**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - **Minimum contests requirements for championships selection for men’s and women’s basketball for the 2020-21 academic year.**
     (1) **Recommendation.** Reduce the minimum number of contests requirements for championships selection for men’s and women’s basketball for the 2020-21 academic year from 15 contests to 11 contests.
     (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.
     (3) **Rationale.** The recommendation reflects the desire to protect participant health and safety and provide maximum flexibility for institutions and conferences to be eligible for championship competition given the scheduling challenges they are likely to face due to COVID-19. The majority of Division II conferences already have stated they will not begin athletics activities until January 1, and Division II also will not be moving the previously scheduled championship dates. This will result in a compressed regular season for basketball. The only winter sport with an exception to move championships dates is swimming and diving, which will move back one week given the cancellation of the 2021 Division II National Championships Festival.

The Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Committees had recommended reducing the minimum only to 13 games; however, the Championships Committee is recommending 11 for a number of reasons, including consistency with the 50-percent reduction in other sports, and to protect the health and safety of participants. The committee believes an 11-game season will accommodate conferences – most of which will be conducting conference-only competition – and still position the division to stage a viable championship as scheduled. Primarily, however, the committee emphasized the health and safety perspective with the reductions in all winter sports and the feasibility for conferences and institutions to meet a reasonable standard for championship selections.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Reducing minimum contest requirements for championship selections helps preserve championship opportunities for student-athletes.
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 September 9 and 24 videoconferences, as presented.

3. Site selections for the 2022-26 cycle. The committee approved recommendations for championship host sites in all sports for the 2022-26 cycle, including those for the Division II National Championships Festivals. The committee noted these sites provide an excellent mix of proven and new hosts and a breadth of regional diversity that will offer student-athletes an exemplary postseason experience throughout the length of the cycle.

4. Winter sports championships discussion. The committee continued discussing issues regarding winter sport championships, including a 50-percent reduction in the number of minimum contests required for championship selection purposes for men’s and women’s basketball (see Action Item 2). The committee also continued discussing alternate bracket/field sizes and formats to reduce costs and agreed to discuss the matter further during its next meeting October 15.

5. Future meetings/videoconferences.

   - October 15, 2020 (via videoconference).
   - November 5, 2020 (via videoconference).
   - December 3, 2020 (via videoconference).
   - January 7, 2021 (via videoconference).
   - June 10-11, 2021 (via videoconference).
   - September 13-14, 2021 (potentially in person; Indianapolis).

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Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs
# Division II Championships Committee

**October 1, 2020, Videoconference**

## Attendees:
- 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, 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.

## Absentees:
None.

## Guests in Attendance:
- Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
- Russ Yurk, NCAA Contractor.

## NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
- Liz Homrig, Championships and Alliances.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
- Liza Erwin, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Corbin McGuire, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red and Ryan Tressel.