



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JUNE 16 & 18, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 27 conferences be afforded automatic-qualifying status to the 2021 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Atlantic East Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Lacrosse Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; State University of New York Athletic Conference and USA South Athletic Conference.

The anticipated pool allocations for the 2021 championship are as follows: Pool A – 27; Pool B – 2; Pool C – 7.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form. (Note: Pool allocations may be adjusted based on 2020-21 sponsorship numbers.)

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Committee chair appointment.

- (1) Recommendation. That Gene Peluso, head men's lacrosse at Stevens Institute of Technology, serve as chair of the committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. During his two-year tenure on the committee, Mr. Peluso has made significant contributions and is a valuable member of the committee who was unanimously approved to chair the committee.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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, along with some institutions moving to different conferences. Staff will provide an update to the committee once sport sponsorship listing is available in the membership database in September.
- 3. 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 II Men's Lacrosse Committees to make their final recommendations on the joint championship sites.
- 4. Committee and regional advisory committee (RAC) rosters.** The committee reviewed the national and regional advisory committee rosters while noting upcoming vacancies on the national and regional advisory committees. The national committee will be adding one new member as Tom Emberley, assistant commissioner of the Skyline Conference and chair of the committee term expires. As for the regional advisory committee, 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 spring championships.
- 5. Selection criteria feedback.** The committee reviewed and discussed feedback they provided to the championships committee on possible future selection criteria. The committee is interested in having some standardized selection criteria that are consistent for all team sport committees but are in favor of also allowing each sport committee to identify a set number of additional criteria. The committee would like to identify up to three additional criteria to be added with the standardized criteria.

6. **Regional rankings feedback for 2021-22.** The committee reviewed and discussed feedback they provided to the championships committee on future regional rankings for the 2021-22 academic year. The committee prefers a fixed percentage at 19% of teams for each region rather than a fixed number across each region.
7. **2021 Annual Meeting.** The committee agreed tentatively to meet via videoconference June 21-22, 2021.
8. **Joint Meeting.** The committee participated in a joint session via videoconference with the Divisions I and II 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: Tom Emberley, Skyline Conference
Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee June 16 & 18, 2020, Videoconference
Attendees:
Tom Emberley, Skyline Conference.
Brendan McWilliams, Emmanuel College (Massachusetts).
Terry Justice, Transylvania University.
Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology.
Dave Zazzaro, Rhodes College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Abby Nool, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.