



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEES  
DECEMBER 5, 2023, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2023 recap.** The committees discussed the 2023 championships and were pleased with the respective brackets and the integrity each held. The committee discussed the continued practice of a preliminary-round host being able to host both a women's and men's preliminary-round game, but the women's committee reaffirmed that one host should not host the women's semifinals and final along with a men's quarterfinal. Additionally, the committees confirmed plans for the 2024 banquet, practice times, student-athlete mementoes, and fan enhancement activities. The committees are aware of the subtle differences among the topics and feel comfortable moving forward in planning. Additionally, the committees discussed the award recognition process throughout the postseason and will mirror the 2023 championship plans, which are the same for each championship.
- 2. 2023-24 action items.** The committees each presented the action items they submitted to the Division III Championships Committee stemming from their annual meetings. The women's committee noted the approval of a two-year pilot program for a predetermined finals site starting in 2025, and their proposal to alter the championship dates to mirror the men's championship date formula starting in 2025. The women's committee noted the date formula proposal is currently waiting to be reviewed by the Championships Committee. The men's committee noted the request for bracket expansion to 13 teams that is currently being reviewed by the Championships Committee, with the requested implementation date being at the 2024 championship. The committees supported each other's proposals and offered to assist in additional support as needed. The committees had no concerns with any of the proposals, as members felt they will continue to provide equitable experiences if approved.

*Committee Chairs:* (W) Wendy McManus, State University of New York at Oswego  
(M) Katie Boldvich, New England Hockey Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* (W) Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances  
(M) Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances

Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees December 5, 2023, Joint Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Katie Boldvich, New England Hockey Conference.	
Michelle McAteer, Augsburg University.	
Dave LaBaff, Wilkes University.	
Wendy McManus, State University of New York at Oswego.	

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Kelly Rider, Curry College.
Kim Sorensen, Marian University (Wisconsin).
Danielle Harris, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Tyler Hynes, Wilkes University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Graham Johnson, Milwaukee School of Engineering.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances.
Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.
Lance Pederson, Championships and Alliances.
Markell Staton, Championships and Alliances
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.