



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE  
JUNE 12-13, 2018, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative item.**

- **Automatic qualification.**

- a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Championships Committee award the following four conferences automatic qualification privileges for the 2019 championship: The Liberty League, Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference, the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference and the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

For the 2019 championship, no conference will receive more than one automatic berth, and Pools B and C will be condensed to a single pool (which will include all qualified teams).

Tentative Pool Allocations:

Pool A – 4

Pool B&C – 4

- b. Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- c. Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.2 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.
- d. Estimate budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of committee's 2017 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its report from the 2017 annual meeting.
- 2. Review Division III championship committee actions.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Division III Championships Committee reports from the past year, noting items applicable to women's rowing and sport committees in general.
- 3. Review joint meeting agenda.** The committee reviewed the joint agenda and made notes

to address during the joint portion of the meeting. (See the attached joint meeting report.)

**4. Ranking and selection process.** The committee reviewed the ranking and selection criteria and overall process.

- a. Results reporting. Committee members reviewed the results reporting function and noted they do not use Results Explorer because it is not very accurate, especially with big regattas it is difficult to discern who competes in each race. It is very time intensive for the committee. The committee members discussed modifications necessary to meet their needs and agreed to include them in the request for proposal process.
- b. Regional ranking procedures. The committee will continue to rank and publish the top three I Eight and II Eight boats in each region as well as rank the designated number of teams in each region. The committee asked staff to research whether sport sponsorship data would support an increase in the number of teams ranked per region, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The committee discussed the number of published rankings and the ongoing difficulty of having enough teams with the minimum number of results to rank for the first published ranking. The committee agreed that this year's change to three published rankings was appropriate. The committee wants to continue conducting a mock ranking prior to published rankings.

- c. Review of selection procedures. The committee reviewed the selection procedures and approved an editorial revision. Although the Pacific region does not have an automatic qualifier, there is a requirement to select at least one team from each region; therefore, there is no reason to have a pool designation. Pools B and C may be combined. The committee operations and pre-championships manuals will be revised accordingly.

The committee recommended moving the selections date and show to Tuesday for increased availability of regional and national committee members. Many are returning from their last regular-season regattas and are not in the best location to teleconference for rankings and selections.

- d. Regional representation. The committee continues to support the regional representation concept in which at least one team is selected for the championships from each region.
- e. Selecting eight full teams. The committee discussed the smooth transition to the selection of eight full teams. The committee will continue to monitor sports sponsorship to determine if it would support a request for bracket expansion.
- f. Review of forms. The forms were reviewed and will be revised accordingly.
- g. Selection show. The committee recommended first announcing the four automatic qualifiers rather than an alphabetical announcement, which diminishes the anticipation.

- 5. 2018 championships review.** The committee reviewed the championships site, including the banquets, hotels, head official's report, and other pertinent policies and procedures related to the championships. All participants were lauded for their flexibility given the incoming tropical storm.

The committee discussed suggestions for future sites. In particular, the committee emphasized:

- a. Co-hosts designate multiple point persons for different areas of championships operations.
- b. A sufficient number of volunteers who are flexible in scheduling.
- c. Communicate approximate duration of coxswain meetings so that teams can properly schedule.
- d. Enhance the opening banquet and awards ceremony.
- e. Specificity regarding scale technician contracted to be "on-call."
- f. Location for teams to remain during inclement weather.
- g. Increase inclusion of Special Olympics athletes in daily activities.

The committee directed staff to determine the appropriate process to manage boat transportation rates. The current rates do not entice other institutions, particularly Division I, to add boats to their trailers.

- 6. Review of sport sponsorship list.** The committee reviewed the current list of institutions sponsoring the sport and noted a few potential changes.
- 7. Championships administration.** The committee reviewed the various committee rosters, manuals, timelines and agendas and made the appropriate updates.
- 8. 2019 annual meeting dates.** The committee agreed to meet June 3-4 in Indianapolis following the conclusion of the championships.
- 9. Committee chair.** The committee approved the continuation of Lauren Brownrigg's term as committee chair.

*Committee Chair: Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University (Oregon), Northwest Conference.*

*Staff Liaison: Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances.*

<b>Division III Women's Rowing Committee</b> <b>June 12-13, 2018, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University (Oregon).

John Gaskin, University of Rochester.
Kristin Maile, Sarah Lawrence College.
Carolyn Miles, Williams College.
Kendall Mulligan, Franklin & Marshall College.
William Randall, U.S Coast Guard.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Louise McCleary, Law, Policy and Governance.
Nick Strah, Championships and Alliances.