

NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 2019

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.

Girish Thakar **Great Lakes Region**
Westminster College (Pennsylvania) Term expires 09/2022

Michael Mooney **East Region**
State University of New York Term expires 09/2021
At Geneseo

Sean Sullivan **Mid-Atlantic Region**
Catholic University Term expires 09/2022

Troy Dell **South Atlantic Region**
Frostburg State University Term expires 09/2021

Jason Murphy **North Region**
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Term expires 09/2022

Brianne Weaver, chair **New England Region**
Bowdoin College Term expires 09/2019

Marcus Wood **West Region**
Hardin-Simmons University Term expires 09/2019

Melinda Larson **Central Region**
Hope College Term expires 09/2021

2. Annual Meeting. The committee's annual meeting will take place February 4-6, 2019, in Indianapolis. The NCAA Division III Championships Committee's winter meeting will take place February 5-6, 2019. Feedback may be supplied prior to the meeting via NCAA staff liaisons as well as committee members.

3. 2018 Soccer Sponsorship.

Men		Women	
205 (-)	Division I	331 (-1)	
216 (+1)	Division II	268 (+1)	
418 (+3)	Division III	441 (-)	

(Note: Numbers in () represent change from '17 sponsorship)

4. 2018 Championship.

The 2018 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 2018 championship marked the fifteenth 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 Michelyne Pinard and the Williams College women's soccer team on winning the 2018 national championship with a victory over Middlebury College in the championship finals.

Championship Statistics

Of the 63 matches played during the 2018 championships, 23 were decided by a single goal in regulation, two were decided in single overtime, three were decided in double overtime, and eight were decided in penalty kicks (one being the championship finals).

5. Dates for 2019 Championship.

Selections: Sunday-Monday, November 10-11

First/Second Rounds: Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17
OR Friday-Saturday, November 15-16*

Sectionals: Saturday-Sunday, November 23-24
OR Friday-Saturday, November 22-23*

Championship: Friday-Saturday, December 6-7
UNC Greensboro Soccer Stadium, Greensboro, North Carolina

* 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.

2020	Selections	November 8-9
	First/Second Rounds	November 13-14 or 14-17
	Sectionals	November 20-21 or 21-22
	Championship	December 4-5

2021	Selections	November 7-8
	First/Second Rounds	November 12-13 or 13-14
	Sectionals	November 19-20 or 20-21
	Championship	December 3-4

8. 2019 Regional Rankings. The women's soccer committee will release regional rankings during each of the three weeks prior to selection as follows:

Wednesday, October 23
Wednesday, October 30
Wednesday, November 6

9. Allocation of Berths.

Pool A (43). The following conferences that received automatic qualification were: Allegheny Mountain Athletic 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; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom

Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate 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. **2019 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 (2018-19 sponsorship reports) with a maximum bracket size of 64. The pool breakdown for the 2019 championship is based upon 2019-20 sponsorship reports (which are not released until September 2019); therefore, the pool numbers listed below are estimates.

Bracket = 64

Pool A = 43
Pool B = 1
Pool C = 20

These calculations are based on the following:

- That 441 institutions sponsor Division III women's soccer, including four 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 19 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.

Minimum Field Size Requirement.

Effective September 1, 2018, the preliminary-round hosting language will be adjusted to mirror the language from the NCAA Soccer Rules Book. Currently, hosts are permitted to use fields with a minimum dimension of 65 yard by 110 yards. NCAA Soccer Rule 1.1.1 says, "The field of play shall be rectangular, with a length of 115-120 yards and a width of 70-75 yards." The preference is for fields with the dimensions in the rule book. There is an exception in the rules for facilities in use for soccer before 1995, that they "need only to be rectangular, the width of which shall not exceed the length."

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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