



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JULY 18, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- 1. Automatic qualification.** The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee recommends that all nine eligible conferences receive one automatic qualification spot for the 2024 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.
- 2. Sport committee composition.** The committee would like to ensure that no more than one individual from a conference be represented on the sport committee.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Automatic qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following nine conferences receive one AQ spot for the 2024 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship: America East Conference, ASUN Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, and the Patriot League. The two lowest-ranked automatic-qualifying teams as determined by the committee, regardless of conference RPI, will compete in an opening-round game to determine the final AQ spot in the championship bracket.
- (2) Effective date. 2024 championship.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. However, given the championship bracket allows for 16 teams, one opening-round game is required to comply with NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.7.1.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Sport committee composition**

- (1) Recommendation. That no more than one individual from a conference be on the Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately for any future openings.

- (3) Rationale. Having more than one individual from the same conference on such a small committee (five total members) can create questions regarding the integrity of the committee (even if it is just perceived). For example, recently another Big Ten Conference member was added, which now gives the five-member committee two individuals from the Big Ten. Given the work being done with the sport committee composition recommendations from the Division I Transformation Committee, the lacrosse committee prefers that the conference duplication not occur again in the future.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2022 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2022 annual meeting report.
2. **Selection criteria.** The committee is committed to studying various metrics and engaging membership in the process throughout the 2023-24 academic year. The committee reviewed a metric developed by a subgroup of coaches and agreed to continue discussing it but also explore what the entire coaching community thinks. The committee would like to continue the two reveal rankings if it makes sense with timing.
3. **Championship review.**
  - a. **Preliminary rounds.** The committee reviewed the surveys and noted areas for improvement. Staff will work on these areas when managing hosting bids. The committee noted the great crowd at Navy as enhancing the preliminary rounds.
  - b. **Championship site.** The committee reviewed the team hotels and feels they were well suited for the championship. The committee felt the bracket sticker presentation was confusing, and while the committee does not want to discontinue the presentation, members do believe it needs to be more streamlined.
  - c. **Banquet.** The committee confirmed not having a banquet for the upcoming year (2024 championship) as this past year teams really enjoyed creating their own experiences and not having to rush around on a schedule. The committee would like to continue to substitute gear in place of the banquet. The gear should be distributed at practice or as early as possible so teams can enjoy it over the weekend.

- d. **Practice field setup.** The committee noted that the off-site practice site was not ready for practices on Sunday. Staff will work with the host to make sure this is managed. Key items that need to be set up include having clocks available (both game and shot).
  - e. **Locker room/bench assignments.** The committee thought the locker rooms and bench assignments were very well done. They specifically liked how the second game participants were not able to enter their locker room until after halftime of the first game. This worked well.
  - f. **Schedule.** The committee discussed the Sunday press conference schedule and asked for staff to explore ways to make it better for the student-athletes and team administrators by considering virtual options or having the media come to their hotel. Staff will work on this to improve the press conference schedule in the future.
  - g. **Broadcast.** The committee received an update from the NCAA broadcast liaison regarding ratings for the entire tournament. This was the highest year (2023) since 2010 regarding ratings at the finals site. The committee thought the shot speed addition was well received.
  - f. **Officiating/Rules.** The committee received presentations from the rules committee liaison and the national coordinator of officials. The rules committee submitted some video review updates.
- 4. **National committee/regional advisory committees.** The committee reviewed its composition and noted that the incoming member, while certainly well qualified, is from a conference already represented on the five-member committee. Accordingly, the committee agreed to the recommendation noted in Action Item 2-b. The committee also reviewed the RAC rosters and noticed the high amount of turnover that may be occurring next year. They would like to revisit the rosters next year and consider extending a few of the RAC members to maintain consistency.
  - 5. **Divisional championships recap.** The Divisions I, II and III Men's Lacrosse Committees met to recap the student-athlete experience in Philadelphia. Overall, they felt it was a great experience with no major adjustments needed for next year.
  - 6. **2024 annual meeting dates.** It has been difficult for the committee to commit to a date due to recruiting for coaches and other summer plans for all members. The committee asked staff to explore whether the annual meeting could be in held conjunction with the site visit for Boston.
  - 7. **Election of the chair.** The committee approved Jordan Skolnick, deputy director of athletics at the University of Delaware, as the chair beginning September 1, 2023. Mr. Skolnick will

replace Brandon Macneill, deputy director of athletics at the University of Denver, when his term on the committee expires August 31.

8. **Other business.** The committee reviewed the information regarding a potential failure to adhere to policy and took appropriate actions.

*Committee Chair:* Brandon Macneill, University of Denver, Big East Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances

Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee July 18, 2023, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Joe Breschi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Matthew Colagiovanni, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.	
Brandon Macneill, University of Denver.	
Randy Mearns, St. Bonaventure University.	
Jordan Skolnick, University of Delaware.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None or list out guests.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Mitchell Bailey, Tommy Barrett, Will Hopkins, Jordan Menard, Nick Moeller, Allie Silcox, Andy Supergan and Marcus Thatcher.	