



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
JUNE 3-5, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification

- (1) Recommendation. The following seven conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship: Colonial Hockey Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Hockey Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; Northeast Women's Hockey League; Women's Northern Collegiate Hockey Association; and United Collegiate Hockey Conference.

Anticipated Pool Allocations

Pool A – 7

Pool B – 0

Pool C – 3

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.3 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The committee chair welcomed the committee members and reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda.
- 2. 2018 annual committee meeting report.** The committee approved the 2018 annual committee meeting report as submitted and made a note to revisit the community service activity for the 2020 championship.

- 3. 2018-19 NCAA Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions the NCAA Division III Championships Committee took in 2018-19 relevant to the work of the Women's Ice Hockey Committee.
- 4. 2019 American Hockey Coaches Association report.** The committee reviewed the report staff presented to the Division III coaches during the AHCA Convention in May.
- 5. National committee roster.** The committee reviewed the roster and noted vacancies for 2019-20. The committee also confirmed Crystal Lanning, Director of Athletics at University of Wisconsin-River Falls to continue as chair of the committee for 2019-20.
- 6. Review of 2019 championship.** The committee reviewed summaries of surveys from participants, the host tournament director, site representatives, committee representatives and officials. The committee commended the University of St. Thomas on hosting a successful championship. Attendance was excellent, which resulted in an exciting championship environment.
- 7. Plan for 2020 championship.**

 - a. Community service activity.** The committee agreed to revisit a community service activity for teams' participating at the finals site of the 2020 championship. The committee will require hosts bidding on the finals site to include an idea for the community service activity with their bid.
- 8. Championship format.**

 - a. Game times.** The committee agreed that all quarterfinal games should be played at 3 p.m. local time unless otherwise approved by the women's ice hockey committee. The committee also confirmed that first-round games will continue to be played at 7 p.m. The semifinals and final round games will remain at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day with the host team playing the late semifinal game.
 - b. Third-place game.** The committee agreed to implement a survey question to gather student-athlete feedback regarding the experience of the third-place game.
- 9. Misconduct.** The committee determined Adrian fulfilled their requirement to forfeit their next postseason opportunity during the 2019 championship. Adrian will now be eligible to host at their next postseason hosting opportunity.
- 10. Selection criteria and ranking procedures.** The committee reviewed the selection and ranking procedures.

- 11. Selection and assignment of officials.** The committee met with NCAA national coordinator of women's ice hockey officials to discuss the selection and assignment of officials for the championship. The committee will schedule a teleconference in January with the national coordinator and conference assignors to review recommendations of officials.
- 12. Automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed the automatic-qualification declarations for 2019-20 and recommended that seven conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2019 championship. (See Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2-a.)
- 13. Sport sponsorship and pool allocations.** The committee reviewed the 2019 pool document and noted that Alvernia University will sponsor women's ice hockey in 2019-20 and Western New England has announced that it will begin sponsoring the sport in 2020-21. The committee also reviewed other anticipated conference realignments in 2020-21.
- 14. Committee timeline and resource sheet.** The committee reviewed and revised the committee timeline and resource sheet. The committee added a call with the national coordinator of officials.
- 15. Forms.** The committee reviewed and revised forms used for the women's ice hockey championship.
- 16. Manuals.** The committee reviewed and revised the women's ice hockey host operations manual, site representative manual, pre-championship manual, committee operations manual and participant manuals.
- 17. 2020 annual meeting.** The committee will schedule the 2020 annual meeting in June in conjunction with the ice hockey rules committee and other divisional ice hockey committees.

Committee Chair: Crystal Lanning, University of Wisconsin-River Falls,
Staff Liaison(s): Aaron King, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Katie Boldvich, Colonial Hockey Conference/New England Hockey Conference/New England Collegiate Conference.	
Crystal Lanning, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.	
Jackie MacMillan, College of St. Scholastica.	
Bill Mandigo, Middlebury College.	

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Deb Steward, William Smith College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Stevie Baker-Watson, NCAA Division III Championships Committee.
Tom DiFusco, NCAA National Coordinator of Women's Ice Hockey Officials.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Aaron King
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.