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**Rich Kollen, South Coast Conference Commissioner**

## **South Coast Conference Traditional Fall Sports Canceled For 2020-2021**

Due to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases and current pandemic conditions in Los Angeles County, the presidents of the 12 South Coast Conference colleges unanimously made the difficult decision to opt-out of athletics competition for traditional fall sports for the 2020-2021 season.

This means that the abbreviated Spring I season proposed for February-April, 2021 has been cancelled for the following nine conference-sponsored sports: men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's water polo, women's volleyball, and men's and women's basketball.

The proposed Spring II season for 2021 traditional spring SCC sports: baseball, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, women's badminton, women's beach volleyball, and men's and women's track and field remains on schedule to start their seasons in April, 2021. However, a deadline of February 26, 2021, has been designated for colleges to either opt-in or opt-out of the Spring II season.

The SCC presidents plan to hold meetings on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and Wednesday, February 3, 2021, to discuss the prospects of going forward with Spring II sports.

~~While the conference decision affects South Coast Conference colleges only, any individual college can choose to play a non-conference schedule based on that college's ability to follow COVID-19 protocols and guidelines to protect the health and safety of student athletes, coaches, and staff.~~

Sports competition came to a screeching halt at the California Community College level back in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic forced a shutdown in the state. No South Coast

Conference titles were awarded in the Spring, 2020 sports, which played abbreviated regular/conference seasons.

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### **SCC FALL SPORTS 2-2-2-2-2**

The SCC consists of the following colleges: Cerritos, Compton, East Los Angeles, El Camino, Los Angeles City, LA Harbor, LA Southwest, LA Trade Tech, Long Beach City, Mt. San Antonio, Pasadena City, and Rio Hondo.

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