



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11-13, 2020, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Committee chair.

- (1) Recommendation. That Kevin Brenner, head men's soccer coach at Elmira College, be named chair of the committee. Mr. Brenner will replace Justin Serpone as chair when Mr. Serpone's term expires in September 2020.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Brenner was a unanimous selection as one of veterans of the Men's Soccer Committee.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 43 conferences be granted automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Atlantic East Conference, Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern

California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference.

The anticipated pool allocations for the 2020 championship are as follows: Pool A – 43; Pool B – 0; Pool C – 21.

- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification (AQ) eligibility.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review 2019 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2019 annual meeting report as presented.
- 2. Review of United Soccer Coaches (USC) convention divisional meeting.** The committee received an update regarding the meeting from members of the committee who attended. The priorities communicated from coaches at the USC meeting focused on current proposals being discussed by the committee (selection criteria and expanded regular season), as well as discussions and concerns related to yellow/red card tracking, overtime, DI split season proposal, spring season expansion, officiating, and coaches association legal representation.
- 3. Preliminary-round evaluations.** The committee discussed preliminary-round evaluations for sites and officials.

The committee discussed a few key topics from the evaluations, including conflicting field dimensions, field surfaces, back-up field availability, officiating, and empowerment of site reps and officiating crews.

- 4. Rankings, selections and bracketing.** The committee reviewed the weekly rankings from the 2019 season and discussed the ranking and selection process. The committee noted that the process was improved with some minor changes, including committee members partnering to review criteria and rankings. The committee members proposed a division-wide examination of the selection criteria and request the addition of primary criteria for rankings and selections.

The committee, in reviewing the current selection criteria, is recommending an increase to ranking 21% of teams from each region to improve the quality of the results vs. ranked criteria,

which would improve some of the comparisons under the limited criteria options available across the regions.

The men's committee, along with the women's committee, will be working with all Division III sport committees to submit a proposal for the Championships Committee to examine the selection criteria legislation and expand the criteria options for sport committees to use.

- 5. Championship and preliminary-round host bids.** The committee discussed requiring all preliminary-round hosts to have a backup field option within a reasonable distance (time/miles). In discussion at the annual joint meeting, the committees determined that all bids would request information on backup options and give priority to those with suitable backup options. Based on the feedback of those bids, the committees will discuss again at the 2021 annual meeting to formalize any requirements for bidding.

The committee also took a first look at the bids submitted for the 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 championships. The process will continue through the spring and summer before announcements are made this fall.

- 6. Sponsorship analysis.** The committee reviewed the anticipated sponsorship for 2020-21 and noted the provisional institutions expected to become full members, anticipated new provisional members and a number of changes to conference affiliation. More changes are expected prior to the fall.

The committee discussed the anticipated breakdown of bids. With an increase to 43 automatic qualifiers, men's soccer will likely have zero pool B selections and remain at 21 pool C selections.

- 7. Committee and regional advisory committee (RAC) rosters.** The committee reviewed the national and regional advisory committee rosters and noted the four vacancies on the national committee. The committee reviewed duties and responsibilities for the committee and RAC and noted the positive impact of improved training.
- 8. Review of NCAA manuals.** The committee assigned manual review to each member. The committee will make appropriate updates and additions to the committee operations, host operations, participant, pre-championships and site representative manuals over the spring following a full and in-depth review.

Committee Chair: Justin Serpone, Amherst College
Staff Liaison: Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:

Ken Andrews, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
Kevin Brenner, Elmira College.
Marc Colwell, Illinois Institute of Technology.
Joe Mooney, University of Wisconsin-Superior.
Justin Newell, Kenyon College.
Justin Serpone, Amherst College
Jon Waters, University of Lynchburg.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Kevin Alcox, Aaron King.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.