

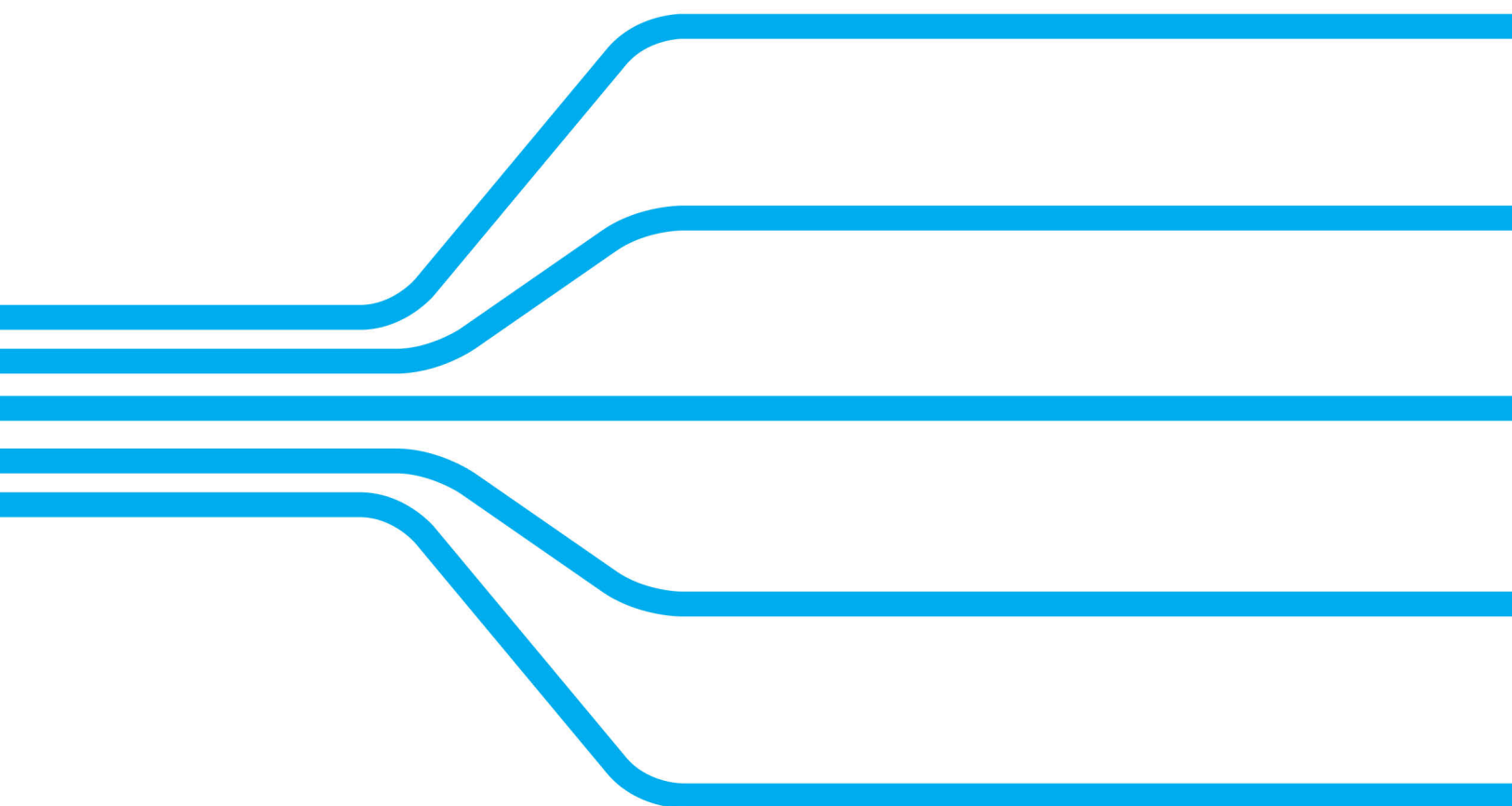
OUR GAME. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.



WBCA DIVISION I TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 21, 2021

WHAT UNITES **OUR** COMMUNITY

OUR VALUES



“WE TIP WITH  
**EXCELLENCE**  
AND **INTEGRITY**”

## **TEAMWORK**

We define success in terms of what we accomplish together.

## **INCLUSION**

We embrace diversity and celebrate differences.

## **PASSION**

We aspire to be the best we can be in all we do.

## **EXCELLENCE**

We succeed in education, basketball and our lives.

## **INTEGRITY**

We honor and respect the game and each other.

# Key Topics

- 2021 Regular season overview.
- 2021 Championship planning.
- Committee action due to COVID impact on 2021 championship policies and selection, seeding and bracketing principles and procedures.



# 2021 Regular Season Overview

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**NCAA WOMEN'S  
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2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN





# 2021 Championship Update

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# 2021 Championship Planning Update

Championship planning in one geographic area is focused on the San Antonio region.

- Limits travel.
- Provides a safe and controlled environment including:
  - Competition and practice venues.
  - Lodging for teams.
  - Consistent medical resources and protocol.
- Anticipated timeline.

# 2021 Championship Planning Update

## Schedule:

- National Semifinals and National Championship to remain on established dates of Friday, April 2 and Sunday, April 4.
- Game dates and times – TBD.

# COVID Impact on 2021 Championship Policies

- Championship Eligibility:
  - 13 game minimum.
  - Must be against DI opponents.
  - One (1) conference tournament game may count toward the 13 game minimum.
  - Waiver can be submitted if 13 games not met.
- Team Travel Party – 34 individuals.



# COVID Impact on 2021 Selection, Seeding and Bracketing Policies and Procedures

- As AQs decrease, at-large allocations increase to maintain a traditional bracket size of 64.
- Waive the .500 rule for at-large selection requiring teams to have overall won-lost records of .500 or better.
- Remove references to using geography for placing teams into the bracket.

# Team Selection Criteria/Priorities

(in alphabetical order)

- Availability of talent
- Bad losses
- Common opponents
- Competitive in losses
- Conference record
- Early competition versus late competition
- Head to head
- NET
- Non-conference record
- Overall record
- Regional rankings
- Strength of schedule
- Significant wins
- Strength of conference

# Key Date Reminders

- **Monday, February 8 – Friday February 26.**  
Championship eligibility waivers accepted.
- **Monday, February 15 and Monday, March 1.**  
Top 16 Reveals.
- **Friday, February 26.**  
AQ requirements due from conferences.
- **Selection Monday, March 15.**  
Bracket announcement at 7 p.m. ET on ESPN.

# Questions?

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