



# **NCAA Division I Virtual Town Hall**

**June 24, 2020**

# Presiding

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**Tricia Cullop**

Head Coach, Toledo  
WBCA President

# Opening Comments

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**Lynn Holzman**  
Vice President of Women's Basketball  
NCAA

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# Other WBCA Board Members Speaking Today



**Cori Close**

Head Coach, UCLA  
WBCA Vice President  
NCAA WBB Oversight Committee



**Jen Rizzotti**

Head Coach, George Washington  
WBCA Immediate Past President



**Jackie Carson**

Head Coach, Furman  
NCAA WBB Oversight Committee

# 2020-21 WBCA Division I Conference Captains

Conference	Captain
America East Conference	Caroline McCombs
American Athletic Conference	Keitha Adams
Atlantic 10 Conference	Nyla Milleson
Atlantic Coast Conference	Amanda Butler
Atlantic Sun Conference	Darnell Haney
Big 12 Conference	Sherri Coale
Big East Conference	Jim Flanery
Big Sky Conference	Tracy Sanders
Big South Conference	Ronny Fisher
Big Ten Conference	Teri Moren
Big West Conference	Bonnie Henrickson
Colonial Athletic Association	Sean O'Regan
Conference USA	Brooke Stoeher
Horizon League	Katrina M. Merriweather
Ivy League	Michael McLaughlin
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Heather Vulin

Conference	Captain
Mid-American Conference	Lisa Carlsen
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	Fred Batchelor
Missouri Valley Conference	Andrea Gorski
Mountain West Conference	Jaime White
Northeast Conference	Jess Mannetti
Ohio Valley Conference	Rekha Patterson
PAC-12 Conference	JR Payne
Patriot League	Bill Cleary
Southeastern Conference	Yolett McPhee-McCuin
Southern Conference	Trina Patterson
Southland Conference	Donna Finnie
Southwestern Athletic Conference	Freda Freeman-Jackson
Summit League	JD Gravina
Sun Belt Conference	Zenarae Antoine
West Coast Conference	Cindy Fisher
Western Athletic Conference	Jarrold Olson

# Report of the WBCA Executive Director

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**Danielle Donehew**

Executive Director  
WBCA



# WBCA Staff Transition

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**Shannon Reynolds**

Outgoing Deputy Director  
Retiring Effective Sept. 1, 2020



**Mary Ellen Gillespie**

Incoming Deputy Director  
Began Employment March 2, 2020



# NCAA Staff Speaking Today

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**Cindi Merrill**

Assistant Director of Enforcement

**Binh Nguyen**

Director of Academic and Membership Affairs

**Jenn Samble**

Assistant Director of Academic and Membership Affairs

**Karen Wolf**

Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs

# **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Update**

**WBCA Division I Town Hall  
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# Agenda

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- COVID-19 impact on legislation.
  - Process.
  - Recruiting activities and proposed fall calendar.
  - Summer access.
- Other updates.

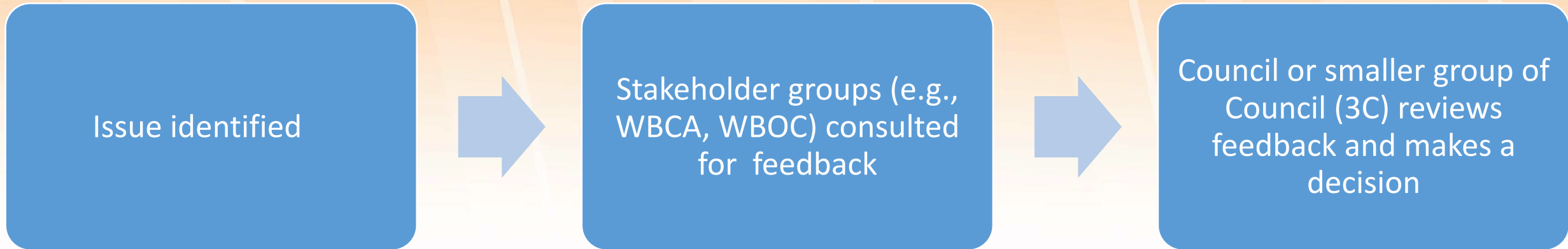


# Normal Legislative Process



\*Currently in a legislative moratorium so that the membership can address COVID-19 issues.

# Process to Address Issues During COVID-19 Pandemic



## Issues Related to Women's Basketball

(1) Temporary dead period (3 times)	(5) Voluntary on-campus activities.
(2) Virtual recruiting activities.	(6) Summer access.
(3) Flexibility to engage with signed PSAs (e.g., team meetings).	(7) Waivers for basketball scheduling requirements.
(4) Virtual nonphysical countable activities.	(8) Proposed fall recruiting calendar.

# Recruiting



# Recruiting

Question	Answer
Question No. 1: May an institution's coach conduct a group video call with multiple uncommitted PSAs?	Yes. As a reminder, a call initiated by the institution's coach is considered a call to each prospective student-athlete on the call. Therefore, only prospective student-athletes the institution's coach is permitted to call may be on a call initiated by the institution's coach.

# Recruiting

Question	Answer
Question No. 2: May a coach conduct a group video call with multiple committed PSAs (e.g., those who have signed a National Letter of Intent, received a written offer of admission or made a financial deposit)?	Yes.

# Recruiting

Question	Answer
Question No. 3: May an institutional staff member direct a SA to make phone calls to a committed PSA (e.g., one who has signed a National Letter of Intent, received a written offer of admission or made a financial deposit)?	Yes. This activity is a required athletically related activity and may not occur on a required day off.



# Recruiting

Question	Answer
Question No 4: During the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period, may a committed PSA (e.g., one who has signed a National Letter of Intent, received a written offer of admission or made a financial deposit) participate in virtual team activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review)?	Yes, provided she has completed all high school graduation and transfer academic requirements.

# Recruiting

Question	Answer
Question No. 5: May an institution's coach participate on a podcast with a scholastic or nonscholastic coach?	No. An institution's coach may not participate on a broadcast, including a podcast, that involves a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's coach, regardless of the content of the broadcast.

# Recruiting

## Livestreaming

What are permissible activities?

- Coach views a PSA's competition at coach's home through a recruiting and scouting service the institution subscribed.
- Events streamed live to the public (e.g. Instagram Live, Youtube).
- Any event that is conducted via livestreaming, on-demand and/or video that is charging a fee.

# Social Media Activities

ACTION	PRIOR TO COMMITMENT	AFTER COMMITMENT
<b>Friend/Follow</b> a Prospective Student-Athlete.	<u>Permissible</u> before first date to provide recruiting materials if automatically-generated notification is not modified and no additional communication is included.	<b>Permissible</b>
<b>Comment</b> on Prospective Student-Athlete's Post.	<u>Not permissible</u> electronic correspondence because it is not private. <u>Not permissible</u> form of publicity. More than confirmation of recruitment.	
<b>Repost</b> Prospective Student-Athlete's Post.	<u>Permissible</u> , action that indicates approval.	
<b>Repost</b> Prospective Student-Athlete's Post with <b>Comment</b> .	<u>Not permissible</u> electronic correspondence because the comment is not private.	
<b>Endorse</b> (e.g., Liking or Favoriting) Prospective Student-Athlete's Post.	<u>Permissible</u> , action that indicates approval.	
<b>Associate</b> (e.g., Tagging or Mentioning) Prospective Student-Athlete Profile.	<u>Not permissible</u> electronic correspondence because comment is not private.	



# Questions and Discussion

**Proposed Division I Women's Basketball  
Recruiting Calendar  
Fall 2020**

# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

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- These recommendations prioritize the health and well-being of prospective student-athletes and coaches while exercising fiscal responsibility.
- Promotes informed decision making for the class of 2021, while still being accessible and available to current student-athletes.
- Provides flexibility, given the uncertainty of location and timing of evaluation events.
- Proposed changes are consistent with WBCA guiding principles, as supported by WBOC.

# Women's Basketball Coaches Association Guiding Principles

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1. Well-being of PSAs and enrolled SAs is a priority.
2. Need to support work/life balance for coaches.
3. Coaches need balance of time on campus to focus on current SAs.
4. Models should promote informed decision-making by PSAs and coaches.
5. Respect the PSA's high school experience – academic and athletic.
6. Need to be mindful of time and money.
7. Strive for equitable opportunities for all Division I schools.
8. Provide enough opportunities to evaluate prospects.
9. Be enforceable.



# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

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- Current impact of COVID-19 temporary dead period on recruiting through July 31, 2020.
- Contact period, including timeframe to have in-person off campus contact with juniors – 20 days.
- Certified non scholastic evaluation periods – 18 days.
- Scholastic evaluation period – 4 days.
- Quiet period – 71 days.
- First opportunity for juniors to take an official visit.
- Unofficial visits.
- Institutional camps (June and July).

# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

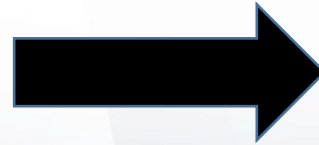
## Recommendation No. 1-A:

- Lift the current temporary dead period August 1 and convert the August recruiting shutdown period (August 10-14, 2020) to a quiet period.

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Beige – Quiet Period  
Blue – Evaluation Period

Purple – Recruiting Shutdown  
Red – PSAT/ACT/SAT Testing Date



Proposed August 2020						
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Green – Contact Period

# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

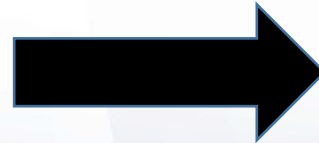
## Recommendation No. 1-B:

- Lift the current temporary dead period August 1 and maintain the current August recruiting calendar.

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Green – Contact Period

# Voting



# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

## Recommendation No. 2-A:

- To convert the fall contact period to an evaluation period (September 9-29, 2020). Evaluations may occur at any scholastic and nonscholastic event (e.g., fall leagues, open gyms, noninstitutional organized events).

Current September 2020						
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# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

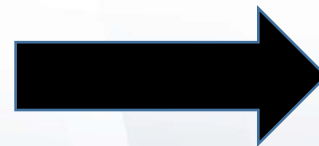
## Recommendation No. 2-B:

- To convert all of September to an evaluation period. Evaluations may occur at any scholastic and nonscholastic event (e.g., fall leagues, open gyms, noninstitutional organized events).

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Green – Contact Period

# Voting

# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

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## Recommendation No. 3-A:

- To permit **112** recruiting person days from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021 (July does not count).

## Recommendation No. 3-B:

- To permit **130** recruiting person days from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021 (July does not count).

# Voting



# Proposed Temporary Recruiting Calendar

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## Recommendation No. 4:

- To permit on-campus evaluations of a high school or preparatory school senior to be conducted at the beginning of her academic high school year, as opposed to the end of the high school basketball season. On-campus evaluations may not occur during the prospect's high school season.
- To change the dead periods surrounding the initial signing dates of the NLI to quiet periods for prospective student-athletes not eligible to sign the NLI.

# Voting

# Questions and Discussion

# Summer Access

# Summer Access

June 2020							July 2020							August 2020							September 2020						
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## Voluntary and Virtual Nonphysical Activities

- From June 1 through July 19, only voluntary activities and up to eight hours of virtual nonphysical activities are permissible.

## Summer Access

- Required summer athletic activities (summer access) may begin July 20 for up to eight weeks until the institution's first day of classes or September 15, whichever is earlier. *Model is based on classes beginning August 27.*
- Up to eight hours per week for weight-training, conditioning and skill instruction, with not more than four hours of skill-related instruction per week.
- Required virtual nonphysical activities are permissible for student-athletes.
- Required in-person and virtual activities may not exceed a combined eight hours per week.

## Out-of-Season

- Beginning on the institution's first day of classes or September 15, whichever is earlier, up to eight hours per week for weight-training, conditioning and not more than four hours of skill-related instruction per week. Two days off per week.

## Preseason Practice

- No changes to the start of on-court practice (e.g., 42 days before the date of the institution's first regular season contest).
- Limit of 30 days of countable activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) within those 42 days.

**Note:** Calendar is based on November 10, 2020, as the institution's first contest date.



# Summer Access

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**Question No. 1:** May an institution's coach and student-athlete engage in in-person, nonathletically related conversations while on-campus?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 2:** May student-athletes participate in “pick-up” games on the institution’s campus?

**Answer:** Yes, provided there is no arrangement or observation by countable coaches and the “pick-up” game meets the remaining requirements of voluntary activities as defined in Bylaw 17.02.19.

# Questions and Discussion

# Future Virtual Town Halls (Dates TBD)

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- Joint Division I, II and III meeting on the following topics:
  - Name-Image-Likeness
  - Coach Credentialing
  - Playing Rules
- Division I only meeting on the following topic:
  - Transfer Legislation



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