



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 20-21, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 28 conferences be afforded automatic-qualifying status to the 2023 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Atlantic East Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse 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; United East Conference and USA South Athletic Conference.

The anticipated pool allocations for the 2023 championship are as follows: Pool A – 28; Pool B – 0; Pool C – 10.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2022.

- (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 2022-23 sponsorship numbers.)

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Regional alignment.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences move to a different region for the 2023-24 season: North Atlantic Conference moves from Region I to Region II; Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference moves from Region IV to Region V and Southern Athletic Association moves from Region V to Region IV.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. The committee feels by moving these conferences in men's lacrosse this will establish more consistent number of member institutions across the five regions. Currently the regional break down is 57 teams in Region I, 38 teams in Region II, 55 teams in Region III, 58 teams in Region IV and 37 teams in Region V. With the adjustments mentioned above Region I would have 47 teams, Region II would have 48 teams, Region III would have 55 teams, Region IV would have 48 teams and Region V would have 47 teams.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2021 annual meeting report**. The committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **2022 championship review**. The committee reviewed the 2022 championship, pointing out the successes and some of the challenges during the event. The committee commended the Fairfield University and Rentschler Field staffs for their outstanding work at the championship site.
  - a. **Surveys**. The committee reviewed the survey results and discussed them throughout the various sections of the agenda.
  - b. **Bench personnel**. The committee discussed bench personnel size and strongly recommends that teams be allowed to bring as many student-athletes as they have on their current roster to the championship and be permitted in the bench area. This would allow for a better overall student-athlete experience for all institutions that participate in the championship. These coaches are charged by their presidents and directors of athletics to maintain high roster sizes and this policy would assist with the retention of student-athletes. These student-athletes are a part of the team all season but when they make the NCAA championship these student-athletes are regulated to sit in the stands away from their teammates. The committee provided similar feedback

to the Division III Championships Committee back in April. The committee would be interested in how all other sport committees of teamsports feel about this policy.

- c. Selection show.** The committee discussed the quality of the selection show. The committee would like for staff to collaborate with our streaming company on initiatives on enhancing the selection show.
- d. Format.** The committee discussed the back-to-back game format for the second/third rounds and quarterfinal/semifinal rounds. The committee and staff continue to receive feedback through surveys and conversations with our participating institutions. Many of the institutions are seeing through their sport tracking devices significant drops in bursts, speed and energy on the second day of the back-to-back games. The committee plans to put a proposal together for the next budget cycle to have a day of rest between the second/third rounds and quarterfinal/semifinal rounds. The committee and staff will be working with the NCAA Sport Science Institute as they put any recommendations forward.
- 3. 2023 championship planning in Philadelphia, PA.** The committee began to plan for the 2023 championship in Philadelphia, PA. Game times will be at 1 and 4 p.m. or noon and 3 p.m., with Division II playing in the first contest followed by the Division III championship.
- 4. Sport sponsorship for 2022-23.** The committee reviewed and discussed new sport sponsoring members and their placement in their respective regions.
- 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. There will be one new member on the national committee for the upcoming year.
- 6. Committee chair election.** The committee voted unanimously that Scott McVean, Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Rochester Institute of Technology be appointed chair of the committee.
- 7. Selection criteria and regional rankings.** The committee discussed the feedback provided to the championship committee back in April. The committee would like to move the non-conference strength of schedule to primary and add performance indicator (PI) to the primary criteria. Also, the committee would like to see the elimination of non-division won-lost% and results vs. common non DIII opponents from secondary criteria. These elements of criteria are so seldomly used or if at all by the committee and most likely the case for all other team sport committees. The committee would be in favor of adding the RPI to the secondary criteria.

The projected regional rankings of 20% of teams per region for the 2022-23 championship is as follows:

- Region I – 11 teams.
- Region II – 8 teams.
- Region III – 11 teams.
- Region IV – 11 teams.
- Region V – 8 teams.

8. **2023 annual meeting.** The committee agreed to meet in-person in Indianapolis on June 20-21, 2023.
9. **Joint meeting.** The committee participated in a joint session via videoconference with the Divisions I and II Men's Lacrosse Committees. The committees discussed this year's championship and early discussions for the 2023 championship. The committees discussed not having a banquet going forward and using the allocated budget for student-athlete gifts. Tom Abbott, the national coordinator of officials provided the committees with a review of the officials from this year's championships and initiatives being used to train new officials to be a part of future championships. The secretary rules editor, Willie Scroggs provided an update from the men's lacrosse rules committee meeting and outlined all the rule changes for the 2022-23 season.

*Committee Chair:* Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology  
*Staff Liaison:* Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee June 20-21, 2022, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Scott McVean, Rochester Institute of Technology.	
Brendan McWilliams, Emmanuel College (Massachusetts).	
Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology.	
Pete Rosaschi, Franciscan University of Steubenville.	
Dave Zazzaro, Rhodes College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>	
Will Hopkins.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	