



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 3, 2020, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Automatic qualification**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following seven conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship: Commonwealth Coast 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, 2020.
- (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.

**b. Committee chair.**

- (1) Recommendation. That Jackie MacMillan, head coach at the College of St. Scholastica, serve as chair of the committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Ms. MacMillan will replace Crystal Lanning, who has one year remaining on her term on the committee but has served the maximum of two years as chair per

Bylaw 21.9.2.2.1. Ms. MacMillan has served on the committee for two years and will be an excellent leader and spokesperson for the committee.

- (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. **2019 annual committee meeting report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual committee meeting report as submitted.
3. **2019-20 NCAA Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions the NCAA Division III Championships Committee took in 2019-20 relevant to the work of the Women's Ice Hockey Committee.
4. **2020 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 elected Jackie MacMillan, head coach at the College of St. Scholastica, to serve as chair of the committee for 2020-21. (See Action Item 2-b.)
6. **Review of 2020 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2020 championship and commended first-round hosts for their execution as well as quarterfinal hosts for their efforts in preparing to host.
7. **Review of selection and ranking procedures.**
  - a. **Selection call.** The committee decided that in the event all national committee members from one region are required to remove themselves from the call because of their affiliation with teams under consideration for the tournament, one replacement will be brought on the call to represent that region.
  - b. **Selection announcement.** The committee agreed to move the selection announcement from Monday morning to Sunday at 9 p.m. to allow hosts more time to plan and prepare.

- 8. Selection and assignment of officials.** The committee discussed selection and assignment of officials and commended the work of the officials at the two first-round sites.
- 9. Automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed the automatic-qualification declarations for 2020-21 and recommended that seven conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2021 championship. (See Action Item 2-a.)
- 10. Sport sponsorship and pool allocations.** The committee reviewed the 2020 pool document and noted that Western New England will join the CCC and Lawrence University will join the WNCHA in 2020-21 and reviewed other anticipated conference realignments in 2020-21. The committee also noted Arcadia University has announced its intention to sponsor the sport in 2021-22.
- 11. Committee timeline and resource sheet.** The committee reviewed and revised the committee timeline and resource sheet.
- 12. Forms.** The committee reviewed and revised forms used for the women's ice hockey championship.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 2021 annual meeting.** The committee will schedule the 2021 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

<b>NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee June 3, 2020, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Crystal Lanning, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.
	Jackie MacMillan, College of St. Scholastica.
	Bill Mandigo, Middlebury College.
	Deb Steward, William Smith College.
	David Walberg, University of Massachusetts Boston.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.

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<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Tim Danehy, College Hockey Stats.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.