



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JULY 27, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

Action Item: The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee recommends that all eligible conferences be awarded one automatic qualification spot for the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Automatic qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one AQ spot for the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship: America East Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Northeast Conference, Patriot League and the Southern Conference. The two lowest-ranked automatic-qualifying teams as determined by the committee, regardless of conference RPI, will compete in one opening-round game to determine the final AQ spot in the championship bracket.
- (2) Effective date. 2021 championship.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. However, given that 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. No change from 2020.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. No change from 2020.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Site selection.** Site selection recommendations for the 2022-26 quarterfinals and championships were finalized.

2. **Regional advisory committee (RAC).** The committee reviewed the current RAC roster and noted one upcoming vacancy. The RAC will continue to conduct calls on Wednesdays. While RAC members will continue to provide their top 20 rankings each week, they will continue to be asked to discuss only the top 15 rankings during the weekly calls.
3. **Selection criteria.** There were no changes to the selection criteria. However, the committee noted that changes may need to be made for the 2021 championship, pending any changes to the season due to COVID-19.
4. **Championship review.** While the 2020 championship was cancelled, the Lacrosse Committee reviewed preparations leading up to the championships and addressed the following items:
 - a. Venue capacity at Pratt and Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field is approximately 30,000. This is a decrease from previous sites, which have held approximately 80,000 fans.
 - b. Although venue capacity may be decreased due to COVID-19, there are no plans to reduce the team ticket blocks. Teams receive approximately 500 tickets per team. In addition, tickets for all NCAA championships will be digital tickets.
5. **Annual meeting dates.** The next annual meeting will take place in June 2021, at a to be determined date.

Committee Chair: Tim Leonard, Towson University
Staff Liaison : Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee July 27, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kyle Brennan, University of Utah.	
Joe Breschi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Tim Leonard, Towson University.	
Donna Woodruff, Loyola University Maryland.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
Absentees:	
Mike Pressler, Bryant University	

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.
Heidi Wurster, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Tommy Barrett, Championships and Alliances.
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Jared Kramer, Championships and Alliances.
Tricia Krummen, Championships and Alliances.