



NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Committee Annual Report

January 2019

The NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Committee is providing this information to outline the 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 Molly Simons, NCAA Championships and Alliances (Phone: 317-917-6785 or Email: msimons@ncaa.org). For additional information regarding soccer, please access the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org.

1. 2018-19 Committee Members.

Gary Kagiavas *Atlantic Region*
Head Women's Soccer Coach
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Term expires September 2022

Lewis Theobald *Central Region*
Head Women's Soccer Coach
University of Central Missouri
Term expires September 2019

Jim Moore, chair *East Region*
Head Women's Soccer Coach
Georgia Court University
Term expires September 2020

Kelley Kish *Midwest Region*
Director of Athletics
Lake Erie College
Term expires September 2022

Larry Carpenter *South Region*
Director of Athletics
Lee University
Term expires September 2021

J.B. Belzer *South Central Region*
Head Women's Soccer Coach
Regis University (Colorado)
Term expires September 2019

Jennifer Bell *Southeast Region*
Director of Athletics
Converse College
Term expires September 2021

Jason Carmichael *West Region*
Director of Athletics
California State University, East Bay
Term expires September 2021

2. 2018-19 Women's Soccer Sponsorship.

Division I – 330
Division II – 260
Division III – 440

3. 2018 Championship. The NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship provided for a field of 56 teams. Six, seven or eight teams were selected from each region based on access ratio. For first- and second-round competition, two top-seeded teams, as determined by the committee, were offered the opportunity to host, provided the minimum site selection criteria were met. In regions with six berths, the number one seed received a bye and played the winner of the four versus five seed. The number two seed also received a bye and played the winner of the three versus six seed. In regions with seven berths, only the top seed received a bye. In regions with eight berths, all teams played in the first round. Teams advancing from second-round competition faced one another the following weekend to determine the regional winner. Quarterfinals were held at the same site as third-round competition. Quarterfinal sites were selected on a regional rotation. The semifinals and final were hosted by Slippery Rock University, Clarion University and SportsPITTSBURGH in Pittsburgh as part of the 2018 Fall Championships Festival. The four teams at the final site included: University of Bridgeport, Grand Valley State University, Lee University and UC San Diego. Congratulations to the 2018 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer National Champions – University of Bridgeport. Bridgeport won their first national title in women's soccer in a thrilling match versus Grand Valley State. Both the semifinals and final were webcast on NCAA.com.

4. Dates for 2019 Championship.

Reminder—New date formula goes into effect for all non-Festival years.

Selections: Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 all games completed by Sunday, Nov. 19.

Championship: Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 14.

5. **Championship Site.** The 2019 championship will return to Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh. Slippery Rock University and SportsPITTSBURGH will serve as hosts. The soccer championship will go to the University of Tampa for 2020. The championship site for 2021 will be announced in February.

6. **2019 Championship Structure.** The 2019 championship bracket will be established as follows:

Quarterfinals (host listed first)

Central vs. Midwest

West vs. South Central

East vs. Atlantic

Southeast vs. South

7. **Future Dates and Pairings.**

Please visit:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/ncaa-championships-schedule> and select Division II Women's Soccer for a listing of future championship dates.

Teams advancing to the semifinals will be seeded based on Performance Indicator (PI) and placed into the bracket.

8. **Selection Criteria.** The committee selected teams for the championship based on the following criteria:

- In-Region Winning Percentage;
- Division II Winning Percentage;
- Division II Strength of Schedule;
- Division II Head-to-Head;
- Results versus Division II Common Opponents;
- In-Region Strength of Schedule;
- Performance Indicator (PI); and
- In-Region Non-Conference Win-Lost Record.

It is important to note that the United Soccer Coaches' regular-season polls are not used as part of the selection criteria for championship participation.

9. **Annual Meeting.** The committee's 2019 annual meeting will take place January 28-29 in Indianapolis. Please send any requested agenda items to Molly Simons (msimons@ncaa.org) for consideration.

10. Championships Committee Actions on 2018 Committee Recommendations:

1. Approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2018 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Heartland Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
2. Approved that starting in 2018, the women's soccer bracket will provide for a field of 56 teams, with regional berths determined by access ratio. Number of regional berths will be announced in September, after the sport sponsorship reports are submitted by institutions.
3. Approved that starting in 2019, the date formula will be modified to push the championship back a week later, as noted above. The postseason will start a week later in November but will revert to the current date formula in Festival years.
4. Approved that teams advancing to the final site will be seeded based on PI, including all results through quarterfinals.