



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
MAY 23 AND JULY 2, 2025, IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Conference automatic qualification.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2025 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Atlantic East Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Conference of New England; 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; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's & 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

Automatic Qualifiers – 30

At-Large – 17

- b. Effective date. September 1, 2025.
- c. Rationale. The 30 conferences meet requirements of NCAA Bylaw 31.3.2 and have completed the automatic qualification declaration form. AQ's and pool allocations may adjust pending 2024-25 alignment changes and sponsorship numbers.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the annual meeting agenda and schedule.
2. **Review of the 2025 championship.** The committee discussed the review of the 2025 championship in Salem, Virginia, in addition to all preliminary-round contests. The committee recognized the great effort from all hosts throughout the tournament and was pleased with the championship. Members continue to identify small improvements that can be made in the tournament and will contact hosts with some enhancements that can be made in future years.

The committee reviewed the bracketing process, which included the protection of the top eight seeds in the tournament based on NPI ranks. Overall, the group felt this was one of the most balanced and best brackets that has been produced in a long time because of the protection initiative. The committee fully supports its continued use.

3. **Governance update.** The committee met with Laura Peterson to review recent actions as well as future goals and initiatives in Division III. The committee also provided feedback on topics like NPI, coaches connection, and bench limits.
4. **NCAA Power Index.** The committee discussed the first year of the NCAA Power Index (NPI) and the dials specific to women's lacrosse. Members identified a short list of issues to track and research leading into and throughout the 2026 season. Overall, the committee was extremely happy with the results of the NPI and continues to support the process.
5. **National committee.** The committee noted there will be two new members in 2025-26. Traci Lian of Nazareth University in Region III has been named to the committee and a representative of Region VI will be named soon. Additionally, the committee has selected Erica Adams (Bridgewater State) to serve as chair in 2025-26.

Committee Chair: Jeff Siegel, Rochester Institute of Technology,
Staff Liaison: Kevin Alcox, NCAA Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee May 23 and July 2, 2025, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Erica Adams, Bridgewater State University.	
Kate Livesay, Middlebury College.	
John Krimmel, Neumann University.	
Brittany Morris, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Michael Schulist, Carroll University (Wisconsin).	
Jeff Siegel, Rochester Institute of Technology.	

Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.
Bryce Peters, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Laura Peterson, Championships and Alliances (Division III Championships Committee liaison).