



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 14, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. **Regional alignment.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends the regional alignment (Supplement 16c) be adopted for the 2019-20 academic year. The committee understands if the championships committee decides to delay the alignment for a year to implement in 2020-21 due to scheduling concerns.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. The committee has discussed and reviewed a few different regional alignments for the past few years. Several conference commissioners and championships committee members have asked the committee to review and implement changes from the two-region model. Currently, men's lacrosse has two regions with 100 institutions in the north and 146 institutions in the south. The numbers in both regions particularly in the south continues to increase as the sport of men's lacrosse grows. In September, the championships committee endorsed the proposed regional alignment and asked the committee to make a formal recommendation.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The addition of a new committee member.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- None.

*Committee Chair: Sean Woods, Colorado College*

*Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Attendees:</b>
Tom Emberley, Skyline Conference.
Terry Justice, Transylvania University.
Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology.
Sean Woods, Colorado College.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 18, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. **Bracket format change.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends a bracket format change be implemented for the 2019-20 academic year.

- First Round: 4 sites (2 teams per site) with competition on Wednesday.
- Second/Third Round: 8 sites (4 teams per site) with competition on Saturday and the winners advancing to games on Sunday at the same site.
- Quarterfinals/Semifinals: 2 sites (4 teams per site) with competition on Saturday and the winners advancing to games on Sunday at the same site.
- Championship: 1 site (2 teams per site) with competition on Sunday.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. The committee has discussed and reviewed a few different bracket formats since the bracket increased from 32 to 34 teams the past few years and is currently 36 teams. Currently, selections take place on Sunday night with first round games taking place on Tuesday at the site of the second round that is played on Wednesday. The third round takes place on Saturday followed by the quarterfinal round on Wednesday then the semifinal round on Sunday and concluding with the championship on the following Sunday. The turnaround is extremely quick from selections to the first round. The committee has received this feedback through championship surveys and the IMLCA which the committee understands. The committee and staff have participated in a few teleconferences and meetings with the IMLCA advisory board discussing the several formats the committee had been reviewing. While there was no consensus on a particular format, the committee feels this is the best format for the championship going forward. This bracket format will greatly reduce missed class time during a highly academic stressful period of final exams compared to the current bracket. The committee would ask if the championships committee does not approve this bracket format that consideration be made to move the first, second and third round back by one day. This would result in the first round being on Wednesday, second round on Thursday and third round on Sunday.

(4) Estimated budget impact. \$53,000.

(5) Student-athlete impact. As mentioned in the rational, this bracket format will greatly reduce missed class time during a highly academic stressful period of final exams compared to the current bracket. The student-athlete experience will be enhanced by having the majority of the games of the championship being played on weekends which will allow more family and friends the ability to attend games. The atmosphere at each of the sites will be elevated with three games taking place over the second/third and quarterfinal/semifinal rounds each weekend.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **None.**

*Committee Chair:* Sean Woods, Colorado College

*Staff Liaison:* Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee January 18, 2019, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Tom Emberley, Skyline Conference.	
Terry Justice, Transylvania University.	
Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology.	
Sean Woods, Colorado College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

**NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse | 2019-20 Projected Sponsorship | 5 Region  
Model**

<b>REGION I</b>	
<b>Commonwealth Coast Conference (9) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Curry College Endicott College Gordon College University of New England Nichols College	Roger Williams University Salve Regina University Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University
<b>Great Northeast Athletic Conference (10) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Albertus Magnus College Anna Maria College Emmanuel College (Massachusetts) Johnson & Wales University (Providence) Lasell College	Norwich University Regis College (Massachusetts) Rivier University University of St. Joseph (Connecticut) Saint Joseph’s College (Maine)
<b>Little East Conference (9) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Castleton University Eastern Connecticut State University Keene State College University of Massachusetts Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Plymouth State University Salem State University University of Southern Maine Western Connecticut State University
<b>New England Small College Athletic Conference (11) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Connecticut College Hamilton College	Middlebury College Trinity College (Connecticut) Tufts University Wesleyan University (Connecticut) Williams College
<b>New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Massachusetts Maritime Academy Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
<b>North Atlantic Conference (13) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Becker College State University of New York at Canton *Dean College State University of New York at Delhi Husson University Maine Maritime Academy Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Mitchell College Newbury College New England College Northern Vermont University-Johnson Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Thomas College

**Total Number of Schools – 60**  
**Total Number of Eligible Schools – 59**  
**Total Number of Eligible Pool A Teams – 59**  
**Total Number of Eligible Pool B Teams – 0**

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REGION II	
<b>Empire 8 (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Houghton College	Nazareth College The Sage Colleges St. John Fisher College Utica College
<b>Liberty League (9) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Bard College Clarkson University Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology	Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College
<b>North Eastern Athletic Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Cazenovia College State University of New York at Cobleskill Hilbert College Keuka College	Medaille College Morrisville State College State University of New York Polytechnic Institute Wells College
<b>Skyline Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Farmingdale State College State University of New York Maritime College Manhattanville College Mount Saint Mary College (New York)	College of Mount St. Vincent Purchase College, State University of New York St. Joseph’s College (Long Island) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
<b>State University of New York Athletic Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
College at Brockport, State University of New York State University of New York at Cortland State University of New York at Geneseo State University of New York at New Paltz	State University of New York at Oneonta State University of New York at Oswego Plattsburgh State University of New York State University of New York at Potsdam
<b>Pool B Teams (1)</b>	
Alfred State College	

**Total Number of Schools – 42**

**Total Number of Eligible Schools – 42**

**Total Number of Eligible Pool A Teams – 41**

**Total Number of Eligible Pool B Teams – 1**

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REGION III	
<b>Atlantic East Conference (7)</b>	
Cabrini University Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia)	Marywood University Neumann University Wesley College
<b>Capital Athletic Conference (6) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Christopher Newport University University of Mary Washington Salisbury University	Southern Virginia University St. Mary's College of Maryland York College (Pennsylvania)
<b>Centennial Conference (9) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Dickinson College Franklin & Marshall College Gettysburg College Haverford College McDaniel College	Muhlenberg College Swarthmore College Ursinus College Washington College (Maryland)
<b>Colonial States Athletic Conference (7) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Bryn Athyn College Centenary University (NJ) Kean University Keystone College	Montclair State University Rosemont College Stockton University
<b>Landmark Conference (7) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Catholic University Drew University Elizabethtown College Goucher College	Moravian College University of Scranton Susquehanna University
<b>Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Albright College Alvernia University Arcadia University Hood College Lebanon Valley College	Lycoming College Messiah College Stevenson University Widener University
<b>Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Delaware Valley University DeSales University Eastern University Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham	King's College (Pennsylvania) Misericordia University Stevens Institute of Technology Wilkes University

**Total Number of Schools – 53****Total Number of Eligible Schools – 53****Total Number of Eligible Pool A Teams – 46****Total Number of Eligible Pool B Teams – 7**

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REGION IV	
<b>Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference (5)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Anderson University (Indiana) Earlham College Hanover College	Mount St. Joseph University Transylvania University
<b>North Coast Athletic Conference (10)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Allegheny College Denison University DePauw University Hiram College Kenyon College	Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University Wabash College Wittenberg University The College of Wooster
<b>Old Dominion Athletic Conference (11)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Bridgewater College (Virginia) Ferrum College Guilford College Hampden-Sydney College University of Lynchburg Randolph College	Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Virginia Wesleyan University Washington and Lee University
<b>Ohio Athletic Conference (10)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Baldwin Wallace University Capital University Heidelberg University John Carroll University Marietta College	University of Mount Union Muskingum University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University Wilmington College (Ohio)
<b>Presidents' Athletic Conference (8)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Bethany College (West Virginia) Chatham University Franciscan University of Steubenville Grove City College	Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Westminster College (Pennsylvania)
<b>USA South Athletic Conference (8)</b> <b>(Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Averett University *Brevard College Greensboro College Huntingdon College	Methodist University *Pfeiffer University Piedmont College William Peace University
<b>Pool B Teams (1)</b>	
La Roche College	

**Total Number of Schools – 53****Total Number of Eligible Schools – 51****Total Number of Eligible Pool A Teams – 50****Total Number of Eligible Pool B Teams – 1**



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<b>REGION V</b>	
<b>College Conference of Illinois &amp; Wisconsin (7) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Augustana College (Illinois) Carroll University (Wisconsin) Carthage College University of Dubuque	Elmhurst College Illinois Wesleyan University North Central College
<b>Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin College	Hope College Kalamazoo College Olivet College Trine University
<b>Midwest Lacrosse Conference (13) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Aurora University Beloit College Benedictine University (Illinois) Concordia University Chicago Concordia University Wisconsin Cornell College Fontbonne University	Illinois Institute of Tech Marian University (Wisconsin) Milwaukee School of Engineering Monmouth College (Illinois) North Central University University of Northwestern-St. Paul
<b>Southern Athletic Association (7) (Automatic Qualifier)</b>	
Berry College Birmingham-Southern College Centre College Hendrix College	Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South
<b>Pool B Teams (7)</b>	
Centenary College (Louisiana) Colorado College University of Dallas Johnson & Wales University (Denver)	Northland College Southwestern University (Texas) Whittier College

**Total Number of Schools – 42****Total Number of Eligible Schools – 42****Total Number of Eligible Pool A Teams – 35****Total Number of Eligible Pool B Teams – 7**