



Frequently Asked Questions | Fall 2020

This FAQ document is being provided to help answer questions that may arise based on the Conference’s decision to postpone competition until the second semester of the 2020-21 academic year. This document will be updated as additional questions or issues arise and as additional guidance is received from the NCAA. This document is intended to answer questions pertaining to GLVC and NCAA policy in light of this decision. Institutional rules or policy may be more restrictive than the information provided in this document. Please direct all compliance inquiries to the institutional [Compliance Director](#).

SPORT	SEASON	RISK*	ACTION TAKEN**	GLVC CHAMPIONSHIP
M/W Cross Country	Fall	Medium	Permitted to compete in fall	Oct. 24
Football	Fall	High	Postponed until second semester	2021 (TBD)
M/W Soccer	Fall	High	Postponed until second semester	2021 (TBD)
Volleyball	Fall	High	Postponed until second semester	2021 (TBD)
M/W Swimming & Diving	Winter	Low	Permitted to compete with normal start date	2021 (TBD)
W Bowling	Winter	Low	Permitted to compete with normal start date	2021 (TBD)
M/W Basketball	Winter	High	Oct. 1 decision on competition	2021 (TBD)
Wrestling	Winter	High	Oct. 1 decision on competition	2021 (TBD)
M/W Indoor Track & Field	Winter	Low	Permitted to compete with normal start date	2021 (TBD)
Baseball	Spring	Medium	Intrasquad competition only permitted in fall	2021 (TBD)
M/W Golf	Spring	Low	Permitted to compete in fall (non-championship segment)	2021 (TBD)
M/W Lacrosse	Spring	High	Prohibited to compete in fall	2021 (TBD)
Softball	Spring	Medium	Intrasquad competition only permitted in fall	2021 (TBD)
M/W Tennis	Spring	Low	Permitted to compete in fall (non-championship segment)	2021 (TBD)
M/W Outdoor Track & Field	Spring	Low	Permitted to compete with normal start date	2021 (TBD)

*Risk Classification put forth by the NCAA Sport Science Institute, based on a consensus by the NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) COVID-19 Working Group.

**Subject to change

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON

Q: When can each fall sport begin countable athletic related activities (CARA)?

A: Institutions will need to refer to NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1 for outside of the playing season during the academic year. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional.

Season	Sport	Fall 2020 First permissible date of CARA
Fall	M/W Cross Country	Seven days before the first permissible date of competition or five days before the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
Fall	Football	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Fall	M/W Soccer	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Fall	Volleyball	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	M/W Basketball	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	W Bowling	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	M/W Indoor Track	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	M/W Swimming & Diving	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	Wrestling	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Spring	Baseball	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Spring	M/W Golf	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Spring	M/W Lacrosse	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Winter	M/W Outdoor Track	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Spring	Softball	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.
Spring	M/W Tennis	September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

Q: What activities are permitted on the first permissible date of CARA?

A: Institutions will determine each team’s non-championship segment/out of season training calendar. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: For spring sports and for any fall sport that will now compete in the spring, what are teams allowed to do once they can begin practice in the fall?

A: Each team on campus has the ability to decide when they will declare the start of their non-championship segment, which allows 15 hours of all CARA per week, 2 days off per week, over 45* calendar days. For any portion of the fall semester outside of the team’s non-championship segment, teams must take 2 days off per week and can participate in up to 8 hours of activities per week with no more than 4 of those hours spent in practice, skill instruction, or team building activities. Any portion of the eight hours not used in practice or skill instruction can be used for weight training and conditioning. These teams will be in one of these two segments during the first semester. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

**For golf and tennis, the length of the non-championship segment can be up to 60 calendar days.*

Q: Will student-athletes and teams be allowed to participate in practice and training opportunities during the fall 2020 semester, even if outside competition does not exist?

A: Yes. Team activities, practice, and training opportunities will be determined and defined by each member institution. All applicable NCAA playing and practice season rules will be followed. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: What GLVC sponsored sports are permitted to compete Fall 2020?

A: GLVC sponsored sports permissible competitions for fall 2020 are as follows:

Season	Sport	Fall 2020 Competition
Fall	M/W Cross Country	Yes, per NCAA championship Segment for the sport
Fall	Football	No competition permitted
Fall	M/W Soccer	No competition permitted
Fall	Volleyball	No competition permitted
Winter	M/W Basketball	To be determined Oct. 1
Winter	W Bowling	Yes, per NCAA championship segment for the sport
Winter	M/W Indoor Track & Field	Yes, per NCAA championship segment for the sport
Winter	M/W Swimming & Diving	Yes, per NCAA championship segment for the sport
Winter	Wrestling	To be determined Oct. 1
Spring	Baseball	No competition permitted
Spring	M/W Golf	Yes, per NCAA non-championship segment for the sport
Spring	M/W Lacrosse	No competition permitted
Spring	M/W Outdoor Track & Field	No competition permitted per NCAA rules
Spring	Softball	No competition permitted
Spring	M/W Tennis	Yes, per NCAA non-championship segment for the sport

Q: Can student-athletes arrive on campus prior to the first permissible day of practice and/or first day of fall term classes?

A: Student-athletes must arrive on campus as outlined by general institution move-in plan; or, if applicable, the institutions can apply the NCAA waiver for resocialization as “medically necessary” for early arrival. Reference NCAA Bylaw 16.4 (medical expenses) to provide benefits (e.g., housing and meals) to a student-athlete who needs to return to campus for medical reasons (e.g., COVID-19 testing, quarantine) prior to the start of preseason practice, as the institution has determined that an earlier return to campus is medically necessary. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: Is it permissible for institutions to declare an alternate championship segment and non-championship segment in fall championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year?

A: Yes. The NCAA Administrative Committee issued a blanket waiver on June 17, 2020, to allow for institutions that are unable to participate in the traditional fall 2020 championship segment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to adjust schedules during a fall sport's championship segment and non-championship segment for the 2020-21 academic year only. Institutions or conferences that adjust schedules may declare a championship segment at any point during the 2020-21 academic year equal to the number of days in the championship segment for fall sports. Cross Country (84 days), Football (103), Men's Soccer (95), Women's Soccer (95), Volleyball (108). All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: Will relief be granted to student-athletes for use of a season of competition due to the season being canceled as a result of COVID-19?

A: Yes. NCAA has provided relief for institutions to self-apply season-of-competition waivers for student-athletes for the 2020-21 academic year, provided all of the following criteria are met:

(1) The student-athlete's team participated in 50% or less of the sport's NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum contests/dates of competition during the 2020-21 season due to ongoing impact from COVID-19;

(2) The student-athlete used a season of competition during the 2020-21 academic year; and

(3) The student-athlete was eligible for competition when he or she competed during the 2020-21 academic year.

All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

ELIGIBILITY

Q: Does the GLVC intraconference transfer policy still apply?

A: Yes. The GLVC intraconference transfer policy, pursuant to Section 20.E.1 in the GLVC Handbook, would still apply if a student-athlete transferred from one GLVC member to another. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: What happens if a student-athlete elects to not enroll at any institution in the Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 term?

A: If a student-athlete does not enroll full-time in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021, they will not have used one of the 10 full-time semesters of eligibility under NCAA rules. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: What happens if a student-athlete elects to enroll part-time at their institution in the Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 term?

A: If a student-athlete does not enroll full-time in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021, they will not have used one of the ten full-time semesters of eligibility under NCAA rules. Please note there could be restrictions related to participation in athletics activities with the team and/or coaches including practice if a student-athlete is only enrolled as a part-time student. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: What happens if a student-athlete elects to enroll part-time at another institution in the Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 term?

A: If a student-athlete does not enroll full-time in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021, they will not have used one of the 10 full-time semesters of eligibility under NCAA rules and would not trigger transfer status. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

Q: Would a decision to withdraw after classes start for the term be treated differently?

A: Yes. If a student-athlete chooses to withdraw, or drop to part-time enrollment, after the start of classes this would still trigger the use of a semester of eligibility. Please note that withdrawing from an institution after triggering full-time enrollment could have implications on meeting progress towards degree and eligibility requirements. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

- Q:** If a student-athlete does not compete against outside competition (e.g. another institution) during the 2020-21 academic year, would that student-athlete use a season of competition?
- A:** No. Per NCAA rules, a student-athlete must participate against outside competition in order to utilize a season of competition. Under NCAA rules, student-athlete, who is enrolled fulltime, may participate in practice and conditioning activities without using a season of competition. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.
- Q:** If student-athlete participates in competition during spring 2021 semester, would they use a season of competition?
- A:** Yes. GLVC-sponsored sports that are traditional fall sports move to the spring 2021 semester. These sports would then have the spring semester classified as the championship segment and participation would count as a season of competition. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

ATHLETICS AID

- Q:** Will athletics aid agreements for the 2020-21 academic year be impacted by the Conference's announcement that GLVC competition has been postponed for the fall semester?
- A:** All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director. Note: Any student-athlete who chooses to not enroll, or enrolls part-time, cannot receive athletics aid during that semester.
- Q:** Will my athletic scholarship be honored?
- A:** Aid cannot be canceled for an athletic-related reason. Cancellation could take place for non-athletic reasons such as the closure of the campus. More specific questions should be directed to individual institutions. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.
- Q:** Will there be penalties for National Letter of Intent (NLI) release requests? If so, what will the penalties be?
- A:** No. If the NLI signee submits an NLI release request and your institution grants the complete release, there is no NLI penalty. This scenario would not fall under the null and void criteria for a "discontinued sport" (unless the sport is being discontinued). All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

- Q:** Do NCAA rules regarding amateurism and extra benefits continue to apply to student-athletes while they are on leave from an institution?
- A:** Yes. Student-athletes on leave from an institution who intend to return and represent that or any other NCAA member institution in intercollegiate athletics should continue to comply with all NCAA and rules while not enrolled at their institution. All inquiries should be directed to the institutional Compliance Director.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Q:** What is the status of the 2020-21 GLVC Championships?
- A:** To be determined. The GLVC will continue to monitor and evaluate the ability to host championship events, prioritizing the health and safety of student-athletes, coaches, band/cheer/dance, student groups, spectators, officials, and the community.
- Q:** What is the status of the 2020 GLVC Cross Country Championships?
- A:** The 2020 GLVC Cross Country Championships will take place on Oct. 24 with the site yet to be determined. The Conference office will work collaboratively with the athletic training staff from host Maryville University and seek guidance from their healthcare professionals to determine student-athlete testing procedures and other modifications needed in order to promote social distancing and safety prior to, during, and following both races.

Q: Will there still be pre-championship awards banquets?

A: No. There will be no awards banquets at any 2020-21 GLVC Championship.

Q: Will the America's Crossroads Bowl be played?

A: The status of the America's Crossroads Bowl in Hobart, Ind., is currently being reviewed by the event organizers at the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority with a date yet to be determined.

SCHEDULING

Q: For the affected sports (football, soccer, volleyball), what will the schedules look like in the second semester?

A: All schedules will solely feature GLVC-only opponents with non-conference competition prohibited. Every attempt will be made to avoid facility conflicts with other sports also competing during this time. Due to the scheduling challenges inherent with moving football, soccer, and volleyball to the spring, flexibility will be needed when applying the GLVC Scheduling Philosophy. New scheduling models will need to be considered with the goal of providing all student-athletes with a meaningful competition opportunity. Official practice and competition start dates, as well as, GLVC championship dates will not be determined by the Conference until a final decision is made by the NCAA Board of Governors regarding the status of Fall 2020 National Championships for all three Divisions (I, II, III).

Q: What happens to basketball?

A: The first permissible date of competition of the NCAA D-II basketball season is Nov. 13, 2020. A decision will be made by Oct. 1 if competition will be permitted to begin during the fall semester. If the Conference schedule – also slated to begin Nov. 13 – cannot be played over two semesters, modifications will be made to adjust the schedule accordingly.

Q: What happens to wrestling?

A: The first permissible date of competition of the NCAA D-II wrestling season is Nov. 1, 2020. A decision regarding the start of wrestling will be made by Oct. 1 to determine if teams are permitted to begin competition during the fall semester. The Conference schedule is slated to begin Jan. 16.

Q: Will the 2020 Midwest Region Volleyball Crossover Tournament still be played?

A: No.

MISCELLANEOUS

Q: What happens to the GLVC Awards Program with these changes?

A: The GLVC will still move forward with a full complement of weekly, seasonal, and postseason awards for all sports.

Q: Will all GLVC contests be available for viewing GLVCSN?

A: This will be an institutional decision; however, given the logistical challenges of moving fall sports to the spring, it may be impossible for schools to produce coverage when multiple events are taking place simultaneously.

Q: How many other Division II leagues have made similar decisions to postpone competition to second semester?

A: 11 of 23 (as of July 26): CACC, CCA, CIAA, ECC, GLVC, GNAC, NE10, PSAC, PWC, SIAC, SSC.

Disclaimer: It's important to convey to all parties that while the public health crisis surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic remains fluid all decisions regarding practice, competition, and championships are subject to change.