



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
MAY 28-29, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Committee chair.

- (1) Recommendation. That John Garrett, associate athletics director at Hunter College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Garrett has served on the committee for three years and as chair for one year and will continue to be an excellent leader and spokesperson.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 10 conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship: City University of New York Athletic Conference; Continental Volleyball Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conferences; Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (year 1 grace period); New England Collegiate Conference (year 1 grace period); North Eastern Athletics Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Skyline Conference; United Volleyball Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.2 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.

Anticipated Pool Allocations

Pool A – 10

Pool B – 2

Pool C – 4

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee chair welcomed the committee members and reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda.
- 2. Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions taken by the Championships Committee in 2018-19 relevant to the work of the Men's Volleyball Committee.
- 3. 2018 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2018 annual meeting report as presented.
- 4. 2019 championship review.**
 - a. Championship surveys.** Committee members commended the host organizing committee on a successful championship. The committee specifically emphasized Kean University's outstanding work and the hours devoted to making the championship a success.
 - b. Krossover film exchange.** The committee reviewed the Krossover film exchange process after year three of the arrangement. The committee continues to allow coaches to receive a secondary format (i.e., jump drive, DVD, etc.) of the game film after each match in the championship to cut down on the time it would potentially take a host to upload the match to the Krossover platform and for the coach to subsequently download the film for use. This change was received well and brought on by feedback after the 2017 championship during which hotel wi-fi speeds created an unnecessary hurdle for coaches. The committee and NCAA staff will make it a point of emphasis to remind teams to upload film immediately after selection into the tournament and following each round of the tournament as well. The committee will seek to renew the contract with Krossover for next year's championship.
 - c. Preliminary-round officials' assignments.** The committee made it a point to be more forward thinking in securing line judges, scorekeepers and libero trackers for the four preliminary-round sites for the 2019 championship. The timing of first-round competition conflicts with several other major men's volleyball events – including National Collegiate men's volleyball conference play – which limits the number of available officials. NCAA staff worked with Division III conference assignors to proactively secure teams of potential officials and line judges in key regions after the first practice ranking call. The committee will continue to identify potential first-round sites in this manner to ensure the most quality officials are secured for the championship. Additionally, the committee will assign specific

referee assignments (R1 and R2 assignments) for all games and rounds of the championship.

5. **Playing rules and officiating.** NCAA playing rules staff met with the committee and reviewed the current status of the rules modification document and noted that it is a rule change year, but the committee did not act on any of the proposals. The committee did, however, decide to allow the Challenge Review System to be permissible moving forward. NCAA playing rules staff also provided background on how men's volleyball came to use a rules modification document rather than its own rule book.

The committee discussed the possibility of men's volleyball moving toward using its own rules book as opposed to the current rules modification document format. The committee ultimately feels that the current system is not broken and that moving to a formal rules book may cause more headache than ultimately intended.

6. **Governance update.** NCAA Division III governance staff updated the committee on the following: 1) Board of Governors composition; 2) E-sports; 3) international student-athlete amateurism certification pilot program for men's ice hockey being implemented in 2018-19; 4) sports wagering; 5) Division III University; and 6) coaches enhancement grants.
7. **Sport sponsorship and conference alignment.** The committee reviewed a tentative chart with forecasted sport sponsorship and conference alignment numbers for the 2019-20 season. The committee saw an imbalance in the number of teams in each region and decided to move the North Eastern Athletic Conference from the West region to the East region to better balance the number of teams. The Championships Committee supported this proposal during its June in-person meeting.
8. **Preview of 2020 championship.** The committee discussed the format of the first/quarterfinal-round sites, anticipating there will now be four teams at each of the four sites with the expectation of an increase to a 16-team bracket. The committee set game times for first-round matches to mirror those of the finals site. All sites will play matches at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. local time Friday, with the quarterfinal match being played at 5 p.m. local time Saturday. These times are an hour later than in the past to allow for easier travel logistics for officials and fans, while minimizing impact on the student-athletes. The committee also briefly discussed the 2020 championship to be hosted at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and noted any items to be discussed with the host leading up to the championship.

9. **Future dates and sites.**

- a. Loras College, April 24-25, 2020.
- b. Nazareth College and the Monroe County Sports Commission, April 23-24, 2021.

- c. Ohio Valley Conference and the Canton Stark Convention and Visitors Bureau, April 22-23, 2022.

10. Bid process. The committee reviewed the upcoming bid process and timeline. Items were discussed that would make for a good championship experience, including adequate facility accommodations.

11. 2019-20 committee calendar. The committee reviewed the committee schedule, noting key dates occurring in 2019-20.

12. National and regional advisory committee. The committee reviewed the current regional advisory committee and noted the vacancies that need to be filled for the coming year. NCAA staff will work with conference commissioners to fill the vacancies. In addition, the committee expressed concern over a lack of interaction and will attempt to get more interested individuals to serve on the regional advisory committees.

13. Other business. The committee discussed using the Challenge Review System at the final site of competition. Knowing it is not a budget request year, the committee knows this will not happen next year but wants to explore the possibility in future years. Making the Challenge Review System permissible this year was the first step in having review at the final site.

Committee Chair: John Garrett, Hunter College.
Staff Liaison: Nick Strah, Championships and Alliances

Division III Men's Volleyball Committee May 28-29, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
John Garrett, Hunter College.	
Evin Giglio, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Dan Liberto, Marymount University.	
Mike Zapolski, Augustana College (Illinois).	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
None.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	
Jay Jones, Governance.	