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## **NJCAA announces plan of action for Fall 2020 sports; local impact at USC Lancaster**

**Lancaster, SC – July 15, 2020** - According to a recent press release issued by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) the decision has been made to move a majority of the sports competitions to the Spring 2021 semester. USC Lancaster athletics will follow these recommendations, and, therefore, the men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and baseball teams will all compete in the Spring 2021 semester.

"Our greatest focus is and always has been providing the best opportunities for our student-athletes," stated Dr. Christopher Parker, NJCAA President & CEO. "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."

The most recent plan of action shifts all close-contact fall sports to the spring semester. These sports include football, men's and women's soccer, and court volleyball. All winter sports competition will begin in January with a majority of championship seasons moved from March to April. Spring sports competition remains intact for now with minor adjustments to dates. For USC Lancaster, these sports include only baseball.

Along with the adjustments to competition season and championship dates, the NJCAA has provided information as it relates to scrimmage and practice dates and allowances in Fall 2020.

Nick Calhoun, USC Lancaster athletics director and head baseball coach, stated, "We stand behind the NJCAA's decision to move close-contact fall sports championship seasons to the spring semester. This will still allow all of our student-athletes to compete this academic school year in what we hope will be a much safer environment for everyone in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic."

For all NJCAA COVID-19 updates, visit: [NJCAA COVID-19 Homepage](https://www.njcaa.org/covid-19) and for all Lancers sports information, visit <http://www.usclathletics.com/>.

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