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. For additional information regarding soccer, please access the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org.

1. **2019-20 Committee Members.**

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

   **Chad Markuson**  
   Central Region  
   Deputy Athletic Director  
   Minnesota State University Moorhead  
   Term expires September 2023

   **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

   **Neil Piper**  
   South Central Region  
   Head Women’s Soccer Coach  
   Texas A&M University-Commerce  
   Term expires September 2023

   **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. **2019-20 Women’s Soccer Sponsorship.**

   - Division I – 334
   - Division II – 261
   - Division III – 439

3. **2019 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 two weekends later 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 and SportsPITTSBURGH in Pittsburgh at Highmark Stadium. The four teams at the final site included: Flagler, Grand Valley State, Saint Rose and Western Washington. Congratulations to the 2019 NCAA Division II Women’s Soccer National Champions – Grand Valley State. Both the semifinals and final were webcast on NCAA.com.

4. **Dates for 2020 Championship.**


   Championship: Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 12.
5. **Championship Site.** The 2020 championship will take place at Pepin Stadium in Tampa, FL. The University of Tampa and the Tampa Bay Sports Commission will serve as hosts. The soccer championship will go to Switchbacks FC Stadium in Colorado Springs, CO in 2021.

6. **2020 Championship Structure.** The 2020 championship bracket will be established as follows:

   **Quarterfinals (host listed first)**
   - Midwest vs. Central
   - South Central vs. West
   - Atlantic vs. East
   - South vs. Southeast

7. **Future Dates and Pairings.**

   Please visit: [http://www.ncaa.org/championships/ncaa-championships-schedule](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 Division II Strength of Schedule, Division II Winning Percentage and Performance Indicator (PI) and then 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 2020 annual meeting will take place January 27-28 in Indianapolis. Please send any requested agenda items to John Kuzio ([jkuzio@ncaa.org](mailto:jkuzio@ncaa.org)) for consideration.

10. **Championships Committee Actions on 2019 Committee Recommendations:**

    1. Approved the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2019 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;
       - 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 seeding the four teams advancing to the finals based on the Division II strength of schedule, Division II winning percentage and performance indicator (PI), which are all part of the selection criteria for women’s soccer. Further, the data used for seeding the advancing teams will encompass only regular-season results since teams do not control who they play in the postseason.

    3. Approved allowing preliminary-round hosts to choose a Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday format to best suit their needs.

    4. Approved adding additional criteria to the current web streaming requirements to provide the best possible consistency in the video exchange process institutions use during the men’s and women’s soccer championships.