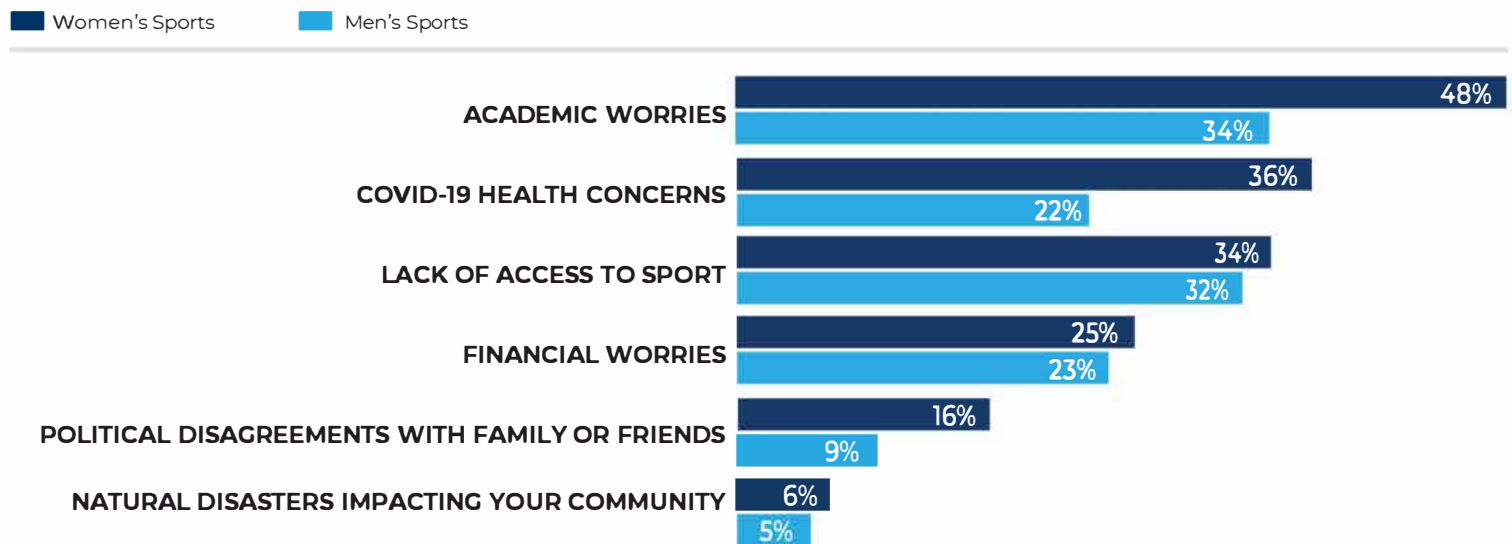
Note: Participants not enrolled in fall 2020 classes excluded.

## MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Student-athletes noted academic worries, lack of access to sport, COVID-19 health concerns and financial worries as the top factors negatively impacting their mental health in fall 2020. Women cited COVID-19 health concerns and political disagreements with family or friends 1.5 to two times the rate of men, respectively. Many student-athletes of color cited personal experiences of racism or racial trauma within the last month as negatively impacting their mental health, with levels of endorsement from Black student-athletes more than twice that of other athletes of color.

### Factors Negatively Impacting Student-Athlete Mental Health During the Past Month

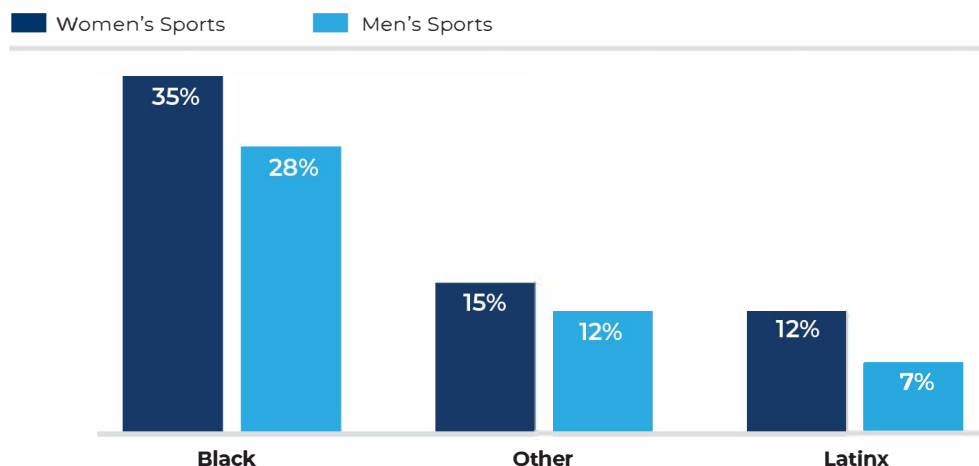
(Percent of Participants Who Responded "Agree" or "Strongly Agree")



Note: Top 2 points on a 6-point scale.

### Personal Experiences of Racism or Racial Trauma Impacting Student-Athlete Mental Health in the Month Before the Survey

(Percent of BIPOC Participants Who Responded "Agree" or "Strongly Agree")



Note: Top 2 points on a 6-point scale.

BIPOC refers to Black, Indigenous and people of color. "Other" includes those who selected American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other, and multiple racial identities.



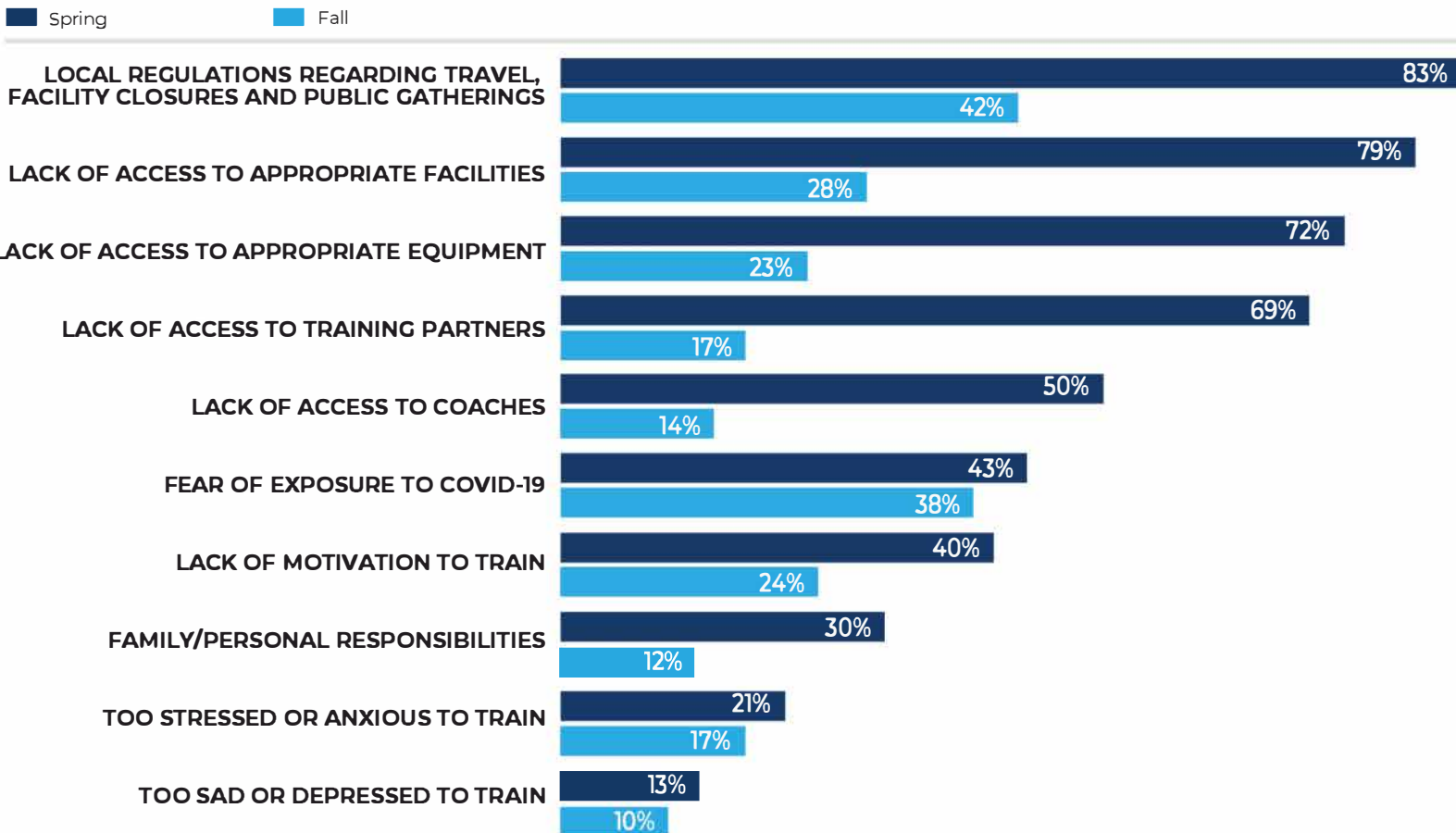
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## BARRIERS TO ATHLETICS TRAINING

With many student-athletes returning to campus and local restrictions on facility use lifted, reported barriers to training were fewer during fall as compared with spring. Slightly more than 80% of student-athletes across divisions reported they were training with their team to some degree at the time of survey. However, the pandemic continued to result in notable training challenges, with more than 40% of student-athletes citing local regulations and one quarter citing lack of access to appropriate facilities and equipment as barriers to their fall training. As we saw in spring, student-athletes continued to indicate that emotional barriers impacted their ability to train, including a fear of exposure to COVID-19, lack of motivation, feelings of stress or anxiety, and sadness or depression. Similar to spring findings, student-athletes of color were more likely than white student-athletes to cite fear of exposure to COVID-19 and family/personal responsibilities as barriers to training.

### Barriers to Athletics Training

(Percent of Participants Who “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”)



Note: Top 2 points on a 6-point scale. Those unable to train due to injury were excluded from this item.

## COVID TESTING AND PRECAUTIONS

Student-athlete COVID-19 testing experiences varied by division in fall 2020. Division I student-athletes reported being tested more frequently than those in Divisions II and III.

Since the start of the fall 2020 term, 37% of student-athletes reported having had to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-related symptoms, exposure or campus outbreak. Over half (51%) of survey respondents reported having close friends or family test positive and 9% reported having someone close to them hospitalized or die as a result of COVID-19. Black and Latinx student-athletes were twice as likely to report someone close to them being hospitalized or dying as a result of COVID-19 (14% and 13%, respectively) as compared with white student-athletes (7%).

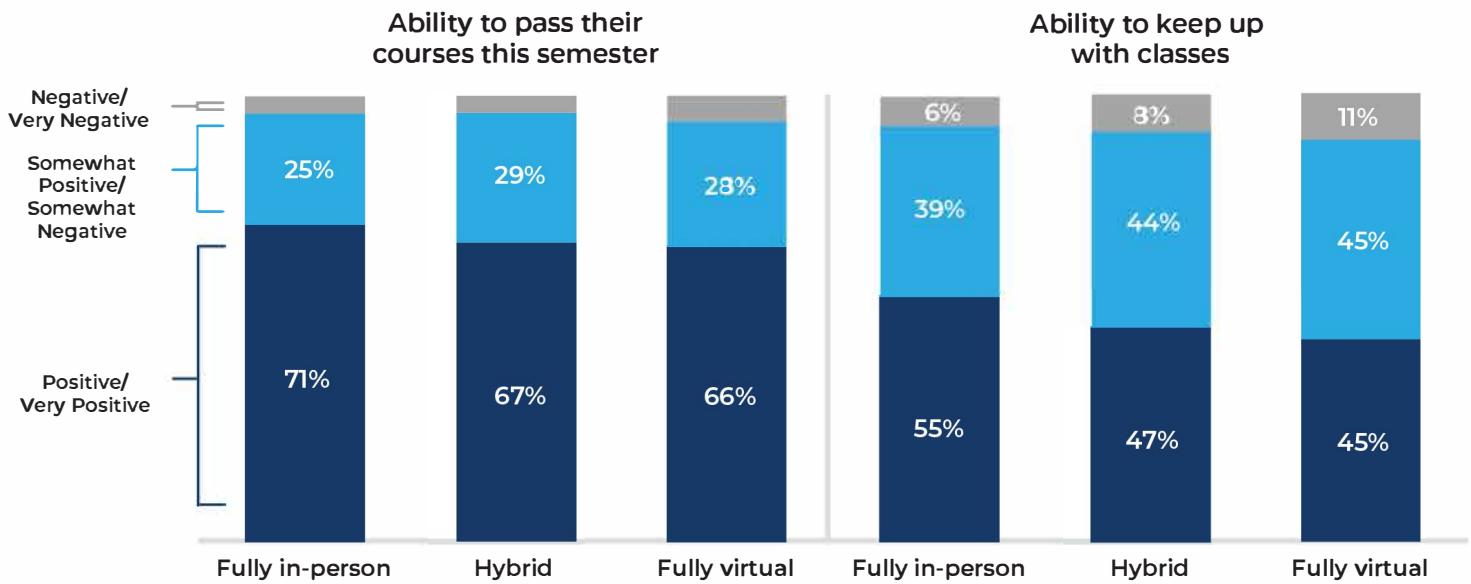
Nearly two-thirds of student-athletes reported almost always following social distancing guidelines, including masking, maintaining physical distance and avoiding large gatherings. This varied by gender, race/ethnicity and division.



# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON ACADEMICS

Fewer student-athletes indicated feeling positive about their ability to keep up with and pass their fall courses as compared with spring. Decreases were most notable among women (down 6 percentage points in both items). Student-athletes attending classes fully virtually in the fall were less likely to feel positive about their ability to keep up with and pass their classes.

## Feelings about ...



Note: Participants not enrolled in fall 2020 classes excluded.





## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON GRADUATION AND CAREER PLANNING

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to modified graduation timelines and negatively impacted the career planning of seniors. Among seniors, 18% of men and 12% of women indicated they expect a delayed graduation date, and nearly half of all seniors reported losing or opting out of a job or internship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In terms of career preparation, 62% of seniors felt the pandemic negatively impacted their career planning.



## DESIRED RESOURCES

Student-athletes indicated greatest interest in receiving NCAA resources that will prepare them for life after sport, including skills transferable from sports to career, leadership training, financial literacy and career planning. Student-athletes were asked how athletics staff and coaches could continue to support their physical and mental well-being. Suggestions fell into five key themes:

- Attend to physical health when reacclimating to sport.
- Continue to provide workouts for those not actively competing/practicing.
- Establish or maintain regular coach-athlete team/individual check-ins and peer support.
- Make modifications that reflect the impact of COVID-19 on individual and team well-being.
- Prioritize student-athlete mental health.

### Desired Educational Resources from the NCAA

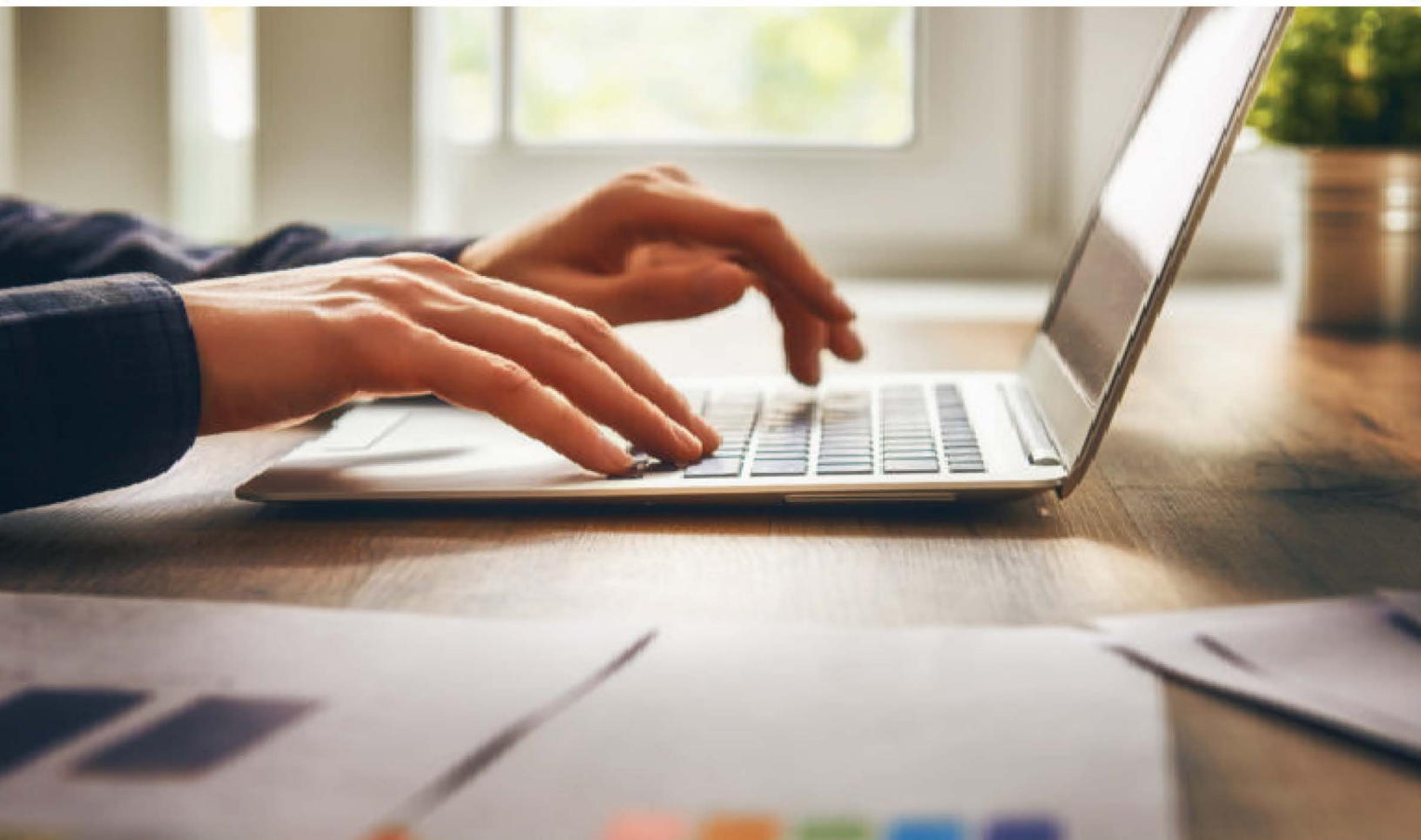
(Percent of Participants Who Responded "Very Interested" in Receiving Resource)

	Men's Sports	Women's Sports
Preparing for life after sport	45%	51%
Sports to career transferable skills	45%	46%
Leadership skills training	34%	38%
Personal branding	32%	27%
Financial awareness/literacy	30%	29%
Career planning	29%	29%
Health and safety information related to COVID-19	18%	26%
Diversity and inclusion	17%	27%



### METHODOLOGY

The NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey (Fall 2020) was an online survey that examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes. It was a follow-up to the NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey (Spring 2020). The survey was designed by NCAA Research in collaboration with the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Division I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAACs). The 15-minute, confidential survey was administered online using QuestionPro survey software and designed to be taken via cellphone, tablet or computer. The survey opened Oct. 6, 2020, and closed Nov. 2, 2020. A snowball sampling technique was used. National SAAC representatives forwarded the link through conference and campus SAACs to student-athletes. Conference SAAC liaisons were also made aware of the survey and encouraged student-athletes to participate. In all, 24,974 student-athletes representing all NCAA-member conferences completed the survey. We estimate that 4% of NCAA men and 9% of NCAA women completed the survey. Response rates varied widely by conference and sport. Women and white student-athletes were overrepresented in the sample. Therefore, it is important to examine results disaggregated by gender and race. See the [full slide deck](#) for a detailed look at response rates by division, conference, sport and race.





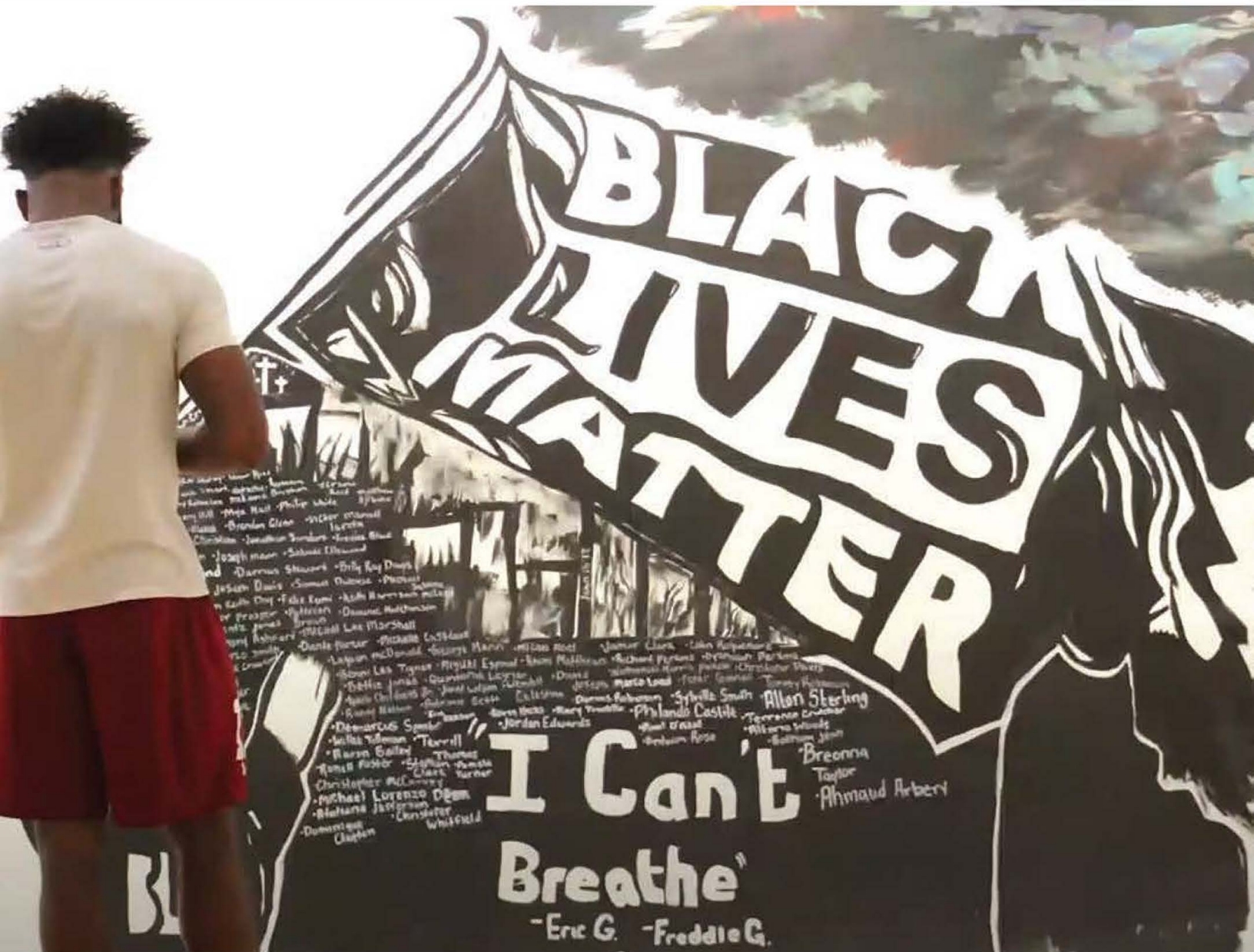
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***NCAA Student-Athlete  
Activism and Racial Justice  
Engagement Study***

## NCAA Student-Athlete Activism and Racial Justice Engagement Study

In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 also saw high levels of engagement in the racial justice movement across the United States and internationally. In early fall, NCAA Research was in the process of designing a follow-up to the spring Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey and decided to expand the questions to examine student-athlete perceptions and experiences in terms of civic engagement, student-athlete activism and racial justice engagement. This report summarizes the study findings from 24,974 student-athletes. The full report can be found [here](#).





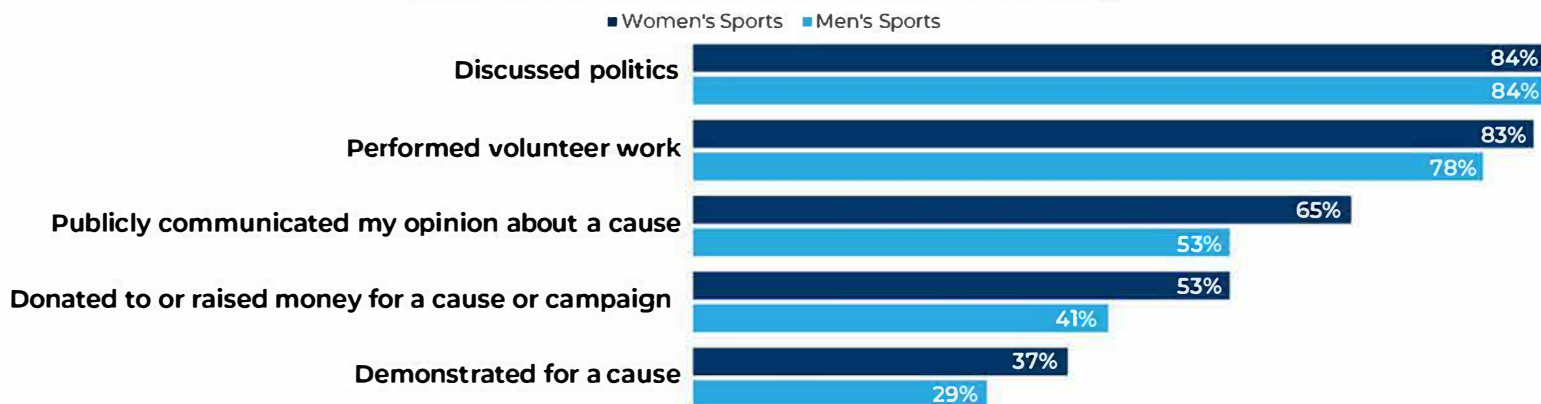
## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Three-quarters of student-athletes surveyed indicated that it was important to them to be an engaged citizen, and over half believed college athletes have a responsibility to volunteer in the community. Black student-athletes were the most likely to indicate a willingness to take a public stance on a social issue (60%) as compared with Latinx student-athletes (49%), other student-athletes of color (49%) and white student-athletes (41%). A majority believed that their coaches, teammates and athletics department would support them for taking a stance publicly.

More than 80% of student-athletes reported discussing politics and performing volunteer work in the last year, and over a third reported having demonstrated for a cause. Black student-athletes were significantly more likely to have communicated about a cause (77%) or demonstrated for a cause (53%) than their peers across all other racial groups.

### Participation in Social and Civic Engagement Activities in the Last Year

(Percent of Participants Who Endorsed "Occasionally" or "Frequently")



Note: Top 2 points on a 3-point scale. "Other" includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other and those who selected multiple racial identities.



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## 2020 ELECTION PARTICIPATION

Over 80% of survey respondents indicated intention to vote in the 2020 election. Black women had the highest levels of voting intention (86%) among the demographic groups examined. Additionally, 11% of student-athletes volunteered or intended to volunteer for the 2020 election (e.g., canvassing, registering voters or working at the polls). This was highest among Black student-athletes (19%).

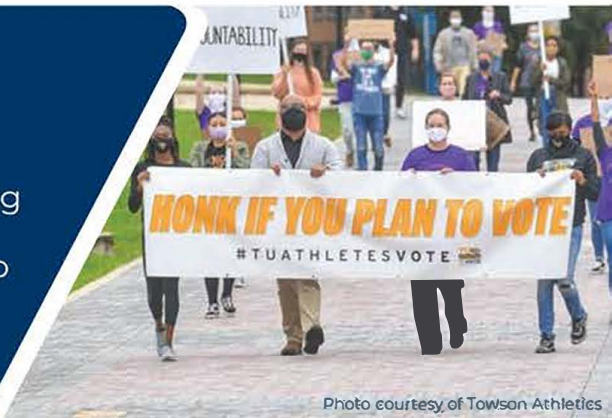


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### 2020 Election Participation

(Percent of Participants Who Endorsed "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" by Racial Group)

	I intend to vote in the November 2020 election.	I have or intend to volunteer for this year's election.
Black	82%	19%
Latinx	66%	15%
Other	79%	12%
White	82%	10%

Note: Top 2 points on a 6-point scale. The survey was in the field from Oct. 6, 2020 through Nov. 2, 2020. "Other" includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other and those who selected multiple racial identities.



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## RACIAL JUSTICE ENGAGEMENT

Nearly 90% of student-athletes surveyed indicated that they had conversations focused on race or racial justice with family or friends within the prior six months. Approximately 80% indicated that they had made an effort to learn more about race and racial justice on their own. Overall, just over half of all participants indicated having conversations with their coaches about race and racial justice. Among Black student-athletes that rate was 67%.

Many student-athletes also publicly participated in the racial justice movement within the prior six months. Over half posted content about race or racial justice on social media and over one-quarter participated in a protest or rally about racial justice. Black student-athletes reported the highest levels of racial justice engagement across all items.

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### Racial Justice Engagement in the Last 6 Months by Race

(Percent of Participants Who Endorsed "Occasionally" or "Frequently")

	<i>Black</i>	<i>Latinx</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>White</i>
Had conversations with family or friends focused on race or racial justice	<b>94%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>88%</b>
Made an effort to learn more about race or racial justice on my own	<b>89%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Posted or shared content on social networking sites about race or racial justice	<b>83%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>51%</b>
Had conversations with coaches focused on race or racial justice	<b>67%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>51%</b>
Attended a protest or rally about racial justice	<b>49%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Contributed money to an organization focused on racial justice	<b>43%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Contacted a public official to express my opinion about racial justice	<b>27%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>16%</b>

Note: Top 2 points on a 3-point scale. "Other" includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other and those who selected multiple racial identities.



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## TEAM AND CAMPUS SUPPORT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE ENGAGEMENT

Student-athletes indicated being most comfortable discussing issues of race on campus within their own teams. The highest level of comfort was among teammates (67%), while a majority also reported being comfortable discussing these issues with their coaches (58%). Most participants reported feeling that the student-athlete voice was being taken into account when making efforts to advance racial equity at the campus, conference and national level.

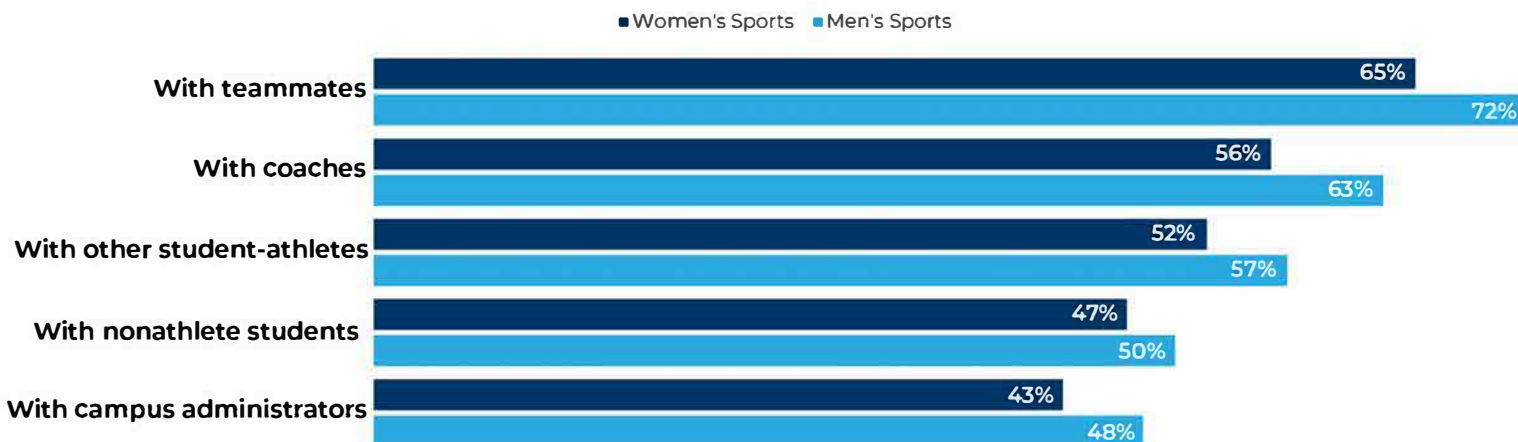
In an open-ended question, participants were asked what more they would like to see their athletics department (staff and coaches) do to address racial justice. Key themes included:

- Listen to student-athlete voices.
- Demonstrate support for student-athletes.
- Take action through:
  - Hosting education sessions and honest conversations.
  - Recruiting and hiring more student-athletes and athletics staff who are Black, Indigenous or people of color.
  - Taking a public stance via statements, departmentwide actions, or social media content that promotes civic engagement and racial justice.

While most comments, within all racial groups, provided suggestions for furthering racial justice engagement, there was a subset of predominantly white survey participants who commented that athletics departments should not play a role in addressing racial justice. Some felt that such engagement could be divisive and silence a group of student-athletes, while others felt such engagement was outside the mission of the athletics department. Thus, conversations and collective actions to promote racial justice may continue to be challenging for some teams and athletics departments.

### Participants' Level of Comfort Discussing Issues of Race on Campus

(Percent of Participants Who Responded "Mostly Comfortable" or "Extremely Comfortable")



Note: Top 2 points on a 6-point scale. "Other" includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, other and those who selected multiple racial identities.

## METHODOLOGY

The NCAA Student-Athlete Activism and Racial Justice Engagement Study survey items were embedded within the NCAA Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey in fall 2020. The survey was designed by NCAA Research in collaboration with the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the NCAA's Division I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC). It was a 15-minute, confidential survey administered online through QuestionPro survey software, designed to be taken via cellphone, tablet or computer. The survey opened Oct. 6, 2020, and closed Nov. 2, 2020. A snowball sampling technique was used. National SAAC representatives forwarded the link through conference and campus SAACs to student-athletes. Conference SAAC liaisons were also made aware of the survey and encouraged student-athletes to participate. In all, 24,974 student-athletes representing all NCAA-member conferences completed the survey. We estimate that 4% of student-athletes in men's sports and 9% of student-athletes in women's sports completed the survey. Response rates varied widely by conference and sport. Women's sports participants and white student-athletes were overrepresented in the sample. Therefore, it is important to examine results disaggregated by gender and race. See [full slide deck](#) for a detailed look at response rates by division, conference, sport and race.







REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**

- **None.**

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion regarding the application of two-year college transfer requirements for qualifiers.** Staff provided an update regarding a request from the NCAA Two-Year College Relations Panel to review the application of the two-year college transfer requirements that were adopted by the membership at the 2014 NCAA Convention. The panel requested the committee consider flexibility of the current legislation that requires qualifiers with no previous attendance at a four-year institution, and more than one full-time term of attendance at the two-year college, to earn a specific number of transferable core credits in English, math and science to be eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid upon transferring to the certifying institution. During its September 16, 2020, videoconference, the committee initially discussed the request and agreed to review any available data at its next scheduled meeting. There was no additional data available to support flexibility; therefore, the committee recommended no changes to the legislation at this time.
2. **Review of competition in year of transfer for two-year college transfers set forth in the NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.5.8.** The committee reviewed Bylaw 14.5.4.5.8 (competition in year of transfer) as a referral from the Division II Legislation Committee regarding the application of the competition in year of transfer legislation. The committee discussed whether a legislative change is necessary to provide clarification that a transfer student-athlete shall be ineligible at the certifying institution if he or she competes during the nonchampionship segment at the previous institution when the contest(s) count toward championships selection (e.g., golf or tennis) or if a transfer student-athlete's previous institution declared the alternate playing season. The committee agreed that a legislative change is not necessary at this time.
3. **Discussion regarding NCAA Standardized Test Score Task Force.** Staff provided the committee with an update on a new task force to review current initial-eligibility requirements related to standardized test scores. The task force will monitor institutions that have implemented test optional admission policies, as well as review the impact of standardized testing on racial equality. Staff will continue to provide updates to the committee as information becomes available. The composition of the task force will include representatives from Divisions I and II and is expected to begin meeting by the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

- 4. Review of Graduation Rates and NCAA Division II Academic Success Rates.** Staff provided an annual update of trends in current graduation rates and academic success rates. Both the federal graduation rate and academic success rates increased for student-athletes since last year. The national four-year ASR average increased one point to 74 percent overall, while the entering class of 2013 increased two points to 77 percent, which is an all-time single-year high. Even when looking at the much less inclusive federal graduation rates for Division II, student-athletes are still graduating at much higher rates than the general student-body. The federal rate for the 2013 entering class of college athletes increased one point to 62 percent, while the general student-body increased to 53 percent, an overall difference of nine points.
- 5. Discussion regarding national academic recognition.** At the request of the membership, the committee reviewed the possibility of expanding the NCAA Division II Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence to include a recognition of the teams with the highest ASR in their respective sport. The committee agreed that more information was needed and requested that staff provide additional data to revisit the topic during its June 2021 videoconference.
- 6. Update on NCAA Division II Academic Performance Census data submission.** The committee reviewed a list of institutions that requested extensions of their APC deadline for the 2020-21 academic year. A total of 11 institutions requested extensions in 2020, which were granted, and all other institutions submitted data on time.
- 7. Update on the impact of new initial-eligibility standards.** Staff provided an update on the impact of new initial-eligibility standards that took effect August 1, 2018. There was no substantial impact in the first year of data following the legislative change. It was noted that there have been improvements in first year eligibility and grade-point average of student-athletes following the second year of data; however, these increases may have been higher due to flexibility provided in initial-eligibility requirements as a result of COVID-19.
- 8. Update on the impact of COVID-19 alternative initial-eligibility standards and review of NCAA Division II newly adopted legislation.** The committee received an update on the 2020-21 initial-eligibility waivers under the COVID-19 alternative standards. The committee also reviewed the application of Division II Proposal No. 2021-2 (eligibility – freshman academic requirements and two-year college transfers – elimination of nonqualifier qualification status – access to athletics aid and practice for all incoming student-athletes), which eliminates the nonqualifier status from initial-eligibility certifications and permits all incoming student-athletes who do not meet qualifier requirements to receive athletics aid and participate in practice during the first academic year in residence. Partial qualifier academic requirements will still require student-athletes to submit documentation to finalize their academic certification to continue participating in practice beyond the 45-day period for certification.

9. **Update on the NCAA Strategic Alliance Matching Grant and the Division II Academic Advising Initiative Grant Program.** Staff updated the committee on the grant program. The three institutions that received grant funding for the 2020-21 cycle include: Southern Wesleyan University; University of Mount Olive and University of Wisconsin-Parkside.
10. **Update on Division II educational initiatives.** Staff provided an update on the 2020-21 educational initiatives, including the dates of the 2021 Regional Rules Seminar that will be held virtually June 7-9.
11. **Discussion regarding the October 2020 NCAA International Student Records Committee meeting.** Staff provided an update that the committee did not meet in October 2020 and is meeting on an as-needed-basis. The committee was updated on the priorities of the committee.
12. **Approval of the Academic Requirements Committee September 2020 videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its September 2020 videoconference.
13. **Review of the 2021-22 Academic Requirements Committee Roster.** The committee reviewed the updated roster.
14. **Updates from the winter 2021 meetings of the NCAA Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council.** The committee received an update from the winter 2021 videoconferences of the Management Council and Presidents Council.
15. **Review of 2020-21 subcommittee appointments.** The committee approved the subcommittee appointment for Danny McCabe, director of athletics at Adelphi University.
16. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - a. June 2021; videoconference, to be determined.
  - b. September 16-17, 2021, to be determined.
  - c. February 9-10, 2022, to be determined.
17. **Other business.** Staff updated the committee on definition changes regarding APC/ASR reporting of nonscholarship students as a result of COVID-19.

*Committee Chair: Jessica Swiney, King University*

*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Markie Cook, Research*

<b>NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee February 8, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Madison Heck, Georgian Court University.	
Karen Hjerpe, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Cheryl Lovell, Adams State University.	
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.	
Jessica Swiney, King University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Doug Peters, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Kelli Peterson, Cameron University.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Susan Britsch, Markie Cook and Angela Red.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Jenny Collins, Alyson Grady, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Doug Healey, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Felicia Martin, Corbin McGuire, Lynn Morrow, Lamarr Pottinger and Stephanie Quigg.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 26, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 - Eligibility - Full-Time Enrollment - Practice or Competition - Final Semester/Quarter - Designated Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program.**
  - (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition - final semester/quarter), to specify that a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in intercollegiate competition or practice while enrolled less than full time in the final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program, provided the minor or undergraduate certificate program is designated before the beginning of the applicable term and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the minor or undergraduate certificate requirements.
  - (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, a student-athlete with eligibility remaining may participate in practice or competition while enrolled less than full time, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of their baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying, for credit, the courses necessary to complete their degree requirements (see Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3). However, it is impermissible for a student-athlete to use credits earned in a minor to meet the exception for full-time enrollment unless the minor is required to complete the baccalaureate degree requirements and would be required for all students enrolled in the program. The same applies to undergraduate certificate programs. Expanding the current legislation to include a minor or undergraduate certificate designated prior to the beginning of the final term will provide greater flexibility for a student-athlete who has achieved the goal of completing the requirements of a baccalaureate degree and is continuing to better prepare for their future.
  - (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes will receive additional flexibility in meeting full-time enrollment requirements during their final term of enrollment and remain eligible for competition and practice.

## 2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Recommendations Regarding the Application of Initial-Eligibility Requirements impacted by COVID-19.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council extend the flexibility of the COVID-19 initial-eligibility policies and automatic waiver criteria for students who initially enroll full time in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years, as specified [see Attachment].
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In many cases, a prospective student-athlete's ability to meet initial-eligibility standards for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years will be impacted due to unforeseen circumstances surrounding test administrations around the world and institutions moving to test optional requirements for admission purposes. These recommendations will provide prospective student-athletes flexibility in meeting the initial-eligibility standards and ensure they receive the same relief they would have if enrolling prior to COVID-19.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Prospective student-athletes will receive flexibility in meeting initial-eligibility standards for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years due to the continued impact of COVID-19.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Future Meeting Dates.**

- a. May 27, 2021, videoconference; 1 to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. September 16, 2021; Indianapolis.
- c. February 8, 2022; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair:* Jessica Swiney, King University  
*Committee Acting Chair:* Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Markie Cook, Research

<b>NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee March 26, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.	
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos.	
David Haase, University of West Georgia.	
Karen Hjerpe, California University of Pennsylvania.	
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.	
Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Cheryl Lovell, Adams State University.	
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<b>Absentees:</b>	
Madison Heck, Georgian Court University.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.	
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<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
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**NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee  
Discussion Related to Regulations and Policies Impacted by COVID-19**

<b>Initial Eligibility Issues</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>
Should 2021-22 COVID-19 initial-eligibility policies (alternative standards, pass/fail grades, unofficial documents) be extended to the 2022-23 academic year?	Recommend that students who initially enroll full time in the 2022-23 academic year will be eligible to compete if they meet legislated qualifier or early academic qualifier requirements without test scores. Also, such students will receive 2.3 quality points for successfully completed pass/fail courses in 2021-22 and unofficial documents may be used in the certification.	Doug Healey	Management Council
Should pre-COVID automatic initial-eligibility waiver criteria be adjusted for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years to ensure similar outcomes for students who do not present a test score?	Recommend that students who initially enroll full time in the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver if their academic record is commensurate with pre-COVID automatic waiver criteria.	Doug Healey	Management Council



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

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

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

so in a timeframe that renders them eligible for championship selection as long as they've met the minimum contest requirements.

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

<b>Men's Tennis</b>			
<b>Region (No. of Institutions)</b>	<b>Berths for Normal Bracket</b>	<b>Berths for Reduced Bracket</b>	<b>Access Ratio</b>
Atlantic (18)	6	4	4.5
Central (10)	4	4	2.5
East (18)	6	4	4.5
Midwest (28)	8	5	5.6

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

## 9. Other business.

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

## 10. Future meetings/videoconferences.

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

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

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

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

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ATTACHMENT



# Diamond Health

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

# Testing Protocols

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

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

# Return to Championships Guidelines

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

- NCAA COVID Advisory Panel
- Local, State restrictions

The guidelines are further broken into the following segments:

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

# General Guidelines

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

# Tiering

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

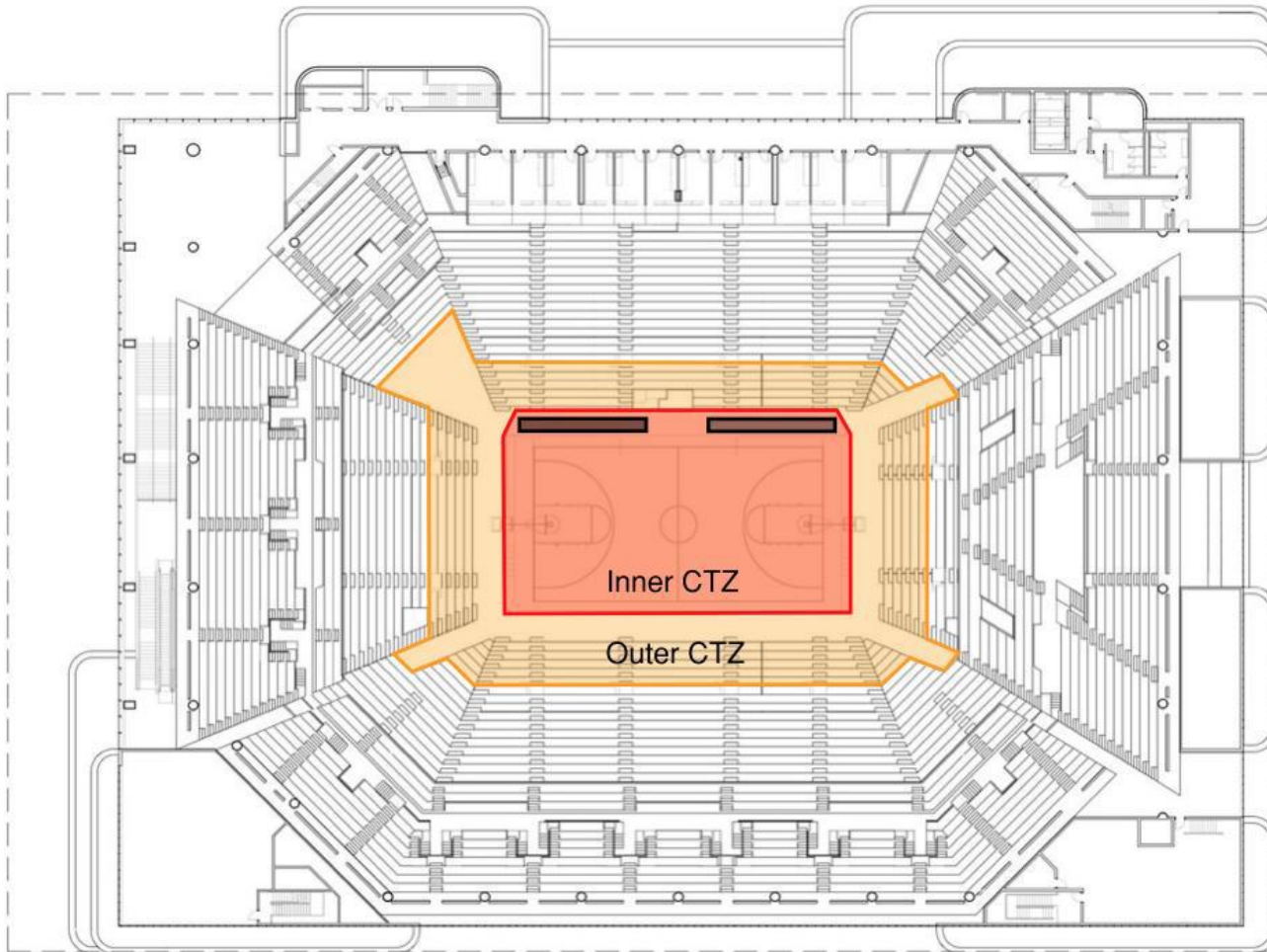


# Tier Assignment Example

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

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

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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Regional sites for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships.** The NCAA Division II Championships Committee approved the following regional sites and hosts for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships:

<b>MEN’S BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Location/Facility</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>
Atlantic	West Liberty, WV Academic, Sports & Recreation Complex	West Liberty University
Central	Aberdeen, SD Barnett Center	Northern State University
East	Albany, NY Albany Capital Center	The College of Saint Rose and the Albany Capital Center
Midwest	Evansville, IN Ford Center	University of Southern Indiana and the Evansville Sports Corp.
South	Valdosta, GA The Complex	Valdosta State University
South Central	Lubbock, TX Rip Griffin Center	Lubbock Christian University and Visit Lubbock
Southeast	Harrogate, TN B. Frank Turner Arena	Lincoln Memorial University
West	Golden, CO Student Recreation Center; Lockridge Arena	Colorado School of Mines

<b>WOMEN’S BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Location/Facility</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>
Atlantic	Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center	Greater Columbus Sports Commission
Central	Warrensburg, MO Multipurpose Building	University of Central Missouri

East	Buffalo, NY Daemen College Athletic Complex	Daemen College
Midwest	Ashland, OH Kates Gymnasium	Ashland University
South	Dahlonega, GA UNG Convocation Center	University of North Georgia
South Central	Canyon, TX First United Bank Center	West Texas A&M University
Southeast	Jefferson City, TN Holt Fieldhouse	Carson-Newman University
West	Grand Junction, CO Brownson Arena	Colorado Mesa University

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

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

<b>Division II Championships Committee February 8, 2021, Electronic Vote</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.
Steve Card, Western Washington University.
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).

Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 12, 2021, ELECTRONIC VOTE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Regional sites for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships.** The NCAA Division II Championships Committee approved the following regional sites and hosts for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships:

<b>MEN’S BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Location/Facility</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>
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<b>WOMEN’S BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Location/Facility</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>
Atlantic	Columbus, OH Greater Columbus Convention Center	Greater Columbus Sports Commission
Central	Warrensburg, MO Multipurpose Building	University of Central Missouri
East	Buffalo, NY Daemen College Athletic Complex	Daemen College

Midwest	Springfield, MO O'Reilly Family Event Center	Drury University
South	Dahlonega, GA UNG Convocation Center	University of North Georgia
South Central	Canyon, TX First United Bank Center	West Texas A&M University
Southeast	Jefferson City, TN Holt Fieldhouse	Carson-Newman University
West	Grand Junction, CO Brownson Arena	Colorado Mesa University

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

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

<b>Division II Championships Committee February 12, 2021, Electronic Vote</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	

Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Replacement policies for winter sport championships.**

- (1) Recommendation. Waive the normal application of Division II Bylaw 31.3.4.1-(g) (requirements – division championship – conference champion ineligible, declines to or cannot compete) and approve the following replacement policies for 2021 winter sport championships:

**Policies to apply *before* the announcement of the team championship bracket.**

- Should an automatic qualifier, as determined by each conference, be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in its first game of the championship, the conference may designate a replacement team as determined by its AQ policy and submitted by the designated deadline.
- The replacement AQ team shall be appropriately seeded and placed into the bracket before the announcement of the championship bracket.
- Any potential at-large team that is determined by the institution to be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in its first game of the championship should notify the respective Division II championship manager before the announcement of the championship bracket.

**Policies to apply *after* the announcement of the team championship bracket.**

- Conferences may replace their AQ if it is unable to participate due to COVID-19 with a replacement team if it can produce the required negative tests. The national sport committee has the authority to re-rank the bracket, if necessary. If the conference is unable to provide a replacement team, its first game shall be declared a “No Contest” and its opponent shall advance to the next round.
- For any at-large team unable to participate due to COVID-19, the policy for replacing that team is as follows:
  - The top teams not selected as at-large teams for the original field shall be notified and must follow all tournament medical protocols to be considered a potential replacement team.
  - All teams will move up in the bracket and the replacement team will be inserted at the bottom of the bracket.

**Policies to apply after the announcement of *individuals* selected to the field.**

- If an individual sport participant must withdraw from the championship (due to positive COVID-19 test result or other limiting circumstance), the sport committee shall follow its standard procedure for individual replacements.

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***The deadline for consideration of replacing a team or individual unable to participate due to COVID-19 is 24 hours after the selection announcement.***

Once the tournament has begun, no teams will be used to replace a team that has a COVID-19 or any other issue and can no longer participate in the championship. Their opponent would advance to the next round via the NCAA's "No Contest" rule. This is consistent with normal championship policy.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 winter sport championships.

*(Note: The Championships Committee noted that these replacement policies would apply only to the winter sport championships, and that the committee will revisit whether they should also apply to spring sport championships as those seasons progress. The committee also noted that it may recommend adjusting these policies for spring sport championships if circumstances arise during the winter sport championships that warrant a change.)*

- (3) Rationale. The committee believes these replacement policies are necessary to accommodate the time needed to coordinate travel and successfully follow NCAA championships medical protocols, including COVID-19 testing requirements before departure from campus and upon arrival at the competition site.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The policies help manage and maintain the integrity of the bracket and the student-athlete championship experience.

[Note: The recommendation noted above was approved March 3 by the Division II Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

- b. Sport committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2021 (see attachment).

- (1) **Men's basketball.** Appoint **Mark Richard**, director of athletics, University of Montevallo, to replace Fran Reidy, director of athletics, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration.
- (2) **Men's and women's cross country.** Appoint **Desmond Pierce**, director of compliance and policy, Trevecca Nazarene University, to replace Alexandra Eaton, associate director of athletics, University of Southern Indiana, due to term expiration.
- (3) **Football.** Appoint **Dennis Francois**, director of athletics, Central Washington University, to replace Gary Pine, director of athletics, Azusa Pacific University, due to term expiration.
- (4) **Men's lacrosse.** Appoint **Rachel Burluson**, director of athletics, Franklin Pierce University, to replace Brad Davis, director of athletics, Mercyhurst University, due to term expiration.
- (5) **Women's lacrosse rules.** Appoint **Nicole Ham**, assistant director for compliance, Southern New Hampshire University, to replace Renee Kania, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Seton Hill University, due to term expiration.
- (6) **Softball.** Appoint **Valeria Silvestrini**, head softball coach, Florida Institute of Technology, to replace Patrick Peasant, head softball coach and assistant director of athletics for facilities and operations, Miles College, due to term expiration.
- (7) **Men's and women's track and field.** Appoint **Nick Moeller**, assistant commissioner, Gulf South Conference, to replace Jacqueline Nicholson, associate director of athletics, Albany State University (Georgia); and **Tina Davis-Fernandes**, head track and field and cross country coach, California State University, Los Angeles, to replace Randi Lydum, interim executive director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Western Oregon University, due to term expirations.
- (8) **Men's and women's track and field rules.** Appoint **Jack Hoyt**, head track and field coach, Azusa Pacific University, to replace Mike Mead, head cross country coach and assistant director of athletics for facilities and alumni engagement, Clayton State University, due to term expiration.
- (9) **Women's volleyball rules.** Appoint **Darren McClure**, head women's volleyball coach, Union University, to replace Philip Piontek, head women's volleyball coach, University of Central Missouri, due to term expiration.
- (10) **Wrestling.** Appoint **Maura Donovan**, assistant director of athletics for external operations and senior woman administrator, American International College, to replace Brian Tucker, head wrestling coach, Seton Hill University; and **Cy Wainwright**, head wrestling coach, Newberry College, to replace Kelly Revells, head wrestling coach, Limestone College, due to term expirations.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Steve Card welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its February 4 videoconference and February 8 and 12 electronic votes, as presented.
3. **Division II Strategic Plan update.** Staff updated the committee on the process being implemented to develop a successor to the division’s current strategic plan that will be launched in January 2024. Select governance committees are being asked to conduct a SWOT analysis by August that will help identify key focus areas for the next Division II Membership Census that will be distributed in January 2022, and results from that will help inform the 2024-2029 strategic plan. The Championships Committee will conduct the SWOT analysis at its June meeting.

<b>2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan Timeline</b>	
Spring/Summer 2021	Committees and Councils conduct SWOT Analysis.
Fall 2021	Division II Membership Census is developed.
January 2022	Census is distributed to the membership.
April 2022	Census results reviewed by SAAC, Management Council and Presidents Council; executive summary of results created.
May 2022	Joint virtual meeting of Presidents Council, Management Council and SAAC to develop areas of priority/focus/goals.
Spring/Summer 2022	Committees, affiliate groups and other constituents review and provide feedback on executive summary of census results and initial priorities/focus areas/goals.
Fall/Winter 2022	Division II Planning and Finance Committee creates draft strategic plan based on feedback.
March – August 2023	Councils, committees, affiliate groups and other constituents review strategic plan draft.
Aug./Sept. 2023	Planning and Finance Committee recommends final plan to Presidents Council.
October 2023	Management Council endorses plan; Presidents Council approves plan.
January 2024	2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan formally introduced to the membership at the Convention.

4. **Division II Nominating Committee report.** The committee reviewed the Nominating Committee’s January 13 meeting report and endorsed the recommended appointments noted in Action Item 2-b. The committee also noted that the Nominating Committee had to repost 13 vacancies due to the lack of nominations, likely as a result of complications stemming from

the pandemic (the pool of nominations for Division III committees has been similarly impacted).

5. **Division II budget review.** The committee reviewed the budget-to-actuals for fiscal year 2020-21 as of January 31.
6. **Membership Committee report.** Staff updated the committee on the membership process, including applications from two institutions (Emory and Henry College, currently a Division III member, and Edward Waters College, currently an NAIA member) that the Membership Committee will formally consider during its July meeting. The Membership Committee also continues to track on potential changes in the current Division II membership due to school closings and/or mergers.
7. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel reports.** The committee reviewed reports from the panel's most recent meetings as information only.
8. **Sport committee reports.** The committee reviewed recent reports from the Division II Football, Field Hockey, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer and Women's Volleyball Committees, as information only.
9. **Division II championships updates.**
  - a. **Testing protocols.** Staff noted that updated protocols are included via the championships newsletter, which is now being provided weekly rather than monthly.
  - b. **Code of conduct.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated code of conduct to help ensure the health and safety of all participants during an NCAA championship in light of COVID-19 concerns and testing protocols.
  - c. **Ground transportation.** Staff updated the committee on the process to replace GoGround as the NCAA's ground transportation provider and explained the reimbursement procedures being used in the interim that will apply to championship travel for winter sports.
10. **Nullification policy for spring sports.** The committee reviewed the nullification policy for spring sports this year and noted that decisions typically are based on the previous year's score reporting data. However, given that there were no contests in spring 2020, any nullification decisions this year will be based on score reporting data from spring 2019.
11. **Men's ice hockey championship.** The committee received an update regarding Division II men's ice hockey teams and access to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. There is no Division II Men's Ice Hockey Championship, and Division II men's ice hockey teams have been impacted by the fact that contests against Division II programs previously were not counted for selection purposes to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

Last February, the Championships Committee tabled pursuing the idea of establishing a separate Division II men's ice hockey championship. Since that time, the Division I staff confirmed that a Division II men's ice hockey team that declares its intent to participate in the Division I championship per Bylaw 20.7.2 would be eligible for automatic qualification (subject to conference policies) or at-large selection to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship and count as a Division I opponent for purposes of Division I sports sponsorship requirements and selection criteria. Division II institutions located in Canada remain ineligible to participate in the Division I championship as the institutions do not meet general eligibility requirements for Division I (i.e., the requirement that institutions must be located within the United States, its territories or possessions). However, staff will continue discussing this matter with the staff liaisons who support Division I and II membership requirements.

## 12. Staff updates.

- a. **Equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives.** Staff noted the ongoing efforts being activated via the newly formed Championships Equity Action Team.
- b. **Legal.** Staff updated the committee on legal affairs involving or affecting the NCAA.
- c. **2021 NCAA Convention.** Staff updated the group on legislation adopted this year that essentially eliminates the nonqualifier status. Staff also noted the ongoing holding pattern in place for the tabled name, image and likeness proposal.
- d. **Student-athlete mental well-being survey.** Staff updated the committee on Division II-specific data gleaned from the most recent survey to assess the impact of the pandemic on student-athlete mental health and well-being.
- e. **Governance.**
  - (1) **Summary of actions.** Staff reviewed highlights from the Division II Management Council's and Division II Presidents Council's winter meetings.
  - (2) **Division II Game Day initiative.** Staff updated efforts with the Disney Institute to develop a Game Day initiative that will be launched later this year. The purpose is to promote a more positive game day environment and provide an enhanced customer service for fans. This will encourage the Division II membership to be even more intentional with their game day processes and help re-attract fan bases that have been unable to attend athletics contests because of the pandemic. Staff will work on creating materials and developing regional training sessions to instruct the membership how to effectively implement the initiative on their campuses. Staff will also create educational modules via Division II University that will help the membership understand and benefit from the initiative.
  - (3) **Community engagement.** Jill Willson from Double L Consulting updated the committee on community engagement initiatives for the upcoming winter sport

championships, which will be all virtual this year due to comply with health and safety protocols.

### 13. Future meeting dates.

- June 10-11, 2021 (quarterly meeting via videoconference).
- September 13-14, 2021 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- February 24-25, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- June 9-10, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- September 12-13, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).

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

*Staff Liaison(s):* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.  
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.

<b>Division II Championships Committee February 25, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.	
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Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	

<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
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Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
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Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
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Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
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<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
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Eric Breece, Randy L. Buhr, Donisha Carter, Markie Cook, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Gronau, Kelsey Gurganus, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Corbin McGuire, Jennifer Roe, Melissa Piening, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Rachel Seewald, Mickie Spears and Chris Termini.
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**2020-21 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, South region, administrator.

**Committee preference:** Two coaches.

**Staff Liaison:** Donnie Wagner

REG	POS	EM/GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
So	AD	N/M	Francis Reidy Saint Leo University	Sunshine State	Reidy*			
Mid W	AD	N/M	Rick Costello Purdue University Northwest	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Costello	Costello	Costello	Costello*
East	C	N/M	Ted Hotaling University of New Haven	Northeast-10	Hotaling	Hotaling*		
West	C	N/M	Rusty Osborne University of Alaska Anchorage	Great Northwest Athletic	Osborne	Osborne*		
Atl	C	Y/M	Darrell Brooks Bowie State University	Central Intercollegiate Athletic	Brooks	Brooks	Brooks*	
Cen	AD	N/M	Josh Moon Northern State University	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Moon	Moon	Moon*	
SoE	C	N/M	Steve Hardin Lees-McRae College	Conference Carolinas	Hardin	Hardin	Hardin	Hardin*
SoC	AD	N/M	Michael McBroom West Texas A&M University	Lone Star	McBroom	McBroom	McBroom*	



## Division II Men's Basketball Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Mark Richard
Job Title:	
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Montevallo
Conference:	Gulf South Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	University of Florida - assisted with SEC Baseball and Track & Field championships (1989) Gannon University - hosted PSAC conference championships in volleyball, women's basketball (2010 - 2014) University of Montevallo - hosted PBC cross country championships, also PBC track & field championships (2015 - 2019)
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Served on the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee for men's soccer (2010 -2013) Member of the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee (2016 -2017) Currently on the RAC for men's basketball, in my 2nd year, (2019 - 2020)
Former college S/A:	Football, Baseball, Basketball
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the Division II Men's Basketball Committee. When Montevallo was a member of the Peach Belt Conference, I was a member of the Baseball Committee but had to come off the committee after year one due to Montevallo switching conferences and landing in the South Region. I am currently a member of the South Region Men's Basketball Regional Advisory Committee and thoroughly enjoy the charge we are giving in finding the best teams to represent our region in the NCAA tourney. Fran Reidy has done a great job leading our RAC and I would like to have the opportunity to pick up where he has left off.

Thank you, Mark Richard

### Past or current Committee Service:

#### PAST OR CURRENT SERVICE ON NCAA COMMITTEES

- Member of the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee (2016 -2017)
- Served as Tournament Director for the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Elite Eight held in Erie, PA and hosted by Gannon University (2014)
- Served on the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee for men's soccer (2010 -2013)
- Member of the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification (2009)
- From 1995 to 2004, I attended 10 years of NCAA Regional Rules Seminars and served as the NCAA Compliance Coordinator for three Division I institutions (UNLV, Vanderbilt, Auburn)
- NCAA Peer Review Team Visit, University of-Buffalo (2002)
- NCAA Athletics Certification Peer Review Training, Indianapolis, IN (2001)

### Employment History:

#### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL Director of Athletics, 2014- Present  
Gannon University, Erie, PA Director of Athletics, 2009-2014



## Division II Men's Basketball Committee Nominee Information

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Auburn University, Auburn, AL Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Team Support, 2005 -2009 Associate Director of Athletics, Auburn University, 1999 -2004

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance, 1997 -1999

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Director of NCAA Compliance & Student Services, 1995 -1997 and Game Operations Coordinator, 1993 -1995

North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh, NC Director of Student-Athlete Services, 1990 -1993

University of Florida -Gainesville, FL Operations/Facilities Intern & Resident Advisor, 1988-1990

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Eric Breece NCAA Championships

Matt Wilson Commissioner of the Gulf Coast Conference

Dr. John Stewart President of the University of Montevallo

Dr. Benton Tyler Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Montevallo

## 2020-21 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:** **Two September 2021 vacancies. One must be female, South and Midwest regions. Administrators.**

Staff Liaison: Liz Homrig

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
(M/W)	West	C	N/M	Chris Bradford California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	California Collegiate Athletic	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford*	
<b>(M/W)</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Assoc. AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Dawn Makofski University of Montevallo</b>	<b>Gulf South</b>	<b>Makofski*</b>			
(M/W)	SoC	C/SWA	N/F	Leigh Cordes Lubbock Christian University	Lone Star	Cordes	Cordes	Cordes*	
(M/W)	SoE	C	N/M	Jason Bryan Catawba College	South Atlantic	Bryan	Bryan	Bryan	Bryan*
(M/W)	East	C	N/M	Kevin Curtin Bentley University	Northeast-10	Curtin	Curtin	Curtin*	
(M/W)	Cen	AD	N/M	Jared Bruggeman Missouri Southern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic	Bruggeman	Bruggeman*		
<b>(M/W)</b>	<b>MidW</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Alexandra Eaton University of Southern Indiana</b>	<b>Great Lakes Valley Conference</b>	<b>Eaton*</b>			
(W)	Atl	C	N/M	Andy Young Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Young	Young*		

\* Not eligible for reappointment  
10/27/2020



## Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Desmond Pierce
Job Title:	Director of Compliance & Policy
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Trevecca Nazarene University
Conference:	Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	N
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Men's Cross Country, Men's Indoor Track, Men's Outdoor Track
Former college coach (sports):	Mens/Womens Cross Country, Mens/Womens Indoor Track, Mens/Womens Outdoor Track
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I was an assistant cross country coach for 2 years and a Head cross country coach for over a year at another Division II institution.

### Past or current Committee Service:

### Employment History:

Trevecca Nazarene University Director of Compliance & Policy July 2019 - present

King University Men's and Women's Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach April 2018 - July 2019

King University Men's and Women's Assistant Cross Country and Track & Field Coach July 2016 - April 2018

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Mark Elliott - Trevecca AD

David Head - King AD

## 2020-21 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 2021 vacancy; Super Regional 4; administrator.

**Preference:** At least two coaches.

Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
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*	
2	C	N/M	Gary Goff Valdosta State University	Gulf South	Goff	Goff	Goff	Goff *
2	SWA	N/F	Monica Gordy Polizzi Mars Hill University	South Atlantic	Polizzi	Polizzi	Polizzi*	
3	C	N/M	Mike Babcock McKendree University	Great Lakes Valley	Babcock	Babcock*		
3	C	N/M	Matt Mitchell Grand Valley State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Mitchess	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell*
4	AD	N/M	<b>Gary Pine Azusa Pacific University</b>	<b>Pacific West/Great Northwest Athletic</b>	<b>Pine*</b>			
4	C	N/M	Jon Anderson University of Sioux Falls	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*

07/17/2020



## Division II Football Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Dennis John Francois
Job Title:	Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Central Washington University
Conference:	Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	At Central Washington University, I have been involved in the planning and facilitation of our GNAC conference championships in the sports of baseball, softball (2x), Track & Field (multi's).
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Men's Basketball (2018-2020)
Former college S/A:	Wrestling
Former college coach (sports):	Wrestling
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

As athletics director at one of only four (4) NCAA Division II institutions on the West coast (California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia) which sponsors football, I believe it is imperative to have representation from an administrative perspective on the Division II Football Committee. Our conference (GNAC) has also developed a close relationship with the Lone Star Conference through our recently solidified scheduling alliance. Therefore, I believe I would be able to provide a broad perspective in representing the super region. During my 16 years in collegiate athletic administration, I have extensive experience in the planning and hosting conference as well as national championships, including NCAA Division II Football Championships, NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships, and NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championships.

### Past or current Committee Service:

NACDA Executive Committee (2019-present)

D2 ADA Board of Directors (2016-present)

### Employment History:

2013-present - Central Washington University - Director of Athletics

2008-2013 - Drake University - Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs

2005-2008 - Southern Oregon University - Director of Athletics

2002-2003 - New Mexico Highlands University - Interim Director of Athletics

2001-2005 - New Mexico Highlands University - Assistant Professor of Sport Administration

1999-2001 - Idaho State University - Assistant Professor of Sport Management

1998-1999 - Loras College - Assistant Professor of Sport Management

1997-1998 - Salem Teikyo University - Assistant Professor of Sport Management

### Education:

Ph.D

### References:



## **Division II Football Committee Nominee Information**

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Dave Haglund - Commissioner - Great Northwest Athletic Conference

James Gaudino - President - Central Washington University

Gary Pine - Athletics Director - Azusa Pacific University

## 2020-21 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 2021 vacancy, North region, administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins

REGION	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
South	C	N/M	J. B. Clarke Limestone College	Conference Carolinas	Clarke	Clarke*		
South	C	N/M	Vince Smith Colorado Mesa University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith*
<b>North</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Brad Davis Mercyhurst University</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>Davis*</b>			
North	Com	N/M	Dan Mara Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Central Atlantic Collegiate	Mara	Mara	Mara	Mara*

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
10/27/2020



## Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Nicole Ham
Job Title:	Assistant AD for Compliance
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Southern New Hampshire University
Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Women's Lacrosse, Women's Volleyball
Former college coach (sports):	Women's Lacrosse
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I am seeking my first opportunity to serve on a national committee. Women's Lacrosse is a sport I personally played and coached. I enjoy the complexities of the game and change that is has been going through these past few years. I thoroughly understand and enjoy the game. I feel as though I can bring insight and suggestions to the Men's Lacrosse Committee.

### Past or current Committee Service:

### Employment History:

I was employed at Franklin Pierce University for 2 years as the Compliance coordinator. During that time I also had to serve as the interim head women's lacrosse coach. I am currently employed at Southern New Hampshire University going on my 4th year doing compliance.

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Anthony Fallacaro - Athletic Director at SNHU - a.fallacaro@snhu.edu & Tom Wilkins - Associate Athletic Director at SNHU - t.wilkins@snhu.edu

## 2020-21 WOMEN'S LACROSSE RULES COMMITTEE

(Association-Wide Rules Administration)

Nine members including a nonvoting secretary-rules editor. Four members from Division I (including each subdivision of Division I in which a substantial number of schools sponsor the sport), one member from Division II and three members from Division III. One member shall be elected chair. Quota of 25 percent administrators: **2**. Quota of 50 percent coaches: **4**.

Duties: 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: Two September 2021 vacancies;** One Division I; FCS, administrator; **One Division II, coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Jay Fitzwater

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
DI	C	Y/F	Kimberly Wayne Davidson College	Atlantic 10	Wayne	Wayne	Wayne	Wayne*
DI	C	N/F	Liza Kelly University of Denver	Summit	Kelly	Kelly*		
FCS	Assoc AD	N/F	Jeanne Carhart Brown University	Ivy League	Carhart*			
FBS	C	Y/F	Gina Oliver University of Cincinnati	American Athletic	Oliver	Oliver	Oliver*	
<b>II</b>	<b>Asst AD/ SWA</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Renee Kania Seton Hill University</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>Kania*</b>			
III	Assoc AD	N/F	Melissa Ackerman Case Western Reserve University	University Athletic	Ackerman	Ackerman	Ackerman	Ackerman*
III	SWA/C	N/F	Kathy Railey Stevenson University	Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	Railey	Railey*		
III	SWA/ Asst AD	Y/F	Marushka Eddy Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic	Eddy	Eddy	Eddy*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment 06/25/2020



## Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Nicole Ham
Job Title:	Assistant AD for Compliance
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Southern New Hampshire University
Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Women's Lacrosse, Women's Volleyball
Former college coach (sports):	Women's Lacrosse
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I am seeking my first opportunity to serve on a national committee. Women's Lacrosse is a sport I personally played and coached. I enjoy the complexities of the game and change that is has been going through these past few years. I thoroughly understand and enjoy the game. I feel as though I can bring insight and suggestions to the Men's Lacrosse Committee.

### Past or current Committee Service:

### Employment History:

I was employed at Franklin Pierce University for 2 years as the Compliance coordinator. During that time I also had to serve as the interim head women's lacrosse coach. I am currently employed at Southern New Hampshire University going on my 4th year doing compliance.

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Anthony Fallacaro - Athletic Director at SNHU - a.fallacaro@snhu.edu & Tom Wilkins - Associate Athletic Director at SNHU - t.wilkins@snhu.edu



## Division II Women's Softball Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Valeria Silvestrini
Job Title:	Head Softball Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Florida Institute of Technology
Conference:	Sunshine State Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Sunshine State Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	The Sunshine State Conference does not sponsor a conference championship for Softball. However, I have submitted different proposals to incorporate a softball championship for our conference.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	- 2018-2020 South Region Advisory Committee - 2018 South Region Super Regional Representative between Saint Leo University and Alabama Huntsville in Saint Leo, FL - 2019 South Regional II Host at Florida Institute of Technology
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

- 11 years of DII Head Coach experience at Florida Institute of Technology
- Participated in DII Softball Intercollegiate competition including NCAA championships as a player, assistant coach and head coach.
- In 2017 I was the only sport coach invited to the Sunshine State Conference Athletics Directors and Senior Women's Administrators meeting to present the importance of adding a conference championship for the sport of softball. The motion was passed by the Athletics Directors.
- I have developed strong relationships among Division II coaches from the South Region and all over the country. This has allowed me to host several tournaments in the Melbourne area.

### Past or current Committee Service:

- 2012-2015 NFCA Top 25 Committee
- 2012-2013 NFCA All-American Committee
- 2012 NFCA Hall of Fame Committee
- 2017 - Present NCAA Coaches Connection Committee

### Employment History:

- 2009-Present Head Softball Coach at Florida Institute of Technology
- 2007-2009 Assistant Softball Coach at the University of North Florida
- 2006-2007 Assistant Softball Coach at Charleston Southern University
- 2004-2006 Graduate Assistant at Armstrong Atlantic University

### Education:

Master's

### References:



## Division II Women's Softball Committee Nominee Information

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Ed Pasque  
Sunshine State Conference Commissioner  
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Les Stuedeman  
Head Softball Coach at University of Alabama Huntsville  
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Patrick Peasant  
Head Softball Coach at Miles College and current NCAA South Region Advisory Committee Chair  
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## 2020-21 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: **Two September 2021 vacancies. Midwest and South regions. Coaches or administrators.**

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
<b>Mid W</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Rob Fournier Wayne State University (Michigan)</b>	<b>Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Fournier*</b>			
West	SWA	N/F	Rebekah Gasner Montana State University Billings	Great Northwest Athletic	Gasner	Gasner	Gasner*	
Atl	Asst Com	N/F	Allie Kolezynski Mountain East Conference	Mountain East	Kolezynski	Kolezynski	Kolezynski*	
Cen	C	N/M	Jason Anderson Southern Arkansas University	Great American University	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*
<b>So</b>	<b>C/A</b>	<b>Y/M</b>	<b>Patrick Peasant Miles College</b>	<b>Southern Intercollegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Peasant*</b>			
SoC	C	N/F	Donna Fields St. Mary's University (Texas)	Lone Star	Fields	Fields*		
East	Assoc AD	N/M	Dean Johnson Caldwell College	Central Atlantic Athletic	Johnson	Johnson*		
SoE	AD	N/F	Kendall Rainey The University of Virginias College at Wise	South Atlantic	Rainey	Rainey	Rainey	Rainey*

\*Not eligible for reappointment 10/27/2020

## 2020-21 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: **Three September 2021 vacancies; two must be female, one must be administrator, South, South Central and West regions.**

Staff Liaison: LaKitha Murray

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
(M/W)	West	SWA	N/F	Randi Lydum Western Oregon University	Great Northwest Athletic	Lydum*			
(M/W)	South	Assoc AD	Y/F	Jacqueline Nicholson Albany State University (Georgia)	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic	Nicholson*			
(M/W)	SoC	Asst AD/SWA	N/F	Colleen Mischke Black Hills State University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Mischke*			
(M/W)	SoE	C	Y/M	Joe Wassink Limestone University	South Atlantic	Wassink	Wassink	Wassink	Wassink*
(M/W)	East	C/ Asst AD	N/M	Zach Emerson Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson*	
(M/W)	Cen	C	N/M	Brock Hime Arkansas Technical University	Great American	Hime	Hime	Hime	Hime*
(M/W)	MidW	Deputy AD	N/M	Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Lipinski	Lipinski	Lipinski*	
(M/W)	Atl	Interim AD	N/F	Kristen Decker Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Decker	Decker*		

\* Not eligible for reappointment  
10/27/2020



## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Tina Davis-Fernandes
Job Title:	Head Track & Field/XC Men/Women
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	California State University, Los Angeles
Conference:	California Collegiate Athletic Association
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	<p>2014 Meet Director for California Collegiate Athletic Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet Director for California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship meet including Track and Field Home meets.</li> <li>• Planned and developed California Collegiate Athletic Association meet.</li> <li>• Selected and conducted California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship Committee.</li> <li>• Ensured Jesse Owens was approved to run California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship meet.</li> </ul> <p>2013 Meet Director for the Pacific 12 Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet Director for Pac-12 Championship meet including USC Track and Field Home meets.</li> <li>• Planned and developed Pac 12 Championship meet.</li> <li>• Selected and conducted Pac-12 Championship Committee.</li> <li>• Ensured Locker Stadium was approved to run Pac-12 Championship meet.</li> </ul>
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	NA
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

Although this would be my first opportunity to be on a NCAA Committee. I have been the meet director for University of Southern California and a part of the student-athlete minority committee for the last 6 of 13 years there. In my transition as the Head Coach at Cal State Los Angeles, I have been able to successful turned the program around graduating my student-athletes and coaching them to compete at the National Championships. I have been successful a track and field coach since 1999 to the present. Within the time frame, I have graduate assisted with graduating 100's of student athletes and mentoring coaches on all levels. I have been active at participating in the National Coaches Convention within most of my coaching career except for a few meetings. If I am selected, I know I will be fair and always look out for the wellbeing our Sport, Student-athletes, Coaches, and Administrators. I am very dedicated to Track & Field and ready to deepen my involvement.

### Past or current Committee Service:

NA

### Employment History:

Head Coach

08/14-Present CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA

Assistance Coach

08/99-07/2013 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA

- Coached 67 College Division I All-Americans
- Coached 16 Coach Division II All-American
- Coach 11 NCAA Individual Champions



## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

- Coached over 179 All Pac-12 Student-Athletes
  - Coached 56 Pac-12 Champions Titles
  - Coached 58 All-Regional in Div II Titles
  - Coached 71 All-CCAA Conference Titles
  - Coached 29 CCAA Champions Titles
  - Div II First Ever Track & Field Male CoSIDA Academic Award 2018
  - Coached USC Record Holders in 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m, 4x200m
  - Coached CSULA Record Holders 400h, 110h, 100h, 60h
  - USATF Women's Sprint Coach Under 23 - North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships (NACAC) 14 Medals and 4X100 Broke Meet Record
  - 2009 World Games Coach for Puerto Rico
  - 2008/ 2012 Olympic Coach for Puerto Rico
  - Coached 3 Olympians and Puerto Rico's Olympic Team
  - Voted 2011 USC Remarkable Women
  - Chosen in 2006 by U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE for Mentoring Women in Sports (Program through Cathy Sellers)
  - Assisted with a NCAA Team Championship
  - Assisted with a PAC 10 Conference Championship
  - Assisted with 4 NCAA West Regional Championships
  - Coached 4-time NCAA Championship and Honda/ Broderick Cup Winner Angela Williams
  - 2 Time West Regional Assistant Sprint /Hurdle Coach of the Year 2007 & 2005
  - 2007 - Present Marquis Who's Who of American Women of the Year
  - Coach 2 of the PAC Record Holders
- Membership: USA Track and Field (USATF)  
USC Cultural Diversity Committee  
USC Facility Scheduling Work Group Committee  
Mentoring Women in Coaching, USA Olympic Committee: 2005-Present  
Mentoring Young Developing Coaching: 2006 - Present  
US Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA)

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Terry Crawford  
USATF Director of Coaching, USA Committee on Diversity Leadership and Development  
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Ron Allice  
Former Director of Track and Field  
University of Southern California  
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## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

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## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Nick Moeller
Job Title:	Assistant Commissioner
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Gulf South Conference
Conference:	Gulf South Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	I have been the primary conference contact for the GSC Outdoor Track and Field Championships since 2017, conducting the coaches meeting, working with the timer and officials, and providing general oversight for the schedule and awards ceremonies. We added Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field in the summer of 2019 and conducted our first conference championship earlier this year. I've also served in a supporting role to Commissioner Wilson at multiple conference championships. At the PSAC, I also served as the conference representative at both the indoor and outdoor championships.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Division II Women's Golf South Regional Advisory Committee (2019 - Present)
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

When I joined my first Regional Advisory Committee in the 2018-19 school year, my ultimate goal was to follow the path of my professional mentors and join a national committee. I've seen the significant responsibility that each committee member takes on, but I've also learned that committees have the opportunity to make positive changes. When I joined the Women's Golf National Committee in 2019, I was able to fully invest in the sport, getting to know the coaches and student-athletes who give the division its collective strength. Working with that committee and facilitating a memorable championship experience for the student-athletes will forever be a career highlight. With my national committee experience and my conference office work, where I have many years of experience as an administrator for track and field championships, I am prepared for the opportunity to be a national leader in this sport.

### Past or current Committee Service:

NCAA DII Women's Golf National Committee (2019) - I served on the committee on an interim basis

### Employment History:

Gulf South Conference  
Assistant Commissioner // 2016 - Present

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference  
Director of Strategic Communications // 2015 - 16

University of Montevallo  
Assistant Sports Information Director // 2013 - 15

### Education:



## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

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### **References:**

Matt Wilson

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**2020-21 MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD RULES COMMITTEE**  
(ASSOCIATION-WIDE RULES ADMINISTRATION)

Legislated Requirements: Nine members. Four Division I, including each subdivision: two Division II, two Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: **2**. Quota of 50 percent coaches: **4**.

Duties: 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:** **Two September 2021 vacancies.** One Division I, any subdivision, coach or admin; **One Division II, coach.**

Staff Liaison: Rachel Seewald

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
FCS	Asst Com	F/N	Caitlin Hughes Northeast Conference	Northeast	Hughes*			
FCS	Sr Assoc AD/ SWA	Y/F	Alecia Shields-Gadson Delaware State University	Mid-Eastern Athletic	Shields- Gadson	Shields- Gadson*		
FBS	C	Y/M	Marc Davis Troy University	Sun Belt	Davis	Davis	Davis*	
DI	C	N/M	Jeff Bovee Illinois State University	Missouri Valley	Bovee	Bovee	Bovee	Bovee*
<b>II</b>	<b>C/A</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Mike Mead</b> <b>Clayton State University</b>	<b>Peach Belt</b>	<b>Mead*</b>			
II	Assoc Com	Y/F	Bridget Johnson-Tettah Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Johnson- Tettah	Johnson- Tettah	Johnson- Tettah*	
III	C	N/F	Dana Freeman Washington and Lee University	Old Dominion Athletic	Freeman	Freeman	Freeman*	
III	AD	N/M	Bill Ross Allegheny College	North Coast Athletic	Ross	Ross	Ross	Ross*

\* Not eligible for reappointment 06/25/2020



## Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Jack Hoyt
Job Title:	Track & Field Head Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Azusa Pacific University
Conference:	Pacific West Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	I have hosted the Conference Championship Track and Field Meet at Azusa Pacific. I selected all meet personnel, and trained meet helpers. I developed the time schedule for our 2-day meet and led a taskforce to update our Conference Championship Meet rules and regulations. I flagged out the sectors, runways, and high jump apron to ensure safety for all competitors, officials, and spectators. I have also painted throwing sectors.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Outdoor Track and Field, Indoor Track and Field
Former college coach (sports):	Outdoor Track and Field, Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I have over 25 years involvement in Division II Track and Field, including 5 years as an athlete. I also coached 12 years in Division I which has given me added perspective. I have personally coached All-Americans in jumps, throws, and hurdles, as well as decathlon and heptathlon. I have coached at the Olympics twice and was the Head Coach of the USA Track and Field Team for the 2015 World University Games. I also competed at the 1992 USA Olympic Trials in the decathlon. I mention these experiences because I have seen many rule changes over the years at different levels from high school, to college, and even on the professional circuit. As primarily a field event coach, I want to help establish rules that will keep the sport safe, fair, and relevant to fans by assisting meet directors and officials with clear rules. I am in charge of the Bryan Clay Invitational Track Meet and I make sure the meet runs smoothly with over 4,000 entries. I have also hosted indoor and Conference Meets.

### Past or current Committee Service:

Pac West Committee for establishing an updated Conference Championship Rules and Regulations. July 2018 - April 2019.  
Coaches Connection 2017-present. I represent the Pac West Conference on a National Coaches Committee monthly phone call.  
I've been actively involved with the Decathlon/Heptathlon Subcommittee for USA Track and Field 1998-2016.  
Changing the Campus Culture Committee. Seattle Pacific University 1998-1999.

### Employment History:

Head Track and Field Coach 2017-Present  
Azusa Pacific University

Associate Head Coach, 2012-2017  
University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California  
Responsible for jumps and multi-events. Supervise Assistant coaches and elite volunteer assistants.

Personal Elite Coach 2008-2016



## Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee Nominee Information

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Personally coached several elite multi-event athletes to the Olympic Trials in 2008, 2012, and 2016. Was the primary coach for ASICS professional high jumper and heptathlete, Sharon Day-Monroe. Sharon made the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and 2012 London Olympic Games, and was the US national champion six times. She set an American Record in the indoor pentathlon.

Assistant Coach, Field Events, 2005–2012

California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, California

Assistant Coach in charge of all field events for Division I men's and women's program. Coached high jump, throws, pole vault and every event of the decathlon and heptathlon.

Head Track and Field Coach, 1999-2005

Seattle Pacific University

Assistant Coach, 2003-1998

Seattle Pacific University

Graduate Assistant Coach, 1988-1991

Seattle Pacific University

### **Education:**

Master's

### **References:**

Mike Maynard, Head Track and Field Coach, UCLA 2009-2017. 310-405-1354

Sharon Day-Monroe, Professional Track and Field Athlete, 2008-2017. 805-710-0966

Preston Grey, Head Cross Country Coach, Azusa Pacific University, 2005-Present. 626-533-6003

Gary Pine, Athletic Director, Azusa Pacific University. 2008-Present. 626-712-7219

## 2020-21 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL RULES COMMITTEE

(ASSOCIATION-WIDE RULES ADMINISTRATION)

Legislated Requirements: Nine members. Four Division I, including each subdivision: two Division II, two Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: 2. Quota of 50 percent coaches: 4.

Duties: 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:** **Two September 2021 vacancies;** One Division I, FBS, coach or admin; **One Division II, coach.**

Staff Liaison: Rachel Seewald

DIV	POS	EM/GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
FBS	C	N/M	Craig Skinner University of Kentucky	Southeastern	Skinner*			
FCS	C	Y/M	Frederico Santos University of North Carolina Asheville	Big South	Santos	Santos	Santos*	
FCS	C	N/F	Lyndsey Oats University of Northern Colorado	Big Sky	Oates	Oates	Oates	Oates*
DI	Ex Sr Assoc AD	Y/M	Nicolas Ojea Grand Canyon University	Western Athletic	Ojea	Ojea*		
<b>II</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Philip Piontek University of Central Missouri</b>	<b>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics</b>	<b>Piontek*</b>			
II	Assoc AD	N/F	Tiffany McCampbell Colorado School of Mines	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	McCampbell	McCampbell	McCampbell*	
III	A/C	Y/M	Ben Somera Wesleyan University (Connecticut)	New England Small College Athletic	Somera	Somera	Somera	Somera*
III	C	N/F	Megan Silver-Droesch Eastern Connecticut State	Little East	Silver-Droesch	Silver-Droesch	Silver-Droesch*	

\* Not eligible for reappointment 06/25/2020



## Women's Volleyball Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Darrin Cooper McClure
Job Title:	Head Volleyball Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Union University
Conference:	Gulf South Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Head Coaches Chairman (currently) for Gulf South Conference
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	DI All Region Team DII Region Ranking DII All Region Team
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I have been a head coach since 2008. For 7 years I coached at a DI institution and for the last 6 seasons I have been at a DII institution. I have seen the game change a lot in those years at both levels. Having over 10 years of head coaching experience is useful when serving on these committees. I have relationships across many levels of our sport and am able to pull from my 12+ years of being a coach to serve the committee and the NCAA institutions. Maybe most importantly I am not being asked to serve on this committee or persuaded to do so. I want to be on this committee. The sport has given me many wonderful experiences and I feel it is an obligation to serve in this role.

### Past or current Committee Service:

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### Employment History:

2005-2006 Assistant Coach at DI UT Martin

2008-2015 Head Coach at DI UT Martin

2015-Present Head Coach at DII Union University

### Education:

Bachelor's

### References:

Matt Wilson GSC Commissioner

Tommy Sadler Union University Athletic Director

Cade Smith University of Alabama at Huntsville Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach

## 2020-21 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: **Two September 2021 vacancies. Regions 1 and 2. Coach or admin.**

Staff Liaison: Ryan Tressel

REG.	POS.	EM/G	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
<b>1</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Brian Tucker Seton Hill University</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>Tucker*</b>			
<b>2</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Y/M</b>	<b>Kelly Revells Limestone College</b>	<b>South Atlantic</b>	<b>Revells*</b>			
3	Assist AD	N/M	Adam Bracken Ashland University	Great Lakes Valley Intercollegiate Athletic	Bracken	Bracken	Bracken	Bracken*
4	C	Y/M	Todd Steidley University of Central Oklahoma	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics	Steidley	Steidley	Steidley	Steidley*
5	AD	N/M	Dale Lennon University of Mary	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Lennon	Lennon	Lennon	Lennon*
6	AD	N/M	Miles Van Hee Western State Colorado University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Van Hee	Van Hee*		

\*Not eligible for reappointment.  
12/06/2020



## Division II Wrestling Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Maura Donovan
Job Title:	Assistant AD - External Operations
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	American International College
Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	I served as the Assistant Tournament Director for Field Hockey and Softball BIG EAST Tournaments at Syracuse University (prior to going to the ACC)
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

Although I am not the team oversight at AIC I have worked with the wrestling staff at Ithaca College. I helped plan some events surrounding some wrestling tournaments and championships that AIC was participating. I see this as a great opportunity to gain additional experience for myself and the position I hold at AIC.

### Past or current Committee Service:

I can not remember exact dates but over a 6 year period of 1999 - 2006, I served on 3 NCAA regional host basketball committees, 1 NCAA Final Four Committee for Women's Lacrosse and 1 NCAA Regional Host Committee for Men's Lacrosse while I worked at Syracuse University. I also served on several BIG EAST championship committees for Field Hockey and Softball.

### Employment History:

1998 - 1999 - Orange Bowl Committee - Assistant within the department of Events & Operations  
 1999 - 2006 Syracuse University Department of Athletics - Assistant Director of Athletic Development - Events and Operations  
 2006 - 2010 - Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Director of Team 'n Training  
 2010 - 2012 - Strength In Motion - Office Manager  
 2013 - 2020 - Ithaca College Associate Director of Regional Programs, Office of Advancement  
 2020 - Present - American International College - Assistant Athletic Director - External Operations

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Jessica Chapin  
 Interim Director of Athletics  
 Senior Woman Administrator  
 Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Athletics



## Division II Wrestling Committee Nominee Information

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AIC  
Springfield, MA  
Jessica.Chapin@aic.edu

Julie Ruppert  
Commissioner  
NE10  
Mansfield, MA  
jruppert@northeast10.org



## Division II Wrestling Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Cy Wainwright
Job Title:	Head Wrestling Coach/ PE Prof
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Newberry College
Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	NCAA Regional Rules Representative
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Football,Wrestling
Former college coach (sports):	Wrestling
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

2017-2021 Wrestling Rules Committee Member  
2016-2020 NCAA Wrestling Super Region II Regional Ranker  
NWCA Leadership Academy  
Have Qualified for 15 NCAA Championships (Coach & Athlete)

### Past or current Committee Service:

2017-2021 Wrestling Rules Committee Member

### Employment History:

St Cloud State Assistant Wrestling Coach 2009-2011  
Benedictine College Head Wrestling Coach 2011-2013  
Coker College Head Wrestling Coach 2013-2016  
Newberry College Head Wrestling Coach 2016- Current

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Matthew Finley - Ass AD Anderson University 803-944-0168  
Lynn Griffin VP of Athletics at Coker College 317-331-8779  
Ralph Patterson AD Newberry College 864-378-6068



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 4, 2021, ELECTRONIC VOTE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Legislative items.**
  - None.
- **Nonlegislative items.**

**1. Ranking date adjustments for men’s golf.**

- a. Recommendation. Adjust the ranking call dates for the 2021 spring season as follows:

<b>Original Ranking Dates</b>	<b>Proposed Ranking Dates</b>
Friday, March 12	Friday, April 2
Friday, March 26	Friday, April 9
Friday, April 9	Friday, April 16

The selection call date remains unchanged on Friday, April 23.

- b. Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 championship.
- c. Rationale. Due to the disparity of the number of contests institutions have participated in this season, adjusting the dates of the rankings will provide more opportunity for teams to play, and the rankings to accurately reflect those contests.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

[Note: The recommendation noted above was approved March 11 by the Division II Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

**2. Ranking date adjustments for women’s golf.**

- a. Recommendation. Adjust the ranking call dates for the 2021 spring season as follows:

<b>Original Ranking Dates</b>	<b>Proposed Ranking Dates</b>
Thursday, March 11	Thursday, April 1
Thursday, March 25	Thursday, April 8
Thursday, April 8	Thursday, April 15

The selection call date remains unchanged on Monday, April 26.

- b. Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 championship.
- c. Rationale. Due to the disparity of the number of contests institutions have participated in this season, adjusting the dates of the rankings will provide more opportunity for teams to play, and the rankings to accurately reflect those contests.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

[Note: The recommendation noted above was approved March 11 by the Division II Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM.**

- **Protocol for listing teams “under consideration.”** Due to the disparity of games likely to be played this season in spring sports, the committee agreed to allow spring sport committees to list schools “under consideration” in alphabetical order to help manage COVID-19-related scheduling challenges.

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

*Staff Liaison(s):* Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.  
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.

<b>Division II Championships Committee March 4, 2021, Electronic Vote</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.
Steve Card, Western Washington University.
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Leslie Havens.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 22, 2021, ELECTRONIC VOTE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Legislative items.**
  - None.
- **Nonlegislative items.**
  - **Regional site reduction for men’s and women’s tennis.**
    - a. Recommendation. For the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships, move from 16 predetermined regional sites per gender to eight predetermined regional sites per gender, with one winner from each site advancing to the finals.
    - b. Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 championships.
    - c. Rationale. With the brackets for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships being reduced from 48 teams to 36, and in accordance with the desire to reduce and/or consolidate preliminary-round sites in NCAA championships this year to accommodate health and safety protocols, moving to eight predetermined regional sites per gender best serves these purposes while maintaining the integrity of the competition.
    - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
    - e. Student-athlete impact. With only one team advancing to the final site (instead of two), fewer student-athletes will advance to the final site. However, given the necessary COVID protocols for this year, the recommendation still provides a quality student-athlete experience at the championships.

[Note: The recommendation noted above was approved March 29 by the Division II Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Protocol for listing teams “under consideration” in men’s and women’s tennis.** The Championships Committee received an update that the Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committee plans to list schools “under consideration” in alphabetical order for the first two scheduled ranking calls rather than in rank order due to the limited data available to help manage COVID-19-related scheduling challenges.

Division II Championships Committee

March 22, 2021, Electronic Vote

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

*Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.  
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.*

<b>Division II Championships Committee March 22, 2021, Electronic Vote</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.	
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University.	
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.	
Terri Gronau, Governance.	
Maritza Jones, Governance.	
Ryan Jones, Governance.	
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.	
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Leslie Havens.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 1, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Replacement policies for spring sport championships.**

- (1) Recommendation. Waive the normal application of Division II Bylaw 31.3.4.1-(g) (requirements – division championship – conference champion ineligible, declines to or cannot compete) and approve the following replacement policies for 2021 spring sport championships:

**Policies to apply *before* the announcement of the team championship bracket.**

- Should an automatic qualifier, as determined by each conference, be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in its first game of the championship, then the conference may designate a replacement team, as determined by its AQ policy and submitted by the designated deadline.
- The replacement AQ team shall be appropriately seeded and placed into the bracket prior to announcement of the championship field and bracket.
- Any potential at-large team that is determined by the institution to be unable to meet the medical protocols and participate in its first game of the championship should notify the respective Division II championship manager prior to announcement of the championship field and bracket.

**Policies to apply *after* the announcement of the team championship bracket.**

- Conferences may replace their AQ, if it is unable to participate due to COVID-19, with their pre-approved contingency replacement team if it can produce the required negative tests. The national sport committee has the authority to re-rank the bracket if necessary. If the conference is unable to provide a replacement team, its first game shall be declared a “No Contest” and its opponent shall advance to the next round.
- For any at-large team unable to participate, due to COVID-19, the policy for replacing that team is as follows:
  - The top teams not selected as at-large teams for the original field shall be notified and must follow all tournament medical protocols to be considered a potential replacement team.
  - All teams will move up in the bracket and the replacement team will be inserted at the bottom of the bracket.

**Policies to apply after the announcement of *individuals* selected to the field.**

- If an individual sport participant must withdraw from the championship due to COVID-19, the sport committee shall follow its standard procedure for individual replacements.

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***The deadline for consideration of replacing a team or individual unable to participate due to COVID-19 is 24 hours after the selection announcement.***

Once the tournament has begun, no teams will be used to replace a team that has a COVID-19 or any other issue and can no longer participate in the championship. Their opponent would advance to the next round via the NCAA's "No Contest" rule. This is consistent with normal championship policy.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 spring sport championships.
- (3) Rationale. These policies were approved for winter sport championships to accommodate the time needed to coordinate travel and successfully follow NCAA championships medical protocols, including COVID-19 testing requirements before departure from campus and upon arrival at the competition site. Because the policies worked as intended for winter sports, the Championships Committee supports using the same policies for spring sport championships.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The policies help manage and maintain the integrity of the bracket and the student-athlete championship experience.

**b. Regional bid allocations for baseball.**

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the following regional bid allocations for the 2021 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2021 Bids</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Access Ratio</b>	<b>2020 Bids</b>
Atlantic	5	30	6.0	6
Central	6	39	6.5	8
East	6	31	5.2	7
Midwest	6	35	5.8	8
South	6	31	5.2	8
South Central	4	22	5.5	6
Southeast	6	34	5.7	7

West	3	14	4.7	6
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- (2) Effective date. Immediate, and only for the 2021 championship.
- (3) Rationale. Due to the decreased sponsorship this year because of the pandemic, the Division II Baseball Committee used the current 2020-21 sports sponsorship information to determine the number of active institutions sponsoring baseball in each region in order to identify the fairest way to allocate regional berths for the 2021 championship and retain an equitable bracket size among regions. The committee then assigned championship berths to bring the access ratios into the tightest range possible within the bracket size of 42.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Regions will be represented in the postseason based on sponsorship in that region, which will provide the most equitable access to the championship for all student-athletes.

c. **Sport committee appointments**. Ratify the following sport and rules committee term extensions and appointments, effective September 1, 2021 (see Attachment).

**Term extensions.**

- **Baseball**. One-year extensions for **Todd Reeser**, director of athletics, Columbus State University; and **Angela Pohl**, deputy athletics director/senior woman administrator, Saginaw Valley State University.
- **Women's lacrosse**. One-year extension for **Laura Taube**, assistant director of athletics for internal operations and senior woman administrator, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- **Men's soccer**. One-year extensions for **Matt Cochran**, director of athletics, Northeastern State University; and **Terry Beattie**, director of athletics, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
- **Women's soccer**. One-year extension for **Larry Carpenter**, director of athletics, Lee University.
- **Women's volleyball**. One-year extension for **Dustin Fuls**, director of compliance, North Greenville University.

**September 1, 2021, vacancies.**

- **Men's and women's cross country**. Appoint **Jacqueline Nicholson**, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Albany State University

(Georgia), to replace Dawn Makofski, associate director of athletics, University of Montevallo, due to term expiration.

- **Field hockey.** Appoint **Mike Cerino**, director of athletics/vice president for intercollegiate athletics, Limestone University, to replace Mike McFarland, director of athletics, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration.
- **Women's golf.** Appoint **Michael Bond**, head women's golf coach, University of Central Oklahoma, to replace Brad Fleetwood, head women's golf coach, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, due to term expiration.
- **Women's lacrosse.** Appoint **Tom Campolettano**, head women's lacrosse coach, Molloy College, to replace Dean O'Keefe, director of athletics, Stonehill College, due to term expiration.
- **Men's soccer.** Appoint **Rob Walker**, head men's soccer coach, Saint Martin's University, to replace Phillip Bellici-Gard, associate director of athletics, Dominican University of California, due to term expiration.
- **Women's soccer.** Appoint **Kacey Bingham**, head women's soccer coach, Western Oregon University, to replace Jason Carmichael, director of athletics, California State University, East Bay; and **Jamie Grodecki**, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Georgia College, to replace Jennifer Bell, director of athletics, Converse College, due to term expirations.
- **Softball.** Appoint **Missy Frost**, head softball coach, University of Indianapolis, to replace Rob Fournier, director of athletics, Wayne State University (Michigan), due to term expiration.
- **Men's and women's tennis.** Appoint **Heather Gallagher**, head women's tennis coach and senior woman administrator, West Liberty University, to replace Jessica Incorminias, director of championship events and coordinator of internal operations, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, due to term expiration.
- **Men's and women's track and field.** Appoint **Sarah Ramey**, associate director of athletics for health and performance and senior woman administrator, West Texas A&M University, to replace Colleen Mischke, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Black Hills State University, due to term expiration.
- **Women's volleyball.** Appoint **Stephanie Dragan**, head women's volleyball coach, Franklin Pierce University, to replace Kevin DesLuariers, associate director of athletics for operations and head women's volleyball coach, Molloy College, due to term expiration.

- **Wrestling rules.** Appoint **Deral Brown**, head wrestling coach, King University, to replace Cy Wainwright, head wrestling coach, Newberry College, due to term expiration.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Steve Card welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its February 25 videoconference and March 4 and 22 electronic votes, as presented.
3. **Nominating Committee report.** Championships Committee members endorsed the appointments recommended in the Nominating Committee's March 15 report (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c above).
4. **Replacement policies.** The committee discussed the replacement policies adopted for winter sports and noted they worked as intended. As such, the committee agreed no changes were necessary for spring sports (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-a above).
5. **Sport committee reports.**
  - **Baseball.** The committee supported the regional bid allocations recommended for the 2021 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b above).
  - **Wrestling.** The committee approved the following super regional sites and hosts for the 2022 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships:

	<b>Venue/Location</b>	<b>Host</b>
Super Region 1	Sports Center, Johnstown, Pennsylvania	University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
Super Region 2	Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court, Pembroke, North Carolina	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Super Region 3	Academic Sports and Recreation Complex, West Liberty, West Virginia	West Liberty University
Super Region 4	Hyland Arena, Saint Charles, Missouri	Lindenwood University
Super Region 5	Alex Nemzek Hall, Moorhead, Minnesota	Minnesota State University Moorhead
Super Region 6	Brownson Hall, Grand Junction, Colorado	Colorado Mesa University

6. **Other business.**

- **Independent gender equity review.** The committee noted the recent announcement regarding the independent gender equity review of championships in all three divisions and asked staff to provide more information during the committee’s May 6 videoconference.

**7. Future videoconference and meeting dates.**

- May 6, 2021 (monthly videoconference).
- June 10-11, 2021 (quarterly meeting via videoconference).
- September 13-14, 2021 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- February 24-25, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- June 9-10, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).
- September 12-13, 2022 (quarterly meeting potentially in person; Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair: Steve Card, Western Washington University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*  
*Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances*  
*Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances*  
*Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>Division II Championships Committee April 1, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Emporia State University.
Steve Card, Western Washington University.
Dick Christy, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Management Council vice chair).
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Terri Holmes, Northern State University.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University (Division II SAAC representative).
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
<b>Absentees:</b>

None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Eric Breece, Liza Erwin, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Charlie Henry, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Stephanie Quigg and Ryan Tressel.

## 2020-21 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 September 2021 vacancies. Female, South region, Administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Liz Homrig

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
(M/W)	West	C	N/M	Chris Bradford California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	California Collegiate Athletic	Bradford	Bradford	Bradford*	
<b>(M/W)</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Assoc. AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Dawn Makofski University of Montevallo</b>	<b>Gulf South</b>	<b>Makofski*</b>			
(M/W)	SoC	C/SWA	N/F	Leigh Cordes Lubbock Christian University	Lone Star	Cordes	Cordes	Cordes*	
(M/W)	SoE	C	N/M	Jason Bryan Catawba College	South Atlantic	Bryan	Bryan	Bryan	Bryan*
(M/W)	East	C	N/M	Kevin Curtin Bentley University	Northeast-10	Curtin	Curtin	Curtin*	
(M/W)	Cen	AD	N/M	Jared Bruggeman Missouri Southern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic	Bruggeman	Bruggeman*		
(M/W) Pending Approval	MidW	Assoc AD (Dir of Compliance)	N/F (Y/M)	Alexandra Eaton University of Southern Indiana (Desmond Pierce Trevecca Nazarene University)	Great Lakes Valley Conference (Great Midwest Athletic)	Eaton*	Pierce	Pierce	Pierce (925)*
(W)	Atl	C	N/M	Andy Young Millersville University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Young	Young*		

\* Not eligible for reappointment  
02/24/2021



## Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Jacqueline Nicholson
Job Title:	Associate Athletics Director/SWA
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Albany State University (Georgia)
Conference:	Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf.
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Currently oversee championships that have been hosted as ASU. We have hosted Softball, Baseball, Women's Tennis, Men's & Women's Track & Field (Outdoor), Men's & Women's Cross Country all over the last 4 years. Served as conference SWA liaison for Track & Field (Outdoor) and Cross Liaison when champion
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Currently serve on RAC for Women's Tennis for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Former college S/A:	Women's Track & Field
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

I currently serve on the Men's & Women's Track and Field National Committee and have previously assisted as the NCAA representative at the South Region Division II Men's & Women's Cross Country event. I enjoy serving on the committee as a former student-athlete in the sport of track & field and currently as the sports supervisor at Albany State University for Cross & Track & Field and I enjoy being involved and engaged in both Track & Field and Cross Country

### Past or current Committee Service:

Currently on the NCAA Division II Men's & Women's Track & Field Committee  
Member of N4A Board of Directors-2nd Vice President

### Employment History:

Albany State University-January 2017-Present  
University of Texas San Antonio-October 2015-January 2017  
Norfolk State University-February 2008-October 2015  
Virginia Tech August 2007-February 2008

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Sherie Gordon-Vice President-Humboldt State University  
Colin Howlett-University of Texas San Antonio  
Tony Duckworth-Albany State University



**Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Committee Nominee  
Information**

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Alisha Tucker-Norfolk State University

## 2020-21 DIVISION II FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Composition: Four members. Two from each of the Division II field hockey regions – East and Atlantic (Atlantic, Midwest and Southeast regions). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 2 Coach: 2

Vacancies: **One September 2021 vacancy. Administrator. Atlantic region.**

**Preference: Coach and administrator from each region.**

Staff Liaison: Roberta Page

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
East	Asst AD/C	N/F	Carolyn King-Robitaille Saint Anslem College	Northeast-10	King- Robitaille	King- Robitaille	King- Robitaille*	
Atl	C	N/F	Stacey Gaudette Mercyhurst University	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Gaudette	Gaudette	Gaudette*	
<b>Atl</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Michael McFarland Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>McFarland* (1 year term extension)</b>			
East	C	N/F	Patricia Bonagura Molloy College	East Coast Conference	Bonagura	Bonagura	Bonagura	Bonagura*

\*Not eligible for reappointment

07/17/2020



## Division II Field Hockey Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Michael Cerino
Job Title:	VP for Intercollegiate Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Limestone University
Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Conference Carolinas - All sports 2008 - present; South Atlantic Conference - Multiple Sports
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	NCAA DII Men's Lacrosse
Former college S/A:	Men's Lacrosse
Former college coach (sports):	Men's Lacrosse
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

My years in NCAA coaching and administration have given me great respect to NCAA Committee service.

### Past or current Committee Service:

- DII Management Council (2018 - 2019)
- DII Championship Committee (2018 - 2019)
- NCAA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Connection (2017 - Present)
- NCAA Research Committee (2018)
- DII Men's Lacrosse Sport Committee (1997 - 2000)
- NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship Committee (1997-2000, 2009-2013)
- NCAA Division III All America Committee (2004-2006)
- NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee (1997-2000)
- NCAA Division II Advisory Committee for Lacrosse Championships (1995-1997)
- NCAA Y.E.S. Lacrosse Clinician (1993, 1994)

### Employment History:

- Limestone University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics 10/08 - Present
- Limestone Men's Lacrosse Head Coach 07/06 - 05/10
- Washington & Lee Head Men's Lacrosse Coach 12/01 - 07/06
- Charlotte Hounds Professional Men's Lacrosse Organization, Head Coach & General Manager

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Colleen Cannon - Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, SWA - Queen's University



## **Division II Field Hockey Committee Nominee Information**

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Pat Britz - Commissioner, South Atlantic Conference

Robert Dranoff - Commissioner, East Coast Conference

## 2020-21 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 2021 vacancy. Central region, coach or administrator.

Staff Liaison: Jay Jay Rackley

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
So	Assoc. AD	Y/M	Randy Loggins Tusculum University (Converse College)	South Atlantic (Conference Carolinas)	Loggins	Loggins*		
<b>Cen</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Brad Fleetwood Southwestern Oklahoma State University</b>	<b>Great American</b>	<b>Fleetwood*</b>			
East	C	N/M	Brent Nicosen (University of Indianapolis)	Great Lakes Valley	Nicosen	Nicosen	Nicosen	Nicosen*
West	Asst. Comm/S WA	N/F	Melanie Robotham Lone Star Conference	Lone Star Conference	Robotham	Robotham	Robotham	Robotham*

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
12/05/2020



## Division II Women's Golf Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Michael Bond
Job Title:	Head Women's Golf Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Central Oklahoma
Conference:	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Myself and another coach do a site visit for the conference championship which includes creating yardages, pin locations and logistic issues.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Men's Golf RAC Women's Golf RAC
Former college S/A:	golf
Former college coach (sports):	men's golf,women's golf
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I am in my 13th year as head women's golf coach at Central Oklahoma. In my current position, I have served on numerous RAC committees as well as national award committees. I have served on the WGCA Board of Directors as the DII President. I take pride in being involved and invested in women's golf.

### Past or current Committee Service:

WGCA DII President-2018 to present

WGCA DII Awards Committee 2016-present

Women's Golf RAC-2009-13

Women's Golf RAC-2016 to present

### Employment History:

2001-2004 Southwestern Oklahoma State (SID)

2004-2008 Southwestern Oklahoma State (men and women's golf coach)

2008-present University of Central Oklahoma (women's golf coach)

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Melissa Paul (SWA, Sport Coordinator) 405-974-2168

Jeremy Rogers (AD for Compliance) 405-974-2141

Chris Brannick (SID) 405-974-2141

Reggie Jordan (AD for Student Success) 405-974-2117

## 2020-21 DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Four members, two from each region – South, Atlantic, Midwest and East. 50% Administrators (2).

Vacancies: **Two September 2021 vacancies. East and South regions. Coaches or administrators.**

Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
ATL	Assoc AD	N/F	Katrin Wolfe East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Wolfe	Wolfe	Wolfe*	
MIDW	SWA	N/F	Regan McAthie Concordia University, St. Paul	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	McAthie	McAthie*		
<b>EAST</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Dean O'Keefe Stonehill College</b>	<b>Northeast-10</b>	<b>O'Keefe*</b>			
<b>South</b>	<b>SWA</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Laura Taube University of Alabama in Huntsville</b>	<b>Gulf South</b>	<b>Taube*</b>			

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
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**Atlantic** – Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

**East** – East Coast Conference and Northeast-10 Conference

**Midwest** – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mountain East Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Independent Institutions (Alderson Broaddus University, Davis and Elkins College, Ohio Valley University, Ursuline College, Concordia University, St. Paul)

**South** – Conference Carolinas, South Atlantic Conference, Sunshine State Conference and Independent Institutions (University of Alabama, Huntsville, University of Montevallo, Shorter University, Young Harris College, Florida Institute of Technology)



## Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee Nominee Information

Name:	tom campolettano
Job Title:	Head Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Molloy College
Conference:	East Coast Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	East Coast Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Division II National and East Region RAC Committees
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

I have served in the past as a member of the Division II National committee and it is through this experience that I feel I am qualified.

### Past or current Committee Service:

Division II National Committee

Division II All American Committee

Division II All American Regional Committee

I honestly do not remember the dates

### Employment History:

NYC Dept of Education 1990-present

Molloy College Head Womens Lacrosse Coach 2005-present

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Dennis Short Rollins College

Scott Tucker Limestone College

## 2020-21 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: **Three September 2021 vacancies. Atlantic, Central and West regions, two must be admin.**

Staff Liaison: Eric Breece

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
<b>Cen</b>	<b>Sr Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Matt Cochran Northeastern State University</b>	<b>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics</b>	<b>Cochran*</b>			
SoC	Asst. AD	N/F	Amanda Snodgrass Midwestern State University	Lone Star	Snodgrass	Snodgrass	Snodgrass	Snodgrass*
East	C	N/M	Wade Jean Saint Michael's College	Northeast-10	Jean	Jean*		
SoE	C	N/M	Mark McKeever Young Harris College	Peach Belt	McKeever	McKeever*		
<b>West</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Phillip Billeci-Gard Dominican University of California</b>	<b>Pacific West</b>	<b>Billeci-Gard*</b>			
<b>Atl</b>	<b>Assoc AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Terry Beattie West Chester University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Athletic</b>	<b>Beattie*</b>			
So	C	N/M	Brian McMahon Palm Beach Atlantic University	Sunshine State	McMahon	McMahon	McMahon*	
MidW	Asst AD	N/M	Michael Koehler Rockhurst University	Great Lakes Valley	Koehler	Koehler*		

\*Not eligible for reappointment 07/21/2020



## Division II Men's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Rob Walker
Job Title:	Head Men's Soccer Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Saint Martin's University
Conference:	Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	No Involvement
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	2009-11 Men's West Region 2015-16 Women's West Region 2019- Men's Super Region 4
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I'm in my 15th year as a head coach at the D-2 level. I served as Director of Soccer at my institution for 10 years, serving as head coach to both men's and women's programs. I have served as a West RAC member on both the men's and women's side. I am currently going through a 2nd cycle on the men's RAC, with Super Region IV. This is a critical time for "Olympic" sports in collegiate athletics. I would love to work nationally to help grow men's soccer and continue the work of those who have served before.

### Past or current Committee Service:

2015-16 NCAA Women's Coach's Connection-GNAC Representative  
2008-2016 NSCAA / United Soccer Coaches Women's West Region Ranking Committee  
2011-2015 NSCAA / United Soccer Coaches Men's West Region Ranking Committee

### Employment History:

Saint Martin's University Director of Soccer, (Head Coach Men's and Women's Program's) 2006-2016  
Saint Martin's University Head Men's Soccer Coach, 2017-Present  
Director of Coaching, Federal Way FC, 2006-16  
Director of Coaching, Mountain Brook SC, 2000-2006  
US Soccer National Teams and Instructional Staff, 1995-2014  
USYS Olympic Development Staff Coach: Region IV 1987-2000 (Boy's & Girl's Programs), 2015-17, 2019 (Boy's); Region III, 1998-2006 (Boy's)  
Volunteer Assistant, Belhaven College, 1990-1993; Houghton College, 1994; University of Mobile, 1005-2000.

### Education:

Bachelor's

### References:

Bob Grisham, Saint Martin's University Athletic Director, (360) 701-9504  
Dave Haglund, GNAC Commissioner, (503) 305-8756



## **Division II Men's Soccer Committee Nominee Information**

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Remi Roy, New England Revolution Director of Scouting & Player Personnel, (508) 958-3070

## 2020-21 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: Three September 2021 vacancies. South, Southeast and West regions. One must be administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/21	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
Atl	C	N/M	Gary Kagiavas Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Kagiavas	Kagiavas*		
Cen	Deputy AD	N/M	Chad Markuson Minnesota State University Moorhead	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Markuson	Markuson	Markuson*	
East	Sr. Assoc AD	N/M	Stephen Fitzgerald Stonehill College	Northeast-10	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald*
<b>SoE</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Jennifer Bell Converse College</b>	<b>Conference Carolinas</b>	<b>Bell*</b>			
<b>So</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Larry Carpenter Lee University</b>	<b>Gulf South</b>	<b>Carpenter*</b>			
Mid W	AD (asst Comm)	N/F (N/M)	Kelley Kish Lake Erie College (Ben Schlesselman Great Midwest Athletic)	Great Midwest Athletic	Kish	Schlesselman	Schlesselman	Schlesselman (9/24*)
<b>West</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Jason Carmichael California State University, East Bay</b>	<b>California Collegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Carmichael*</b>			
SoC	C	N/M	Neil Piper Texas A&M University- Commerce	Lone Star	Piper	Piper	Piper*	

\*Not eligible for reappointment  
07/27/2020



## Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Kacey Bingham
Job Title:	Head Women's Soccer Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Western Oregon University
Conference:	Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	None
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	RAC Committee West Region
Former college S/A:	Soccer
Former college coach (sports):	Soccer
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I would be happy to represent for the DII Women's Soccer Committee. I have coached at the DII level for 7 years and have served previously on the RAC Committee.

### Past or current Committee Service:

I served on the RAC Committee during 2016-2017

### Employment History:

Paradise Vally CC 2006-2012 Head Women's Soccer Coach

Dixie State 2013-2017 Head Women's Soccer Coach

Western Oregon 2018- Current Head Women's Soccer Coach

### Education:

Bachelor's

### References:

Dave Haglund- GNAC Commissioner

Randi Lydum- WOU AD



## Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	jamie grodecki
Job Title:	Assistant Athletic Director/SWA
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Georgia College
Conference:	Peach Belt Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Peach Belt Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Hosted/Managed PBC Conference tournaments in Volleyball, Cross Country, and Softball.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	NCAA Softball RAC (2019-present) NCAA Softball Regional and Super Region Site Rep (2013 & 2019)
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	

### Qualification Statement:

I am personally interested in serving on the soccer committee for many reasons. The most important reason is to serve our coaches and student-athletes. I have a good understanding of soccer and how RAC committees work. I also believe my experience as an administrator, SWA, and softball coach will bring a diverse perspective to the committee. I am an aspiring Athletic Director and I would be great for the opportunity to learn and grow as a professional by joining this committee. Thank you for your consideration!

Jamie Grodecki

### Past or current Committee Service:

- PBC Senior Women Administrator Chair (Fall 2020-Present)
- PBC Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator Mentor program (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)
- Georgia College Title IX Hearing Panelist Certified (Fall 2019-Present)
- Georgia College Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Athletics
- NCAA Softball RAC Committee member (January 2018-Present)

### Employment History:

- Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator, Georgia College (December 2015- Present)
- Involved in all daily operations within Athletics Administration
- Direct oversight of Athletic Training Department, Women's Soccer, and Men's Basketball
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Athletic Department
- Implement and Direct Leadership Academy for Student-Athletes
- Oversight of department and student-athlete events
- Organization and oversight of several PBC Conference Tournaments hosted at GC
- Chair of Hiring committee for Head Women's Basketball Coach and Baseball Coach
- PBC Senior Women Administrator Chair (Fall 2020-Present)
- PBC Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator Mentor program (Fall 2019-Present)



## Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Georgia College Title IX Hearing Panelist Certified (Fall 2019)  
Growing Leaders, Habitude Intensive Training (Fall 2017)  
Women Leaders in Sports Grant recipient (Fall 2017)  
NCAA Leadership Academy Workshop (2016-17 sessions)  
NCAA Softball RAC Committee member (January 2018-Present)

Head Softball Coach, Georgia College (August 2010-Present)  
Over 400 career wins as Collegiate Softball Coach  
School record with two back to back 40+ win seasons (2015 & 2016)  
School record for most wins in a season with 47 (2015)  
Ranked in Top 25 (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019), as high as #6 in 2015  
NFCA Top 10 Academic Team (2016)  
NCAA Southeast Super Regional participant - 1st time in school history (2015)  
NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament Host (2015)  
NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament Participant (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)  
PBC Regular Season Runner-up (2013, 2015, 2018)  
PBC Coach of the Year (2013)  
PBC leader for student-athletes on All-Academic team (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
Overall Team GPA of 3.4 or higher (2013 - Present)  
2 NFCA All-Americans, 4 CoSIDA Academic All-American 14 NFCA All-Region, 13 D2CCA All-Region, 22 PBC All-Conference players, and 2- PBC Elite 15 winners  
Ensure compliance with NCAA and Peach Belt C

### **Education:**

Master's

### **References:**

References

Wendell Staton- Athletic Director  
Georgia College & State University  
Milledgeville, GA  
478-445-6341

Dave Brunk - Commissioner  
Peach Belt Conference  
Augusta, GA  
706-860-8499

Les Stuedeman, Head Softball Coach  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Huntsville, AL  
256-824-2204

## 2020-21 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 2021 vacancy. Midwest region. Coach or administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Morgan DeSpain

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
<b>Mid W</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Rob Fournier Wayne State University (Michigan)</b>	<b>Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Fournier*</b>			
West	SWA	N/F	Rebekah Gasner Montana State University Billings	Great Northwest Athletic	Gasner	Gasner	Gasner*	
Atl	Asst Com	N/F	Allie Kolezynski Mountain East Conference	Mountain East	Kolezynski	Kolezynski	Kolezynski*	
Cen	C	N/M	Jason Anderson Southern Arkansas University	Great American University	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*
So	C/A (C)  Pending	Y/M (Y/F)  Approval	Patrick Peasant Miles College (Valerie Silvestrini Florida Institute of Technology)	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic (Sunshine State)	Peasant*	Silvestrini	Silvestrini	Silvestrini (9/25)*
SoC	C	N/F	Donna Fields St. Mary's University (Texas)	Lone Star	Fields	Fields*		
East	Assoc AD	N/M	Dean Johnson Caldwell College	Central Atlantic Athletic	Johnson	Johnson*		
SoE	AD	N/F	Kendall Rainey The University of Virginias College at Wise	South Atlantic	Rainey	Rainey	Rainey	Rainey*

\*Not eligible for reappointment 02/25/2021



## Division II Women's Softball Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Melissa Frost
Job Title:	Head softball coach
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Indianapolis
Conference:	Great Lakes Valley Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Served as the chair for the Great Lakes Valley Conference (2010-2011, 2013-2015)- Did not serve in a work capacity at the actual tournament as our team competes in the conference championship yearly.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Midwest RAC- 2010-2012 and 2013-2017
Former college S/A:	Softball
Former college coach (sports):	Softball
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

### Qualification Statement:

I have served the RAC twice in my career. My second term on the RAC I served as the chair of the Midwest Region. I enjoy being involved in

### Past or current Committee Service:

Midwest Regional Advisory Committee- 2010-2012 and 2013-2017

### Employment History:

I am currently starting my 17th season at the University of Indianapolis. At UIndy, I serve as the coach's representative on the compliance committee as well as the Greyhound club coach's liaison. I am currently the representative on the NFCA Division II Head Coach's Committee. I have been the GLVC coaches chair (2010-2011, 2013-2015). I have previously served on the RAC for 6 years and on the National Committee for four years. I have served on the NFCA top 25 (two terms).

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Scott Young, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Indianapolis- Phone: 317-788-3306 email: syoung@uindy.edu

Les Stuedeman- Head Softball Coach at the University of Alabama-Huntsville- Phone: 256-824-2204 email: stuedel@uah.edu

Jennifer Mervar- Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Business Ops, Senior Woman Administrator- Phone: 317.781.5786 email: mervarj@uindy.edu

Matt Donovan, Sr. Associate Athletic Director for Development at the University of Indianapolis Phone: (317) 788-3359 email: mdonovan@uindy.edu

## 2020-21 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Three positions will be allocated for men, three positions allocated for women and two positions unallocated. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

One from each of the tennis regions: West, Central, South Central, South, Southeast, Midwest, Atlantic, East.

Vacancies: **One September 2021 vacancy, Atlantic region, coach or admin.**

Staff Liaison: Roberta Page

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
SoE	C	N/M	Lee Underwood Barton College	Conference Carolinas	Underwood	Underwood	Underwood*	
Cen	C/SWA	N/F	Abby Davis Arkansas Tech University	Great American	Davis	Davis*		
MidW	SWA	N/F	Krista Plummer Northwood University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic	Plummer	Plummer*		
So	Asst AD	N/M	TJ Budd Palm Beach Atlantic University	Sunshine State	Budd	Budd	Budd*	
West	Asst AD	N/M	William Powers Hawaii Pacific University	Pacific West	Powers	Powers*		
<b>Atl</b>	<b>Asst Dir</b>	<b>Y/F</b>	<b>Jessica Incorminias Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association</b>	<b>Central Intercollegiate Athletic</b>	<b>Incorminas*</b>			
SoC	C	N/M	Scott Linn Midwestern State University	Lone Star	Linn	Linn*		
East	C	N/M	Greg Coache Southern New Hampshire University	Northeast-10	Coache	Coache*		

\*Not eligible for reappointment 07/21/2020



## Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Heather Gallagher
Job Title:	Head Women's Tennis Coach / SWA
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	West Liberty University
Conference:	Mountain East Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	As associate AD, assisted when our institution hosted conference championships in men's golf, and men's and women's cross country.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Multiple terms on women's tennis regional advisory committee
Former college S/A:	Women's Tennis
Former college coach (sports):	Women's Tennis, Men's Tennis
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

21 years coaching college tennis in NCAA DII; 19 years serving as head women's tennis coach (2002 to present); multiple stints as head men's tennis coach; 19 years as SWA (2002 to present); 17 years as associate AD (2002 to 2019)

### Past or current Committee Service:

Multiple terms on NCAA regional advisory committee; Multiple terms on ITA ranking committees; Multiple terms on ITA regional tournament committee; Multiple terms as chair of the ITA regional awards committee with service on the ITA national awards committee; Multiple terms on USTA Middle States League, grievance, and appeal committees

### Employment History:

All at West Liberty University: 21 years coaching college tennis in NCAA DII; 19 years serving as head women's tennis coach (2002 to present); multiple stints as head men's tennis coach; 19 years as SWA (2002 to present); 17 years as associate AD (2002 to 2019)

### Education:

Bachelor's

### References:

Mr. Lynn Ullom - Director of Athletics, West Liberty University

## 2020-21 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 2021 vacancy; female, South Central region.**  
 Staff Liaison: LaKitha Murray

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
(M/W)  Pending	West  Approval	SWA (C)	N/F (Y/F)	Randi Lydum Western Oregon University (Tina Davis Fernandes California State University Los Angeles)	Great Northwest Athletic (California Collegiate Athletic)	Lydum*	Davis Fernandes	Davis Fernandes	Davis Fernandes (9/25)*
(M/W)  Pending	South  Approval	Assoc AD (Asst Comm)	Y/F (N/M)	Jacqueline Nicholson Albany State University (Georgia) (Nick Moeller Gulf South Conference)	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic (Gulf South)	Nicholson*	Moeller	Moeller	Moeller (9/25)*
<b>(M/W)</b>	<b>SoC</b>	<b>Asst AD/SWA</b>	<b>N/F</b>	<b>Colleen Mischke Black Hills State University</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Athletic</b>	<b>Mischke*</b>			
(M/W)	SoE	C	Y/M	Joe Wassink Limestone University	South Atlantic	Wassink	Wassink	Wassink	Wassink*
(M/W)	East	C/ Asst AD	N/M	Zach Emerson Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson*	
(M/W)	Cen	C	N/M	Brock Hime Arkansas Technical University	Great American	Hime	Hime	Hime	Hime*
(M/W)	MidW	Deputy AD	N/M	Doug Lipinski, Grand Valley State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Lipinski	Lipinski	Lipinski*	
(M/W)	Atl	Interim AD	N/F	Kristen Decker Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Decker	Decker*		

\* Not eligible for reappointment  
02/25/2021



## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Sarah Ramey
Job Title:	Associate AD Health & Performance/SWA
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	West Texas A&M University
Conference:	Lone Star Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Lone Star Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

I am currently in my 19th year as a college Athletic Performance coach. In the the last year I added SWA duties here at West Texas A&M. My role involves daily interaction with student-athletes and sport coaches from each sport here including Track and Field. During my tenure here in Canyon, I have been able to observe and be involved with the reintroduction of the track and field program, which has gone on to place highly and win both an indoor and an outdoor National Championship. The uniqueness of T&F being a team sport with many individual events and the specific training, planning and preparation for each event both appeals to and suits my diverse background working with many sports. I have a deep understanding of the year round rigors placed on track and field student-athletes. These student-athletes compete during an indoor, outdoor, cross country for any distance events and often times a summer season making it the longest of any in the NCAA.

### Past or current Committee Service:

West Texas A&M Wellness Council November 2015-May 2018

Lone Star Conference Athletic Performance Advisory Committee January 2020-Present

Lone Star Conference CAA Liaison for Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Football June 2020-Present

### Employment History:

Associate Athletic Director, Health & Performance/Senior Woman's Administrator West Texas A&M University (Canyon, TX) February 2020-Present

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach/Director of Athletic Performance West Texas A&M University (Canyon, TX) June 2007-February 2020

Assistant Speed, Strength & Conditioning Coach University of Colorado (Boulder, CO)

Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS) July 2003-June 2007

Strength and Conditioning Coach Internship Mike Boyle Strength and Conditioning (Winchester, MA) January 2002-May 2002

### Education:

Master's

### References:

Jay Poerner, Commissioner



## Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee Nominee Information

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Lone Star Conference 972-234-0033 x101

Michael McBroom, Athletic Director  
West Texas A&M 806-676-6975

## 2020-21 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:** **Two September 2021 vacancies. East and Southeast regions. One must be administrator.**

Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron

REG	POS	EM	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
SoC	C	N/M	Joel List Regis University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	List	List	List	List*
<b>SoE</b>	<b>Dir of Comp</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Dustin Fuls North Greenville University</b>	<b>Conference Carolinas</b>	<b>Fuls*</b>			
Cen	C	N/M	Jim Boos University of Minnesota Duluth	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Boos	Boos	Boos	Boos*
<b>East</b>	<b>C/A</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Kevin DesLauriers Molloy College</b>	<b>East Coast</b>	<b>DesLauriers*</b>			
So	SWA/ Assoc. AD	N/F	Jill Stephens Florida Southern College	Sunshine State	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens*	
West	AD	N/F	Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins San Francisco State University	California Collegiate Athletic	Shrieve-Hawkins	Shrieve-Hawkins	Shrieve-Hawkins*	
Mid-W	C/A	N/M	Chris Gravel Hillsdale College	Great Midwest Athletic	Gravel	Gravel*		
Atl	C	N/F	Leanne Piscotty, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania)	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Piscotty	Piscotty	Piscotty	Piscotty*

\*Not eligible for reappointment

07/27/2020



## Division II Women's Volleyball Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Stephanie Dragan
Job Title:	Head Volleyball Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Franklin Pierce University
Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	D2 Women's Volleyball Bowling.
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	

### Qualification Statement:

I have served on this committee before as the East a region chair. I loved my time and would love to serve again.

### Past or current Committee Service:

#### Employment History:

2009-current Franklin Pierce University  
2005-2008 Western Carolina University  
1998-2005 Centre College  
1996-1998 Agnes Scott College

#### Education:

Master's

#### References:

Rachel Burleson  
Ryan Tressel  
Molly Meyers

## 2020-21 WRESTLING RULES COMMITTEE

(ASSOCIATION-WIDE RULES ADMINISTRATION)

Legislated Requirements: Nine members. Four Division I, including each subdivision: two Division II, two Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor. Quota of 25 percent administrators: **2**. Quota of 50 percent coaches: **4**.

Duties: 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:** **Two September 2021 vacancies;** One Division I, any subdivision, coach or admin; **One Division II; coach or admin.**

Staff Liaison: Ashlee Follis

DIV	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/20-9/21	9/21-9/22	9/22-9/23	9/23-9/24
DI	Sr Assoc AD	N/M	Jack Maughan North Dakota State University	Summit	Maughan*			
FBS	C	N/M	John W. Smith Oklahoma State University	Big 12	Smith	Smith*		
FCS	Ex Assoc AD	N/M	Jonathan Reeder Appalachian State University	Southern	Reeder	Reeder	Reeder*	
DI	C	N/M	John Hangey Rider University	Metro Atlantic Athletic/Mid-American	Hangey	Hangey	Hangey	Hangey*
<b>II</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N/M</b>	<b>Cy Wainwright Newberry College</b>	<b>South Atlantic</b>	<b>Wainwright*</b>			
II	C	N/M	Austin DeVoe Colorado School of Mines	Rocky Mountain Athletic	DeVoe	DeVoe	DeVoe*	
III	C	N/M	Brad Bruhn State University of New York at Cortland	SUNYAC/Empire Collegiate Wrestling	Bruhn	Bruhn*		
III	SID	N/M	Robert Fox Waynesburg University	Presidents' Athletic	Fox	Fox	Fox	Fox*

\* Not eligible for reappointment 06/25/2020



## Wrestling Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Deral Brown
Job Title:	Head Men's Wrestling Coach
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	King University
Conference:	Conference Carolinas
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	N/A
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	N/A
Former college S/A:	Wrestling- Newberry College (5 years)
Former college coach (sports):	Wrestling- SUNY Cortland, Wrestling- Newberry College, Wrestling- King University
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

### Qualification Statement:

Rationale- I would be an effective member of the NCAA Wrestling Rules committee based on: 1) an extensive knowledge of the sport from a coaching and competitor's perspective; 2) the strong desire for professional development and continued growth;

Qualifications- 1) Head Wrestling Coach at King University with 2 years experience; 2) Active member of the King University Athletics Committee tasked with enforcing and applying NCAA and institutional compliance policies for all sports, Title IX oversight, and faculty/staff relations with the King Athletics Department

### Past or current Committee Service:

N/A;

While I do not have NCAA service experience, I am hungry for an opportunity to serve which is why I am self-nominating for the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee. I find tremendous value in being able to learn from this group and in offering my knowledge and expertise in the sport of Wrestling.

### Employment History:

King University, Head Men's Wrestling Coach (2019-Present)

Newberry College, Head Assistant Men's Wrestling Coach (2018-2019)

Cortland State University of New York, Assistant Wrestling Coach (2016-2018)

### Education:

### References:

Kelly Revells, Head Wrestling Coach at Limestone University (Krevells@limestone.edu)

Matthew Finley, Senior Associate A.D. - Compliance at Anderson University (mfinley@andersonuniversity.edu)

David Hicks, Athletic Director at King University at King University (jdicks@king.edu)



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaws 13.1.2.4, 13.1.3.4.1 and 13.4.4 – Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations and Recruiting Materials – Permissible Recruiters and Electronic Transmissions – Student-Athlete and Nonpermissible Callers – Student-Athlete Participation in Recruiting Correspondence at the Direction and/or Expense of a Coaching Staff Member.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaws 13.1.2.4 (student-athlete), 13.1.3.4.1 (enrolled students and student-athletes) and 13.4.4 (electronic transmissions) to specify that student-athletes may participate in recruiting correspondence (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconferences) at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member and with multiple prospective student-athletes at a time, provided the activity is voluntary.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation does not permit student-athletes to participate in written or electronically transmitted correspondence or telephone calls with prospective student-athletes at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member. In response to the impact of COVID-19, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver on April 15, 2020, to permit student-athletes to participate on a telephone/video call with any number of contactable uncommitted prospective student-athletes (and their family members) through the 2020-21 academic year. This proposal would permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting correspondence at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member, provided the activity is voluntary.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will be permitted to participate in recruiting correspondence with contactable prospective student-athletes on a voluntary basis.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.15.2.2.1 – Recruiting – Financial Assistance to a Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student-Athlete’s High School – Permissible Expenses – Donation of Equipment – Athletics Equipment and Apparel – Monetary Donations to Nonathletic Bona Fide Youth Organizations.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.15.2.2.1 (athletics equipment and apparel) to permit an institution or conference to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Club).
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, an institution or conference is permitted to donate equipment and apparel to bona fide youth organizations and nonprofit organizations that consist of prospective student-athletes. However, the legislation does not permit an institution or conference to make a monetary donation to a nonprofit organization that may benefit a prospective student-athlete but does not primarily involve athletics participation as part of its mission or programming. By permitting institutions or conferences to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations, institutions, its student-athletes or conference will be able to raise and donate funds to support the work of organizations with a mission to help youth that are unrelated to athletics.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varying by institution or conference.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 16.8.1.2 – Awards, Benefits, and Expenses – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Permissible – Other Competition.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.8.1.2 (other competition) to permit an institution to provide, during an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), actual and necessary expenses related to a student-athlete’s participation in established national championship events, or the junior-level equivalent of such events (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games); and

established regional championship events (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships).

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Consistent with efforts to enhance student-athlete success and well-being, this proposal would permit institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for student-athletes to participate in additional elite national and international competition by including junior-level equivalent, as well as select elite regional events to the list of permissible events. Allowing institutions the discretion to provide such expenses would ease the financial burden placed on student-athletes who wish to participate in such elite events, particularly in the Olympic sports, and help alleviate situations in which student-athletes may have to choose between future NCAA eligibility and raising funds for a potential once in a lifetime event.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies depending on institution.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes selected to participate in these events would be permitted to receive expenses from their institutions.

## 2. Nonlegislative Items.

### a. **Legislative Referral to the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee – Full-Time Enrollment – Practice or Competition – Final Semester/Quarter – Designated Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) to the Academic Requirements Committee for a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may utilize Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) to participate in intercollegiate competition or practice while enrolled less than full time, in the final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program, provided the minor or undergraduate certificate program is designated before the beginning of the applicable term and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the minor or undergraduate certificate requirements.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, a student-athlete with eligibility remaining may participate in practice or competition while enrolled less than full time, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of their baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying, for credit, the courses necessary to complete their degree requirements. However, it is impermissible for a student-athlete to use credits earned in a minor to meet the exception for full-time enrollment unless the minor is required to complete the baccalaureate degree requirements and would be required for all students enrolled in the program. The same applies to undergraduate certificate programs.

The Legislation Committee requests that the Academic Requirements Committee review the final semester or quarter exception of the full-time enrollment legislation and determine whether a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may utilize Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) to participate in intercollegiate competition or practice while enrolled less than full time, in the final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program, provided the minor or undergraduate certificate program is designated before the beginning of the applicable term and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the minor or undergraduate certificate requirements.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would be permitted to enroll less than full time and participate in intercollegiate practice or competition in their final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program, as specified.

**b. Request for Feedback from the Academic Requirements Committee and NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Four-Year College Transfers – One-Time Transfer Exception.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council request the Academic Requirements Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provide feedback on the current application of the one-time transfer exception (Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9) and whether Division II should consider any of the components of Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (academic eligibility

– exceptions for transfers from four-year colleges – one-time transfer – uniform application) for a possible legislative change in Division II.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 creates a uniform standard for the one-time transfer exception and would require a student-athlete to complete a mandatory educational module before a notification of transfer may be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal. In addition, the proposal would eliminate the ability for a student-athlete's previous institution to object to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. Instead, an institution's head coach and the student-athlete will be required to certify that no contact occurred prior to the student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal. To provide stability and finality to those impacted by transfer decisions, the proposal includes notification of transfer dates by which a student-athlete must indicate intent to transfer in order to qualify for the proposed exception: May 1 for fall and winter sports and July 1 for spring sports. Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 is currently tabled after a vote at the 2021 NCAA Convention was delayed; however, the Division I Council has adopted a blanket waiver in the interim.

Current Division II legislation gives institutions the ability to object to a student-athlete being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement upon transfer to another institution. However, if Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 is adopted, Division II institutions would not have the ability to deny a student-athlete access to the one-time transfer exception if they are transferring to a Division I institution. Additionally, Division II institutions would still be required to seek consent to use the one-time transfer exception for a student-athlete transferring from a Division I institution.

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion of Division II legislation adopted at the 2021 Convention and update on the name, image and likeness proposal, including third-party administrator.** Staff provided an update on Division II Proposal No. 2021-1 (various bylaws – student-athlete use of name, image and likeness), which is currently tabled. Additionally, the committee discussed the potential use of a third-party administrator to

assist with the administration of activities related to the use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness. The committee noted that additional details (e.g., cost of the service, who is responsible for the cost) need to be finalized before the committee seeks membership feedback on such a requirement and potentially make a legislative recommendation. Finally, the committee discussed ideas to educate the Division II membership regarding changes to the legislation pertaining to name, image and likeness including a resource under development by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee directed at Division II student-athletes as the target audience.

2. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (academic eligibility – exceptions for transfers from four-year colleges – one-time transfer – uniform application).** The committee received an update on Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 and its impact on student-athletes transferring from Division II to Division I and provided feedback on how to educate the Division II membership on that impact if it is adopted. The committee discussed potential legislative changes to the one-time transfer exception in Division II and directed staff to seek feedback from the Academic Requirements Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for review on the June 29-30 videoconference [see Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2b].
3. **Approval of Division II University test bank for required courses, policies and procedures and communication plan for the 2021-22 academic year.** The committee received an update on the six required courses for the 2021-22 coaches certification, which will be grouped together in a curriculum. The committee reviewed and approved the test questions to be included in the 2021-22 coaches certification as amended, the 2021-22 Division II University policies and procedures and the Division II University communication plan to inform the membership of the release of the required courses in early April 2021.
4. **Review of COVID-19 impact on Division II legislation.** The committee reviewed the actions taken by the Division II Administrative Committee and Division II Presidents Council in response to the impact of COVID-19 and discussed whether any permanent legislative changes were necessary. The committee reviewed feedback from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Division II Coaches Connection groups regarding student-athlete involvement in recruiting and voluntary individual workouts in team sports during vacation periods. The committee agreed to recommend the adoption of noncontroversial legislation to permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting correspondence (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconferences) at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member [See Legislative Action Item No. 1-a]. The committee did not recommend legislation to permit student-athletes in team sports to participate in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, noting the concept conflicts with the division's Life in the Balance philosophy.

5. **Review and approval of the 2021-22 NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism Certification Process policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2021-22 NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism Certification Process policies and procedures. Additionally, the committee referred the approval of the ACP policies and procedures to the Legislative Review Subcommittee permanently, to review annually during its February meetings.
  
6. **Discussion regarding competition in year of transfer legislation and NCAA championship segment.** The committee discussed the application of the competition in year of transfer legislation in relation to the NCAA championship segment and reviewed feedback from the Academic Requirements Committee on the two-year college transfer legislation. The committee agreed to maintain the current application for a student-athlete who competes during the nonchampionship segment at the previous institution when the contest(s) count toward championships selection or if a transfer student-athlete's previous institution declares the alternate playing season.

The committee agreed to issue an official interpretation and incorporate the following into the Division II Manual:

Competition in Year of Transfer Application to Competition During the Nonchampionship Segment and Alternate Playing Season (II)

The Division II Legislation Committee confirmed that a student-athlete who competes during the nonchampionship segment in a sport where the contest(s) count toward championships selection criteria (e.g., golf, tennis) may be immediately eligible for competition during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship upon transfer during the same academic year; further, a student-athlete who competes at an institution where the institution and/or conference declares the alternate playing season in baseball, golf or tennis during the fall term may not be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer to an institution that does not declare the alternate playing season during the same academic year.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 14.5.4.5.8 (competition in year of transfer), 14.5.5.4 (competition in year of transfer), 17.3.5.1 (exception – alternate playing season for institutions located in Puerto Rico), 17.12.5.1 (exception – alternate playing season) and 17.23.5.1 (exception – alternate playing season).]

7. **Discussion regarding the Division II Presidents Council legislative authority.** The committee discussed the current legislative authority of the Division II Presidents Council, specifically NCAA Division II Constitution 5.3.1.1.2 (emergency legislation), Constitution 5.3.5 (submission deadline) and Constitution 5.4.2 (resolutions) and provided feedback regarding possible legislative changes which would assist in expanding legislative options for the Presidents Council when immediate changes to divisional

legislation is necessary. Presidents Council will review feedback from the governance structure at its April 28, 2021, videoconference. Staff noted that any changes to the legislative process would likely move forward as 2022 Convention legislation.

8. **2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee participated in a Division II SWOT analysis as part of the initial development of the 2024-2029 Division II Strategic Plan.
9. **Review of the February 9, 2021, Legislative Review Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 9, 2021, teleconference report. The committee approved the subcommittee's recommendation of two pieces of noncontroversial legislation [see Legislative Action Item Nos. 1b and 1c] and referral of one nonlegislative concept to the Academic Requirements Committee [see Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2a].

The committee also agreed to elevate the May 24, 2006, Division II staff interpretation to an official interpretation and incorporate the following into the Division II Manual:

Attendance Restriction at Institutional Camps/Clinics (II)

The Division II Legislation Committee confirmed that attendance at institutional camps/clinics may be limited by grade level or gender or both.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.12.1.2 (attendance restriction) and a staff interpretation (05/24/06, Item Ref. 1), which has been archived.]

10. **Review of the December 21, 2020, Interpretations Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the December 21, 2020, teleconference report.
11. **Update from the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and Management Council January/February 2021 Meetings.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the January/February 2021 Presidents Council and Management Council quarterly meetings.
12. **Review of November 2, 2020, videoconference and December 4, 2020, electronic communication NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the November 2, 2020, videoconference and December 4, 2020, electronic communication reports.
13. **Other business.** The committee discussed whether additional COVID-19 season-of-competition waiver flexibility should be provided to 2021 spring sport student-athletes. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement declined to support

additional flexibility beyond what has already been approved by the Division II Administrative Committee, noting that spring competition has not been significantly impacted at this point. The Legislation Committee agreed the current flexibility remains appropriate.

**14. Future Meeting Dates.**

- a. June 29-30, 2021; videoconference.
- b. September 2021, date to be determined; videoconference.
- c. November 3-4, 2021; Indianapolis (tentative).
- d. March 2022, date to be determined; Indianapolis (tentative).

*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

<b>NCAA Division II Legislation Committee March 1, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University.	
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council chair).	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College.	
David Marsh, Northwood 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>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	

<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
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Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.
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<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
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Emily Capehart, Roxann Frankel, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Jobrina Marques, Corbin McGuire, Jeff Myers, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red and Ashley Thornburg.
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**SUMMARY OF WINTER 2021 QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

**National Collegiate Athletic Association**

**January 11, 2021, Division II Management Council and January 12, 2021, Division II Presidents Council**

**February 3, 2021, Division II Management Council**

**February 5, 2021, Division II Management Council and February 5, 2021, Division II Presidents Council**

***JANUARY 11, 2021, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND JANUARY 12, 2021, DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS.***

**1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its videoconference at 11 a.m. Eastern time Monday, January 11.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its videoconference at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday, January 12.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

**2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**a. Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions from its fall meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions from its fall meetings.

**b. NCAA Board of Governors.**

**(1) October 27, 2020, Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its October 27, 2020, videoconference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its October 27, 2020, videoconference.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the November 10 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity videoconference report. The Management Council noted that it will review the committee's recommendation regarding NCAA committee member appointment process analysis during its April meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the November 10 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity videoconference report.

**c. Division II Administrative Committee.**

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

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

**3. 2020-21 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the status of the 2020-21 Division II priorities, noting that progress has been made on each of the various strategies within the priorities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**4. NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

**a. 2021 Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the schedule for the 2021 NCAA Convention, noting those meetings where their attendance was most important.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the schedule for the 2021 Convention.

**b. Proposed Legislation for the 2021 Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the legislative proposals for the Division II business session. The Council discussed actions that could occur relative to the three proposals. The Management Council discussed an update from NCAA President Mark Emmert, who requested each of the three divisions delay their votes on name, image and likeness legislation. The request came after the NCAA received concerns from the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division related to the name, image and likeness proposals. The Management Council noted its support of the Association's commitment to providing student-athletes additional opportunities in the area of name, image and likeness, but supported a delay until the NCAA can gather additional relevant information.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the proposals for the business session. The Presidents Council withdrew the division's name, image and likeness proposal from consideration during the 2021 Division II business session. The Presidents Council noted that it remained supportive of the Division II legislative proposal developed around name, image and likeness, which followed a process that included thorough input from the membership and student-athletes. However, given the current environment that is outside of Division II's control, the Presidents Council agreed that the responsible and prudent response is for the division to postpone a vote until such time that the NCAA can gather additional relevant information about the potential impact of the various external concerns currently surfacing around this issue.

**c. Review Management Council Assignments for Division II Legislative Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its speaking assignments for the Division II business session.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed its speaking assignments for the Division II business session.

**d. Procedural Issues Document.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the procedural issues document, as presented. It was noted by staff that this document was provided to all Division II delegates via directed communications and posting on NCAA.org.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the procedural issues document, as presented. It was noted by staff that this document was provided to all Division II delegates via directed communications and posting on NCAA.org.

**e. Question and Answer Guide Related to the 2021 Convention Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the question and answer guide related to the 2021 Convention proposals, noting that it was a good reference tool when reviewing proposed legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**f. Presidents-Council Sponsored Legislation for the 2022 Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the three Presidents-Council sponsored proposals that were previously approved in legislative format.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the three Presidents-Council sponsored proposals that were previously approved in legislative format.

**g. Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form one noncontroversial proposal that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal No. NC-2022-1), as presented. The proposal is listed below.

- **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Segments of Playing Season -- Eliminate Two-Segment Limit -- Track and Field**, which in track and field, eliminates the restrictions on dividing the playing season into not more than two distinct segments; further, it specifies that each segment must consist of at least one week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

**a. Division II Committees.**

**(1) Championships Committee.**

**(a) October 15 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's October 15 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) November 5 Videoconference.**

**i. Bracket/field size Reductions for the 2021 Winter and Spring Sport Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved conducting the 2021 Division II winter and spring sport championships with reduced bracket/field size adjustments.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[This recommendation was approved November 30 by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee. See Item No. 5-a-(4)-(a)-ii for additional details.]

**ii. Sport Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following sports and rules committee appointments, effective immediately:

- **Men's and Women's Cross Country. Jason Bryan**, head cross country and track and field coach, Catawba College, to replace Amelia Maher, director of external operations, South Atlantic Conference, who resigned from the committee.
- **Men's Lacrosse. Dan Mara**, commissioner, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, to replace Dan Velez, director of athletics, New York Institute of Technology, who resigned from the committee.
- **Softball. Kendall Rainey**, director of athletics, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, to replace Michelle Caddigan, deputy director of athletics,

Wingate University, who had originally been selected but declined the appointment.

- **Softball Rules. Kristin Mort**, co-director of athletics, Colorado Mesa University, to replace Todd Buckingham, head softball coach, Saginaw Valley State University, who resigned from the committee.
- **Men's and Women's Track and Field. Joe Wassink**, head men's and women's track and field coach, Limestone University, to replace Adam Ward, head men's and women's track and field coach, Augusta University, who resigned from the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[These appointments were approved December 7 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

**(c) November 19 Email Action.**

- **Field Size Reductions for the 2021 Outdoor Track and Field Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved conducting the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship with reduced bracket/field size adjustments.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[This recommendation was approved November 30 by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee. See Item No. 5-a-(4)-(a)-ii for additional details.]

**(d) December 3 Videoconference.**

- i. One-Year Waiver of Regional Site Determination.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee

approved for the 2020-21 academic year only, waiving NCAA Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (criteria for regional site determination) to provide sport committees flexibility in selecting regional hosts.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[This recommendation was approved December 7 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

**ii. Sport Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following sports and rules committee appointments, effective immediately:

- **Women's Golf. Melanie Robotham**, assistant commissioner, Lone Star Conference, to replace Jackie Wallgren, senior associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Colorado State University-Pueblo, who resigned from the committee.
- **Wrestling. Dale Lennon**, director of athletics, University of Mary, to replace Ann Traphagen, former deputy director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augustana University (South Dakota), who resigned from the committee.

[These appointments were approved December 7 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

**(d) January 7 Videoconference.**

- **Division II Winter Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update on the committee's discussion regarding 2021 winter championships, including return-to-championships plans, conference sports sponsorship numbers, and a "decision tree" and timeline regarding the conduct of winter sport championships (e.g., sponsorship thresholds necessary

to conduct a championship, whether to adjust bracket/field size, etc.) that will help ensure communication and connectivity within decision-making groups in the governance structure.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a verbal update on 2021 winter championships, including return to championships plans.

**(2) Legislation Committee.**

**(a) November 2 Videoconference.**

**i. Noncontroversial Legislation – Division II Bylaw 13.4.3.1– Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Advertisements and Promotions – Recruiting Advertisements – Elimination of Restrictions.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Division II Bylaw 13.4.3.1 (recruiting advertisements) and permit institutions to produce any advertising and promotional material designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete, provided the recruiting advertisement does not publicize interest in a particular prospective student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**ii. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 13.4.4 and 13.10.2 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials and Publicity – Electronic Transmissions and Comments Prior to Signing – Recruiting Correspondence with Multiple Uncommitted Prospective Student-Athletes.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 13.4.4 (electronic transmissions) and 13.10 (publicity) to permit coaching staff members to participate on a telephone/video call and electronic correspondence with any number of contactable uncommitted prospective student-athletes (and their family members).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**iii. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.17.4 – Recruiting – Recruiting Calendars – Dead Periods for Other Sports – Wrestling.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.17.4 (dead periods for other sports) to designate, in wrestling, the Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention as a dead period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**iv. Legislative Referral to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Division II Coaches Connection Groups – Student-Athlete Involvement in Recruiting Correspondence.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred a legislative concept to amend Bylaws 13.1.2.4 (student-athlete) and 13.1.3.4.1 (enrolled students and student-athletes) to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Division II Coaches Connection groups for a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether to permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting correspondence (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconference) at the direction and/or expense of a coaching staff member.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**v. Legislative Referral to the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee – Competition in Year of Transfer.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred a legislative concept to amend Bylaw 14.5.4.5.8 (competition in year of transfer) to the Division II Academic Requirements Committee for a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether a transfer student-athlete should be ineligible at the certifying institution if he or she competes during the nonchampionship segment at the previous institution when the contest(s) count toward championships selection, or if a transfer student-athlete's previous institution declares the alternate playing season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- vi. **Legislative Referral to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Coaches Connection Groups – Playing and Practice Seasons – Institutional Vacation Period – Team Sports – Summer Activities.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred a legislative concept to amend Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Coaches Connection groups for consideration of a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether to permit student-athletes in team sports to 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- vii. **Blanket Waiver for Alternate Playing and Practice Seasons for the 2020-21 Academic Year – Application of the 14-Consecutive Calendar-Day Period Break Between the Nonchampionship and Championship Segments.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee issued as blanket waiver that specifies in all sports, if the nonchampionship segment precedes the championship segment, student-athletes must be given a 14-consecutive calendar-day break, during which no countable athletically related activities may occur, at some point between the nonchampionship and championship segments. Further, the blanket waiver specifies that institutions may determine

when the break occurs, and it does not need to immediately follow the conclusion of the nonchampionship segment (teams can proceed directly in to the eight-hour segment).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note: This recommendation was approved November 4 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

**(b) December 4 Email Action.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's December 4 report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) Update Regarding Name, Image and Likeness Third-Party Administrator Vendors.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on next steps regarding the name, image and likeness third-party administrator vendors. On September 4th, the NCAA staff distributed an RFP seeking third-party vendors to assist with the administration of activities related to the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness, with the RFP focusing on three possible key areas of assistance: (1) disclosure and transparency; (2) monitoring and evaluation; and (3) education. On October 2, 19 bids were received and reviewed by an internal review team who narrowed the list to eight vendors. A second review group, which consisted of NCAA staff from various departments, three members of the Division I Legislative Solution Group and one Division I student-athlete, reviewed the eight vendors and narrowed the list down to five finalists. The week of November 9th, the five finalists provided a virtual presentation to national office staff, as well as external individuals from the membership in all three divisions. The selection of the third-party administrator(s) was supposed to occur the week of November 20th, however, there is currently a secondary review occurring, which is focused on the following areas: (1) financial framework; (2) conflicts of interests; (3) enforcement and dispute resolution; and (4) the current government and legal environment. The Management Council provided staff with feedback on whether Division II should require the use of a third-party administrator, similar to the Division I proposal. The feedback

will be provided to the Division II Legislation Committee, who will discuss the issue during their March meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the third-party administrator vendor process and next steps.

**(3) Membership Committee.**

• **November 9 and December 2 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's November 9 and December 2 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

**(a) November 30 Videoconference.**

**i. Suspensions/Reductions to the Division II Initiatives Budget.**

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the suspensions/reductions to the Division II initiatives identified in the budget-to-actual report for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year (FY21).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors updated the FY21 revenue estimates this past October to project a 75 percent reduction in championships ticket revenues. To continue the division's conservative approach, the committee is recommending the use of the reduced budget for Division II, as approved by the Board of Governors in October, which is \$39,654,761. This is a \$6,900,782 reduction from the original estimate of \$46,555,543. The suspensions/reductions recommended in the attachment for the Division II initiatives would assist with the efforts towards maintaining the financial stability of the division long term.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the suspensions/reductions to the Division II initiatives

identified in the budget-to-actual report for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

**ii. Reductions to the Winter and Spring Championships Bracket/Field Sizes.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following bracket/field size reductions to the winter and spring championships.

<b>Winter Sports</b>			
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Full Bracket/ Field Size</b>	<b>Recommended Bracket/Field Size (% reduction)</b>
Men's Basketball	304	64	48 (25%)
Women's Basketball	305	64	48 (25%)
Men's Indoor Track and Field	176	270	202 (25%)
Women's Indoor Track and Field	201	270	202 (25%)
Men's Swimming and Diving	76	175	146 (17%)
Women's Swimming and Diving	102	205	146 (29%)
Wrestling	63	180	132 (27%)
<b>Spring Sports</b>			
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Full Bracket/ Field Size</b>	<b>Recommended Bracket/Field Size (% reduction)</b>
Baseball	252	56	42 (25%)
Men's Golf	224	108	84 (22%)

Women's Golf	200	96	72 (25%)
Men's Lacrosse	72	12	10 (17%)
Women's Lacrosse	111	16	12 (25%)
Women's Rowing	16	6 teams per event (2)	4 teams per event (2) (34%)
Softball	290	64	48 (25%)
Men's Tennis	148	48	36 (25%)
Women's Tennis	207	48	36 (25%)
Men's Outdoor Track and Field	225	377	283 (25%)
Women's Outdoor Track and Field	256	377	283 (25%)

The reductions reflect recommendations from the Division II winter and spring sport committees and approved by the Championships Committee. The Championships Committee requested that each sport committee determine appropriate brackets/field sizes that help mitigate projected budget shortfalls without compromising the student-athlete championship experience. For the most part, sport committees were able to arrive at a 25 percent reduction (or approximately) to be able to offer as many student-athlete opportunities as possible and retain brackets that are reasonable to conduct and protect the integrity of the event. Instances where the recommended reductions are more or less than 25 percent are primarily due to logistical or practical concerns with operating the event.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the update on the bracket/field size reductions for winter and spring championships.

[This recommendation was approved December 7 by the Division II Administrative Committee.]

**iii. 2021-24 Championships Triennial Budget Requests.**

Management Council. During its October meeting, the Management Council endorsed the requests for the triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2021-22, as follows:

Women's Basketball	Coordinator of officials	\$17,500
Men's and Women's Basketball	Rest day between quarterfinals and semifinals at Elite 8	\$28,080
Football	Video Replay during quarterfinal games	\$20,000
Women's Golf	Increase travel party by 1 student athlete for final site (to be equitable with the men)	\$28,000
Men's and Women's Lacrosse	Squad size increase	\$832
Men's and Women's Soccer	Headsets for officials	\$5,000
Men's and Women's Tennis	Rest day between quarterfinal and semifinal rounds	\$4,760
Women's volleyball	Travel party increase	\$50,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>\$154,172</b>

The Presidents Council and the Planning and Finance Committee allocated \$190,465 to the base budget for championships for the triennial cycle beginning in fiscal year 2021-22. The Championships Committee discussed all

requests from sport committees, which totaled more than \$2 million, and prioritized them accordingly, collaborating with sport committees throughout the process to ensure all stakeholders were aware of the conditions and constraints.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the requests for the championships triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2021-22.

**(b) 2020-21 Year-to-Date Budget to Actual.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual figures as of November 30, 2020.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual figures as of November 30, 2020.

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

• **2022 NCAA Convention Legislation – Bylaw 17.1.6 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Required Day Off – Civic Engagement.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2022 Convention to amend Bylaw 17.1.6 (time limits for athletically related activities) to specify that all countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, effective August 1, 2022.

This proposal is designed to provide more opportunities for student-athletes to participate in civic engagement (e.g., voting, volunteering, community engagement). By requiring an annual day off from countable athletically related activities each year, student-athletes will have focused time to civically engage, including time to vote in presidential and some congressional, state and local elections, and will have more opportunities to amplify their voice. This proposal supports the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's "Total Package Student-Athlete" goal that encourages student-athletes to be well-rounded students and exercise their right to vote. This proposal would not impact competitive or recruiting equity since the legislation would impact all institutions in the same manner.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2022 Convention and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its April in-person meeting.

**(6) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's December 1 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

• **Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force.**

• **October 30 and December 3 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the task force's October 30 and December 3 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the task force's October 30 and December 3 videoconference reports.

**c. Association-Wide Committees.**

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

• **September 21-22 and December 9 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 21-22 and December 9 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 14 videoconference report. The Management Council discussed feedback from the committee on a referral regarding the recommendation to add STUNT as an emerging sport for women. The council agreed to

discuss this recommendation, as well as the additional feedback from the committee, during its April meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Joint Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committees' joint September 15 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 14 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Olympic Sports Liaisons Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 16 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**6. DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.**

• **2021 Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**7. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ISSUES.**

- a. Chair Election.** The Presidents Council elected Allison Garrett, president, Emporia State University, as chair of the Council, effective July 1, 2021, through the conclusion of the 2022 Convention. President Garrett is eligible for reelection.

- b. Vice Chair Election in April.** The Presidents Council was advised that a vice chair would be elected at the April meeting to serve from July 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. President Council members who wish to serve should contact the chair or the vice president of Division II.
- c. Region 2 Vacancy Election.** The Presidents Council elected Blake Thompson, president, Mississippi College, as the Region 2 representative to the Presidents Council. President Thompson will begin his term on the council immediately, with his term expiring at the conclusion of the 2027 Convention.

## 8. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

### a. Executive.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president and the NCAA chief of staff, which included President Emmert's priorities for 2021; and updates regarding COVID-19; name image and likeness; and the Board of Governors policy on campus sexual violence.

### b. Legal.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA chief legal officer/chief operating officer regarding Association-wide matters and legal matters; as well as from the chair of the NCAA Board of Governors concerning the Board's priorities.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the NCAA chief legal officer/chief operating officer regarding Association-wide matters and legal matters; as well as from the chair of the NCAA Board of Governors concerning the Board's priorities.

### c. Sport Science Institute.

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.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on the Association's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**d. NCAA Eight-Point Plan to Advance Racial Equity.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the NCAA Eight-Point Plan to Advance Racial Equity.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**e. Sustainability and the Division I Collegiate Model.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the Division I sustainability and collegiate model review currently underway in Division I.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the Division I sustainability and collegiate model review.

**f. Division II Championships Protocols for 2021 Winter and Spring Sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the Division II championships protocols for 2021 winter and spring sports.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the Division II championships protocols for 2021 winter and spring sports.

**g. Division II Academic Success Rate and Federal Graduation Rates.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the trends in Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates at Division II institutions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received information regarding the Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates at Division II institutions.

**h. Division II Degree Completion Award.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the Division II Degree Completion Award.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received information on the Division II Degree Completion Award.

**i. Division II Transfer Portal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the trends in the Transfer Portal regarding Division II student-athletes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council deferred this item to its April meeting.

## 9. **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 Representative Association.**
- e. **Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association.**
- f. **National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. **Women Leaders in College Sports.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

## 10. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on a Division I proposal that would allow student-athletes the ability to transfer and compete immediately once during their collegiate experience and its potential impact on Division II.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

## 11. **MEETING RECAP/ITEMS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included: Discussions regarding status and next steps of the name, image and likeness proposal in Division II, Division II winter championships, graduation rates and Academic Success Rate information, Division II Transfer Portal, and information regarding the Division II Degree-Completion Award.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**12. RECOGNIZING OUTGOING MEMBERS.**

Management Council. The Management Council recognized the following individuals, whose terms are ending on the Management Council: Jessica Chapin, interim director of athletics, American International College; Chris Graham, commissioner, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; and Felicia Johnson, director of athletics, Virginia Union University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2021 through January 2023.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2021 through January 2023.

**14. ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Eastern time January 11.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 4:24p.m. Eastern time January 12.

***FEBRUARY 3, 2021, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING.***

- 1. Welcome and Announcements.** The Management Council convened its videoconference at 2 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, February 3. The chair welcomed those in attendance and introduced the three new members of the Council: Marcus Clarke, senior associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Danny McCabe, director of athletics, Adelphi University; and Jackie Wallgren, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Colorado State University-Pueblo.
- 2. Convention Evaluation.** The Management Council discussed and evaluated the governance meetings that were held jointly with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Presidents Council, as well as all other sessions developed for and by the division. Additionally, several members of the Convention management staff joined the meeting to obtain relevant feedback on the overall Convention and its programming and logistics. Suggestions were offered by the Council.
- 3. Convention Legislation.** The Management Council noted the following results from the Division II Business Sessions, held during the 2021 NCAA Convention.

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Business Session</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Count (Actual Count or Paddle)</b>
2021-1	II	Withdrawn	
2021-2+	II	Adopted	256/15/3
2021-3	II	Moot	

+ Effective August 1, 2021.

#### **4. Other Business.**

- a. Winter Championships Timeline.** The Management Council was provided an update on the timeline to discuss recommendations regarding winter championships.
- b. Game Day Initiative.** The Management Council was provided an update that the Disney Institute conducted a Champions meeting (e.g., a small working group to develop the initiative) in early February. The Division II conference commissioners and Division II Athletics Directors Association board will have a preview of the game day initiative during its October 2021 joint meeting. The first workshop for the Division II membership will be held in conjunction with the 2021 Convention.

### ***FEBRUARY 5, 2021, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND FEBRUARY 5, 2021, DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS.***

#### **1. Welcome and Announcements.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its videoconference at 11 a.m. Eastern time Friday, February 5.

The chair welcomed those in attendance.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its videoconference at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time Friday, February 5.

The vice chair welcomed those in attendance. The vice chair introduced the one new member of the Council, Blake Thompson, Mississippi College, as well as Management Council chair Jim Johnson, director of athletics, Pittsburg State University.

#### **2. Review of Division II Championships Committee Recommendations.**

- a. January 21 Videoconference.**
  - (1) Revised Championship Format for Baseball.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved following changes in format and dates of selection and competition for the 2021 Division II Baseball Championship, creating one round of regional competition, with winners advancing to the finals site:

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Selections	May 16	May 23
Regionals	May 20-22	May 27-30
Super Regionals	May 28-29	N/A
Finals	June 5-12	June 5-12

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved changes in format and dates of selection and competition for the 2021 Division II Baseball Championship.

**(2) Revised Championship Format for Softball.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following changes in format and dates of selection and competition for the 2021 Division II Softball Championship, creating one round of regional competition, with winners advancing to the finals site:

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Selections	May 9	May 16
Regionals	May 13-15	May 19-21
Super Regionals	May 20-21	N/A
Finals	May 27-31	May 27-31

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved changes in format and dates of selection and competition for the 2021 Division II Softball Championship.

**(3) Super-Region Contingency Plan for Wrestling.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a contingency plan in the event a super region site cannot host due to COVID-19 issues (e.g., local health officials not allowing the event to occur) that would use the pre-seeding typically done for super regions site to determine wrestlers advancing to the finals site.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved a contingency plan in the event a super region site cannot host due to COVID-19 issues.

**(4) Contingency Plan for Qualifier Adjustments in Wrestling.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved allowing the Division II Wrestling Committee to adjust the qualifier allocations within each super region while still complying with the recently reduced maximum number of qualifiers (132).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved allowing the Division II Wrestling Committee to adjust the qualifier allocations within each super region while still complying with the recently reduced maximum number of qualifiers (132).

**b. February 4 Videoconference.**

**(1) Winter Sports Sponsorship Update.**

Management Council. The Management Council, reviewing the most recent sponsorship numbers obtained with the help of a Division II Conference Commissioners Association survey and participation data from the NCAA statistics staff, coaches associations and sport-specific NGBs, and affirmed its intent to continue conducting winter sport championships as planned with the reduced brackets/field sizes previously approved.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council affirmed the intent to continue conducting winter sport championships as planned with the reduced brackets/field sizes previously approved and supported the plan.

**(2) Revised Regional Alignment for the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommends that the Presidents Council approve a blended regional alignment for the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, as follows:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Composition</b>
Atlantic	Mountain East Conference/Great Midwest Athletic Conference and members of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference still competing.
Central	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

East	East Coast Conference/Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and members of the Northeast-10 Conference still competing.
Midwest	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference/Great Lakes Valley Conference.
South	Gulf South Conference/Peach Belt Conference and members of the Sunshine State Conference still competing.
Southeast	South Atlantic Conference/Conference Carolinas and members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference still competing.
South Central	Lone Star Conference/Great American Conference.
West	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference/Pacific West Conference and members of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference still competing.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the blended regional alignment for the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships.

**(3) Men's and Women's Basketball.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Championships Committee approved the following recommendations from the basketball committees:

- (a) Adjusted the Regional Advisory Committee assignments for 2021 to reflect the blended regional alignment. With this change, RAC members would be responsible for evaluating teams competing during the regular season in the blended regional alignment;
- (b) For championships selection purposes in 2021, schools "under consideration" will be listed in alphabetical order for the first two scheduled ranking calls rather than in rank order due to the limited data available (the listing would return to rank order on the third ranking call leading into selections as more games are played); and
- (c) Authorized staff to grant waivers according to the criteria outlined for institutions not meeting the minimum number of contests for selections rather than processing them through the Championships Committee, since waiver requests are anticipated.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the actions of the Championships Committee.

**(4) Minimum Contest Requirements for Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved eliminating the minimum number of contests required for championship selection purposes in indoor track and field and requiring only one qualifying mark for the 2021 championships.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved eliminating the minimum number of contests required for championship selection purposes in indoor track and field and requiring only one qualifying mark for the 2021 championships.

**(5) Uninvited Relay Alternates in Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved reducing the number of uninvited relay alternates allowed to participate in the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships to one per relay, with expenses continuing to be paid by the institution.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved reducing the number of uninvited relay alternates allowed to participate in the 2021 Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships to one per relay, with expenses continuing to be paid by the institution.

**(6) COVID-19 Testing Update.**

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that that Diamond Health, which has been selected as the testing provider responsible for implementing a comprehensive COVID-19 testing process at Division II championships, is asking institutions to provide information about potential event participants in advance in order to effectively manage the process. All member schools that plan to have teams/individuals participate in any round of NCAA championships must provide information as specified for all sports by February 12. In addition, each team is required to designate an individual as the "team health officer," who will be responsible for ensuring that student-athletes and travel party members adhere to all testing and safety protocols.

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<b>NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council                      January 11 and January 12, 2021, Videoconferences                      February 3, 2021, Videoconference                      February 5, 2021, Videoconferences</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Management Council</b>	<b>Presidents Council</b>
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive	M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University
Jessica Chapin, American International College <i>(January)</i>	Carlos Campo, Ashland University
Teresa Clark, Cedarville University	John Denning, Stonehill College
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association <i>(February)</i>	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Laura Clayton Eady, University of West Georgia	Rex Fuller, Western Oregon University
Mark Corino, Caldwell University	Allison Garrett, Emporia State University
J. Lin Dawson, Clark Atlanta University	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference	Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference <i>(January)</i>
Amy Foster, Seattle Pacific University	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University	Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico
Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, chair <i>(January)</i>	Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University <i>(February)</i>
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken, chair
Felicia M. Johnson, Virginia Union University <i>(January)</i>	T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology <i>(February)</i>
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University	Bruce McLarty, Harding University

<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Management Council</b>	<b>Presidents Council</b>
Kristi Kiefer, Fairmont State University	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth	Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University	Steven Shirley, Minot State University
Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University	William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College
David Marsh, Northwood University	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College <i>(February)</i>
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University <i>(February)</i>	
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	
Harry Stinson, III, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)	
Jackie Wallgren, Colorado State University-Pueblo <i>(February)</i>	
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University	
Jeff Williams, East Central University	
Steven Winter, Sonoma State University	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
<b>Management Council</b>	<b>Presidents Council</b>
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference <i>(February 3)</i>	M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University <i>(February)</i>
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California <i>(February 3)</i>	Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken <i>(February)</i>
Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth <i>(February 3)</i>	T. Dwayne McCay, Florida Institute of Technology <i>(January)</i>
Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania <i>(February 3)</i>	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Jack DeGioia, Georgetown University <i>(January)</i> .	

<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Bridget Fuller, Short's Travel Management ( <i>February 3</i> ).
Rachel Stocking, Short's Travel Management ( <i>February 3</i> ).
Emily Tisdale, Short's Travel Management ( <i>February 3</i> ).
<b>NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Scott Bearby ( <i>January</i> ), Jackie Campbell ( <i>January</i> ), Michael Cioroianu ( <i>January</i> ), Joni Comstock ( <i>January</i> ), Amanda Conklin ( <i>January</i> ), Markie Cook, Morgan DeSpain, Mark Emmert ( <i>January</i> ), Jessi Faulk ( <i>February 3</i> ), Kim Fort ( <i>January</i> ), Haydyn Gibson, Derrick Gragg ( <i>January</i> ), Brian Hainline ( <i>January</i> ), Terri Steeb Gronau, Liz Homrig ( <i>January</i> ), Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Kevin Lennon ( <i>January</i> ), Mckenzie Maneggia ( <i>January</i> ), Corbin McGuire, Roberta Page, John Parsons ( <i>January</i> ), Stephanie Quigg, Melissa Piening ( <i>February 3</i> ), Crystal Reimer ( <i>February 3</i> ), Donald Remy ( <i>January</i> ), Dave Schnase ( <i>January</i> ), Cari Van Sensus ( <i>January</i> ), Jill Waddell, Karen Wolf and Leeland Zeller ( <i>January</i> ).



A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Division II Management Council

Microsoft Teams Meeting

April 12-13, 2021

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Jim Johnson)
2. Review of previous meetings. (Johnson)
  - a. Winter 2021 Management Council and Presidents Council. [Supplement No. 2]
  - b. NCAA Board of Governors. [Supplement No. 3]
    - NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. [Supplement No. 4]
  - c. Administrative Committee. [Supplement No. 5]
3. Review of Division II Strategic Plan. [Supplement No. 6] (Terri Steeb Gronau)
4. Review of 2020-21 Division II Priorities. [Supplement No. 7] (Maritza Jones)
5. NCAA Convention and legislation.
  - a. 2022 Presidents Council-sponsored legislation. [Supplement No. 8] (Karen Wolf)
  - b. Noncontroversial legislation. [Supplement No. 9] (Chelsea Hooks)
  - c. Memo for inclusion of proposals into the Division II Manual. [Supplement No. 10] (Stephanie Quigg)
  - d. Discussion regarding legislative authority and process. [Supplement No. 11] (Wolf)
6. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.
  - a. Division II committees.
    - (1) Academic Requirements Committee. (Danny McCabe)
      - (a) February 8 videoconference. [Supplement No. 12]
      - (b) March 26 videoconference. [Supplement No. 13]

- (2) Championships Committee. (Carrie Michaels)
  - (a) January 7 videoconference. [Supplement No. 14]
  - (b) February 8 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 15]
  - (c) February 12 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 16]
  - (d) February 25 videoconference. [Supplement No. 17]
  - (e) March 4 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 18]
  - (f) March 22 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 19]
  - (g) April 1 videoconference. [Supplement No. 20]
- (3) Degree-Completion Award Committee. [Supplement No. 21] (David B. Kuhlmeier)
- (4) Legislation Committee. [Supplement No. 22] (Dave Marsh)
  - Legislative Review Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 23]
- (5) Committee for Legislative Relief. [Supplement No. 24] (Amy Henkelman)
- (6) Membership Committee. (Bob Dranoff)
  - (a) February 9 videoconference. [Supplement No. 25]
  - (b) February 9 videoconference related to the Division I sustainability and the collegiate model review. [Supplement No. 26]
- (7) Nominating Committee. (Jeff Williams)
  - (a) January 13 videoconference. [Supplement No. 27]
  - (b) February 5 email action. [Supplement No. 28]
  - (c) March 9 email action. [Supplement No. 29]
  - (d) March 15 videoconference. [Supplement No. 30]
- (8) Planning and Finance Committee. (Amy Foster)

- 2020-21 year-to-date budget-to-actual report. [Supplement No. 31]
- (9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. [Supplement No. 32] (Braydon Kubat and Madeleine McKenna)
- b. Division II subcommittees, project teams and task forces.
  - (1) Convention Planning Project Team. [Supplement No. 33] (Julie Rochester)
  - (2) Enforcement and Infractions Task Force. [Supplement No. 34] (Christie Ward)
  - (3) Identity Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 35] (Teresa Clark)
- c. Association-wide committees.
  - (1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 36] (Rochester)
  - (2) Committee on Women's Athletics. (Kuhlmeier)
    - (a) April 15, 2020, videoconference. [Supplement No. 37]
    - (b) September 14, 2020, videoconference. [Supplement No. 38]
    - (c) February 18 videoconference. [Supplement No. 39]
  - (3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 40] (Harry Stinson)
  - (4) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. (Steven Winter)
    - (a) December 8, 2020, videoconference. [Supplement No. 41]
    - (b) March 3 videoconference. [Supplement No. 42]
  - (5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 43] (Henkelman)
  - (6) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. (Roberta Page)
    - (a) November 24, 2020, email vote. [Supplement No. 44]
    - (b) January 20 email vote. [Supplement No. 45]

(c) February 4 videoconference. [Supplement No. 46]

(d) February 10 email vote. [Supplement No. 47]

7. Breakout sessions regarding committee member diversity and appointment process. [Supplement No. 48] (Amy Wilson)

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
Teresa Clark	Marcus Clarke	Brenda Cates
J. Lin Dawson	Laura Clayton Eady	Mark Corino
Bob Dranoff	Marty Gilbert	Amy Foster
Amy Henkelman <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>	Kristi Kiefer	Jim Johnson
David Kuhlmeier	Erin Lind	Braydon Kubat
Kim Vinson	Courtney Lovely Evans <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>	Dave Marsh
Jackie Wallgren	Madeleine McKenna	Danny McCabe
Steven Winter <i>(Facilitator)</i>	Carrie Michaels	Harry Stinson <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>
Jerry Wollmering	Julie Rochester	Jeff Williams <i>(Facilitator)</i>
Terri Steeb Gronau	Christie Ward <i>(Facilitator)</i>	Maritza Jones
Angela Red	Ryan Jones	Karen Wolf
Markie Cook	Stephanie Quigg	Haydyn Gibson
Roberta Page	Morgan DeSpain	Amy Wilson
Corbin McGuire	Chelsea Hooks	

8. Division II Management Council. (Johnson)

a. Policies and procedures. [Supplement No. 49]

b. Elections to fill vacancies from the Lone Star Conference and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. [Supplement No. 50]

c. Management Council committee and project team assignments. [Supplement No. 51]

d. Management Council vice chair election in July. [Supplement No. 52]

e. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit. (Ryan Jones)

9. National office updates.

- a. Executive. (Mark Emmert)
  - b. Legal. (Donald Remy)
  - c. Sport Science Institute. [Supplement No. 53] (Brian Hainline and John Parsons)
  - d. Recap of Division II winter championships and preview of spring championships. (Page)
  - e. Division II Game Day initiative. (R. Jones)
  - f. Student-Athlete Mental Health Survey. [Supplement No. 54] (Lydia Bell and Kelsey Gurganus)
  - g. Student-Athlete Activism and Racial Justice Engagement Study. [Supplement No. 55] (Bell and Gurganus)
  - h. Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee resource. [Supplement No. 56] (Wilson)
10. Affiliated association updates.
- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association. (Henkelman)
  - b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association. (Dranoff)
  - c. CoSIDA. (Wollmering)
  - d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association. (Rochester)
  - e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association. (Stinson)
  - f. National Association for Athletics Compliance. (Jackie Wallgren)
  - g. Women Leaders in College Sports. (Michaels)
11. Other business. (Johnson)
12. Meeting recap/things to report back to conferences. (Johnson)

13. Future meetings. (Johnson)
  - a. July 16, 2021, Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit; virtual meeting.
  - b. July 19-20, 2021, Management Council; virtual meeting.
  - c. October 18-19, 2021, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis.
  - d. January 19-22, 2022, in conjunction with the 2022 NCAA Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - e. April 11-12, 2022, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - f. July 16-17, 2022, Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - g. July 18-19, 2022, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - h. October 17-18, 2022, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
  - i. January 11-14, 2023, in conjunction with the 2023 NCAA Convention; San Antonio, Texas.
14. Adjournment. (Johnson)



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS  
AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
FEBRUARY 16-17, 2021, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Concussion Safety Advisory Group recommendations for Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.** The committee approved changes to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist as recommended by the Concussion Safety Advisory Group. See nonlegislative action item for additional information.
2. **Drug testing program – alternative sampling and test strategies.** The committee established a working group to explore possible alternative sample collection and testing strategies, including athlete biological passports, to the NCAA drug program.
3. **Bylaw 17.1.5.1 (DI & DII) and 17.1.6.4.1(c) (DIII) – Sickle cell solubility test.** The committee recommended all three divisions introduce legislation to eliminate the option for a student-athlete to decline the sickle cell solubility test by signing a written release or waiver.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**Legislative items.**

**a. NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.11.2.6.1 – Medical Screening Examination.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** Recommend that the Division II Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit, during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit to campus, an institution's medical staff member (e.g., athletic trainer) to conduct a medical screening examination.
- (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.
- (3) **Rationale.** Current legislation restricts anyone other than a physician (MD or DO) from conducting basic and preliminary medical screening examinations of prospective student-athletes. This recommendation would allow an athletic trainer to conduct medical screenings if it is within their permitted scope of practice and determined appropriate by the institution's independent medical care administrative structure. The committee noted that a team physician is not always available to perform an evaluation and athletic trainers are typically more available and sufficiently trained to do such screenings. Importantly, this recommendation would not change the type of medical screening permitted, only which medical staff may conduct such

screening. Finally, the committee supported NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2018-56, which was adopted by Division I in 2019. If adopted, this proposal would align Division II with Division I by allowing appropriate medical staff to conduct a medical screening during a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Minimal. May reduce costs historically resulting from allocation of full-time team physician resources to these tasks.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. NCAA Division I and II Bylaw 18.4.1.4.5 and NCAA Division III Bylaw 18.4.1.5.5 – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs -- Appeals.**

- (1) Recommendation. Recommend that the three divisions introduce/adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that an institution may appeal a drug-testing penalty to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or designated subcommittee), as specified by the committee's policies and procedures; further, to specify that the committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Unlike other committees with authority of appellate opportunities, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' options to provide relief during the NCAA Drug-Testing Appeals process are dictated by legislation. Instead the Committee, which oversees the NCAA Drug-Testing Program, should maintain authority over the appellate process. This authority will ensure the Committee can properly effectuate the intent of the Drug-Testing Program and provide it appropriate flexibility to consider emerging trends in drug-testing. It is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the existing legislated options will be incorporated into the NCAA Drug-Testing Appeals process, which is maintained by the Committee. Finally, this change would align the Drug-Testing Appeals process with most other NCAA appellate processes.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. No budgetary impact.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. NCAA Division I and II Bylaw 17.1.5.1 and NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.1.6.4.1 – Sickle Cell Solubility Test – Elimination of Written Release/Waiver.**

- (1) Recommendation. Recommend that the three divisions introduce legislation to eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. Relevant considerations related to the administration of sickle cell solubility tests, student-athlete privacy and institutional management of the care of trait positive student-athletes have evolved since the adoption of the original legislation which permits a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver to “opt out” of test participation. The legislation was intended to provide institutions with the flexibility to evaluate individual program risks and practices and determine test participation requirements at the campus level. The committee noted that, since there is now an opportunity for schools to efficiently and effectively manage the administrative and privacy burdens historically tied to testing, the benefits related to the appropriate monitoring of sickle cell trait positive student-athletes support the idea of consistent mandatory testing across institutions.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Variable. Many current, institutional policies already require mandatory student-athlete participation with no opportunity to decline the sickle cell solubility test. Where the change will require additional tests, it is anticipated that most institutions will be able to negotiate testing rates with labs such that overall impact is manageable.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being and is intended to reduce participation risks associated with sickle cell trait.

**Nonlegislative item.**

- Extension of Waiver of Obligation to Submit Concussion Safety Protocol.
  - (1) Recommendation. Recommend that Division I extend the waiver of an institution’s obligation to submit its concussion safety protocol to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Committee.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for 2021 submissions only.
- (3) Rationale. The waiver was first adopted for submission of concussion safety protocol during 2020, due to the impacts of COVID-19. During the 2020-21, the Association identified the need for both membership and Committee review and input as to the efficacy and value of continuing the annual submission process, specifically in light of the related institutional burden and availability of the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist, corresponding template and other NCAA educational resources. Ongoing COVID-19 impact has delayed the timing of that review and input.

It is anticipated that institutional resource burden will only increase over the spring, as institutions manage fall, winter and spring sports during 2021 spring. An extension of the waiver will permit schools to focus limited resources that would otherwise be burdened with the annual submission process toward required annual protocol review and update activities while providing the Association with time and an opportunity to collect the membership and Committee input necessary to properly assess the effectiveness of the annual submission process.

The waiver would not change an institution's obligation to maintain an appropriate concussion management plan, including a concussion safety protocol that is consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist. In light of the availability of the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and corresponding template and other educational resources, it is believed that institutions have access to all the tools necessary to comply with applicable concussion protocol management legislation such that the annual protocol submission process is not necessary to mitigate concussion-related risk to student-athletes. This idea has been formally recognized in Divisions II and III where institutions have historically relied on diligent use of the template and other available tools in lieu of an annual submission process.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of December 9, 2020 teleconference minutes.** The committee approved the minutes of its December 9, 2020 teleconference.
  
2. **COVID-19 operational update.**
  - a. COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group and COVID-19 Action Team. The committee received a briefing on several COVID-19 related operational issues, including the ongoing work of the NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group. The committee also reviewed a timeline of COVID-19 related events from early 2020 until present.
  
  - b. Prevention and Performance Subcommittee. The committee received an update about the subcommittee's work since December 2020. The subcommittee continues to consider and develop positions on behalf of the full committee on emerging playing and practice season issues due to the continued pandemic, such as required days off from countable athletically related activity and return to play following a COVID-19 infection.
  
  - c. National Federation of State High School Associations Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The committee received an update about the National Federation of State High School Associations' Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The NFHS is continuing to monitor new research, information and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, the NFHS continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on student-athletes' mental health when they are unable to participate in their sport.
  
3. **Concussion.**
  - a. Concussion Safety Advisory Group recommendations for 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 January 2021, the CSAG recommended several terminology and other editorial changes but did not recommend substantive changes to the Checklist. The Committee noted the need for further discussion about possible CSAG review of identified contact / collision

sports identified for coverage decisions. It also requested a future opportunity for review of concussion-related ISP data that has otherwise been presented to the CSAG. Recommended changes take effect immediately and staff will incorporate changes into the Checklist and thereafter publish it for use by the membership.

- b. Concussion Assessment Research and Education (CARE) Consortium update. The committee received an update on the Concussion Assessment Research and Education Consortium (CARE).

Football Concussion Data Review Activities. The committee discussed the Football Concussion Data Task Force meeting scheduled for March 11, 2021. Specifically, it was noted that the Division I Football Oversight Committee created a Football Practice Calendar Review Subgroup to consider recent findings from CARE and other relevant data and information regarding concussion and head impact exposure and its potential relationship to preseason and practice activities. It has been determined that the following four members of CSMAS will represent the committee in these meetings: 1. Chair; 2. Vice-chair; 3. Active coach (who is currently a football coach); and 4. Chair of the CSMAS Prevention and Performance Subcommittee.

**4. Governance.** The committee received updates from governance staff in each of the three divisions.

- a. Division I. The committee received an update on the activity of Division I governance, including its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. Division II. The committee received an update on recent Division II activities and the division's 2020-21 priorities. It was noted that all but six institutions have submitted data for the NCAA Health and Safety Survey.
- c. Division III. The committee received an update from Division III. Specifically, the division voted to cancel the Division III winter championships and is turning its focus to the spring championships. Further, it was noted that the NCAA Health and Safety Survey was sent in December 2020.

**5. Drug testing program.**

- a. Mitigation policy. The committee received an update from the Drug Test Appeal Subcommittee and approved the following recommendations: 1. Recommend moving drug-appeal mitigation options from legislation to Committee policy (see Legislative Action Item No. B above); 2. Maintain current mitigation options;

3. Strengthen appeal requirements to reflect those used in other appeal protocols (e.g., national anti-doping organizations/international federations, etc.); and 4. Review policy and procedures for consistent approach to sanction relief across all penalties.
  - b. Alternative sampling and test strategies. Building on previous discussions the committee was provided additional information related to athlete biological passport and requirements for longitudinal profiles. The committee established a working group of current and at large members to continue exploring possible alternative sampling and test strategies in the NCAA drug program.
  - c. Division I cannabinoids working group. The committee was informed of the creation of a Division I cannabinoids working group, which was requested by the Division I Football Oversight Committee. The primary purpose of the working group is to explore Association policy and practices around cannabinoids. In light of the intersect between these policies and the committee's oversight of the NCAA's Drug Testing Program, it is anticipated that the working group will include representatives from the CSMAS once it begins its work.
6. **Litigation update.** The committee received an update on several legal issues from a representative in the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
7. **Nutrition supplement permissibility.**
  - a. Chelated mineral. The committee agreed that chelated minerals, while bound to amino acids, should be considered as accounted for in the mineral category of nutritional supplements. The committee charged staff with making an editorial update to the August 11, 2017 Official Interpretation to specify that chelated minerals are a permissible nutritional supplement.
  - b. Lactase. The committee agreed, for the purposes of NCAA legislation, that lactase should be considered a food ingredient rather than a nutritional supplement. Specifically, the committee did not identify any safety concerns or performance enhancing qualities associated with the consumption of lactase. Additionally, the committee noted the practical benefits of permitting schools to provide lactase in milk and other permissible supplements (e.g., protein drink). The committee charged staff with making an editorial update to the August 11, 2017 Official Interpretation to clarify that an institution may permissibly provide lactase to its student-athletes.

**8. Datalys & Injury Surveillance Program update.**

- Protective equipment in women's lacrosse. As previously requested, the committee received a presentation of NCAA Injury Surveillance Program data related to head and face injuries in women's lacrosse. The committee discussed available ISP data as it related to both concussion and non-concussion head and face injuries and the differences and similarities in the information reported for men's and women's lacrosse. The committee referred this topic and related information to the CSMAS Research Subcommittee for additional discussion.

**9. Update on transgender policy.** The committee received an update on ongoing efforts related to the NCAA Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation Summit which occurred on October 5-6, 2020. The summit focused on current principles of inclusion and fairness for intercollegiate competition, and convened representatives from NCAA member schools, external industry and subject matter experts, the broader higher education community, medical and scientific organizations, and external diversity, equity and inclusion experts. The initial considerations developed by summit participants were further evaluated as part of a Delphi process used to identify, if possible, a consensus framework that might inform policy and practice development in the area of gender identity and participation in collegiate sport. Round 1 of the Delphi survey has been completed and a narrative review of scientific and other relevant literature has been initiated with the intent of further informing policy and practice development.

**10. Mental health.**

- a. Diverse Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well-Being Summit update. The committee received an update on the Diverse Student-Athlete Mental Health and Well-Being Summit which was co-hosted by the NCAA's Sport Science Institute and Office of Inclusion in August 2020. The summit was designed to discuss and explore the specific mental health challenges facing student-athletes of color and possible avenues to address those unique issues. Summit participants examined available data and proposed immediate, intermediate and long-term considerations to address identified challenges and summit ideas were further evaluated through a Delphi review process. The Delphi surveys have been completed and the development of consensus statements is in progress. Next steps from the Delphi process will be shared as they become available.
- b. Mental health guidelines for transfer waivers. The committee received an update from the Office of Legal Affairs related to the process through which mental health considerations are evaluated when identified as part of a waiver request from a transferring student who is seeking immediate eligibility.

11. **Sports Medicine Handbook update.** The committee received an operational update on the progress of the Sports Medicine Handbook. Specifically, due to allocation of staff to COVID-19 related work and other staff impacts, the project has been on hold. Work on the project is expected to restart this spring with an expected completion date in summer 2021.
12. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee discussed its upcoming meeting schedule and the transition of some meetings to a virtual platform. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on June 14-15, 2021.

*Committee Chair:* Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
Anne Rohlman, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute

<b>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports February 16-17, 2021, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia	
Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College	
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder	
Pat Chun, Washington State University	
Bob Colgate, National Federation High School Associations	
Jeff Dugas, Troy University	
N. Jeremi Duru, American University	
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida)	
Kirsten Ford, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama	
James Houle, The Ohio State University	
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University	
Nadine Mastroleo, Binghamton University	
Tim McMurray, Texas A&M University	
Nicole Pieart, Aurora University	
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University	
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno	
Buddy Teevens, Dartmouth College	
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon	
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College	

Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh
Talia Williams, Carleton College
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Adrian Boltz, Avinash Chandran and Michelle Dorsey
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
Anne Rohlman
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Laura Arnett, Connor Bran, Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Jennifer Fraser, Brian Hainline, Maritza Jones, Jessica Kerr, Louise McCleary, Crystal Rogers, Anne Rohlman and Jared Tidemann



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed committee members to the videoconference, including new member Betsy Mitchell.
- 2. Approve NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics September 14, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee approved its September 14, 2020, videoconference report.
- 3. NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity update.** NCAA staff provided an update on the Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity's November and December 2020, videoconferences. In November, the committee recommended that NCAA Divisions I, II, and III review the NCAA Committee Member Appointment Process Analysis Report and consider possible actions that support diverse representation in the governance structure. The committee also had extensive conversation about the West Coast Conference's Bill Russell Rule and engaged with the leadership from the Black Athletics Director Alliance. In December, the committee recommended the NCAA Board of Governors review the West Coast Conference's Bill Russell Rule and endorse the rule in principle. The Board of Governors reviewed the rule in January and encouraged NCAA member institutions and conferences to implement the rule, where compliant with state laws and regulations.
- 4. NCAA Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force update.** NCAA staff informed the committee about the work of the task force, which the Board of Governors commissioned to provide guidance to the membership on new requirements in the Association-wide sexual violence prevention policy. The task force will provide a report to the Board of Governors in April. Attestation of the additional policy requirements are effective beginning with the 2022-23 academic year.
- 5. Student-athlete mental health and well-being survey report.** NCAA staff shared a summary of key findings of the student-athlete mental health and well-being survey report, including indications of racial disparities, as it relates to elevated mental challenges among minorities. The survey also provided insights on student-athletes' experiences regarding barriers to training, COVID-19 impact on family and friends, academic success and more.
- 6. 2021 NCAA Convention updates.** NCAA staff informed the committee on the educational sessions developed or supported by the NCAA office of inclusion during the 2021 NCAA Convention. The programs focused on racial justice conversations, student-athlete activism, and student-athlete mental health, as well as the inaugural Division III LGBTQ OneTeam Recognition Awards. In addition, staff shared that the 2021 NCAA/MOAA Diversity and

Inclusion Award winner was Towson University, and debriefed members on the implemented initiatives, policies and best practices which awarded Towson the honor.

7. **Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee updates.** NCAA staff provided an update on the newly created resource for Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designees. The resource will be disseminated spring 2021 and will highlight information on the role's description and functions. Further, plans for ADID-specific content will be presented during the 2021 NCAA Inclusion Forum, as well as collaborating with the NCAA research staff to produce a survey that will evaluate and identify additional ADID needs.
8. **Social justice initiatives update.** NCAA staff shared updates on the elevated efforts and focus on racial justice. As part of these efforts, the office of inclusion is providing educational programs and trainings, developing resources to support student-athlete activism, and launching a webpage designated to this topic in the spring. Internal efforts include programing for the national office staff, collaborations with the NCAA's employee engagement groups, development of unconscious bias training and a resource on inclusive language. Staff also highlighted the success of the diversity and inclusion fall 2020 social media campaign, which reached over 168 million people.
9. **Summit on Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation.** NCAA staff updated the committee on the next steps following the Summit on Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation held in October 2020. The NCAA Sport Science Institute and the office of inclusion are working with external consultants to develop a framework of consensus that may yield recommendations to the Board of Governors. A narrative review on competitive equity, inclusion and mental health has commenced to ensure that up-to-date and evidence-based research informs future considerations of the Board of Governors. Staff also provided an update on state and federal bills impacting transgender athlete participation. Some committee members expressed concern and disappointment with the NCAA's statement surrounding this topic and the need for a stronger statement in support of transgender student-athletes.
10. **NCAA Women of the Year Award updates.** NCAA staff recapped the virtual 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year awards ceremony held in November. The program honored a record 605 student-athletes across Divisions I, II and III, 161 conference-level honorees and the 2020 Woman of the Year Award winner, Asia Seidt, swimming and diving student-athlete from the University of Kentucky. Staff and the Woman of the Year selection committee members continue to discuss potential modifications and areas of improvement for the 2021 nomination process, taking into consideration the challenges caused by COVID-19, including the impact of canceled championships and competition.
11. **Title IX at 50 updates.** NCAA staff shared an update on the inaugural NCAA Title IX at 50 Advisory Group videoconference. The internal group consists of staff from all areas in the national office. The group is tasked with planning the 50th anniversary of Title IX, a celebration that will begin at the 2022 NCAA Inclusion Forum and conclude at the 2023 joint

women's basketball championship in Dallas. The group aims to collaboratively initiate, implement, steward and support programming, educational resources, and recognition opportunities to commemorate the milestone across the Association and its many platforms. The group discussed initial ideas for the year-long celebration, with the purpose to increase awareness, engagement and advocacy surrounding the topic of gender equity across the membership.

**12. Joint CWA and NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee subcommittees discussion.** The committee continued its discussion on the prospect of creating a new joint subcommittee focused on social justice and supported the proposed charge and structure of the group. MOIC will review the proposal during its February videoconference. The two committees will utilize its joint videoconference in April to finalize plans.

**13. Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Graduate Scholarship Selection Committee.** Staff solicited for a volunteer to serve on the selection committee. Miriam Merrill volunteered to fill the vacancy.

**14. 2021 NCAA Inclusion Forum.**

- June 2-4, 2021, virtual.

**15. Future meeting schedule.**

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021, videoconference.
- Thursday, April 22, 2021, joint videoconference with MOIC.

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*Committee chair: Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association*

*Staff Liaisons: Sarah Hebbard, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Jean Merrill, Office of Inclusion*

*Shay Wallach, Office of Inclusion*

<b>NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, February 18, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Renee Bostic, Notre Dame of Maryland University.
Jason Doviak, Alfred State, the State University of New York College of Technology.
Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.
John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.
Haile Mariano, Bucknell University.
Miguel Martinez-Saenz, St. Francis College Brooklyn.
Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Miriam Merrill, Hamilton College.
Kellianne Milliner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Betsy Mitchell, California Institute of Technology
Robert S. Nelsen, 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.
<b>Absentees:</b>
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.
Monica Lebron, Tulane University.
Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Sarah Hebbard, Jean Merrill and Shay Wallach.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Niya Blair-Hackworth, Kina Davis, Gail Dent, Abigail Edwards, Jesse Faulk, Kelsey Gurganus, Craig Malveaux and Amy Wilson.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome.** The chair of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee welcomed the committee members and staff to the videoconference, including new member Bob Caslen.
2. **Review mission and duties.** Two members read aloud the committee's mission and duties.
3. **Approval of NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee September 14, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee approved its September 14, 2020, videoconference report.
4. **NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity update.** Staff provided an update on the NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity's previous videoconferences. The committee recommended that all three divisions review the NCAA Committee Member Appointment Process Analysis Report and consider possible actions that support diverse representation in the governance structure. Per a separate recommendation of the committee, the NCAA Board of Governors reviewed the West Coast Conference's Bill Russell Rule and found it to be a useful strategy to increase diverse leadership. In a statement, the NCAA Board of Governors encouraged the rule's approval and implementation by NCAA schools and conferences, pending compliance with state laws and regulations. The committee also engaged with the Black Athletics Director Alliance and discussed ways to support the group. In addition, it was reported that the Board of Governors approved the committee's recommendation to revise its charter and appoint four new members to CPCDE to increase student-athlete representation.
5. **NCAA Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force update.** Staff provided an update on ongoing efforts to combat campus sexual violence and to educate the membership on the recent amendments to the Sexual Violence Policy. Effective with the 2022-2023 attestation, student-athletes will be required to disclose annually to their school whether their conduct has resulted in an investigation, discipline through a Title IX proceeding or a criminal conviction for sexual, interpersonal or other acts of violence. In addition, schools will need to take reasonable steps to confirm the information provided by student-athletes and to provide it to other member schools if a student-athlete attempts to enroll in a different school. The task force will make recommendations on effective methods to activate and operationalize the new amendments to the Board of Governors during its April meeting.

6. **Student-athlete mental health and well-being survey report.** Staff shared a summary of key findings of the student-athlete mental health and well-being survey report, including indications of racial disparities, as it relates to elevated mental challenges among minorities. The survey also provided insights on student-athletes' experiences regarding barriers to training, COVID-19 impact on family and friends, academic success and more.
7. **Summit on Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation.** Staff updated the committee on the next steps following the Summit on Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation. The NCAA Sport Science Institute and the office of inclusion are working with external consultants to develop a framework of consensus that may yield recommendations to the Board of Governors. A narrative review on competitive equity, inclusion and mental health has commenced to ensure that up-to-date and evidence-based research informs future considerations of the Board of Governors.
8. **Senior minority administrator role.** The committee engaged with NCAA enforcement staff and Southland Conference Deputy Commissioner John Williams, who shared a concept from the NCAA Men's Basketball Oversight Committee for a senior minority administrator role within athletics departments that would mirror the senior woman administrator, as well as complement the Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designation. This designation would aim to address the growing disparity among ethnic minorities in key leadership positions within the Association as well as enhance diverse representation on campus to better reflect and better serve increasingly diverse student-athlete populations.

The committee provided positive feedback and invited the group to further engage on the role at its April meeting.

9. **Division Manual Inclusive Language.** Staff informed the committee of its plans to update the 2021-2022 NCAA Manuals with inclusive language to align with goals of the NCAA Eight Point Plan to Advance Racial Justice. The committee supported this action.

#### **10. 2021 NCAA Convention and national office updates.**

- a. **NCAA Convention.** Staff informed the committee on the educational sessions produced or supported by the office of inclusion during the 2021 NCAA Convention. These programs centered around racial justice conversations, student-athlete activism and student-athlete mental health, as well as the inaugural Division III LGBTQ OneTeam Recognition Awards. The program recordings are available on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). The committee suggested partnering with the office of inclusion and CPCDE to provide similar training (unconscious bias) required for those serving on NCAA committees.
- b. **Award for Diversity and Inclusion.** Staff shared that the 2021 NCAA/MOAA Diversity and Inclusion Award winner was Towson University and debriefed members on the implemented initiatives, policies and best practices which awarded Towson this honor.

- c. **National office racial justice efforts.** Staff shared updates on the elevated efforts and focus on racial justice. As part of these efforts, the office of inclusion is providing educational programs and trainings, developing resources to support student-athlete activism, and launching a webpage designated to this topic in the spring. Internal efforts include programing for the national office staff, collaborations with the NCAA's employee engagement groups, development of unconscious bias training and a resource on inclusive language.

**11. Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee updates.** MOIC chair provided updates on recent initiatives from the office of inclusion, including the status of a newly created resource for ADIDs. This resource will be disseminated in the spring and will highlight information on the role's description and functions. Further, plans for ADIDs-specific content will be presented at the 2021 NCAA Inclusion Forum, and the office of inclusion will collaborate with the NCAA research staff to produce a survey that will evaluate and identify additional ADID needs.

**12. NCAA Champion of Diversity and Inclusion.** The MOIC chair updated the committee on the 2020 NCAA Champions of Diversity honorees/recipients. The honor was created in 2015 by MOIC and the office of inclusion to recognize those who have demonstrated a commitment to advocating for and advancing others in inclusive efforts around athletics. In past years, one individual was honored quarterly. However, with the social injustice and inequities seen throughout 2020, the MOIC and office of inclusion chose to honor multiple people across five categories: chancellor/president, commissioner, athletics director, community supporter and head coach. Individuals were nominated based on how they are influencers in promoting diversity and inclusion; how they are assisting in diversifying pipeline opportunities in their senior or influential position; how they are providing support to underrepresented populations; and their consistency in supporting diversity and inclusion initiatives.

The honorees are as follows:

- Tommy Amaker, head men's basketball coach, Harvard
- Jen Fry, community supporter, JenFryTalks.
- Allen Greene, athletics director, Auburn University
- Jacie McWilliams, commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
- John Nicklow, president, University of New Orleans

**13. 2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign recap.** The committee received a recap of the 2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media campaign that included data collected and compiled by the NCAA communications department. The

campaign reached over 168 million people, which was an 115% increase in reach from the previous year's campaign.

**14. Discussion on joint NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and MOIC subcommittees.**

The committee continued its discussion on the prospect of creating a new joint subcommittee focused on social justice and supported the proposed charge and structure for the group. MOIC and the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will finalize plans for the subcommittee at its joint meeting in April.

**15. 2021 NCAA Inclusion Forum.**

- June 2-4, 2021, virtual.

**16. Future meeting dates.**

- Tuesday, April 20, 2021, videoconference.
- Thursday, April 22, 2021, joint videoconference with CWA.

*Committee Chair:* Dena Freeman-Patton, University of New Orleans  
*Staff Liaisons:* Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Championships in Alliances  
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion

<b>NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 25, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.	
Mark Brown, Pace University.	
Roy Brown, III, Illinois at Springfield.	
Robert Caslen, University of South Carolina.	
Marquetta Dickens, William Peace University	
Dena Freeman-Patton, University of New Orleans.	
Alexis Garrett, Troy University.	
Tony Gaskew, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford.	
Kenneth Gormley, Duquesne University.	
Chaunte O'Neal, University of Miami.	
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.	
Stuart Robinson, New York University.	
Harry Stinson, Lincoln (Pa.) University.	
Dwight Watson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Christine Mayorga, Montclair State University.	
Micaiah Page, Morehouse College.	
Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
John Williams, Southland Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Michael Bazemore and Niya Blair Hackworth.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lydia Bell, Jackie Campbell, Kina Davis, Gail Dent, Abigail Edwards, Kenneth Huber, Craig Malveaux, Jeremy McCool, Jean Merrill, Shay Wallach, Amy Wilson and Karen Wolf.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **September 16, 2020, videoconference report.** The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee approved its September report as presented.
2. **Review of NCAA Division I Publication of Proposed Legislation, NCAA Divisions II and III Official Notices and Name, Image and Likeness update.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the Name, Image and Likeness legislative proposal. The overview highlighted the working group structure for proposal development, core principles applied and a summary of the legislative timeline. Committee members offered comments and asked clarifying questions about various components of the proposals and emphasized the increased administrative responsibility that will be necessary to apply the legislation at the campus and conference levels. Also noted was the recently launched USOPC Athlete Marketing Platform, which has implications for Name, Image and Likeness legislation management for Olympic sport student-athletes.
3. **Other business.** The committee affirmed its next quarterly teleconference will take place in March 2021.

*Committee Chair:* Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference

*Staff Liaisons:* Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs

Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee December 8, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Mikayla Costello, Willamette University (Division III Student-Athlete).	
John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University (Division II Student-Athlete).	
Sarah Fraser, Quinnipiac University.	
Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.	
Charles Guthrie, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.	
Jill Hollembeak, DePaul University.	
Elizabeth Jarnigan, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.	
Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, Syracuse University.	
Craig McPhail, Lees-McRae College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference, chair.	
Rosemary Shea, College of the Holy Cross.	
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University (Division I Student-Athlete).	
Steven Winter, Sonoma State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Alex Smith and Liz Turner Suscha.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Karen Metzger.	



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE  
MARCH 4, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **December 8, 2020, videoconference report.** The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee approved its December videoconference report as presented.
2. **Streamlining of legislation regarding training and competition-related funds.** The committee returned to the discussion on potential streamlining of legislation regarding training and competition-related expense exemptions to NCAA amateurism rules. The committee discussion emphasized that a focus on appropriate offset limitations (e.g., actual and necessary competition and training-related expenses during the calendar year) rather than additional limitations on the source of various funds, with limited exceptions, could eliminate potential cumbersome bureaucracy in application of the legislation. The committee did not take any action but requested the issue be included in any ongoing discussions across the governance structure related to modernization of NCAA rules.
3. **Other business.** The committee discussed the process for selection of the new chair. Committee members may forward their interest, with an electronic vote expected prior to the next committee meeting to allow for the chair elect to have an opportunity to be included in the development of a meeting prior to their first meeting as chair.

*Committee Chair:* Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference

*Staff Liaisons:* Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs

Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee March 4, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Angel Bautista-Ponce, Colorado Mesa University (Division II Student-Athlete).	
Ariana Pena, Neumann University (Division III Student-Athlete).	
Sarah Fraser, Quinnipiac University.	
Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.	
Charles Guthrie, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.	
Elizabeth Jarnigan, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.	
Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, Syracuse University.	
Craig McPhail, Lees-McRae College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference, chair.	
Rosemary Shea, College of the Holy Cross.	
Steven Winter, Sonoma State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Amani Taylor, Tennessee State University (Division I Student-Athlete).	
Jill Hollembeak, DePaul University	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Alex Smith and Liz Turner Suscha.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	



**REPORT OF THE NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STUDENT-ATHLETE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Colby Pepper, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, welcomed the committee members to the call. Pepper gave a special welcome to Angel Bautista, Janne Brown, Bridgett Finn and President Fayneese Miller, new committee members who were participating on their first videoconference.
2. **Review of Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee November 16, 2020, videoconference report.** The committee approved the report of its November 16, 2020, videoconference.
3. **NCAA updates.** Derrick Gragg, NCAA senior vice president for inclusion, education and community engagement, and Donald Remy, NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer, discussed several issues facing the Association, paying special attention to COVID-19 and its mental health implications, the “Russell Rule” and inclusive hiring practices, and the path forward with name, image and likeness.
4. **NCAA Sports Science Institute updates.** Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer, joined the meeting to provide insight into the work of the NCAA Sport Science Institute. Dr. Hainline provided updates surrounding vaccine distribution and COVID-19 in the United States, the March Madness controlled environment and the resocialization of winter sports. He also reported on the recent gender identity summit and the current review of the NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.
5. **NCAA Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force update.** Pepper and Gretchen Miron, NCAA assistant director in executive affairs, provided an update on the work of the task force. Additionally, the committee reviewed the sexual violence policy and provided feedback.
6. **NCAA Divisions I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates from the 2021 NCAA Convention.** Divisional updates were provided on key items discussed during 2021 NCAA Convention.

**7. Strategic priorities.**

- a. **Life After the Game.** The committee received an update on Life After the Game and will continue to pause on this initiative at this time given the uncertainty due to COVID-19.
- b. **One Love Foundation.** The committee has been pleased to support this initiative over the past several years and will continue to provide future support when requested by the One Love Foundation.
- c. **Unity Pledge and Logo.** The Unity Pledge and Logo has been an immense success with collaboration from all three divisional SAACs and this committee. The committee expressed its happiness with the rollout and implementation.

**8. Future scheduled meetings.** The committee established the following meeting schedule:

- a. May 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
- b. August 2021, videoconference; to be determined.
- c. November 2021, videoconference; to be determined.

**9. Adjournment.** The videoconference was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Colby Pepper, Covenant College, Former Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member*

*Staff Liaisons: Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances  
Todd Shumaker, Enforcement  
Danielle Teetzel, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee February 19, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Participants:</b>
Angel Bautista, Colorado Mesa University, NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Division II SAAC.
Bridgett Finn, Lebanon Valley College, NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University, NCAA Board of Governors.
Krissy Ortiz, Lynn University, Former Division II SAAC.
Colby Pepper, Covenant College, Former Division III SAAC.
Jaila Tolbert, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Former Division I SAAC.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Janne Brown, Aurora University, Division III SAAC.
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado, Division I SAAC.
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University, NCAA Division I Council.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Todd Shumaker and Danielle Teetzel.
<b>Other NCAA Staff in Attendance:</b>
Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Gretchen Miron and Donald Remy.



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National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Concussion Safety Advisory Group Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting

*Dial-in number available upon request.*

January 22, 2021  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern

1. Welcome and opening remarks. (Brian Hainline)
2. Advisory Group purpose and introduction. (Hainline)
3. Legislation – history to current date. (Leeland Zeller)
4. Legal update/status of Arrington litigation. (Jessica Kerr)
5. Concussion Assessment, Research and Education Consortium update. (Steve Broglio, Tom McAllister and Mike McCrea)
6. Pac 12 Care Affiliated Program (CAP) data update. (Kim Harmon)
7. Datalys update. (Adrian Boltz and Avinash Chandran)
8. Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist review and discussion. (Hainline)
9. Adjournment.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY  
AND THE NCAA DIVISION I COLLEGIATE MODEL  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Sustainability and the NCAA Division I Collegiate Model.** NCAA staff provided the committee, and additional participants from NCAA Division II member institutions, with an overview of the sustainability review currently being conducted in Division I. The group engaged in initial discussions regarding the potential impact this review may have on Division II, as well as the Association. The group will receive a report following the NCAA Division I Board of Directors videoconference in April. It is anticipated that the group will continue its discussion in summer/fall 2021.

*Committee Chair: Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons: Mike Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee Review of Issues Related to Sustainability and the NCAA Division I Collegiate Model February 9, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University.
Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College.
Andrew Carter, Minot State University.
Clyde Doughty, Bowie State University.
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay.
John Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University.
LaToya Greene Lindsey, University of Mount Olive.
Bashar Hanna, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.
Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico.
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.
Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.
Will Prewitt, Great American Conference.
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.
Steven Shirley, Minot State University.
Debbie Snell, Holy Names University.
Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).
Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Mike Bazemore, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Dana Conner, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Kevin Lennon, Mckenzie Maneggia and Stephanie Quigg.



## NCAA DII 3-Day Champions Workshop

- Discover Disney's approach to a service-centric culture.
- Share key Disney insights with relevant illustrations.
- Review NCAA DII Game Day Service Framework.
- Explore opportunities to plus up the content and "Make It Yours."
- Identify how the NCAA DII Service Playing Field can be applied to conflict resolution.
- Review the updates, changes, and additions to the NCAA DII Game Day.

DAY 1 – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 11:00 – 2:00PM	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions from NCAA DII &amp; <i>Disney Institute</i></li> <li>• <b>Champions will be introduced to Disney's approach to service experience</b> through key principles and insights that define a culture focused on certain business functions and opportunities that many organizations fail to see.</li> <li>• <b>The NCAA DII Champions Challenge:</b> <i>What does the ideal DII Game Day Experience look like?</i></li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Champions will continue to discover Disney's approach to service experience</b> by exploring ways a service culture seeks to not only meet, but exceed the guest's expectations beyond the obvious.</li> <li>• <b>Beginning with a Common Purpose, Champions will discover the key boundaries</b> that outline the <b>Service Framework</b>, which delivers an intentional service experience across various delivery channels in an organization.</li> <li>• <b>The NCAA DII Champions Challenge:</b> <i>How can a Service Framework empower teams to deliver a positive Game Day Experience?</i></li> </ul>
2:00 pm	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>

DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 18, 2021 11:00 – 3:00PM	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Back &amp; Reflect on Day 1</li> <li>• <b>Continuing with the Service Framework, Champions explore the rest of the model</b> by learning about Service Standards and Behaviors designed as a decision-making tool and prioritized for consistency.</li> <li>• <b>The NCAA DII Champions Challenge:</b> <i>What are the desired behaviors that help deliver a positive NCAA DII Game Day Experience?</i></li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Disney Institute will introduce the NCAA DII Game Day Experience Training content</b> by walking through the materials that were intentionally designed to deliver a positive and sportsmanship level training experience.</li> <li>• <b>Champions will also discover the various NCAA DII Service Framework components</b>, activities, and illustrations that define the "Service Playing Field" and a FANTastic NCAA DII experience.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Stretch Break Mid-Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Disney Institute will facilitate a work shop to review materials and recommend ways</b> to align the language and visuals and provide ideas for possible program nomenclature and branding that will <i>Make It Yours!</i></li> </ul>
3:00 pm	<b>END OF DAY 2</b>



## NCAA DII 3-Day Champions Workshop

DAY 3 – FEBRUARY 19, 2021 11:00 – 3:00PM	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Back &amp; Reflect on Day 3</li><li>• <b>Disney Institute will review the key elements of a service experience including:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The various touch points of a guest experience.</li><li>○ The needs, wants, stereotypes, and emotions of the guests.</li><li>○ The importance of nurturing a relationship beyond a transaction.</li><li>○ The gaps in a service experience that may create a poor experience.</li></ul></li></ul>
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Using Disney best practices, the NCAA DII Champions will be guided through</b> a multi-step process to consider various service scenarios and how to best resolve them through the lens of the Service Playing Field.</li></ul>
	<b>Stretch Break Mid-Way</b>
3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>With a deeper understanding of the service impact, the Champions will be challenged</b> to create a service recovery model that can be implemented and reflects the NCAA DII Service Playing Field.</li><li>• <b>Final Words from NCAA DII:</b> <i>What are the expectations and next steps?</i></li></ul>
	<b>END OF DAY 3</b>

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# NCAA / SAAC

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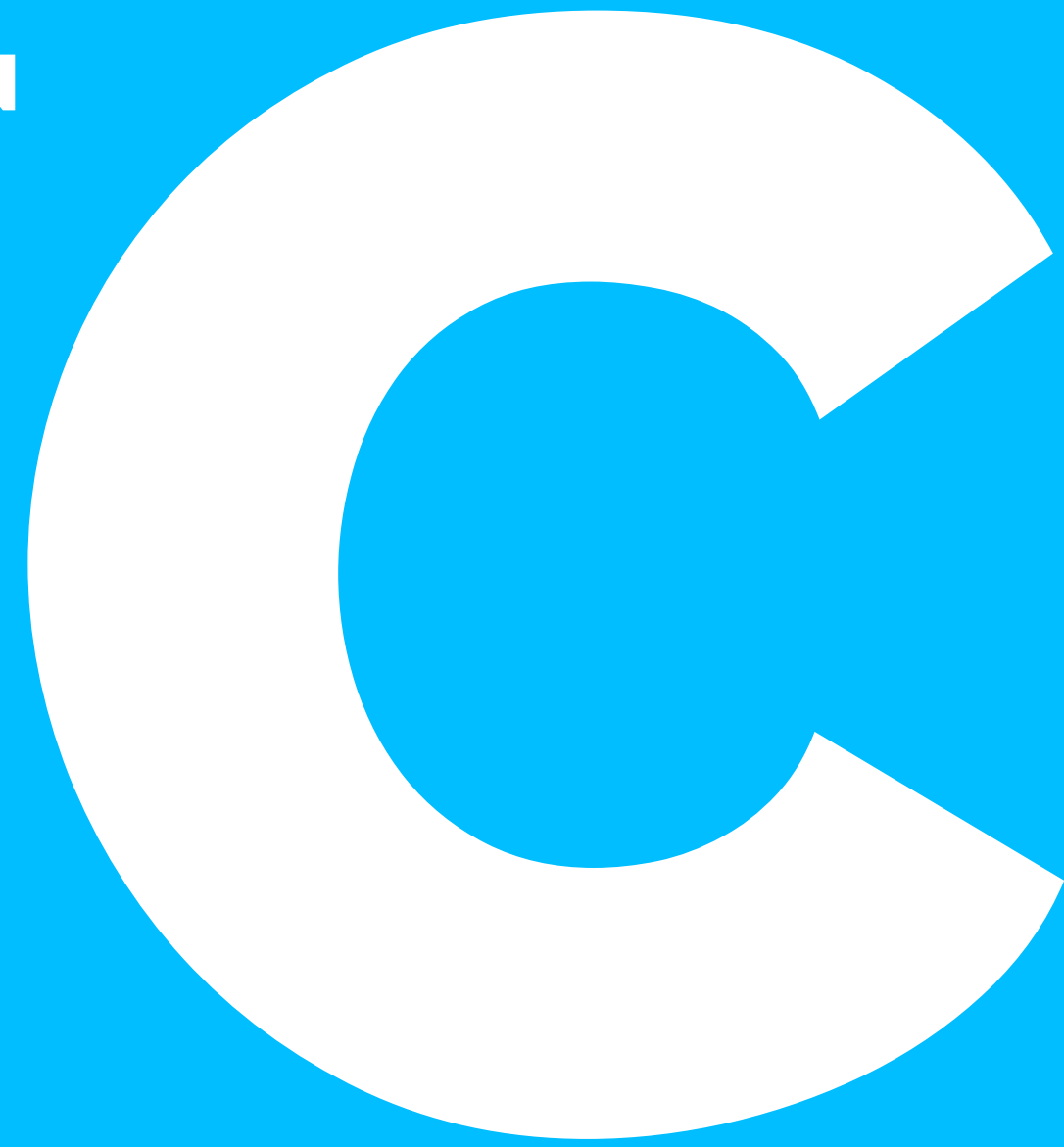
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