REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
AUG. 17, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

   - **None.**

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

   - **Automatic qualification.**

   a. Recommendation. That the following four conferences receive automatic bids for the 2027 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.

   b. Effective date. 2027 championships.

   c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are recommended.

   d. Estimated budget impact. None.

   e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2025 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2025 annual meeting report as written.

2. **Results reporting system.** The committee directed staff to review the potential for small changes to the score reporting system.

3. **Championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2026 championship and discussed key items to continue to enhance future championships. The group made special note of the work done by the City of Gainesville, Lake Lanier Rowing Club, and the University of North Georgia.

4. **Broadcast.** The committee discussed the championship broadcast and noted positive improvements this year. The group committed to continue exploring potential enhancements with broadcast partners.

5. **Format review.** The committee expressed interest in removing repechages from the championship format and asked staff to work with the coaches association on developing a

survey for the membership. The committee hopes to implement any final change for the 2027 championship.

6. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referees from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group.

7. **Committee chair.** The committee appointed Liz Dennison, deputy director of athletics at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, to continue as committee chair.

Committee Chair: *Liz Dennison, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Liberty League.*
Staff Liaison(s): *Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.*

NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Committee Aug. 17, 2026, Meeting
Attendees:
Liz Dennison, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
John Edwards, Massachusetts Maritime Academy.
Chris O'Brien, Stockon University.
Mike Snyder, Pacific Lutheran University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.