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This page will be updated with official news from the NCAA on any changes to March Madness and the Division I women's basketball championship because of the coronavirus.

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NCAA cancels men's and women's basketball championships

- The [NCAA released the following statement](#) on Thursday afternoon: *Today, NCAA President Mark Emmert and the Board of Governors canceled the Division I men's and women's 2020 basketball tournaments, as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships. This decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities.*



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Men's and women's basketball conference tournaments cancelled

A number of men's basketball conference tournaments have been cancelled, including the American, Big Ten and SEC.

Confirmed cancelled basketball tournaments:

- AAC
- ACC
- America East
- Atlantic 10
- Big East
- Big 12
- Big Sky
- Big South (women's only, men's previously completed)
- Big Ten
- Big West
- CAA (women's only, men's previously completed)
- Conference USA
- Ivy League
- MAC
- MAAC
- NEC (women's only, men's previously completed)
- Pac-12
- Patriot (women's only, men's previously completed)
- SEC
- Sunbelt
- SWAC
- WAC

Big Ten Conference 
@bigten



The Big Ten Conference announced today that it will be canceling the remainder of the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament, effective immediately. bit.ly/2TW98aW



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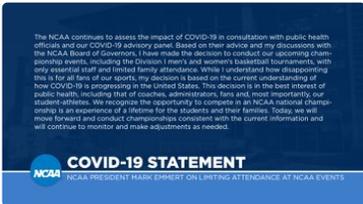
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 The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee announced today the swimmers who qualified for the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships!

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Southeastern Conference @SEC
 ALERT: Based on the latest developments and the continued spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Southeastern Conference today announced the cancellation of the remainder of the 2020 Men's Basketball Tournament in Nashville.

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Where we are Thursday morning

On Wednesday, March 11, [NCAA president Mark Emmert announced the decision](#) to play all "championship events, including the Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments, with only essential staff and limited family attendance," in response to the safety and well-being of student-athletes during the uncertainty of the coronavirus.

- The decision was made based on the advice of public health officials and the NCAA COVID-19 advisory panel, plus discussions with the NCAA Board of Governors. It was made in the best interest of public health, including coaches, administrators, fans and, most importantly, student-athletes. You can see what the advisory panel is discussing and doing, as well as getting resources for the coronavirus, [by clicking or tapping here](#).
- The first official NCAA tournament games affected will be the First Four in Dayton, Ohio, however the many conference tournaments that are ongoing have taken the same precautionary measures and will limit fan attendance to essential staff and family.
- If you order your men's or women's basketball tournaments online from an official NCAA vendor or through an official NCAA vendor, you will be refunded. No action is necessary, [but you can follow up on the process by tapping or clicking here](#).

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Where to get the latest updates on the men's and women's tournaments

We will update this page with the latest announcements from the NCAA. You can also get updates from the official accounts of the NCAA:

- [Visit NCAA.org for current statements and updates](#)
- For an understanding of everything the NCAA is doing in response to the Coronavirus,

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[click or tap here.](#)

- Follow the men's basketball tournament updates on Twitter: [@marchmadness](#)
- Stay up to date with women's basketball tournament updates: [@ncaawbb](#)

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Ticket refund information

The NCAA has [announced information on ticket refunds](#):

- If you ordered your tickets from an official NCAA Championship vendor online or over the phone, you will be refunded. No additional action is needed.
- If you have ordered your tickets from an official NCAA Championship vendor you will receive additional information via email.
- Your refund will be automatically delivered (except applicable fees) to the same card used for purchase. Refunds should be received within 30 business days after the date of cancellation.
- Customers with questions about the refund process may contact the respective event venue(s) or send inquires to the NCAA via email to tickets@ncaa.org.
- Please understand that we will be receiving a large volume of calls and emails regarding this decision, and we ask that you allow us five business days to respond to your specific questions.

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NCAA announces men's and women's DI basketball tournaments to be held without fans present

- NCAA President Mark Emmert announced today that upcoming NCAA championship events, including the Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments, will be played with only [essential staff and limited family members in attendance](#).
- The decision was made based on the advice of public health officials and the advisory panel, plus discussions with the NCAA Board of Governors. It was made in the best interest of public health, including coaches, administrators, fans and, most importantly, student-athletes.
- The first games impacted by this will be the First Four, scheduled for March 17-18 in Dayton, Ohio.
- The NCAA said it will continue to monitor and make adjustments as needed and continue to assess the impact of COVID-19 in consultation with public health officials and its [COVID-19 advisory panel](#).

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NCAA President Mark Emmert's releases statement on attendance

The NCAA continues to assess the impact of COVID-19 in consultation with public health officials and our COVID-19 advisory panel. Based on their advice and my discussions with the NCAA Board of Governors, I have made the decision to conduct our upcoming championship events, including the Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments, with only essential staff and limited family attendance. While I understand how disappointing this is for all fans of our sports, my decision is based on the current understanding of how COVID-19 is progressing in the United States. This decision is in the best interest of public health, including that of coaches, administrators, fans and, most importantly, our student-athletes. We recognize the opportunity to compete in an NCAA national championship is an experience of a lifetime for the students and their families. Today, we will move forward and conduct championships consistent with the current information and will continue to monitor and make adjustments as needed.



COVID-19 STATEMENT

NCAA PRESIDENT MARK EMMERT ON LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT NCAA EVENTS

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