

WBCA Division I Townhall

September 9, 2020

“WE TIP WITH EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY”



2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN

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OUR VISION

Unify and grow the women's basketball community; empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential; celebrate and elevate the game; and create an inspiring experience for all involved.

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.

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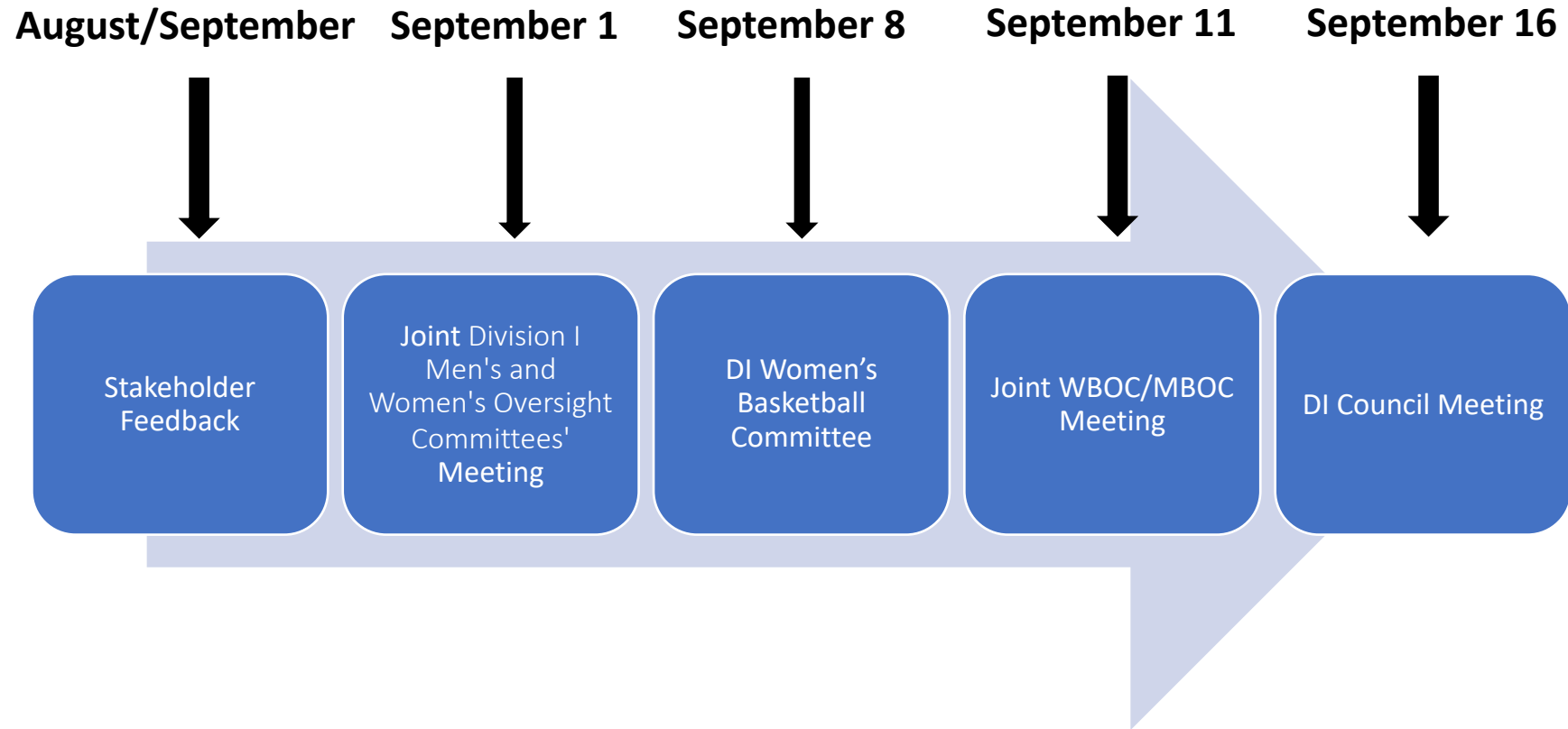
2020-21 Men's and Women's Basketball Season

- Background and timeline.
- Key stakeholder feedback.
- Recommendations.
- Other impacted areas.
- Championships update.
- Questions.



Background and Timeline

Practice and First Contest Model, etc. Minimum and Maximum Contests



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Stakeholder Feedback

- Collegiate Commissioners Association.
- NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel.
- National Association of Basketball Coaches.
- NABC Board of Directors.
- NABC Player Development Coalition.
- NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Prevention and Performance Subcommittee.
- NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee.
- NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.
- NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Engagement Group.
- Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
- WBCA Board of Directors.



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2020-21 Men's and Women's Basketball Season

1. Legislative changes. [Note: Concepts are not adopted and will be voted on by the Division I Council on September 16, 2020.]
2. Informational items.
3. Other impacted areas.



First Contest Date - November 25, 2020, and Practice Model

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020						
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September 21-October 13: Transition period based on first permissible contest date. A maximum of 12 hours per week of strength and conditioning activities, sport-related meetings and skill instruction, with not more than eight hours per week spent on skill instruction, and two days off per week.

October 14-November 24: Preseason practice period based on first permissible contest date. A maximum of 20 hours per week, four hours per day and one day off per week.

November 25, 2020: First permissible contest date.

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First Permissible Contest Date and Preseason Practice Period

- **Rationale:**

- By November 25, at least 76% of Division I institutions will have concluded their fall term or moved remaining instruction and exams online. At these campuses, undergraduates are not expected to return for in-person instruction until January 2021. By November 20, 43% of Division I campuses will be in this position.
- Provides a window of opportunity to begin contests while many institutions are not conducting in-person classes to help mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19 in a more controlled and less populated campus environment.
- Anticipates availability of more widespread testing enhancements and rapid results by late November.

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Scrimmages and Exhibition Contests Prior to First Permissible Contest Date

- **Intent:**
 - For the 2020-21 playing season, teams would be prohibited from participating in any scrimmages or exhibition contests prior to the first permissible date of competition.
- **Rationale:**
 - Participating in these games may jeopardize institution's ability to participate in countable contests and creates unnecessary risk for student-athletes, coaches and team personnel.
 - Anticipates availability of more widespread testing enhancements and rapid results by late November.
 - Institutions are not precluded from participating in scrimmages or exhibition contests on or after the first permissible contest date.

Other Legislative Areas

- **Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events (NCAA Bylaws 17.4.5.1.1 and 17.4.5.2.1).**

Agreed that qualifying regular season multiple-team events may operate under the normal parameters outlined in the legislation and the current application of qualifying regular season multiple-team events will be maintained.

- **Three-Day Winter Break Period - Autonomy Legislation (Bylaw 17.1.7.9).**

Agreed that this legislation be maintained at this time.



Maximum Number of Contests

Current Legislation:

- (a) 27 contests and one qualifying regular season multiple-team event that does not exceed four contests per team; or
- (b) 29 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular season multiple-team event.

Questions:

- Should there be an adjustment to the maximum number of contests?

Minimum Number of Contests for Sports Sponsorship and Championships

Current Legislation:

- To meet sport sponsorship requirements in basketball, a team must participate in 25 contests each year.
- To be eligible for championships selection, a team must participate in 25 contests.

Question:

Should there be a reduction in the minimum number of contests required for NCAA Division I sports sponsorship and championship eligibility?? If so, what is the appropriate number of contests?

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Other Related Areas

- Playing rules.
- Officiating.
- Game operation protocols.
- Championships.
- Resocialization of collegiate sport guidelines and testing protocols.

2021 Championships Update

- WBB postseason annual planning cycle underway.
 - 2021 Women's Final Four:
 - Virtual host site visits approximately every six weeks with San Antonio local organizing committee.
 - Regional Rounds:
 - Virtual planning meetings have begun with 2021 hosts: Albany, Austin, Cincinnati and Spokane.

2021 Championships Update

- Women's basketball postseason annual planning cycle underway.
 - First and second rounds:
 - Possible adjustment to predetermined sites for 2021 based on NCAA championship health and safety guidelines.

2021 Championships Update (contd.)

- General contingency planning is underway with oversight by the WBB committee utilizing NCAA championships safety and testing guidelines as established by the Sport Science Institute in consultation with the NCAA Medical Advisory Panel.

2021 Championships Update (contd.)

- NCAA Women's Basketball Informational Series:
 - Virtual programming to educate and provide insight on WBB specific topics this fall/winter: Countdown to Tip-off, NET, and Selections 101.



Questions?

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