



## FAQ Document

The Centennial Conference has cancelled conference competition and championships for all fall and winter sports during the 2020-21 academic year.

The purpose of this document is to provide answers about what this decision means for Centennial Conference student-athletes. Questions related to eligibility and academics should be directed to member institutions, as usual. This document will be updated as necessary. *(updated 12/10/2020)*

Many questions are addressed in the [NCAA Division III COVID-19 Question and Answer Guide](#), which is updated as new information becomes available from the NCAA.

### **What is the NCAA's Core Principles for Resocialization of Collegiate Sports?**

The idea of sport resocialization is predicated on a scenario of reduced or flattened infection rates. You will find full details [here](#). The NCAA is continuing to monitor all information around COVID-19.

### **How are sports determined to be “high”, “intermediate” or “low” risk?**

In accordance with the NCAA's Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sports, each NCAA-sponsored sport was classified as low, intermediate, or high risk for virus transmission based on consensus from the NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel and the AMSSM COVID-19 Working Group on the probability and significance of respiratory droplet spread during vigorous exercise when physical distancing and masking are not applied or are not possible.

- Low transmission risk: beach volleyball, bowling, cross country, diving, equestrian, fencing (if face mask is worn), golf, gymnastics, outdoor track & field, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis.
- Intermediate transmission risk: acrobatics and tumbling, baseball, field hockey, fencing (if no face mask is worn), indoor track & field, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, triathlon, volleyball (if face mask is worn).
- High transmission risk: basketball, football, ice hockey, rugby, squash, volleyball (if no face mask is worn), water polo, wrestling.

### **What sports does this most recent Centennial Conference decision cover?**

All fall and winter sports including men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's indoor track & field and wrestling.

### **When will a decision be made about spring sports?**

A decision about the possibility of spring sports competition will next be evaluated in January.

### **Will NCAA Championships for Division III winter and spring sports be conducted?**

It is expected that the NCAA threshold for conducting national championships in any Division will be that at least 50 percent of the teams competing in any sport must conduct a regular season for a championship to be held.

The NCAA continues to plan national championships for winter and spring sports. Due to COVID-19 testing, the need for predetermined sites and added administrative costs, brackets and field sizes for all 2021 winter and spring sport championships (individual and team) will be capped at 75 percent of their standard capacity. You can read more about the decision [here](#).

**Will NCAA Championships for Division III fall sports be conducted?**

The NCAA canceled fall sport championships for Division II and III.

**Will practicing and/or competing during the 2020-21 academic year affect my NCAA eligibility?**

No. For Division III student-athletes, participation in workouts, meetings or practices in their usual season during the fall or spring semester will not trigger the use of a season of participation.

Additionally, the NCAA recently issued a [blanket waiver](#) that states all Division III student-athletes are able to participate in athletics during the 2020-21 academic year without being charged a season of participation or semesters of eligibility. The blanket waiver allows student-athletes to compete up to the established dates of competition/contest maximums without being charged a season of intercollegiate participation or a term of attendance for any term (semester/quarter) during the 2020-21 academic year in which they are eligible for competition.