

COVID-19 Media Coordination and Statistics Policy Adjustments

2020-21 Sports

For schools who conducted regular season competition for 2020 fall sports and 2020-21 winter sports (occurring after the NCAA championship) in the spring of 2021 against [NCAA statistics countable opponents](#), the following applies.

*Note: Exhibitions and/or scrimmages will not count toward NCAA statistics or coaching records. The designation of the contest (regular season vs. exhibition/scrimmage) **must** be declared before the competition date. For more information, see “Schedules” on page 9 in the [NCAA Statistics Policies & Guidelines](#).*

Single-Season Records and Awards

- Since championships were held for all 2020-21 spring sports and some fall and winter sports depending on the division, the minimums for inclusion in NCAA record books for single-season per game categories was set at the number of games that a team had to play to be considered for at-large championship selection. For divisions that didn't have a championship in a given sport, the games minimum will be set at the required number of games in the division that did have a championship (for example, Division II & III men's soccer will use the minimum that was set for Division I men's soccer).
- Statistical champion plaques were not produced this year and no adjustment was made to the national rankings for 2020-21 based on the minimum games requirement for record book inclusion. We recognize that many national stats categories look untraditional due to the variance in contests played, but our staff felt it was important to recognize all active teams in statistical rankings for historical purposes.
- In the case a raw number statistic would be a single-season high, that will be recognized in NCAA records.
- The chart below outlines the sports which had championships and what the minimum games requirement was to be included in the championship and in the record books.

Sport	Minimum Games/Matches Required
DI Field Hockey	6
FCS Football	4
DI Men's and Women's Soccer	6

DI Women's Volleyball	10
DI Men's and Women's Basketball	13
DII Men's and Women's Basketball	11
DI Men's Ice Hockey	13
NC Women's Ice Hockey	10
DI Baseball	14
DII Baseball	16
DIII Baseball	13
DI Men's Lacrosse	10
DII Men's Lacrosse	6
DIII Men's and Women's Lacrosse	5
DI Women's Lacrosse	5
DII Women's Lacrosse	7
DI Softball	14
DII Softball	16
DIII Softball	12
NC Men's Volleyball	10
DIII Men's Volleyball	9

Single-Game Records

- Any single-game accomplishments that would be NCAA records will be recognized in the records books as normal.

Career Records

- Any career records ending in 2020-21 that meet the established minimums will be noted in the records books as normal.
 - Individual statistics for 2020-21 will be counted toward any athlete's career statistics (even if that means a student-athlete will have statistics for five – or in some rare cases – six seasons).

Championship Records

- Fall championship records will be recognized as normal for Division I championships that are conducted and completed in the spring.
- No fall championships for Divisions II and III are being conducted, so no championship records will be reflected or updated for 2020.
- Seasons and championships typically held in the fall but played in the winter and spring of 2021 will be recognized as 2020 seasons and championships.
- Tournament appearances for fall championships that don't take place will not end, but 2020 will not be an extension. Any participation or winning streaks for these championships will pick up where they left off after the 2019 championship.

Coaching Records

- Coaching records will include any games played during the 2020-21 academic year and a year will be added to the number of years coached, only if games were played.
- Any games played by a coach's team in a season constitutes a year for the coach's record. If no games were played, a coach will not receive a year toward the coach's record.
- If a team did not play any games this season, a note will be added to the coaching records stating, "No games were played during the 2020-21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

2019-20 Winter Sports

Most winter teams completed the entire regular season; therefore, all winter sport seasons are considered final. This includes the following:

- National statistical rankings will be complete.
- National statistical champions and any NCAA records achieved will be noted in records books.
- Statistical plaques will be awarded as normal.
- 2019-20 coaching records will include all completed games.

Championships Records

We are in the unique situation where some championships were started, some championship fields had been selected and some never made it to selections.

Team Sports

- If the championship began and tournament games took place, all statistics, win-loss records, etc., will be counted for the 2020 championship and for all-time championship records.

Example: In Division III men's basketball teams WILL have a tournament appearance and win-loss record accrual.

Because no national champions were crowned, records will not include tournament finishes (i.e., no teams will be identified as first, second, third, etc.).

- If the championship bracket was announced but no tournament games were played, teams WILL be credited with a tournament appearance but there will be no accumulation of game win-loss records.

Example: In Division II men's basketball, Indiana (Pennsylvania) will be credited with a tournament appearance in 2020, but there will be no change in its NCAA tournament win-loss record.

- If the championship bracket was not announced, NO team will be credited with a championship appearance (this includes teams that may have won a conference tournament or otherwise earned an AQ spot).

Example: In Division I men's basketball no team will be credited with a tournament appearance, including teams like Gonzaga, which had already won the West Coast Conference AQ.

- Tournament appearances streaks for championships that were not selected will not end, but 2020 will not be an extension. Any participation or winning streaks for these championships will pick up where they left off after the 2019 championship.

Example: Notre Dame women's basketball streak of 24-straight tournament appearances will still be 24 when the 2021 season begins.

Individual Sports

- If the championship began and individual events were completed fully, those first-place individuals will be listed as NCAA champions. Since no winter national champions were crowned, NO team will be recognized as the overall team champion.

Example: Alexandria Baker from Queens (North Carolina) won the 200-yard IM at the Division II Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. Her win will be noted in our records. Because NCAA competition was canceled mid-championship, no team national champion will be noted, and events such as the 200-yard free finals will not have a national champion in 2020.

2019-20 Spring Sports

No spring sport made it to postseason competition. In most cases, a third or less of the season was completed. Therefore, the following will be implemented.

Single-Season Records and Awards

- No statistical champions will be awarded, and no statistical plaques will be distributed.
- No national statistical champions will be recognized in record books.
- No averages, percentages and per-game single-season categories will be eligible for single-season records in 2020.
- In the unlikely case a raw number statistic would be a single-season high that will be recognized in NCAA records.

Single-Game Records

- Any single-game accomplishments that would be NCAA records will be recognized in the records books as normal.

Career Records

- Any career records ending in 2020 that meet the established minimums will be noted in the records books as normal.
 - Individual statistics for 2020 will be counted toward any athlete's career statistics (even if that means a student-athlete will have statistics for five – or in some rare cases – six seasons).

Championship Records

- No spring championships were selected, so no championship records will be reflected or updated for 2020.
- Tournament appearances for spring championships will not end, but 2020 will not be an extension. Any participation or winning streaks for these championships will pick up where they left off after the 2019 championship.

2019-20 Coaching Records

- Coaching records will include any games played during the 2019-20 season and a year will be added to the number of years coached, only if games were played.
- Any games played by a coach's team in a season constitutes a year for the coach's record. If no games were played, a coach will not receive toward the coach's record.

- If a team did not play any games this season, a note will be added to the coaching records stating, “No games were played during the 2020 season before COVID-19 pandemic cancellation.”

2019-20 Footnote Wording

- For winter championships not completed in 2020 (e.g., on year-by-year tournament results):
 - The 2020 championship was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- For championships not started in 2020 (i.e., championship bracket was announced but no tournament play occurred):
 - The 2020 championship was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Footnotes for various sections that may be missing information from 2020:
 - The 2020 championship was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The 2020 championship was canceled before teams (or individuals) were selected due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- For spring championships:
 - The 2020 championship was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Records books other acceptable footnotes:
 - Records do not include the 2020 championship due to COVID-19 pandemic cancellations.