

**2020-2021 University Athletics Committee
Summary Report**

Dear University Athletic Colleagues,

First, let me start by saying congratulations on making it to the conclusion of the AY20-21. It has been a challenging year for all of us.

Recently, I met with Athletic Director Sherard Clinkscales to discuss scheduling a meeting of the University Athletic Committee before the end of year. We realize it has been a grind for everybody with no spring break and COVID-19 protocols. Therefore, Sherard and I agreed that we are all fatigued by zoom meetings and trying to wrap up the semester. We decided it's best to postpone our next meeting until the end of August 2021. At that time, we will be able to provide a summary of the external athletic department review conducted by Collegiate Sports Associates, as well as an overall summary of NCAA athletics.

We do want to provide you a few quick bullet points for the year and semester:

1. Mr. Kellen Norris and Dr. Andrew McDonald provided excellent leadership for the Center for Sports Medicine and Performance in regards to testing and athletic protocols. As a result, ISU Athletics canceled seven competitions due to positive tests among our Tier 1 personnel.
2. We were able to have fall and spring sports compete during the SP21 semester.
3. Coach Julie Hanley and women's soccer had a historic spring, setting new win totals, with a 5-2 MVC record.
4. Football opted out for the overall health and welfare of student-athletes to allow more time for player development. It should be noted that other teams in the conference opted out as the MVFC season progressed.
5. Baseball is ranked in the top 25 while only playing four home games.
6. Athletics is in the process of hiring new men's and women's basketball coaching staffs.
7. Athletics led fundraising efforts on Give to Blue Day for the third consecutive year.
8. The women's swimming and diving team earned a program best 14 MVC Scholar – Athlete Honors. This was also the most in the conference.

Have a great summer. Thank you for all you do.

Best,
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