



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 22 & 24, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCES

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Date formula change.**

- a. Recommendation. That the current date of the quarterfinal round be moved from Saturday to Sunday during the first week of the championship.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- c. Rationale. A few years ago, the men's lacrosse championship bracket was expanded, and the first round was moved from the Saturday after selections to Wednesday. With this date change, the quarterfinal round, semifinal round and championship game will all be on Sunday on consecutive weeks. By moving this date back an additional day student-athletes will be able to remain on campus for one more day prior to departure to avoid additional missed class time during a highly academic stressful period of final exams. This date change will add an extra day of rest and recovery for the student-athletes who participated in first round contests.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. As mentioned in the rationale, by moving this date back an additional day student-athletes will be able to remain on campus for one more day prior to departure to avoid additional missed class time during a highly academic stressful period of final exams. This date change will add an extra day of rest and recovery for the student-athletes who participated in first round contests.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of 2019 report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report.
2. **Sport sponsorship for 2020-21.** The committee reviewed and discussed new sport sponsoring members and their placement in their respective regions. One institution in the south region announced this spring they will no longer sponsor the sport of men's lacrosse and another south

region institution announced it will suspend the sponsorship of men's lacrosse for the 2020-21 season.

3. **Regional alignment.** The committee discussed a few possible regional alignments for the future and decided to not make any changes. The committee will continue to monitor the regional alignment as new members start to sponsor the sport of men's lacrosse.
4. **2023-2026 bid cycle.** The committee conducted a review of the bids received for 2023-2026 and discussed their recommendations. The committee will have a joint meeting with the Divisions I and III Men's Lacrosse Committees to make their final recommendations on the joint championship sites.
5. **Committee and regional advisory committee (RAC) rosters.** The committee reviewed the national and regional advisory committee rosters and noted upcoming vacancies on the regional advisory committees. Staff noted that some of the upcoming vacancies may be extended a year at the discretion of the conference offices due to the cancelation of the spring championships. There will be one new member on the national committee for the upcoming year.
6. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed and discussed their recent recommendation to the championships committee additional selection criteria for 2021-24:
  - In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
  - In-Region Strength of Schedule.
  - Performance Indicator (PI).

These criteria reflect no changes from the current, previously approved criteria except for Performance Indicator (PI) replacing Division II results vs. teams with .500 record or better. The committee feels this switch to PI will encompass a team's full resume rather than just having an additional criteria item that may have limited data. The committee believes the additional selection criteria coupled with the required criteria will provide the committee with enough data to make well-informed decisions related to the ranking and ultimately, the selection of teams for the championship.

7. **Coaches Connection.** The committee discussed the Division II men's lacrosse coaches connection program and noted how the program has had a positive effect in keeping the coaches informed with the educational elements and monthly updates from the different constituent groups.
8. **2021 annual meeting.** The committee agreed tentatively to meet via videoconference June 21-22, 2021.
9. **Joint meeting.** The committee participated in a joint session via videoconference with the Divisions I and III Men's Lacrosse Committees. The committees discussed the championship

bids for the joint championships for 2023-26. The secretary rules editor and national coordinator of officials provided an update from the men's lacrosse rules committee meeting and outlined all the rule changes for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.

*Committee Chair: Dan Velez, New York Institute of Technology, East Coast Conference*  
*Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee June 22 &amp; 24, 2020, Videoconferences</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
J.B. Clarke, Limestone College.
Brad Davis, Mercyhurst University.
Drew Howard, Florida Southern College.
Dan Velez, New York Institute of Technology.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Abby Nool, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.