

# NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER

## ANNUAL REPORT

**JANUARY 2023**

The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Committees are 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 committees or Kevin Alcox (men) (phone: 317-917-6085; email: kalcox@ncaa.org); or Mark Bedics (women), (phone: 317-917-6541; email: mbedics@ncaa.org).

### 1. **2023-24 Men's Committee Members.**

**David Kulik** **Region I**  
Johnson & Wales Univ. (Providence) Term expires 09/2025

**Gabe Margolis** **Region II**  
Brandeis University Term expires 09/2024

**Brian Marcantonio** **Region III**  
Utica College Term expires 09/2025

**Carl Christian** **Region IV**  
York College Term expires 09/2024

**Rob Dallas** **Region V**  
Cabrin University Term expires 09/2026

**OPEN REGION** **Region VI**

**OPEN REGION** **Region VII**

**OPEN REGION** **Region VIII**

**Travis Wall** **Region IX**  
St. Olaf College Term expires 09/2024

**Brad Bankhead** **Region X**  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Term expires 09/2024

### 2. **2023-24 Women's Committee Members.**

**Brianne Smithson** **Region I**  
Bowdoin College Term expires 09/2025

**OPEN REGION** **Region II**

**OPEN REGION** **Region III**

**Jess Huda** **Region IV**  
Montclair State University Term expires 09/2025

**Susan Kolb** **Region V**  
Hood College Term expires 09/2026

**OPEN REGION** **Region VI**

**Adam Sprague** **Region VII**  
Mount Aloysius College Term expires 09/2026

**Katari Key** **Region VIII**  
Alverno College Term expires 09/2025

**Crystal Lanning** **Region IX**  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls Term expires 09/2026

**OPEN REGION** **Region X**

3. **Annual Meeting.** The committees annual meeting will take place February 7-9, 2023, in Indianapolis. Feedback or agenda items may be supplied prior to the meeting via NCAA staff liaisons as well as committee members.

4. **2022 Championship.** The 2022 Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championship was held at the Donald J. Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College and was hosted by Roanoke College, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the City of Salem. The 2022 championship marked the 18th consecutive year that the championship was held at a joint site with both the Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. It was also the second time the championships have been held in Salem, Virginia, with the previous trip to Roanoke County in 2016.

The men's and women's soccer championship each 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 Julianne Stich and the University of Chicago men's soccer team on winning the national championship title with a 2-0 victory over Williams. Stich, Chicago head coach, became the first female head coach to lead an NCAA men's soccer program to a national championship win.

On the women's side, Coach Dan Weiler led Johns Hopkins to its first national title in school history by virtue of a 2-0 victory against Case Western Reserve University.

### 5. **Dates for 2023 Championship.**

Selections: Sunday-Monday, November 5-6

First/Second Rounds: Saturday-Sunday, November 11-12  
OR Friday-Saturday, November 10-11\*

Sectionals: Saturday-Sunday, November 18-19  
OR Friday-Saturday, November 17-18\*

Championship: \*\*Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 3  
Kerr Stadium, Salem, Virginia

\* If Sunday No-Play institution is involved.

\*\* In 2023, the women will play Thursday-Saturday, while men will play Friday-Sunday.

### 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

(Thursday-Sunday)

7. **Future Dates.**

2024	Selections	November 10-11
	First/Second Rounds	November 15-16 or 16-17
	Sectionals	November 22-23 or 23-24
	Championship	December 5-8

8. **2023 Regional Rankings.** The men's and women's soccer committees will release regional rankings during each of the three weeks prior to selection as follows:

Wednesday, October 18

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 1

9. **2022 Teams Ranked by Region.** In 2022, the number of ranked teams in each region was reduced to a maximum of seven per region except for those that had less than seven, which was only the case in Region II for men, with six ranked teams.

- Region 1 – 45/46 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 2 – 31/34 teams – 6 ranked M/7 W
- Region 3 – 42/43 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 4 – 38/36 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 5 – 43/47 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 6 – 39/47 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 7 – 51/49 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 8 – 41/45 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 9 – 41/48 teams – 7 ranked M/W
- Region 10 – 38/37 teams – 7 ranked M/W

10. **2022 Bracket.** The number of teams in a bracket for all Division III team sports is determined by applying a 1:6.5 ratio of championship berths to eligible sponsoring institutions with a maximum bracket size of 64. The pool breakdown for the 2023 championship is based upon 2023-24 sponsorship reports (which are not released until September 2023); therefore, the pool numbers listed below are estimates.

Pool A. Automatic Qualifying conferences.

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

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

**Bracket = 64**

Pool A = 43 Men and 44 Women

Pool B = 1 Men and Women

Pool C = 20 Men and 19 Women

11. **Day Off at Finals Site.** For the first time in tournament history, the teams that reached the championship game were allotted a day off after winning its semifinals contests. This year and in all even years, the men's semifinals will be held on Thursday with the championship game on Saturday, while the women's semifinals will be held Friday with the final on Sunday. In odd years, the women's semifinals will be Thursday with the final

on Saturday, while the men will play its semifinals on Friday and championship on Sunday. If a Sunday no-play team reaches the finals site, that gender would be slotted into the Thursday/Saturday dates.

12. **Increased Bench Limits.** Starting with the 2022 NCAA championships, men's and women's teams were allowed to have up to 40 people on the sidelines (two of which had to be medical personnel). While only up to 24 players were able to be designated to play in the game, any student-athlete who was in the remaining bench total of 40 was able to be dressed in uniform and participate in pre-game warmups.

13. **Future Finals Sites.**

2023 – Salem, Virginia

2024 – Las Vegas, Nevada

2025 – Salem, Virginia

14. **Finals Site Bid Process.** Starting Fall 2023, the NCAA national office will be undergoing the start of the bid process of selecting the finals site for the 2026-29 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. This will be done in conjunction with the bid process for virtually every other NCAA Championship finals site covering Fall 2026 through Spring 2030. While the timeline is not final, it is likely bids will be due February 2024 with the announcement of the sites Fall 2024.

15. **Ties.** The new playing rule brought about an unprecedented increase in the number of ties in 2022. Of the 17,282 NCAA men's and women's soccer games in the regular season played this past year, 2,911 ended in a tie, which was 16.8%. Division III men's soccer had 16.1 percent of its regular season games end in ties, while Division III women's soccer saw 13.4% of its games end in ties, the lowest amount of any gender or division. By comparison, in 2021, 16.5 percent (649) of all Division III men's games were tied at the end of regulation, but more than 50 percent of those games were decided in OT. For Division III women in 2021, 13.5 percent (539) of all games were tied at the end of regulation with just under 50 percent being decided in the extra session.

16. **Site Reps Needed.** The NCAA will send information to the membership at the beginning of the 2023-24 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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