

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE  
MAY 30 AND JULY 6, 2022, MEETINGS**

ACTION ITEMS.

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Conference automatic qualification.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2023 NCAA Division III Women'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 Women's Lacrosse Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; United East Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

Projected pool allocations

Pool A – 32

Pool B – 1

Pool C – 15

(2) Effective date. October 1, 2022.

(3) Rationale. The 32 conferences meet the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 31.3.2 and have completed the automatic-qualification declaration form. Pool allocations may adjust pending 2022-23 sponsorship numbers.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

**1. Meeting overview.** Starting in 2019, the annual meeting was divided into two parts. The in-person meeting took place on the Monday following the championship final at the site of the championship. The second part of the meeting was conducted virtually afterward.

2. **Review of 2021 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from 2020-21 as submitted.
3. **Governance updates.** The governance staff joined the committee to review recent actions as well as future goals and initiatives in Division III.
4. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee reviewed sport sponsorship and with the recent expansion of the bracket noted that no further expansion is needed. The committee anticipates the potential for expansion in the next year or two with continued additions of women's lacrosse programs.
5. **Review of the 2022 championship.** The committee reviewed all aspects related to the 2022 championship. The committee recognized the host for working hard and the preparation to put on a great championship and noted again that the facility is a premier location with a tremendous staff. The committee made note of a few items that can be improved upon for next year and also some new items to increase the quality of experience for those involved.

6. **2023 Championship.**

- a. **Schedule of events.** The committee will work with the host over the summer to finalize the schedule of events as the 2023 championship will feature a day off between the semifinals and final for the first time and a new schedule will be created once all items of the championship are finalized.
- b. **Selection criteria and regional rankings.** The committee continued considering potential changes in selection criteria options, noting that the Division III Championships Committee is examining this topic for the division and plans to discuss it further during the in-person meeting with sport committee chairs in September.

The committee also noted that the Championships Committee is reviewing the percentage of teams in each region that are ranked. The Women's Lacrosse Committee is considering ranking fewer teams than in 2022, lowering the percentage only slightly to reduce the number of ranked teams by an average of one per region, potentially two in some regions.

7. **Selections.** The committee believes the selection processes should be further explained and clarified with the membership. The selection schedule and processes will be distributed in more detail through the NCAA DIII newsletter and in partnership with IWLCA bulletins as well so that all coaches are aware of the Division III women's process of selecting on Sunday and the Monday morning announcement, as compared to the other divisions and men's lacrosse.
8. **National committee and regional advisory committee.** The committee selected MK Geratowski to serve as chair of the committee in 2022-23. The committee will have three committee members, Patty Kloidt, Kim Wenger, and Alyssa Batty, depart the committee in August. The new committee roster will be finalized over the summer.
9. **Review of NCAA manuals.** The committee will be reviewing the championship manuals and timelines to make the recommended changes.

- 10. Squad size, travel party size, bench limit.** The committee reviewed the recent increase in squad size, travel party, and bench limit just prior to the championship in 2022. The Championship Committee also announced recently that all members within the bench limits can be in uniform and participate in warm-ups. The committee will continue to discuss how to best improve the student-athlete experience in 2023.

*Committee Chair: Patty Kloidt, Hamilton College.*

*Staff Liaison: Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.*

<b>Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee</b>	
<b>May 30 and July 6, 2022, In-Person and Teleconference Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Alyssa Batty, Chatham University.	
Erica Adams, Bridgewater State University.	
Kim Wenger, Northwest Conference.	
MK Geratowski, Randolph-Macon College.	
Jeff Siegel, Rochester Institute of Technology.	
Janice Luck, Albright College.	
Patty Kloidt, Hamilton College	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.	