



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 25, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Automatic qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following four conferences receive automatic bids for the 2026 NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Championships: Liberty League; Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference, New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
- (2) Effective date. 2026 championships.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are recommended.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Results reporting system.** The committee directed staff to review the potential for small changes to the score reporting system.
2. **Championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2025 championship and discussed key items to continue to enhance future championships. The group made special note of the work done by the Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, and Princeton National Rowing Association to successfully host the event.
3. **Broadcast.** The committee discussed the championship broadcast and noted positive improvements this year. The group committed to continue exploring potential enhancements with broadcast partners.
4. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referees from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group. The group was supportive of continuing zonal refereeing in future years.
5. **Repechage review.** The committee directed staff to work on producing a survey to send to Division III head coaches to better understand the membership's opinions on the continued use of repechages at the championship.
6. **Committee chair.** The committee appointed Liz Dennison, deputy director of athletics at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, as committee chair beginning September 1.

Committee Chair: Tessa Spillane, Wellesley College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:	
Liz Dennison, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.	
Chris O'Brien, Stockton College.	
Mike Snyder, Pacific Lutheran University.	
Tessa Spillane, Wellesley College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	