

NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 2020

The NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Ryan Tressel, NCAA director of championships and alliances (phone: 317-917-6316; email: rtressel@ncaa.org).

1. 2019-20 Committee Members.

Jeff Bacon, chair
Senior Associate Commissioner
Mid-American Conference
Term expires September 2020

Midwest Region

Simon Gray
Director of Athletics
Niagara University
Term expires September 2023

East Region

Kimya Massey
Senior Associate Athletic Director
Oregon State University
Term expires September 2022

West Region

Mathes Mennell
Head Soccer Coach
University of North Carolina-Asheville
Stepped down from Committee January 2020

South/Southeast Region

Michael Noonan
Head Men's Soccer Coach
Clemson University
Term expires September 2022

East Region

Chris Schneider
Senior Associate Commissioner
Big East Conference
Term expires September 2021

Midwest Region

Mark Spencer
Director of Athletics
University of Evansville
Term expires September 2023

Midwest Region

Tanya Vogel
Director of Athletics
George Washington University
Term expires September 2020 but eligible for reappointment

East Region

2. Annual Meeting. The soccer committee's 2020 annual meeting will take place February 10-12 in Indianapolis. If you have any specific items or proposals you would like to have added to the agenda, please email them to Mr. Tressel (rtressel@ncaa.org) by January 21.

3. Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Actions.

- Approved the following: That the following 24 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2019 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship: America East Conference; American Athletic Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic Sun Conference; Big East Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Northeast Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southern Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.
- Approved moving the three secondary selection criteria to join the existing primary selection criteria so that all the criteria are primary.
- Soccer Committee recommended to conduct the semifinals and final on separate weekends. Semifinals would be conducted on campus sites while the championship would move to the next weekend. The Championship Oversight Committee deferred action on this request until the Sports Science Institute report is available.

4. 2019 Championship. The 2019 NCAA Men's College Cup was hosted by Campbell University and the Town of Cary. The competition was held at Sahlen's Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

5. 2020 Championship. The schedule for the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship is as follows:

Selections:	November 16
First Round (16 Sites):	November 19
Second Round (16 Sites):	November 22
Third Round (8 Sites):	November 28 or 29
Quarterfinal (4 Sites):	December 4 or 5
College Cup:	December 11 and 13

The 2020 Men's College Cup will be conducted at Meredith Field at Harder Stadium in Santa Barbara, California. The University of California, Santa Barbara, will serve as host for the event.

6. **Future Dates.** The dates for future men's soccer championships are as follows:

2021

Selections:	November 15
First Round (16 Sites):	November 18
Second Round (16 Sites):	November 21
Third Round (8 Sites):	November 27 or 28
Quarterfinal (4 Sites):	December 3 or 4
College Cup:	December 10 and 12

7. **2019 Selection Criteria.**

Team Selection Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the men's soccer committee shall consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's soccer championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Adjusted Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which includes:
 1. Won-lost record (25 percent).
 2. Opponents' strength of schedule (50 percent).
 3. Opponents' opponents' strength of schedule (25 percent).
 4. Bonus/penalty system.
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Strength and results against nonconference opponents.

- Results against teams already selected (including automatic qualifiers with an RPI of 1-75).
- Late-season performance in last eight games (strength and results).
- Strength and results against conference opponents.

Teams selected for an at-large berth to the men's soccer championship must have an overall Division I won-loss record of .500 or better.

Recommendations provided by regional advisory committees shall also be considered by the men's soccer committee. Coaches' polls and /or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the men's soccer committee for selection purposes.

8. **2019-20 Soccer Sponsorship.**

Men		Women
204 (-1)	Division I	335 (+2)
215 (+4)	Division II	266 (-2)
419 (+8)	Division III	440 (-1)

(Note: Numbers in () represent change from 2018 sponsorship.)

9. **Site Selection Process.** The 2022-23 through 2025-26 site selection process is underway and includes 86 of the 90 NCAA championships (this includes the Division I Men's College Cup). Bids will be accepted until February 3, 2020. Go to www.ncaa.org/bids for more details and how to submit a bid.