



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

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Automatic qualification.**

(1) Recommendation. That the following 43 conferences be granted automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers; American Southwest 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; 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; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The anticipated pool allocations for the 2020 championship are as follows: Pool A – 43; Pool B – 1; Pool C – 20.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification 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 meeting.** The committee reviewed a supplement distributed at the recent USC meeting and made no changes for future years.
- 3. Preliminary-round evaluations.** The committee reviewed and discussed preliminary-round evaluations for sites and officials.

The committee discussed concerns with institutions hosting multiple NCAA preliminary-round events and other campus events in one weekend and the impact this could have on the student-athlete experience. The committee will seek guidance from the NCAA Division III Championships Committee on handling the concerns raised and future instances where this could occur.

The committee noted inconsistencies with information site representatives were providing and policies for number of student-athletes in uniform not being followed. NCAA staff will work with future hosts and site representatives to ensure all policies are followed and emphasize the importance of the consistency among sites.

NCAA staff will communicate with host sites to provide feedback received through participant surveys to help improve the student-athlete experience during future championships.

- 4. Rankings, selections and bracketing.** The committee reviewed the weekly rankings from the 2019 season and discussed the rankings process.

The committee reviewed and discussed bracketing principles and the importance of retaining the integrity of the bracket. The committee members will continue to review the bracket to ensure it is balanced to the best of their ability, while staying within the bracketing principles, which could result in hosting opportunities for teams not ranked in their region.

- 5. Committee and regional advisory committee rosters.** The committee reviewed the national and regional advisory committee rosters and noted upcoming vacancies.
- 6. Manuals review.** The committee reviewed and made appropriate updates and additions to the committee operations, host operations, participant, pre-championship and site representative manuals.

7. **Bid review.** The committee discussed bids received for the 2022-2025 championships and potential benefits and concerns of each site. Future calls will be scheduled to discuss each bid in more detail.

*Committee Chair: Sean Sullivan, Catholic University*

*Staff Liaisons: Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances*

<b>Division III Women's Soccer Committee February 11-13, 2020, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Beverly Biancur, North Carolina Wesleyan College.
	Frank Marion, California Lutheran University.
	Wendy McManus, Elmhurst College.
	Michael Mooney, State University of New York at Geneseo.
	Jason Murphy, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.
	Sean Sullivan, Catholic University.
	Girish Thakar, Westminster College (Pennsylvania).
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	Nicolle Wood, Salem State University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
	Donisha Carter, Championships and Alliances.
	Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	None.