



**REPORT OF THE NCAA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MARCH 11, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS:

- None.

INFORMATONAL ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and announcements.** President Michael Drake, NCAA Board of Governors chair, welcomed board members and thanked them for taking the time to participate on the call during this busy and uncertain time. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **NCAA President's report.** President Mark Emmert updated the board about the work of the NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel, which includes leading medical, public health and epidemiology experts from their respective fields of study and NCAA member schools, that was established to guide the Association's response to the outbreak of the coronavirus disease. President Emmert also informed the board of the work of an internal COVID-19 Action Team, comprised of his senior management team, that meets several times daily to monitor the evolving landscape. President Emmert noted that the ever-changing environment makes it imperative that the NCAA make a decision regarding upcoming championships in the next couple of days, reflecting on the potential impact of the on-going conference tournaments.
3. **Preparedness and contingency plans.** NCAA Senior Vice President of Basketball Dan Gavitt and NCAA Senior Vice President of Championships Joni Comstock informed the board of the various contingency plans for moving forward with NCAA men's and women's basketball and other winter championships if a decision was made to conduct upcoming championships with only essential personnel and limited family attendance.
4. **Legal and financial considerations.** NCAA General Counsel Scott Bearby and NCAA Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely informed the board of legal considerations and financial implications of conducting championships with only essential personnel and limited family attendance. Board members agreed that protecting the health and well-being of student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans, should be at the core of any decision-making.
5. **NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel report.** NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline and Dr. Vivek Murthy informed the board of the ongoing discussions of the COVID-19 Advisory Panel. The advisory panel noted the fluidity of COVID-19 and its impact on hosting events in a public space. Because of the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the United States and the need to implement risk mitigations strategies, the advisory panel recommends against sporting events open to the public.
6. **Board discussion and decision.** Every board member provided input and perspective on the information received, including whether a decision should be made immediately. Ultimately, the board unanimously supported the recommendation of the advisory panel and advised President Emmert to announce immediately that all upcoming NCAA championship events, including the Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments, shall be conducted with only essential staff and limited family attendance.
7. **Adjournment.** The teleconference was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Board of Governors chair: Michael Drake, The Ohio State University
Staff liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance
Donald M. Remy, law, policy and governance

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Attendees:
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania.
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky.
Ken Chenault, General Catalyst.
Mary Sue Coleman, Association of American Universities.
John DeGioia, Georgetown University.
Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado.
Michael Drake, The Ohio State University.
Mark Emmert, NCAA.
Allison Garrett, Emporia State University.
Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University.
Grant Hill, CBS/Warner Media/Atlanta Hawks.
Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken.
Renu Khator, University of Houston.
Ronald Machtley, Bryant University.
Fr. James Maher, Niagara University.
Denis McDonough, Former White House Chief of Staff.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.
Tori Murden-McClure, Spalding University.
Vivek Murthy, 19th United States Surgeon General.
Denise Trauth, Texas State University.
Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.
David Wilson, Morgan State University.
Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Diane Turnham, NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Committee chair.
Kevin White, NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee chair.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Dan Gavitt, Terri Gronau, Brian Hainline, Kathleen McNeely, Cari Van Senus and Stan Wilcox.

Report is not final until approval of the Board of Governors.