

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

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Preliminary-round evaluations.** The committee reviewed the preliminary rounds and finals site evaluations and directed staff to make minor improvements to address the identified concerns.
2. **Future Championship sites.** The committee discussed the next bid cycle scheduled to occur in 2025-26. The women's committee expressed a desire to seek bids separate from the men's championship. This was also discussed in the joint meeting, and the men's committee agreed that while they are hosted at the same site, the current format has them practicing and playing on separate days. The women's committee hopes to receive bids from sites that would have interest in hosting four teams but might not have interest/ability to host eight teams.
3. **NCAA Power Index, 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 felt that the NPI and bracketing process went very well. The committee examined the data and reviewed feedback from the membership and identified certain dials to watch during the 2025-26 season. The committee will use data from 2024-25 and 2025-26 to more comprehensively discuss dial settings at its next annual meeting.
4. **Finals site review.** The committee discussed the recent championship and noted several items of concern with the playing surface and location of the championship, which will be good information to have as it enters the next bid cycle.
5. **2025 championship preview.** The committee discussed items to enhance when the championship returns to Salem. The committees will follow up with women's basketball and women's lacrosse championship liaisons (both championships were hosted in Salem in 2025) to glean ideas for next year and see how the banquet and entertainment were received by the teams.

6. **Automatic qualification, regional advisory committees, and NCAA manuals.** The committee will review conference affiliations, RAC rosters, and the championship manuals in the spring/summer. The committee will look to the Division III Championships Committee on the proposed transition from regional advisory committees to a Division III Coaches Connection model. The women's and men's committees are interested in being the first to move to this model in the fall.
7. **Committee chair.** The committee elected Crystal Lanning, director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, as the chair of the committee for 2025-26.

Committee Chair: Jess Huda, Montclair State University, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Andy Foltz, Pacific Lutheran University.	
Jess Huda, Montclair State University.	
Katari Key, Alverno College.	
Susan Kolb, Hood College.	
Crystal Lanning, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.	
Brianne Smithson, Bowdoin College.	
Stephanie Smyrl, Emerson College.	
Adam Sprague, Mount Aloysius College.	
Matt Webb, Houghton University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances.	
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	