The NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Committee is providing this information to outline 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 Morgan DeSpain, (phone: 317-917-6505; email: mdespain@ncaa.org).

1. **2018-19 Committee Members.**

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2. **Annual Meeting.** The committee’s annual meeting will take place February 11-13, 2020, in Indianapolis. The NCAA Division III Championships Committee’s winter meeting will take place February 4-5, 2020. Feedback may be supplied prior to the meeting via NCAA staff liaisons as well as committee members.

3. **2019 Soccer Sponsorship.**

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(Note: Numbers in () represent change from ‘18 sponsorship)

4. **2019 Championship.**

The 2019 Division III Women’s Soccer Championship was held at UNC Greensboro Soccer Stadium, at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and was co-hosted by UNCG and the Greensboro Sports Commission. The 2019 championship marked the sixteenth consecutive year that the championship was held at a joint site with the Division III Men’s Soccer Championship.

The women’s soccer championship provided for a field of 64 teams. Thirty-two first-round and 16 second-round games were played the first weekend of the championship. Sixteen teams advanced to the sectionals the second weekend of the championship. All preliminary games were hosted on the campus of one of the participating institutions.

Congratulations to coach Scott Frey and the Messiah College women’s soccer team on winning the 2019 national championship with a victory over William Smith College in the championship finals.

**Championship Statistics**

Of the 63 matches played during the 2019 championships, 11 (one being the championship finals) were decided by a single goal in regulation, six were decided in single overtime, one was decided in double overtime, and 10 were decided in penalty kicks.

5. **Dates for 2020 Championship.**

- Selections: Sunday-Monday, November 8-9
- First/Second Rounds: Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15 or Friday-Saturday, November 13-14*
- Sectionals: Saturday-Sunday, November 21-22 or OR Friday-Saturday, November 20-21*
- Championship: Friday-Saturday, December 4-5

* If Sunday No-Play institution is involved.

6. **Championship Date Formula.**

- First/Second Rounds: One weekend before sectionals (Saturday-Sunday)
- Sectionals: One weekend before Thanksgiving (Saturday-Sunday)
- Final: Weekend after Thanksgiving weekend (Friday-Saturday)

7. **Future Dates.**

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8. **2020 Regional Rankings.** The women’s soccer committee will release regional rankings during each of the three weeks prior to selection as follows:

   - **Wednesday, October 21**
   - **Wednesday, October 28**
   - **Wednesday, November 4**

9. **Allocation of Berths.**

- **Pool A (43):** The following conferences that received automatic qualification were: Allegheny Mountain Athletic Conference; American Rivers Conference; 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, Middle Atlantic Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Middle Atlantic Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic
Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; 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 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; USA South Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Pool B (1) will be comprised of independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification.

Pool C (20) will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion and institutions not selected for Pool B.

10. **2020 Bracket.** The number of teams for all Division III team sports is determined by applying a 1:6.5 ratio of championship berths to eligible sponsoring institutions (2019-20 sponsorship reports) with a maximum bracket size of 64. The pool breakdown for the 2020 championship is based upon 2020-21 sponsorship reports (which are not released until September 2020); therefore, the pool numbers listed below are estimates.

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\text{Bracket} = 64 \\
\text{Pool A} = 43 \\
\text{Pool B} = 1 \\
\text{Pool C} = 20
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These calculations are based on the following:
- That 439 institutions sponsor Division III women’s soccer, including six provisional members and two reclassifying institution.
- That 43 conferences will qualify for AQ status.
- That 416 institutions will be members of AQ conferences.
- That Pool B will consist of 14 institutions.

11. **Hosting Determination.** The Division III Championships Committee has prioritized the following site-selection criteria for all championships:

1. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
2. Geographical location (which may include such factors as rotation of sites, weather, accessibility and transportation costs);
3. Seeding;
4. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility; and
5. Past hosting history.

In addition, the soccer committees include the following site-selection deliberations:

- Hosts for all rounds of the championship must have the ability to charge admission.
- Preference is given to grass/grass-like surfaces.
- Playing surface is 70 yards x 115 yards or larger.
- Hosts must be able to establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play.
- The potential host must have played the majority of its home games on the field it is submitting for consideration.

A competing institution that cannot charge admission at its home facility and/or cannot establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play may not serve as host.

13. **Site Reps Needed.** The NCAA will send information to the membership at the beginning of the 2018-19 academic year regarding serving as a site rep.

Benefits of serving as a site rep are as follows:

- **Travel Reimbursement.** All site reps will receive mileage reimbursement of 54 cents per mile for up to 1000 miles roundtrip.
- **Per Diem.** Each site rep will receive a per diem of $75 for each day of travel, practice and competition.
- **Lodging.** Each host institution will provide site reps with lodging, if needed.
- **Professional Development.**

For more information on the duties and responsibilities please go to the following link:

http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-iii-womens-soccer

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