



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
MAY 27, 2019, ANNUAL MEETING

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 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic 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; North Eastern Athletic 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 2020 championship are as follows: Pool A – 27; Pool B – 1; Pool C – 8.

- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (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 2019-20 sponsorship numbers.)

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Committee chair appointment.

- (1) Recommendation. That Tom Emberley, assistant commissioner of the Skyline Conference, serve as chair of the committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. During his three-year tenure on the committee, Mr. Emberley 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. Review 2018 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2018 annual meeting report as written.
- 2. 2019 championship.** The committee reviewed the 2019 championship, pointing out the successes and some of the challenges during the event. The committee commended the Drexel University and Philadelphia Eagles staffs for their great work at the championship site.
- 3. 2020 championship planning in Philadelphia, PA.** The committee began to plan for the 2020 championship in Philadelphia, PA. Game times will be at 1 and 4 p.m. or noon and 3 p.m., with Division III playing in the first contest followed by the Division II championship.
- 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 two new members as Sean Woods, head coach at Colorado College and chair of the committee term expires along with another new member. The national committee will expand from four to five members due to the change in regional alignment from two to five regions. As for the regional advisory committee, there will be minimal new members in each of the five regions.
- 5. Bench size.** The committee discussed the need to increase the size of bench personnel permitted during the championship. Bench size is the overwhelming topic year in and year out the committee and staff see in our championship surveys and conversation with participating institutions. In the sport of lacrosse, rosters continue to increase as the sport grows. Many institutions have charged their coaches to increase rosters and to maintain a high retention rate. The committee feels strongly this would be a positive addition to the student-athlete experience throughout the championship. Many of the participating institutions are traveling all their student-athletes to the competition site to be with their teammates only to be regulated to the

stands for viewing the contest. The committee understands the championships committee is evaluating bench personnel for all team sports and may adjust policies in the future. The committee also discussed the possibility of proposing an increase to the squad size due to the new tournament format with two weekends consisting of back-to-back games. Many coaches have expressed concerns with the back-to-back games providing less rest and recovery time for student-athletes. Teams that participate in back-to-back games during the regular season do not have any roster or squad size restrictions.

6. Tournament format. The committee discussed and reviewed the new championship format that was approved by the championships committee during their February meeting.

- 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.

7. Regional alignment. The committee discussed and reviewed the five regional model that was approved by the championships committee during their February meeting.

8. 2020 Annual Meeting. The committee agreed to meet May 25, 2020.

9. Joint Meeting. The committee participated in a joint session via teleconference with the Divisions I and II Men’s Lacrosse Committees. The committees discussed the recap of the 2019 championships and the planning of the 2020 championships. The committees received a recap of the year from the national coordinator of officials and secretary rules editor.

Committee Chair: Sean Woods, Colorado College

Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee May 27, 2019, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Tom Emberley, Skyline Conference.
Gene Peluso, Stevens Institute of Technology.
Terry Justice, Transylvania University.
Sean Woods, Colorado 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.