

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 4-6, 2025, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

None.

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Preliminary-round evaluations**. The committee reviewed the preliminary rounds and final site evaluations and discussed ways to address the concerns cited.
- **2. Championship sites**. The committee discussed the next bid cycle, scheduled for 2025-26. In talking with the women's committee, members agreed that each committee would seek bids for separate championships, while still being able to bid on a joint championship. The men's committee identified potential locations and discussed how to seek bids for a Division III men's only championship.
- 3. NPI, selections, and bracketing. The committee reviewed the NCAA Power Index (NPI) and the new bracketing process, which included protecting the top eight seeds in the field. The committee reviewed feedback from the membership and identified dials to consider during the 2025 season. The committee felt that the first year went well both in NPI rankings and in the bracketing process, resulting in a tremendous tournament. The committee also noted it would conduct a more comprehensive review during the 2026 annual meeting.
- **4. Automatic qualification, regional advisory committees, and NCAA manuals.** The committee will review conference affiliation and the championship manuals in the spring/summer. The committee will also work with the Division III Championships Committee on its proposed transition from regional advisory committees to a Division III coaches connection.
- **5. Committee chair.** The committee elected Dejan Mladenovic, head soccer coach at John Carroll University, as the chair of the committee for 2024-25.

Committee Chair: Brian Marcantonio, Utica College

Staff Liaison(s): Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances

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None.

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Attendees:
Patrick Colbert, Conference of New England.
Mark Griffin, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark.
David Kulik, Johnson & Wales University (Providence).
Brian Marcantonio, Utica College.
Dejan Mladenovic, John Carroll University.
Megan Patruno, Muhlenberg University.
Miguel Ruiz, Cal Lutheran University.
Brian Sisson, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.
Nate Stewart, Centre College.
Michael Zapolski, Augustana College (Illinois).
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Kevin Alcox, Bryce Peters
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: