



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
JUNE 4-5, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Committee chair.**

- (1) Recommendation. That Sam Atkinson, associate athletics director for communications at Gallaudet University, be approved as the Division III Men's Basketball Committee chair for the 2018-19 academic year.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Atkinson has served on the committee for two years and has provided valuable leadership during his tenure. He will replace Tim Fitzpatrick, the director of athletics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, whose term expires August 31, 2018.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2017 annual meeting report.** The Division III Men's Basketball Committee reviewed and approved the 2017 annual meeting report as written.
- 2. Regional alignment, sponsorship list, pool allocations, bracket and preliminary-round game times.** The committee discussed the pool allocations, regional alignment and bracket size/format for 2018-19. The committee also discussed staggering preliminary-round game tip-off times, especially if the host institution is on spring recess.
- 3. Site selection criteria.** The committee discussed the site selection criteria, as well as the strategy of selecting institutions. The committee will continue with prep work the week of selections to determine the top 16 institutions and mock bracketing. The committee also discussed the evaluation process of the remaining schools heading into the sectional round.

First- and second-round priority goes to women's basketball in 2019.

4. **Team selection criteria.** The committee discussed the team selection criteria, as well as the priority and calculations. The committee reviewed all the tools available for rankings and selections.
5. **Regional advisory committees.** The committee agreed that the national RAC training call should take place at the beginning of the new year and that an introductory call will take place at the beginning of the basketball season. In addition, committee members and NCAA staff are working with conference commissioners to fill RAC vacancies for each region. The committee will also stress with each RAC member that they are expected to be available as a site representative during preliminary rounds.
6. **2018 championship review.**
 - a. Salem. After 23 years in Salem, Virginia, the championship will be moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana. The committee is grateful for the work that Salem performed under Carey Harveycutter's leadership for more than two decades.
 - b. Game times; CBS Sports Network. After much discussion with Fort Wayne's local organizing committee, the committee has decided to change the game times for the semifinals (6 and 8 p.m.) and final (7 p.m.) in an attempt to increase attendance. Members support future live broadcasts on CBS Sports Network.
7. **Officiating.** Jim Haney, the Division III men's basketball national coordinator of officials, was present throughout the duration of the meeting. Mr. Haney updated the committee on his plans and goals for Division III men's basketball officiating. For the 2018 tournament, Mr. Haney leaned on the regional coordinators to assign officials for the first- and second-round games. Mr. Haney assigned the officials for the sectional games and the finals. In addition, official evaluators were present at each 2018 sectional site. For the 2019 tournament, Mr. Haney will assign each game of the tournament. Mr. Haney will outline his goals and plan for the year with the coordinators at the September conference coordinators meeting.
8. **Championship game at the Men's Final Four.** The committee discussed future opportunities to conduct the championship game in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four. Staff indicated that the proposal is currently being discussed with 2020 or 2021 as possibilities. The committee continues to be very supportive of the concept.

9. 2019 championship planning.

- a. Selection Sunday. Committee members determined that RAC calls will be held Sunday morning, February 24. The national call will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern time and continue throughout the day while monitoring the progress of the day's conference championship games.
- b. Selection Monday. The committee call will be Monday, February 26, at 8:30 a.m. The final bracket is due Monday at 10 a.m., with the announcement following at 12:30 p.m.
- c. Tournament schedule. The committee discussed the schedule for the preliminary rounds and semifinals/final in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- d. Preliminary-round ticket prices. The committee will continue with the preliminary-round ticket prices: minimum of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students/seniors.
- e. Preliminary-round host personnel. The committee discussed the need for a timeout coordinator at each preliminary-round site to help the fourth official throughout the game. The committee also discussed the need to require each host to have a doctor on site.
- f. Preliminary-round practice times. The committee discussed having each preliminary-round host offer uniform practice times on the second day of competition.
- g. Fort Wayne. The committee traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the first day of the meeting. Nathan Dennison, vice president of sales at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, led the group on a tour of the competition venue. Stephanie Coleman, group sales manager for sports at Visit Fort Wayne, and Emily Stuck, program and events manager at Visit Fort Wayne, led the group on a tour of the team, officials, and committee hotels. The committee was very grateful for the opportunity to visit the new championship site before March and is very excited about what Fort Wayne has to offer the student-athletes.
- h. DVSPORT usage. The committee would like to begin discussions with DVSPORT for replay services at the finals site and sectional sites initially. The DVSPORT contract expires in 2019.

10. National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) report and all-star games. Pat Cunningham, head men's basketball coach at Trinity University (Texas) and a member of the NABC, joined the committee via teleconference to recap the 2018 All-Star Game and to provide details for the 2019 All-Star Game. The NABC will have a dedicated section of seats in Fort Wayne at the championship.

11. 2019 annual meeting. Committee members agreed to meet June 3-4 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Sam Atkinson, Gallaudet University

Staff Liaison: Alexander Mortillaro, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Sam Atkinson, Gallaudet University.
George Barber, Greenville College.
Bob Bjorklund, Bethel University (Minnesota).
Tim Fitzpatrick, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
Chuck McBreen, Ramapo College.
Jarred Samples, University of Dallas.
Leoanrd Trevino, Chatham University.
Absentees:
Ken Tyler, University of Mary Washington.
Guests in Attendance:
Mark Adkins, Manchester University.
Randy Brown, Allen County Memorial Coliseum.
Stephanie Coleman, Visit Fort Wayne.
Pat Cunningham, NABC.
Nathan Dennison, Allen County Memorial Coliseum.
Rick Espeset, Manchester University.
Jim Haney, Division III Men's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials.
Tami Hoagland, Manchester University.
Dan O'Connell, Visit Fort Wayne.
Emily Stuck, Visit Fort Wayne.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Alexander Mortillaro, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.