

To: ACM Faculty & Staff

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Re: Athletics Update

On Monday, July 13, 2020, the NJCAA Presidential Advisory Council and the NJCAA Board of Regents announced an adjusted plan of action for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Board of Regents' vote moves the majority of athletic competitions to the spring 2021 semester. The action plan shifts all close-contact fall sports (soccer and volleyball) to the spring while cross country will continue with its fall season. Winter sports will play a spring-only schedule.

Spring sports will be impacted the least. Fall activities will continue with varied dates and guidelines. Softball and baseball will have their full spring season. Championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.

NJCAA President and CEO Dr. Chris Parker stated, "Our greatest focus is and always has been providing the best opportunities for our student-athletes. Through a unified effort from our Presidential Advisory Council, the Board of Regents, and leadership staff, our most recent plan of action provides a path that keeps our student-athletes competing at the highest level with proper safety measures in place. As we move forward as an association, we will continue to provide opportunities for our student-athletes, coaches, and all those involved with the NJCAA to be safe and successful."

"We are excited about the course of action that the NJCAA has chosen. We believe that they are putting our student-athletes first in terms of their safety while ensuring that they have an opportunity to compete," stated Tommie Reams. "We will continue to work with our senior administration to meet the needs of our student-athletes moving forward while following NJCAA Region 20 Athletics' COVID-19 Best Practices and Recommendations."

To see the NJCAA's full plan of action, click [here](#).