



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL  
ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
APRIL 27, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **COVID-19 operational update.** The committee received an update on the development of resocialization principles for college athletics, which are expected to be released to the membership in the near future. Additionally, the committee was informed of NCAA operations and ongoing membership engagement to address ongoing issues created by COVID-19. The committee was also informed that the CSMAS Prevention and Performance Subcommittee is meeting regularly to provide feedback on COVID-19 related issues that may impact the health and safety of student-athletes.
2. **Drug testing medical exceptions policy.** The committee approved procedural changes to the medical exception process for narcotics. Specifically, narcotics will no longer require pre-approval. Instead, an institution will be required to complete and maintain documentation that supports the medical need for a student-athlete to be treated with narcotics. This documentation must be provided to the NCAA should the student-athlete test positive for the banned substance. In short, the medical exception process for narcotics will mirror the current process for stimulants used to treat ADHD. In making the change to the medical exception process for narcotics, the committee noted scheduling for surgeries does not allow for timely submission of pre-approval requests and existing confusion in the membership.
3. **COVID-19 playing rules considerations.** The committee discussed its previous recommendation that, in baseball and men's and women's lacrosse, chest protectors must be certified to the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment ND200 standard at the time of manufacturing and contain the Safety Equipment Institution certification mark to be legal for play. The committee reaffirmed the 2021 effective date and noted that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic should not interfere with the implementation of playing rules aimed at reducing health and safety risks.
4. **Update on interpretive application of spring 2020 drug-testing penalties.** The committee received an update on the application of drug-testing withholding penalties that were impacted by the cancellation of the spring 2020 competitive season. The interpretive approach, which was previously approved by the committee's chair and vice chair, provides some flexibility to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 while ensuring the penalties

are still meaningfully applied. The committee encouraged institutions to work directly with NCAA staff to ensure accurate and fair application of the penalties.

5. **2020 vice-chair nomination and election process.** The committee received an update on the vice-chair nomination and election process scheduled to occur by the June 2020 meeting.

*Committee Chair:* Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute  
 Anne Rohlman, NCAA AMA  
 Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute

<b>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports April 27, 2020, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Pamela Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder
Bob Colgate, National Federation High School Associations.
Jeff Dugas, Troy University
N. Jeremi Duru, American University
Dave Eavenson, Methodist University
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida)
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama
Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy
Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University
Nicole Pieart, Aurora University
Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno
Todd Stull, Inside Performance Mindroom.
Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas
Buddy Teeven, Dartmouth College
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College
Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University
<b>Absentees:</b>
Josh Ellow, Swarthmore College
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.

<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
John Parsons, Anne Rohlman and Jessica Wagner
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Laura Arnett, Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Brian Hainline, Jessica Kerr, Paul Roetert, Crystal Rogers and Jared Tidemann