



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS  
APRIL 15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. Division Membership, Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women - STUNT.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** To add STUNT as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.
- (2) **Effective date.** To be specified by each division based on the philosophical, strategic, operational and financial priorities of each division with consideration to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) **Rationale.** The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics noted the continued growth in high school STUNT sponsorship and participation, steady increase in the number of member institutions sponsoring STUNT, and support from the sport's national governing body as compelling rationale to include STUNT as an emerging sport for women. The committee further noted the relatively low cost of sponsoring the sport and the opportunity for the sport to enrich sponsoring institutions' enrollment management strategies. STUNT provides participation opportunities for female student-athletes of all body types and diverse sport backgrounds (e.g., power lifting, gymnastics), as well as opportunities for female sport administrators, coaches and officials. STUNT leadership demonstrated that current STUNT programs are fully integrated into athletics departments as stand-alone programs, the experience of a STUNT student-athlete is comparable to the experience of student-athletes who compete in NCAA sports, and the sport's organizational structure and sport rules are consistent with NCAA values and legislation.
- (4) **Estimated budget impact.** Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship
- (5) **Student-athlete impact.** Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

**b. Division Membership Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Acrobatics and Tumbling and Women's Wrestling.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** The Committee on Women's Athletics continues to support Division I Proposal Nos. 2019-131 and 2019-132 and recommends the NCAA Division I Council consider the proposals prior to the August 1, 2020 effective date.

Recognizing that consideration prior to the August 1, 2020 effective date may not be appropriate due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee would then recommend that the Council consider the proposals during the 2020-21 Division I legislative cycle. If the Division I Council is unable to consider both proposals during the 2020-21 legislative cycle, the committee further recommends the Division I Council reintroduce both proposals into the 2021-22 Division I legislative cycle.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.

(3) Rationale. Considering emerging sport proposals during the current legislative cycle ensures consistency across the Association's divisions and promotes the long-term success of the Emerging Sports for Women program. Specifically, it assures member institutions that do sponsor such programs that opportunities for women are a priority of the Association. Adopting the proposals related to emerging sports for women prior to the 2020-21 academic year supports the member institutions currently sponsoring acrobatics and tumbling and women's wrestling without imposing additional requirements on institutions that do not sponsor either sport. Specifically, recognizing acrobatics and tumbling and women's wrestling as emerging sports for women in Division I permits the nearly 30 member institutions currently sponsoring either sport to use these sports to satisfy Division I membership requirements and supports institutional efforts to use emerging sports as part of enrollment management strategies during a time of declining enrollment.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

## 2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed committee members to the videoconference.

2. **Review and approve NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics February 11, 2020 teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its February 11, 2020, teleconference report.

3. **NCAA Emerging Sports for Women application discussion – STUNT.** The committee reviewed the STUNT application and met with STUNT representatives as part of its

deliberation to recommend adding STUNT as an emerging sport for women. Staff also updated the committee on how the COVID-19 pandemic may impact consideration of legislative proposals.

4. **NCAA Woman of the Year.** The committee received an update on the nomination process, criteria and eligibility requirements for the 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year award. Nominees will have an opportunity to address in their nomination how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted their student-athlete experience. The Woman of the Year selection committee and CWA will consider the achievements and honors for academics, service and leadership, and athletics from throughout each nominee's time as a student-athlete. The 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year will be announced on November 1, 2020.
5. **Recognition of committee member service.** The committee thanked Marc Johnson and Grace McGuire for their service on the committee, noting this was their last meeting.
6. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - September 14-15, 2020 videoconference.

*Committee Chair:* Denise Udelhofen, Loras College

*Staff Liaisons:* Jan Gentry, championships and alliances  
Jean Merrill, office of inclusion  
Karen Metzger, academic and membership affairs  
Shay Wallach, office of inclusion

<b>NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics April 15, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Renee Bostic, Notre Dame of Maryland University.	
Jason Doviak, Alfred State, the State University of New York College of Technology.	
Marc A. Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno.	
Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.	
John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.	
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.	
Monica Lebron, Tulane University.	
Grace McGuire, Utah State University.	
Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Miriam Merrill, Hamilton College.	
Kellianne Milliner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Robert S. Nelson, California State University, Sacramento.	

Abigail Newkirk, Bluffton University.
Donna Price Henry, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.
Renie Shields, Saint Joseph's University.
Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University.
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Dawn Condeza, Hiram College.
Sarah Dehring, Alma College.
Kayla Duffey, Southwest Baptist University.
Alyssa Goodpaster, Southwest Baptist University.
Amy Haney, USA Cheer.
Lauri Harris, USA Cheer.
Terri Lakowski, Active Policy Solutions.
Marcus Manning, Centenary College (Louisiana).
Mackinley Prentice, Alma College.
Mo Roberson, Concordia University, Irvine.
Jessica Stiles, Oklahoma Baptist University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger and Shay Wallach.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Gail Dent, Sarah Heberd, Craig Malveaux and Amy Wilson.