



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7-9, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- Automatic qualification.

- a. Recommendation. That the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification to the 2023 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers Conference; American Southwest Conference; Atlantic East Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference/ United East 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 Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast 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 2023 championship are as follows: Pool A – 42; Pool B – 1; Pool C – 21.

- b. Effective date. Immediately.
- c. Rationale. All recommended conferences meet the criteria for automatic qualification eligibility.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.

- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review 2022 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2022 annual meeting report as presented.
2. **Review of United Soccer Coaches meeting.** The committee reviewed a supplement distributed at the recent United Soccer Coaches convention 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 that were hosting football on the same weekend. Also, one site experienced lighting issues. In addition, the committee would like to ensure that the hosts are providing snacks and sport drinks after the competition for the teams.

4. **Finals site review.** The committee noted a significant issue with the team hotel as the key card maker wasn't working, which caused problems with teams being able to access their rooms in a timely fashion. The committee would like to move the men and the women to the same hotel, which wasn't possible in 2022 because of hotel renovation. In addition, the committee would like the banquet to be held at the hotel to eliminate the additional travel time for the teams.
5. **Rankings, selections and bracketing.** The committee reviewed the weekly rankings from the 2022 season and discussed the rankings process.

The committee discussed and supported the Championships Committee mandate of ranking only seven teams per region as it shortened the regional calls.

6. **Committee and regional advisory committee rosters.** The committee reviewed the national and regional advisory committee rosters and noted upcoming vacancies.
7. **Misconduct.** The committee reviewed an alleged misconduct during the championship and voted on applicable penalties.
8. **Roster size.** The committee appreciated the Championships Committee increasing the sideline limit to 40 individuals but feels that 50 would be the most appropriate number, as student-athletes who have never had to sit in the stands all season are having to sit there due to the limit. The committee feels due to retention standards on campus, schools are bringing all of the student-athletes anyway and with the sideline being so large there is not a space issue.

9. **Committee chair.** The committee elected Jessica Huda, assistant athletics director at Montclair State University, as chair to replace Nicolle Wood when Ms. Wood's term expires in September 2023
10. **Rules feedback.** The NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee asked for feedback on two specific issues – overtime during the regular season and the “golden goal” in the postseason. The committee didn't feel strongly either way on no overtime in the regular season but felt the golden goal should be reinstituted for postseason competition.

Committee Chair: Nicolle Wood, Salem State University
Staff Liaisons: Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee February 7-9, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Beverly Biancur, North Carolina Wesleyan College.	
Jessica Huda, Montclair State University	
Katari Key, Alverno College.	
Susan Kolb, Hood College.	
Crystal Lanning, University of Wisconsin River Falls.	
Frank Marino, California Lutheran University.	
Brienne Smithson, Bowdoin College.	
Adam Sprague, Mount Aloysius College	
Nicolle Wood, Salem State University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances.	
Jackie Kawamoto, Championships and Alliances.	
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	