



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD  
AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Track and field.**

- a. **Adjustment to outdoor track and field championship qualifying window.** The committee voted unanimously to move the outdoor track and field qualifying window from March 1 to February 1 to allow additional opportunities for institutions that may have limited opportunities to compete during the indoor track and field season. With this decision, and with the indoor and outdoor qualifying windows now overlapping, the committee has decided if the shot put, which is allowed to be thrown outdoors for indoor qualifying, is thrown outdoors at an indoor meet, the mark can only be used for indoor qualifying. Additionally, if the shot put is thrown outdoors at an outdoor meet, it can only be used for outdoor qualifying.
- b. **Indoor track and field medical scratch deadline.** With the impact of COVID testing, the committee began discussing the possibility of adjusting the medical scratch deadline to be sooner than the current deadline of Tuesday at 2 p.m. ET the week of the championships. While no official decision was made the committee acknowledged the need to likely make a change once more is known more about the exact championship testing protocols.
- c. **Indoor track and field championship adjustments.** The committee was informed that with venue capacity restrictions, physical distancing requirements and ensuring tested groups avoid contact with non-tested individuals, that there will not be any fans at the indoor track and field championships. Additionally, teams will not be allowed to set up team camps at the venue and will be restricted to specific venue access times based on the events in which they are participating. Once an athlete's event is complete, they will have to leave the venue.

Also, practice days have been eliminated for the indoor track and field championships. As the committee continues to work toward the development of a 3-day meet schedule, and the need to enforce physical distancing at all times, this helps ensure maintaining a safe environment while protecting competition.

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Lastly, there will be no formal awards presentations, with the exception of the national championship men's and women's team trophies. All other awards for both individuals and teams will be picked up at designated location at the championship site. A plan is also being developed to pursue virtual press conferences and mixed zone/interviews for the championships.

- 2. Cross Country.** The committee was informed that with physical distancing requirements and ensuring tested groups avoid contact with non-tested individuals, that there will not be any fans at the cross country championships. As is the case with indoor track and field, a plan is being developed to pursue virtual press conferences and mixed zone/interviews for the championships.

*Committee Chair:* Milan Donley, University of Kansas, Big 12 Conference  
*Staff Liaison:* Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee December 8, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Blake Boldon, Drake University.
	Abbie Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
	Milan Donley, University of Kansas.
	Jason Drake, California State University, Fresno.
	Elvis Forde, Temple University.
	Sean Harris, Pac-12 Conference.
	Amy Horst, Loyola University Maryland.
	Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.
	Ervin Lewis, University of North Florida.
	Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.
	Matt Roe, Butler University.
	TJ Shelton, The Ohio State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
	Jeff Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.

