



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JULY 29, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Accept invitation to Women's Lacrosse DI/DII/DIII Joint Championship in 2027 (Towson, Maryland) and 2028 (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

(1) Recommendation. The DIII women's lacrosse committee recommends accepting the invitation by Division I women's lacrosse to create a joint DI/DII/DIII women's lacrosse championship to be hosted at Johnny Unitas Stadium (Towson University) in Towson, MD in 2027 and at Subaru Park in Philadelphia, PA in 2028.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. A joint championship has been a goal of the DIII women's lacrosse committee to provide a similar experience to the joint men's lacrosse championship. The enhancement of the student-athlete experience is the primary rationale and the committees have worked together to create this immediate opportunity ahead of the next bid cycle in which a joint championship will be an option for bidding.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The estimated cost in 2027 and in 2028 is approximately \$50,000 each year. The last three years, the average cost for the final site has been around \$30,000 for DIII women's lacrosse – and so 2027 and 2028 would have an impact increase around \$20,000 per year, but can vary by site. In addition, increased attendance could offset these increased costs.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This would be a tremendous enhancement for the student-athlete experience, matching the DIII men's lacrosse experience in many ways. This will also increase the promotion of women's lacrosse and DIII women's lacrosse.

b. Adjust the DIII women's lacrosse tournament schedule to align with the championship being apart of the DI/DII/DIII joint women's lacrosse championship.

(1) Recommendation. The DIII women's lacrosse committee recommends changing the tournament schedule to align with the dates and set-up of the joint women's lacrosse championship.

- (2) Effective date. Immediately with the approval of the joint championship.
- (3) Rationale. The joint women's lacrosse championship will feature the championship game of the DIII women's lacrosse tournament on Memorial Day weekend. With this adjustment from previous tournament schedules, the quarterfinals and the semifinals would take place the weekend prior to the championship. The second and third round would take place a weekend prior to that and the weekend after selections. With those changes, the first round would move to Wednesday prior to the second round and take place following the selections announcement on Monday.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The estimated budget impact document was reviewed by the Championship Committee. Overall the financial analysis provides a range of impacts from an overall savings to a mid-range increase cost of \$78,000.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The impact on the schedule would cause teams playing in the first round to play three games in four days if they advance to the third round, however the enhancement of the DI/DII/DIII joint championship has been the priority of the DIII women's lacrosse membership. This schedule is similar to the men's schedule and a few other championships that play a first-round game midweek after selections, so this is not an uncommon schedule for early rounds.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **DI/DII/DIII Joint Championship**. The committee reviewed all the materials related to this event and invitation from the DI women's lacrosse committee.
 - a. **Championship Schedule**: The committee reviewed the updated improved schedule for the championship, with DII and DIII practicing on Thursday and Friday and having their championships on Saturday between the DI semifinals on Friday and championship on Sunday. DII and DIII would rotate on which division would play first on Saturday each year.
 - b. **Preliminary round schedule**. The committee reviewed two options for the preliminary round schedule of the tournament and recommended having the first round on Wednesday following selections, with the first weekend (Saturday-Sunday) being the second and third rounds. The second weekend would then feature the quarterfinals and semifinals with the two remaining teams advancing to the joint championship on Memorial Day weekend. The committee did note that in 2027, with May having five weekends, there will be a weekend off between the semifinals and the finals. The semifinals will take place on May 16 and the finals will take place on May 29, but will return to normal in 2028 with no breaks in the schedule. The committee will examine changing the championship date formula for future years.

- c. **Budgets:** The committee reviewed all budget impacts and felt that the analysis showed a likely savings with this format and joint championship, though acknowledged the potential for a cost impact. The committee will review the actual impact of these two championships as part of its review of future bids in the next bid cycle.

Committee Chair: Erica Adams, Bridgewater State University, MASCAC
Staff Liaison(s): Kevin Alcox, Championships and Strategic Partnerships

Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee July 29, 2026, Virtual Committee Meeting	
Attendees:	
Erica Adams, Bridgewater State University.	
Kate Livesay, Middlebury College.	
Traci Lian, Nazareth University.	
John Krimmel, Neumann University.	
Michele Dombrowski, The University of the South.	
Absentees:	
Michael Schulist, Carroll University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Kevin Alcox, Championships.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	